Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD JANUARY 10, 2021

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Welcome!

Please register and become part of our parish community. You may fill out a registration form in the parish office during business hours.

Office Hours - M-F 8:30am-4pm

(Office closed between 12noon and 1:15pm daily)

Moving? If you are leaving the parish, please let us know by calling or dropping a note.

Adoration/Benediction

Friday - Adoration is held every Friday following the 12noon Mass through the evening and overnight until Saturday morning before the 9am Mass
Wednesday 7pm - Weekly Parish Holy Hour

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil - 5pm
Sunday - 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:15pm, 2pm (masks required)
5:30pm (Mass with contemporary music)

Daily Masses

Monday through Thursday - 6:30am and 8:30am
Friday - 6:30am and 12noon
Saturday - 9am
Check the bulletin for Holy Days of Obligation

Sacraments

Confessions:
Friday 10:30am; Saturday 8am and 3:30pm; Wednesday 8pm;
One-half hour before Mass on Sunday
Anytime by appointment
Confessions are held in the Church

Matrimony: Parish couples planning to be married must make arrangements with the Office at least six months prior to the ntended date of marriage.

Baptism: Baptisms are held on Sundays at 1:30pm. Baptism class is the last Friday of the month at 7pm. Call the office for details.

Anointing of the Sick: We are privileged to bring Holy Communion and administer the Holy Anointing to the sick and homebound upon request. Please call the office to let us know your needs.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 10, 2021

"This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water, he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

- Mk 1:7-8

This Week

Mon., Jan. 11	Knights of Columbus 7:30pm Knights Hall
Tue., Jan. 12	Legion of Mary 7pm, Library
	RCIA 7pm - ZOOM
Wed., Jan. 13	Charismatic Prayer Group 7pm, Chapel
	TMIY 7pm, Parish Education Center
	Weekly Parish Holy Hour - 7pm
Thu., Jan. 14	Junior Legion of Mary 3:45pm, Knights Hall
Sat., Jan. 16	TMIY 6:30am, Parish Education Center
	Women's Prayer Group 8am, Knights Hall

Parish Financial Status

December 19th and 20th:	
1st collection:	$ 9,077
2nd collection - Needy People's Assistance	$ 1,207
Parish Giving:	
Offertory:	$ 13,064
2nd collection - Needy People's Assistance	$ 60
December 24th & 25th Christmas Collection:	
1st collection:	$ 20,052
2nd collection - Parish Center Debt Reduction:	$ 3,267
December 26th & 27th:	
1st collection:	$ 28,673
2nd collection -Maintenance Fund:	$ 9,887
Parish Giving:	
Offertory:	$ 11,501
Maintenance Fund:	$ 580
January 1st: Solemnity of Mary	$ 1,730
January 2nd & 3rd:	
1st collection:	$ 4,641
2nd collection - Parish Center Debt Reduction:	$ 1,222
Parish Giving:	
Offertory:	$ 13,569
Parish Center Debt Reduction:	$ 125

Today's 2nd collection - Special Needs Collection
2nd collection next week - Maintenance Fund

Masses for the Week

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Saturday, January 9	***Christmas Weekday***
9:00 am	+ Dorothy Sagaities
Saturday, January 9	***Vigil: The Baptism of the Lord***
5:00 pm	+ Neal Brown
Sunday, January 10	***The Baptism of the Lord***
7:00 am	David and Lina Cahan
8:30 am	+ Elmer and Joan Rice
10:30 am	+ Richard McCarthy
12:15 pm	Becci Rummage
2:00 pm	Emily Lauderback
5:30 pm	People of the Parish
Monday, January 11	***Weekday***
6:30 am	+ Gertrude Kauffman
8:30 am	+ Joan Monastero
Tuesday, January 12	***Weekday***
6:30 am	Bryan Miller
8:30 am	+ Joan Monastero
Wed., January 13	***Weekday***
6:30 am	Bradley Cypher
8:30 am	+ Joan Monastero
Thursday, January 14	***Weekday***
6:30 am	Steve and Jean Stanley
8:30 am	+ Joan Monastero
Friday, January 15	Weekday
6:30 am	+ John Coyle
12:00 pm	+ Joan Monastero
Saturday, January 16	***Weekday***
9:00 am	+ Nick Hallam
Saturday, January 16	***Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time***
5:00 pm	+ Ann Fowler
Sunday, January 17	***2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time***
7:00 am	People of the Parish
8:30 am	+ Stewart Bowers
10:30 am	Molly Smith
12:15 pm	The Orender Family
2:00 pm	Sheila Cowling
5:30 pm	Pete and MaryAnn Sacripanti

Special Kids, Special Needs

The second collection on the weekend of January 9th/10th is for the Porto Charities "Special Kids, Special Needs" on behalf of intellectually and developmentally challenged youth within the diocese. Bishop Burbidge has stated, "The mission and work of Porto Charities is inspiring and effective as it enhances the lives of students with developmental and intellectual disabilities." Please be generous in your support of this Catholic non-profit organization. As always, thank you for your support!

