

# Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

15TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME JULY 10, 2022



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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.

## Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil - 5pm  
Sunday - 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:15pm,  
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

## Benediction/Adoration

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

## 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 intended date of marriage.

Baptism: Baptisms are held on Sundays at 1:30pm. Baptism class is the Friday before the 3rd Sunday of the month 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.

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“A Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight.”  
- Luke 10:33

**SPECIAL 2ND COLLECTION**

On the weekend of July 23/24, our second collection supports the annual Mission Cooperative Plan Appeal for our diocese. Our parish mission organization is Banica. This appeal helps our brothers and sisters who do not have access to basic pastoral services that support and grow their faith, like Mass, the sacraments, religious education as well as basic needs – like food, shelter and healthcare. You can support these organizations through this week’s 2nd Collection. If donating by check, please make your check payable to our parish and put “MCP” in the memo line. Through your support, the MCP Appeal helps these mission organizations form vibrant faith communities and strengthens the global Church. Please be generous.

**LIVE ROSARY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE**

Join Fr. Gould each night at 9pm as he leads the rosary and prays for peace in Ukraine. You can participate in person or on video - go to [saintfrancisparish.org](http://saintfrancisparish.org) and click on Live Video Streams.

**JULY GIFT SHOP HOURS**

**Saturday, July 16**  
4:30pm -6:30pm  
**Sunday, July 17**  
9:30am - 1:30pm

*This Week*

Mon., July 11 Knights of Columbus Business Mtg. 7:30pm  
Tue., July 12 Charismatic Prayer Group 7pm, Church  
Wed., July 13 Holy Hour for Miraculous Medal 7pm  
Thu., July 14 Legion of Mary 4:30pm, Library  
Fri., July 15 Women’s Prayer Group 7am, Chapel  
Sat., July 16 TMIY 6:30am, Knights Hall

*Masses for the Week*

+ deceased

<u>Sat., July 9</u>	9:00 am	<b>Weekday</b> + Ryan Martin
<u>Sat., July 9</u>	5:00 pm	<b>Vigil: 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b> Stefanie Livelsberger
<u>Sun., July 10</u>	7:00 am	<b>15th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b> The Zurschmeide Family
	8:30 am	+ Diane MacPherson
	10:30 am	People of the Parish
	12:15 pm	Eleanor Kelly
	5:30 pm	Petra Pearson
<u>Mon., July 11</u>	6:30 am	<b>Saint Benedict</b> Karen Tewell
	8:30 am	John Paul Lauderback
<u>Tue., July 12</u>	6:30 am	<b>Weekday</b> Lois Gallagher
	8:30 am	Paula Bischoff
<u>Wed., July 13</u>	6:30 am	<b>Weekday</b> David Miller
	8:30 am	Natalie Daly
<u>Thu., July 14</u>	6:30 am	<b>Saint Kateri Tekakwitha</b> Christina Bendo
	8:30 am	+ Freda Chandler
<u>Fri., July 15</u>	6:30 am	<b>Saint Bonaventure</b> + Nona Schultz
	12:00 pm	Pam Martin
<u>Sat., July 16</u>	9:00 am	<b>Weekday</b> Karen Miller
<u>Sat., July 16</u>	5:00 pm	<b>Vigil: 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b> Leo Beatty
<u>Sun., July 17</u>	7:00 am	<b>16th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b> Helen Golden
	8:30 am	+ Giselle Hammermeister
	10:30 am	+ Lynne Kelly
	12:15 pm	People of the Parish
	5:30 pm	+ Juan Manuel Figueroa-Perez

*Readings for the Week*

Sun: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9])/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37  
Mon: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 10:34 – 11:1  
Tue: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24  
Wed: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27  
Thu: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30  
Fri: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8  
Sat: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21  
Sun: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a])/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

Dear Folks,

I very much want to thank the local first responders for their attention to the parish during this time of concern for possible violence extended to the churches after the Supreme Court's decision to terminate the Roe V. Wade abortion laws. I have chatted with folks with the police department and fire house. But most especially the members of the Sheriff's department



have many times passed through our parking lot demonstrating their presence. I have had conversations with Deputy Jim Gutshall, a parishioner, and a deputy named Richard. God bless the members of our law enforcement programs and their families. We live in the best country the world has ever known, credit given to our first responders.

