Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time September 15, 2019

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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-4:30pm
(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
5pm (Mass with contemporary music)

Daily Masses
Monday and Wednesday - 9am
Tuesday and Thursday - 6:30am
Friday - 6:30am & 12 noon;
First Friday - 12 noon & 7pm
Saturday - 9am
Check the bulletin for Holy Days of Obligation

Adoration/Benediction
Friday - Adoration is held every Friday following the 12 noon Mass until 5pm. The Rosary is prayed
at 12:30pm and the Divine Mercy Chaplet is at 3pm.
First Friday - Adoration follows the 12noon Mass until the 7pm Mass.

Sacraments
Confessions: Friday 10:30am
Saturday 8am and 3:30pm; and anytime by appointment, Confessions are heard in Rooms 107 & 113 in Catholic Education Center

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 typically held on the second or third Sunday of the month at 1:30pm. Please note, dates are subject to change. 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.

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 15, 2019

A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
– *Psalm 51:12*

Needed: Money Counters!
Our Money Counters typically meet on Monday morning at 9:30am to noon in the Parish Office. Please contact Amy Harrison at a.harrison@saintfrancisparish.org or call 540-338-6381.

Parish Financial Status

In-Pew Offertory - September 1	$ 10,277
No 2nd Collection	
In-Pew Offertory - September 8	$ 10,713
2nd Collection - Religious Education	$ 1,822
YEAR TO DATE	$ 123,681

This week's 2nd Collection - Catholic University
Next week's 2nd Collection - Parish Center Debt Reduction

This Week

Sun., Sept. 15	Adult Basketball 8:30pm
Tue., Sept. 17	Catholic Theology 7pm, Rm 206
	RCIA 7pm, Room 107
Wed., Sept. 18	SoulStitch 9:30am, Parish Hall
	Catholic Theology 10am, Rm 206
	Corinthians Bible Study 7pm, Rm 206
	TMIY 7pm, Cath. Education Ctr.
Thu., Sept. 19	Rosary Group 7pm, Church
	Mysteries of the Eucharist 7pm, Rm 206
Fri., Sept. 20	Children's Rosary 10am, Church
	Padre Pio Cenacle after 12noon Mass
Sat., Sept. 21	TMIY 6:30am, Cath. Education Ctr.
Sun., Sept. 22	Adult Basketball 8:30pm

Masses for the Week

+ deceased

Saturday, Sept. 14	***The Exaltation of the Holy Cross***
9:00 am	Tyler Friel
Saturday, Sept. 15	***Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time***
5:00 pm	Tracy and Mary Beglau
Sunday, Sept. 15	***24th Sunday in Ordinary Time***
7:00 am	Tony and Joan Jasinski
8:30 am	Diane Bidi
10:30 am	+ Christian Maurer
12:15 pm	Fr. Escalante
5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday, Sept. 16	***Saints Cornelius and Cyprian***
9:00 am	+ Michael Konopa
Tuesday, Sept. 17	***Weekday***
6:30 am	+ Joanna and Joseph Derby
Wed., Sept. 18	***Weekday***
9:00 am	Matthew Szemborski
Thursday, Sept. 19	***Weekday***
6:30 am	+ Salvatore F. Biscardi
Friday, Sept. 20	***Saints Andrew Kim Taegon and Paul Chong Ha-sang***
6:30 am	+ Kathleen Becker
12:00 pm	Betty Sutherland
Saturday, Sept. 21	***Saint Matthew***
9:00 am	Isabel Pultro
Saturday, Sept. 21	***Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time***
5:00 pm	Donna Donovan
Sunday, Sept. 22	***25th Sunday in Ordinary Time***
7:00 am	People of the Parish
8:30 am	Father Escalante
10:30 am	+ June Beavers Roberts
12:15 pm	Carly Rees
5:00 pm	Father Escalante