Readings for the Week

SUN 1/10	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
MON 1/11	Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20
TUE 1/12	Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28
WED 1/13	Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39
THR 1/14	Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45
FRI 1/15	Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12
SAT 1/16	Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17
SUN 1/17	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Dear Folks,

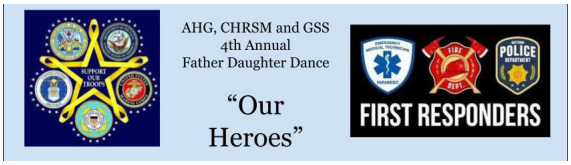
Just a quick announcement on a future development of the parish grounds, before I say something about Fr. Heisler's Bicycle-Cross (like Moto-Cross) course around the thirty acre property. I consulted with the highest source, other than the Lord of course, Miss Julia Wojtkun, on setting up a playground for the munchkins of the parish. You know, swings and slides and teeter-totters. Julia, age 18, is the oldest of six children where the youngest is two. She knows kids and I am pretty sure… has a good memory of being a munchkin not so many years ago. Anyway, in the coming Dear Folks Letters I will set up plans for a project on the, "Tot-Lot," appropriately named by Mrs. Janice Rees. All who are interested should drop me a note on the E-Mail and we will start the conversation. Julia Wojtkun will chair the committee. Please stay tuned.

The great accolades of the year of 2021, all of five days, go out to Mr. Tony Jasinski and his workers for clearing the woods behind the church and rectory. They did a phenomenal job clearing the barbwire fence and multiple piles of rubbish and broken trees. They even brought in a bush hog for the clearing. And lets be clear, Tony himself was picking up some rather large branches in the project. I told Tony not to do such a great job because somebody might start a rumor about selling the place to the Baptists… Just Kidding.

I recall being a first grader down off Seminary Road in Alexandria and having a construction sight at the end of the block. When everyone went home the kids of the neighborhood went jumping on the buldozers , plows and cranes… nothing that would be allowed in these times of being safety conscious. It was the age of the Tonka truck, a popular Christmas present in our neighborhood at Christmas of 1960. A great time to be alive. Anyway, back to the story, Tony has the lot adjacent to the church and it serves as a parking lot for construction vehicles. Tonka trucks are back. Unfortunately the county requires him to install a fence after all his work in clearing the site. Shucks! Many many thanks Tony.

Just when folks were worried about too many bikers on the bike trail and the safety of the little ones… Fr. Heisler introduces the idea of a cycle-cross (for bikes) and it is designed for mud and rain. He has been working on the project for over a month, mapping out routes and walking the wood to clear the paths. And now, he test riding it. It is incredible and I think all who put their tires to the trail will not be disappointed. The key to success will be locating the end of the ride near a garden house so they can wash off the bikes before going home. Please stay tuned.

Collegiate Question. Fr. Heisler offers great collegiate Question. What is the home town of St. John Neumann and why is the name of the town important to many collegians… on a Friday night. This is one of my favorite questions. Good hunting.



American Heritage Girls, CHRSM and Good Shepherd School hosting their 4th annual Father Daughter Dance Saturday February 6 - 6:30pm - 8:45pm. "Our Heroes". ***Tickets on sale now. $5 per person. No tickets will be sold at the door.*** **No exceptions.** Masks are required to enter the dance per the governor's mandate. No exclusions or exemptions. Seating will be spaced and food served in accordance with state regulations.
Tickets are sold by Kyung James troopva0962@gmail.com (AHG), Annie Hall thallteam@yahoo.com (CHRSM) and Krista Magalhaes krista.magalhaes@gmail.com (GSS).
Please email one of the contacts above to reserve your tickets.
Tickets are NOT sold by Janice or Kim, please do not ask them for tickets, thank you!
Ticket sales will end January 25. No refunds.
All proceeds go to the RE building debt reduction fund.