Today marks my 67th birthday. Sixteen of the folks from the 6:30 morning Mass took me out for coffee after Mass. We went to the 7-11/Shell gas station. With the exception of one, each emulated my old practice of giving a dollar to the one celebrating their birthday. The odd man out did not have a dollar but asked if I would take a credit card. The Sikh (Indian, from India) gave me fifty dollars. He loves the folks coming into his shop. It was a wonderful gathering of the great leaders of corporate/military America... retired. They are like kids in a sandbox. Oh my...

I am about to head out the door to say Mass for the kids at Work Camp this week. A short jaunt to... Scranton, Pennsylvania. You have to love the kids in their reach to help the needy and infirm. This week they will be painting houses, changing roofs, creating wheelchair ramps. All for the folks most of us will never meet or know. God bless the kids and those adults who have sacrificed time off from their jobs to join in the adventure. May their experiences carry with them for a life time.

It won't long till Vacation Bible Camp gets off the ground. The lovely ladies from the flower shop have been setting up the drama set designs in the gym. I have no clear idea how many folks will be involved in this annual event but it is something like 190 kids with 140 youth and adult volunteers. How great is that! It doesn't get any better.

Next week a bunch of us will leave for the pilgrimage to Montreal and Quebec. I am sorry for the restrictions that all pilgrims must have passports and... evidence of vaccines. Such in the world we live in. Perhaps next year Fr. Heisler can take folks to the home of St. Francis De Sales, in Switzerland. Now that would be a pilgrimage. Of course he should go at a time in July that would allow him to sneak off to see the Tour de France bicycle race. But, once again, I digress.

Please join us for the evening rosary for those suffering in the war in the Ukraine. You can find us at the parish website (stfrancisparish.com) each night at 9pm. Let us pray for the Conversion of Russian and Peace in the Ukraine.

In closing, I want to express my sincere sorrow for the violence that took place in Chicago on the Fourth of July. Unlike many of the great parades across our great country the Chicago parades are small and often like family/neighborhood picnics. here are no strangers on the streets where little kids can join with their parents and grandparents along the parade route. Though Chicago has the reputation for great violence among it's citizens its parades touch the core of all that is good in the Windy City. Let us pray for those suffering from the recent violence inflicted upon them. God bless the Ukraine, God bless America, and God bless Chicago. Let us pray for one another.

## Altar Flower Dedication



The altar flowers this week are  
In Loving Memory of Daniel McGinnis.

Would you like to donate an altar flower arrangement in someone's memory or to honor a loved one? Contact Amy Harrison, (540) 338-6381, x104.  
[a.harrison@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:a.harrison@saintfrancisparish.org)



*May the souls of the faithful  
departed, through the mercy of God,  
rest in peace.*

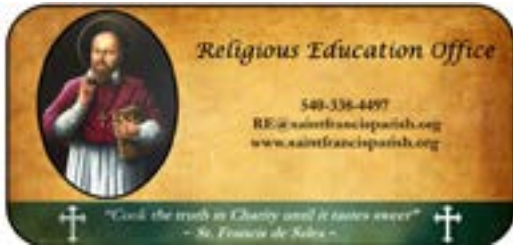
**Susan Marie Keelor**  
d. June 5, 2022

## Our thoughts and prayers are with ...

**Our Military Members:** SGT Peter Audi, PFC Stephen Beard, MAJ Andrew Cahan, SGT Ernesto Castro, LCpl Paul Cotter, LT Scott Cypher, CPT Patrick Godfrey, CPT Ryan Patrick Grady, 2LT Patrick Gutierrez, CPT Jamie (Jovene) Liddle; SSG Joshua Jovene, CPT Rachel (Jovene) Mallets, CPT Vincent Jovene, MAJ Chuck Marshall; SSG Tim Marshall, CPT Ross Mentzer; Lcpl John Owen Patterson; PFC Jorge Pedroza, GY Sgt Jose Pedroza; Joe Pultro, 1Lt Matthew Ryan, LCpl Frankie Thyson, 1LT Jared Willard, PFC Joseph Jovene, A1C Joshua Wilk, 2LT Alexandre Goodnow  
**The Sick:** Dominic Corcoran, Jack Lehtonen, Mary Jane Arens, Mike O'Brien, Sarah Nolan, Liz Keller; Joanne Harrington, Charles Williams, Patricia Naomi Alvarenga, Joe Graber, Timothea Rainey, Rodney and Christina Huth, Candace Daly, Nancy Eastman, Melissa Jewel, Peggy Johnson, Frederick Campos, Grace Costello, Anne Jachts, Daniel Ramirez, Cynthia Ramirez, Silvia Vizcarra  
**The Deceased:** Baraka James, Ames Smith, Anna Marlene Berry, Susan Muth, Steve Van Briggie, Joseph Kerns, Ginger Grimard, Carol Curto, Jerome Miles, Stephen Miller, Terry McCracken, Alice Gould, William Firth, Lois D'Elia, Bernadette Reynolds, Nancy Eastman, Ann Forrest, Nick Spadaccini., Pasquale Spera, Susan Keelor Bob Zurschmeide, Jean Pelkey







**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE SUMMER HOURS**  
**11am - 3pm, Monday-Thursday**

**REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN FOR 2022-2023 CLASSES!**

**Sunday, 9 to 10:15 am**

Preschool through 8th grade

**Sunday, 4 to 5 pm**

High school classes

**Monday, 5 to 6:15 pm**

Kindergarten through High School, RCIC/RCIT, and  
NEW THIS YEAR...“CATHOLICISM 101” option for parents

**Wednesday, 3:30 to 4:45pm**

Preschool through 5th grade

Remember that *every year* of religious education is important. Please make sure to register for your preferred session early.

All children preparing for sacraments (Communion Years I and II, Confirmation Years I and II, RCIC and RCIT) are asked to attend classes in person. The homeschooling option is available under special circumstances, with the approval of the Director of Religious Education and Father Gould.

**HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS**  
**for the 2022-2023 Religious Education School Year**

9th-12th Grade Moral Formation, Father Gould  
(Sundays 4 pm and Mondays 5 pm, same content)

10th-12th Grade Enrichment Class, multiple instructors  
(Sundays 4 pm)

11th-12th Grade Philosophy Class with Father Heisler  
(Sundays 4 pm)

**New for 2022-2023!**

Catholicism 101 for Parents, with Father Heisler  
(Mondays 5-6 pm)



Emily Glass  
Director of Youth Ministry  
540-338-6381 or  
[e.glass@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:e.glass@saintfrancisparish.org)

**HEY 8TH GRADERS!** – Starting in July, you are ALL invited to join us at Youth Nights. Youth Nights are weekly meetings where the teens of the parish get together and grow closer to God and to each other. Come dive deeper into your relationship with Jesus! We have discussions, read Scripture, laugh, listen to music, pray, and more, and we are so excited for you all to join us.

**WORKCAMP 2022** HUGE thank you to the entire parish community for helping us get to Workcamp 2022 in Scranton, Pa. Thanks to your gifts of time, tools, vehicles, monetary donations, and most importantly, your prayers, a huge number of young people from our parish who spent the week serving individuals and families in need. Thank you again, we truly cannot do this without your generosity.

**TEEN MASS & YOUTH NIGHT** – Every Sunday at 5:30 PM, join us in the front four left rows to celebrate Mass together. Then come up to Youth Night! 6:30-8 PM in Room 213 for fellowship, discussion, prayer, and fun. Bring a friend! All high schoolers are welcome! Come to grow in friendship with Christ and one another.

**YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Receive text messages about time changes, event cancellations, etc., go to: [remind.com/join/eglass16](https://remind.com/join/eglass16) and enter your info to be added to the recipient list.