SFDS MOM'S GROUP

Interested in connecting with other moms in the parish? Email Elise Daniel at eliseamyx@gmail.com for information on playdates and other social events.

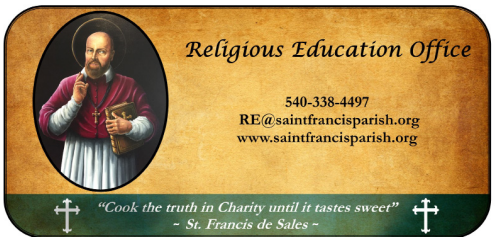
Adoration Update: *The current Adoration schedule for the Month of January is on BOTH Tuesday and Friday afternoon/ evenings from 1 to 9pm. Friday (overnight) and Saturday morning Adoration is temporarily suspended through January. We plan to resume in February. Please use the Sign-Up Genius to commit to an hour. If you are not on the email listing, please send a request to be added to sfds.adoration@gmail.com.*

Our thoughts and prayers are with ...

Our Military Members: MAJ Chuck Marshall; Lcpl John Owen Patterson; SSgt. Tim Marshall; 2nd Lt. Patrick Gutierrez, MAJ Andrew Cahan; 1st Lt Matthew Ryan, Capt. Patrick Godfrey, LT Scott Cypher, Capt. Vincent Jovene, Capt. Jamie (Jovene) Liddle, SSgt. Joshua Jovene, 1LT Jared Willard, Joe Pultro, LCpl Paul Cotter, 1stLt Rachel Jovene, GySgt Jose O Ruiz Pedroza, PFC Jorge A Lara Pedroza, Capt.. Ross Mentzer, 2nd LT Ryan Patrick Grady; PFC Stephen G. Beard, Sgt. Ernesto G. Castro, LCpl Frankie Thyson, Sgt. Peter Audi

The Sick: Dominic Corcoran, Jack Lehtonen,Mary Jane Arens, Madeline Gonzalez, Mike O'Brien, , Sarah Nolan, Liz Keller; Bob Cote, Jerry Pollard, Joanne Harrington, Rebecca Alvarez, Charles Williams, Patricia Naomi Alvarenga, Joe Graber, Timotha Rainey, Rodney and Christina Huth

The Deceased: Valerie Wieliczko, Thomas Moorcones, Mary Owen Lyon Chatfield-Taylor, Martha Ann Harlow, Ann Vaudry Williams, Steven Domine, Dick Austin, Jim Mark Gallagher, Phyllis Heller, Vito Pappano, David Esquerra, Nick Hallam, Tom Dudek, Hugh 'Andy' Williams, Bill Wieliczko, Joan Monastero



Parents of Children Preparing for First Penance and Holy Communion: Please mark your calendars: First Penance is scheduled for Saturday, February 20, and First Communion for May 8, 2021.

Parents of 8th Grade Confirmation Candidates: If you have not done so, please email your child's sponsor information (sponsor's name, email address, and name of the church and diocese where he/she regularly attends Mass) to the religious education office as soon as possible.

Sponsor Interview Assignment due January 6.

Sponsor Eligibility Form (signed and sealed) due February 1.

Details are all available on the parish website. saintfrancisparish.org/youth-religious-education/sacramental-preparation/8th-grade-confirmation/ Please call our office if you have questions.
Remember to check your email frequently and this weekly bulletin for important updates.

Homeschooling Parents: If you've chosen to work with your children at home this year, please let our office know if you are having any difficulty using the *My Catholic Faith Delivered* learning platform. As in year's past, all children are expected to successfully complete their grade-level curriculum by the end of May, 2021.

ADVENT GIVING TREE
Thank you to all the parishioners of Saint Francis who gave so generously to the Advent Giving Tree! Your gifts were delivered to local families in need, Birthright, Catholic Charities Leesburg, the Leesburg Homeless Shelter, Mobile Hope, and the Veterans Administration Hospital in Martinsburg, WV. Your kindness is much appreciated by all! And thank you to MAC-PAC families for helping with deliveries! Erin Bucci, buccierin@comcast.net

Inclement Weather Cancellations

Weekday: When Loudoun County schools are closed or have early dismissal, or cancel after-school activities due to inclement weather, Youth and Adult Religious ed and classes are cancelled.
Sunday Classes: Sunday morning cancellations will be posted on the website www.saintfrancisparish.org/, and emailed to families by 6:45am Sunday morning.

Emily Glass
Director of Youth Ministry
540-338-6381 or
e.glass@saintfrancisparish.org

ZOOM YOUTH NIGHTS! – Join us on Zoom! Come learn more about our faith as we grow closer to Jesus together through discussion, reflection, and prayer.

For ALL high schoolers: Sundays at 7-8 PM
** Please note that Youth Nights will be entirely virtual until further notice. Praying that we can be together again soon!

Zoom meeting access information is sent out the hour before each gathering via the Remind.com text messaging service. Every meeting has a different access code and password so please see directions below on how to sign up for the texts. See you on Zoom!

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sign up to receive free Remind.com text message updates, reminders, and upcoming meetings. Text **@sfdsteens** to the number 81010. Also, follow the Youth Ministry Instagram account *St.FrancisYouth* for event updates and announcements.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS - JANUARY 2021

Intention for evangelization - Human fraternity
May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Religious Education Calendar

CLASSES WEEK OF JANUARY 10

Sunday	K thru 8th Grades -10:30am
	9th - 12th Grades w/ Fr. Gould - 4pm
Monday	K thru 8th Grades - 4:45pm
	9th - 12th Grades w/ Fr. Gould - 5pm
	11th - 12th Grades w/ Fr. Heisler - 5pm
	RCIT - 6:15pm
Wednesday	8th Grade- 4:45pm

NO CLASSES WEEK OF JANUARY 17

St. Francis Council 11136 News

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: will be Monday January 11th at 7:30 pm. We will pray our Rosary in the chapel beginning at 7:00 pm. Any parishioner is welcomed to join our Rosary!

MEMBER DUES: Membership dues for 2021 were mailed out on December 15th. We are updating our membership files so please read the enclosed letter for requests and pertinent information.

SHARE SUNDAY Share Sunday collection for non-perishable foods is this Saturday and Sunday January 10th and 11th. Please consider bringing non-perishable food donations to the Church. Knights will be on-hand to collect your donations.

BLOOD DRIVE The St. Francis de Sales Blood Drive will be held Sunday, January 17. Please make your life-saving appointment now! COVID-19 ANTIBODY testing on successful donations.
Donors will also receive our Superpower Coffee Mug as our thank you.
Please go to http://bit.ly/StFrancisdeSales0117 or call us at 1-866-BLOODSAVES (1-866-256-6372) and use Sponsor Code 3026 to schedule your appointment.
We hope to see you at the blood drive!

Why Are You A Knight? Be more than a Knight in name only. We help in the parish, the community and the world. Our Council will be focusing on the Knights of Columbus Program "Faith in Action". We will be focusing and looking for volunteers in these four main program types: FAITH, COMMUNITY, FAMILY and LIFE. Contact GK Bob Craig and tell me what would it take for you to come help your church and community. Be active again.

Have You Ever Considered Becoming a Knight and Helping Others in Your Parish and Community? Find out how you can be a part of the largest Catholic men's organization in the world. With nearly 2 million members and growing, discover how the Knights can support you, your family, your faith and your community. Contact GK Bob Craig or Chancellor John Losinski (skigators@icloud.com), or look for any man wearing a Knights of Columbus name badge. Let your Light Shine!

May God bless you!

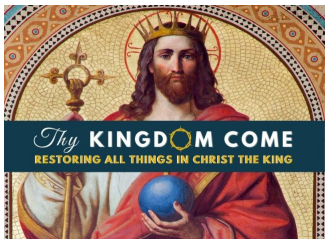
Bob Craig, Grand Knight
St. Francis Council #11136 Knights11136@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/ knights11136/

SHARE SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE –COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Please consider bringing donations of non-perishable foods to the Church this weekend. A Knight will be standing by the Food Trailer to accept your donation or you can place your donations in the Narthex and the Knights will collect them and deliver them to the food bank.
The Knights of Columbus Share Sunday program has donated almost 5,000 pounds of food and $6,490 in Checks/Cash/Gift Cards to the Catholic Charities food bank in Leesburg from 7/1 to 12/31. This would not have been possible without the generous donations made by you!!!
We have another opportunity to help those less fortunate. The first weekend of every month the bags are passed out after every Mass and then collected the following week full of donated food.