**MIDDLE-SCHOOLERS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**AUGUST 9-11, 3-9pm**

**More information to follow**



## St. Francis Council 11136 News



**BLUE BAG FOOD COLLECTION:** We will collect the Blue Bags filled with food donations to Catholic Charities before and after all masses this Sunday 10 July. Knights should take a few minutes before and after the mass they attend to help collect donated bags.

**NEXT BUSINESS MEETING:** Our next business meeting, the first of our new Fraternal Year will be held Monday 11 July at 7:30 pm in the Knights Hall, we will pray the Holy Rosary in the Church at 7:00 pm. Please come to attend this one hour meeting to hear and discuss our upcoming events through the Fraternal Year.

**LOUDOUN FAIR PARKING CONCESSION:** Please remember to keep July 30 open on your calendar. The Knights will staff the parking concession at the Fair for the entire day. A Sign up Genius will be sent so that you can volunteer for time slots.

**JOIN THE KNIGHTS AND BECOME ACTIVE:** As the new Fraternal Year starts in July, please give your support to Grand Knight Elect Jay Hallam in order to get off to a good start! This is a busy time for the Knights and their new Officers. Please help; the time commitment is easy, and you will have the great opportunity to make a difference in the lives of so many who are in need! Please contact Jay Hallam Grand Knight Elect for more information at Knights11136@gmail.com.

Jay Hallam, Grand Knight, St. Francis Council #11136  
 Knights11136@gmail.com;  
 www.facebook.com/knights11136/

Dear fellow parishioners, The Knights of Columbus invite you to an evening of celebration as we welcome the Supreme Court's life-affirming Dobbs v. Jackson decision which overturned Roe v. Wade. Please join us as we celebrate life starting with a 5pm celebratory Mass on Saturday, August 13, followed by a potluck in the gym. All are welcome! We will have a sign-up genius to follow for potluck dishes

## St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church Blood Drive

**WHEN:**  
**Sunday, July 17, 2022**  
 7 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**WHERE:**  
**Hamilton Safety Center**  
 39071 E Colonial Hwy., Hamilton, VA

Inova Blood Donor Services will be located in Harmony Hall.



**As a thank you for donating all donors will receive a Beach Towel.**

**Book Your Appointment Today**

• Visit <https://bit.ly/2P0907Z>

• Call 1(866) 256-6372, use Sponsor Code 3026

• Contact Mark Furness (540) 338-6381 - [furnessm@inovablood.com](mailto:furnessm@inovablood.com)



Please. If and enough donations required. Inpatient donations not accepted. All services free for your donation.



### Share Sunday

The Knights will collect donations (food and checks) for the Share Sunday food drive this weekend after all masses. At this time, we are in need of the usual items, and also, cereal, pasta, ground regular coffee, canned chicken, Mac and Cheese and jelly. Thank you!



**Please note: We do not accept perishables, fruit, pastries or similar items.**

If anyone wishes to donate money, please make your check payable to Catholic Charities, NOT the Knights of Columbus. This will enable the giver to obtain a taxable donation, and will trigger a thank you from Catholic Charities.



**Military Tribute and Prayers**

Please help us expand our Saint Francis de Sales parish tribute to our military by sending us your prayer requests for active military members – send in name and branch of service.

In addition, we are so blessed with many military veterans at StFS and we want to honor them as well – send us your name and branch to Team McRobert at [TMcRobert13@gmail.com](mailto:TMcRobert13@gmail.com) or text to 703.727.9633.

## Summer Movie Nights

WATCHING THE CLASSICS WITH FRIENDS & FAMILY

**JUNE 10**

**JULY 15**

**JULY 29**

**AUG 12**

DATE TENTATIVE



**7:00PM**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL**

**MOVIE LIST ONLINE**

[SAINTFRANCISPARISH.ORG/MOVIE-NIGHT-AT-ST-FRANCIS-DE-SALES/](http://SAINTFRANCISPARISH.ORG/MOVIE-NIGHT-AT-ST-FRANCIS-DE-SALES/)



## Parish Homeless Ministry

"Works of love are works of peace." -  
Mother Theresa



**We thank all those who support the homeless through this ministry!**

• We are delighted to resume serving dinner in person at the **Loudoun Homeless Shelter**. We serve on every 4th Thursday of the month. All items are due to the Knights Hall the previous Wednesday by 5pm. Our summer month dates are:

July 28, items due July 27;

August 25, items due August 24.