Need Of Food, Check/Gift Card For Donations for the Leesburg Catholic Charities Food Bank

Your Knights of Columbus Council with the support and generosity of the Parishioners of St Francis de Sales this year, since July, have donated almost 5,000 pounds of food and donated over $6,000 in checks, cash and gift cards to the Catholic Charities food Pantry to help thousands of Loudoun's most food needy. I am continually amazed by the generosity of our Parish.
The Covid -19 virus is affecting every part of our society, including the cancellation of Masses at our respective churches, the increased need of those who are holding lower wage jobs who are not working, those who have had jobs but now are not getting paid. The demand for food has increased because of all the above. While some food will come from the St. Lucy Food Project warehouse in Manassas, their ability to meet the need is limited.
Please read below to see how you can help:
Please consider bringing donations of non-perishable foods to the Church the following week January 10th and 11th. A Knight will be standing by the food trailer after all Masses to collect your donation or you can place your donations in the Narthex and the Knights will collect them and deliver them to the food bank.
We beseech you to consider making a monetary contribution or give gift cards from any grocery store and/or checks payable to "St. Francis Council 11136". We can make a payment to the Catholic Charities St Lucy Project in Leesburg so they can either purchase food or assist them in the food operations of the food pantry. Please mention "Food Bank" in the memo line of checks.
Checks and gift cards can be mailed to:
St. Francis Council 11136
PO Box 1274. Purcellville, VA 20134



ANNUAL MEN'S CONFERENCE 2021

Saturday, March 6, 2021
Victory Christian Ministries International, Woodbridge - 8:30am12:30pm
REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 4

Featuring: Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers & Dr. Edward Sri
In a world where the Kingship of Christ is no longer recognized both in the public and private spheres of life, the Church calls on her children to courageously raise the banner of the One King and Ruler of all, to fight for His rights, and to restore all things-individual hearts, families and nations-back to His most gentle rule (Collect, Feast of Christ the King). This can only come about if Catholics, men in particular, are willing to surrender everything to Christ, beginning with themselves.
Register at arlingtondiocese.org/men

Parish Homeless Ministry

The Homeless Ministry wishes to thank each and every one of you who have given so much each month in such different and important ways. Some of you knitted or crocheted, some cooked or baked, some purchased needed items, some of you donated or volunteered for the Summer and Winter Blessing Bagging events, and some of you delivered to Leesburg Shelter or drove all the way to Anacostia.

Any questions, suggestions or to join as a volunteer please contact:
*Mark Ippoliti mark.ippoliti@gmail.com
*Tracy Ippoliti tracy.ippoliti@gmail.com

Ministry Head Needed

The Ministry of Praise is in need of a leader. This person will coordinate the monthly mailing of prayer requests received by St. Francis and facilitate distribution to the ministry. Approximate monthly commitment = two hours. Please call Leslie Sheldon at 540-338-6381.

CATHOLIC DISTANCE UNIVERSITY

Enroll in three online apologetics seminars for just $299.
The first seminar begins January 18th.
Enroll Today!

How Are We Saved?
January 18 – February 8, 2021
Learn why it was necessary for Jesus Christ to suffer and die for us and how we can accept this most precious gift of salvation. Attendees will come to understand what it takes to be saved. Taught by Steven R. Hemler. (1 CEU)

Why Do We Need the Church?
July 19 – August 9, 2021
Over half of American adults do not regularly attend church and only 20% of Catholics born after 1970 attend Mass. This seminar will equip you to credibly, convincingly, and compellingly explain and share why we need the Church, the sacraments, and the Mass. Taught by Steven R. Hemler. (1 CEU)

The Art of Evangelization through Apologetics
October 4 – October 25, 2021
Learn to share the good news of Jesus Christ. While articulating the truth of the Gospel, we need to start a conversation, build trust, serve, and then propose who Jesus Christ is. To quote St. Bernadette, "Our job is to inform, not convince." (1 CEU)

CDU's online seminars can be completed at your convenience during the dates posted. Please contact mdavis@cdu.edu

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"And a voice came from the heavens, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" - Mk 1:11
Through our baptism, we too, are daughters and sons of God. We are disciples of Jesus. As true disciples we are called to actively participate in our Catholic faith, not just be mere bystanders. This means working in collaboration with Holy Spirit and discerning how we are being asked to use our gifts. Using our gifts for the benefit of others and not just for our own interests and comfort.

Come and Join Us
"Living a Life in the Spirit Seminar"
Saturday March 27 from 9am-4:30pm

One of the jewels of Vatican II is the renewed desire of everyday people to live Spirit filled lives. This hunger for contact with God the Holy Spirit fueled the Catholic Charismatic Movement. Come and join us as we together discover the wonder of meeting God the Holy Spirit. Your Life Won't Be The Same!
Just a few of the many questions that will be discussed:

- What is the Catholic Charismatic Movement and what does the Church teach about it?
- What role does the Holy Spirits what to play in my life?
- How to live a life of faith and Purpose?
- What are the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and how can they help me in my life?
- Can God use an ordinary person like me to do extraordinary things in life?
- Can the Pentecost Experience of the Bible be real in my life today in the year 2021?

The conference will be held live in the Chapel at St. Francis de Sales, or can be viewed from home via live stream. There is no cost, but a free will offing will be taken.
For more information and to Register, please contact Joseph Curto Email at: CFC.Content@gmail.com.

Project Rachel Post Abortion Healing Ministry:
888-456-HOPE or
visit: www.helpafterabortion.org.

Gabriel Project Pregnancy Assistance Ministry:
866-444-3553 or
info@helpfor pregnantwomen.org

The Legion of Mary

Our Lady of Victory: ages 18 and over, Tuesdays at 7pm in the library.
Our Lady of the Lake: ages 7-17, Thursdays at 3:45 in Knights Hall.
January prayers are for those seeking employment. Please take a rosary from the basket in the narthex.
Join us spiritually by saying the Angelus at noon daily for our parish and an increase in vocations. Holy cards available in the narthex.
To inquire about being an active or auxiliary (praying) member please email us at legionofmarysfds@gmail.com. For more information please visit saintfrancisparish.org/the-legion-of-mary/

Job Seeker Assistance Program

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington's Education and Workforce Development program provides resources and connections with job mentoring volunteers to assist individuals in seeking employment, resources, and improved employment. Assistance with resume and cover letter writing, job searches, interview practice, and job mentoring is provided. Contact jobfairs@ccda.net or call 571-208-1572 for more program details.

CATHOLIC DISTANCE UNIVERSITY
Job Title: Part-time Communications Assistant

Summary: The communications assistant provides general support to aid the communications and institutional advancement directors in carrying out their work of promoting the university.
Responsibilities and duties include the following. Other duties may be assigned.
• Update the Catalog & Student Handbook using Adobe InDesign and website using WordPress as directed by director of communications.
• Design printed alumni newsletter The Good News quarterly using Adobe InDesign and prepare it for publishing, working closely with the director of institutional advancement and director of communications.
• Perform other duties as assigned.
Role in the Organizational Chart: The communications assistant reports to the director of communications.
Education and background required: Bachelor's degree and experience using Adobe InDesign and WordPress. Familiarity with Microsoft Office Suite, Google Docs, Adobe Photoshop, and Gmail is also required.
Time commitment: Four hours per week; this work can be done remotely on a flexible schedule.
To Apply: Send resume and cover letter to Mary Kate White, Communications Director, via email to mwhite@cdu.edu.

TMIY! Week Session 16 -
Silent Knight, Holy Knight

TMIY is back with another week from Dr. Scott Hahn!

Last week we learned that all fatherhood comes forth from the Heavenly Father. This week, we will witness the greatest example of earthly fatherhood from the second greatest Saint that ever lived - St. Joseph!

"The admirable St. Joseph was given to the earth to express the adorable perfection of God the Father in a tangible way. In his person alone, he bore the beauties of God the Father .. one saint alone is destined to represent God the Father" (Fr. Andrew Doze).

It's always profoundly fruitful to spend a little time with St. Joseph! He's hidden, he's silent, but he is a force for good for your spiritual life! As men of God, let's aspire to get to know him more!

See you there and bring a friend!
Wednesday 7pm (in person)
or
Saturday 7am (in person); 8am (ZOOM)

All in person meetings will take place in the Parish Education Center.

Due to COVID-19 rules and regulations we ask new participants to RSVP at SFDSMEN@GMAIL.com so we can make appropriate preparations.

Open after the 8:30am, 10:30am and 12:15 Masses
The shop will be closed through the month of January and will reopen Sunday, February 7. If you need items during the period, please text Robin Mentzer at 703-431-1564 and she will provided assistance.

Anyone who has a child in a sacramental year please pre-order medals, crucifix, statues and receive 10% off the order.
Thank you for supporting our parish gift shop crux Gloria