• We deliver food and necessities to the **Missionary Sisters of Charity** in Anacostia every 2nd Friday of the month. All donated items are due to the Knights Hall by the previous Thursday by 2pm. Our remaining summer dates are:

August 12, with items due August 11;

September 9, with items due September 8.

Join us in works of charity by signing up to purchase items, make casseroles, bake cookies and cakes, or to transport meals and supplies. Contact one of us, and we will direct you to the Signup Genius lists:

• Fran Beebe [franbeebe7@gmail.com](mailto:franbeebe7@gmail.com)

• Carie Losinski: [skigators@me.com](mailto:skigators@me.com)

• Suzanne Robinson [suzannedrobinson@gmail.com](mailto:suzannedrobinson@gmail.com)

## Women's Council Corner

*Be free, yet without using freedom as a pretext for evil, but as slaves of God. Give honor to all, love the community fear God, honor the king.;* 1 Peter 2:16-17



All women of the parish are members of the Women's Council. No dues or membership forms are required. Join us when you can and feel welcomed amongst women with the same belief.

**Next business meeting** - Monday, July 18th at 6:30pm  
Rosary in the chapel followed by our meeting at 7pm in the Library.

This is where great minds come together to create celebrations.

### Save the dates!

Saturday, August 6th at 10am-12pm- Women's Self Defense Class with Becky Sheetz. Ages 16 and older.

Saturday, September 17th from 10am-12pm- Mom's Brunch with Laraine Bennett speaking on The Temperament God Gave Your Kids. Babysitting provided!

Please check our website for more details on each event

[saintfrancisparish.org/womens-council](http://saintfrancisparish.org/womens-council)

New to the parish or not getting our emails? All women of St. Francis should subscribe to stay updated on our events!

Contact us: [womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com](mailto:womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com)



## The Good, The Messy and the Beautiful with Edward and Beth Sri - Saturday, July 23

God draws spouses ever closer to the Heavenly marriage through the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, but this does not mean that the journey is easy. On the contrary, marriage can present spouses with many different kinds of struggles and difficulties, alongside the joys and triumphs of family life.

Join us for this one-day event with Edward and Beth Sri, who will share from their 20+ years of marriage the lessons they have learned about the realities of marriage. From discussions about miscommunication, healing, intimacy, gifts, and more, you will walk away refreshed and strengthened in your vows.

email [FamilyLife@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:FamilyLife@arlingtondiocese.org) for more info.

### Holy Father Prayer Intentions - July

#### Elderly

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

## What Greater Gift Can You Give?

When someone passes away, extend them a Plenary Indulgence. It is so easy. If you received Communion daily, went to Confession monthly, and fulfilled the conditions stated below, you could release a soul to heaven everyday of your life. There is an army of souls in purgatory ready to help you. If you help them, they are especially anxious to help you. They cannot help themselves. Those who are released by your prayers and sacrifices are indebted to you and full of gratitude. They will be your prayer partners forever.

### Conditions for a Plenary Indulgence:

Be in the state of grace. Receive Communion each time a plenary indulgence is sought. Go to Confession within 20 days before or after doing the prescribed work. Have a disposition of Catholicism detachment of sin, even venial sin. Pray for the intentions of the Pope, preferably one "Our Father" and one "Hail Mary". Have at least a general intention to gain a plenary indulgence. Fulfill one of the following:

At least a 1/2 hour of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

- or family or group Rosary

- or private Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament

- or at least a 1/2 hour of pious reading of Sacred Scripture

- or walking the Stations of the Cross in a church or with properly erected display of the Stations.

For more information on Purgatory, view the DVD

[Purgatory The Forgotten Church](#).

Dear Parents,

We are excited to start our Vacation Bible School tomorrow! We have 127 volunteers who are working hard to make this a successful, fun, spirit-filled week for the 190 children. We will hang out in Jesus' hometown, Nazareth, and find out what life was like when Jesus was a kid.



Each grade is assigned a color :

- 4 year olds - ocean tie-dye
- Kindergarten - purple
- 1st Grade - red
- 2nd Grade - blue
- 3rd Grade - green
- 4th Grade - maroon
- 5th Grade - orange

When you arrive on Monday, you will take your child their "Tribes" table (identified by their tribe color), this is where they will meet each day. These tables will be under the big tent alongside the Education Building. Children should arrive at 8:30am on Monday and 8:45am the rest of the week. Pick up time is at 12:15pm at their Tribe table. Parents/Guardians must sign your child in and out each day with the tribe leader.

4-year olds will go directly to Room 107 for their check-in. They will be picked up in their classroom as well.

Our daily snack ingredients are available upon request. The snacks will be simple. If your child has allergy concerns, we request that you send in a snack for that particular day and alert your child's tribe leader.

Please do not send water bottles, there will be plenty of water provided. VBS takes place both inside and outside. Children should have on sunscreen when they arrive. Please dress them in closed shoes with socks and their VBS t-shirt.

Our VBS Mission this year will be Children Helping Children in Your Own Backyard. More details forthcoming. Last year we raised an amazing \$7,500 for Sadie's Smile, and children and families are remarkably generous!!

On Friday, the children will attend the Noon Mass with their teams. They will be checked out of VBS after Mass. Then we will have a simple hotdog cookout to celebrate the end of VBS. Parents and siblings are invited to attend 12noon Mass and the picnic immediately after Mass. Stay tuned for more information about this cookout.

The teeshirts should be in the week before VBS begins. You will get an email when they arrive.

Please email the RE office if you have any questions. We'll see you bright and early tomorrow morning!!

The VBS Team

## MEN'S SILENT RETREAT

In these calamitous times... "we need a few good men"... and more than a few! With Faith and Family and Life and Love being "re-defined" by our Culture of Confusion, only Jesus Christ will help us to "stand fast... even at the risk of being heroes." Fr. John Riley will lead a retreat at San Damiano, our Arlington Diocesan Retreat Center in White Post, the weekend of July 15--17. As a "Band of Brothers" we will gather at Christ's feet; Single Men, Husbands, Fathers... and a Priest, to listen and seek Jesus in deep, quiet prayer. Retreat cost is \$285 and financial assistance may be available. For more information, please contact Fr. Riley at [padre@heartofcatechesis.org](mailto:padre@heartofcatechesis.org).

## Keep the Faith Alive this Summer: Family Outings!!

There are so many opportunities in our area that have now opened back up after last summer's shutdowns. If you've never explored these nearby holy Catholic sites with your children, this summer would be the perfect time to plan a day trip!

*Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception*  
400 Michigan Avenue, NE  
Washington, D.C.

*Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America*  
1400 Quincy Street Northeast  
Washington, D.C.

*National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton*  
339 South Seton Avenue  
Emmitsburg MD

*Saint John Paul II National Shrine*  
3900 Harewood Road, Northeast  
Washington, DC

## Encounter School of Ministry DC Summer Intensive

will be held on July 25-28 in Gaithersburg, MD. This will be a dynamic four nights of teaching and fellowship. We held it last year and it was a great success. The Summer Intensive is a great opportunity to get to experience the presence and power of the Holy Spirit and become more deeply rooted in your identity as a son or daughter of God. Dr. Mary Healy, author, speaker and Catholic Biblical Scholar, highly recommends this conference.

**Project Rachel Post Abortion  
Healing Ministry:**  
888-456-HOPE or  
visit: [www.helpafterabortion.org](http://www.helpafterabortion.org).

**Gabriel Project Pregnancy  
Assistance Ministry:**  
866-444-3553 or  
[info@helpforpregnantwomen.org](mailto:info@helpforpregnantwomen.org)



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