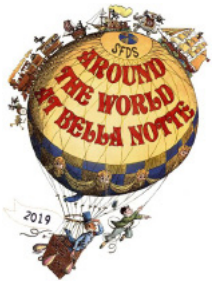
BLOOD DRIVE
TODAY from 7am – 12noon
Purcellville Fire & Safety Station, Maple Avenue
Walk-ins are welcome.
Please remember that there is a critical need for certain blood types. There is no substitute for human blood and the shelf-life is short. All blood collected is used locally.
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church and Inova Blood Donor Services

Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday:	1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday:	1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50
Friday:	1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Sunday:	Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

Mass Intentions

Most often we think of offering a Mass for someone who is deceased. There are occasions, too, such as anniversaries, birthdays, and special events or intentions that are nice to remember with a Mass. These Mass requests are printed in the bulletin and offered up with the prayer of the faithful. Stop by the office with any request you may have.



FIFTH ANNUAL BELLA NOTTE PICNIC SPECIAL:

Free Items With Purchase!!

We are running a one day Parish Picnic Special! If you purchase your raffle or dinner/dance gala ticket at the picnic, you will be able to choose either two free glasses of premium wine, or one free ticket for the gift basket drawing the evening of the event. This major fundraiser for the Parish, the Bella Notte dinner/dance, will be held November 9. Ticket sales will kick off at the Parish Picnic, on September 15, and will include our picnic special. We ask that as many parishioners and users of the Parish Center as possible purchase dinner/raffle tickets, or a raffle ticket, if unable to attend. The entire Parish uses this wonderful Center, so we all need to continue to help pay off the building debt. Please look for our sales table at the Picnic. Let's pull together as a united Church community to make this event a success!!

Our thoughts and prayers are with ...

Our Military Members:
MAJ Chuck Marshall; Lcpl John Owen Patterson; Sgt. Tim Marshall; 2nd Lt. Patrick Gutierrez, MAJ Andrew Cahan; 1st Lt Matthew Ryan, Capt. Patrick Godfrey, Cpl Zachary Gingras, LT Scott Cypher, Cap. Vincent Jovene, 1st Lt. Jamie (Jovene) Liddle, A1C Joshua Jovene, 1LT Jared Willard, Joe Pultro, LCpl Paul Cotter, 2dLt Rachel Jovene, GySgt Jose O Ruiz Pedroza, PFC Jorge A Lara Pedroza, LT Ross Mentzer, 2nd LT Ryan Patrick Grady; PFC Stephen G. Beard, Sgt. Ernesto G. Castro, LCpl Frankie Thyson
The Sick: Dominic Corcoran, Jack Lehtonen,Mary Jane Arens, Zach Miller, Phyllis Heller, Madeline Gonzalez, Mike O'Brien, Bill and Valerie Wieliczko, Sarah Nolan, Liz Keller; Bob Cote, Jerry Pollard
The Deceased: Ellen Delaney, Daniel Duggan, Bud Nolan, Marilyn Cote, Michael Konopa, Renato Torrijos, Rosemarie Bighouse, John Robinson, Michele Mackey, Margaret Maykrantz, Fr. Edwin Thayer Tewes, Eleanor Szemborski

Children's Rosary Group

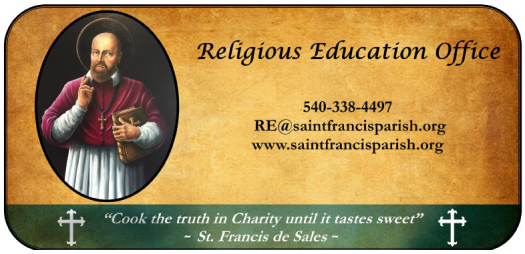
Please join us every Friday at 10am in the church for a children's Rosary prayer group! The rosary prayers will be led by the children. This is a great way for our young ones to foster a new or deeper love for the rosary! Families and children of all ages are welcome. Come pray with us, and get to know other young families in the parish. Contact Carly Davis at catholicmom247@yahoo.com with any questions.

RCIA class begins Tuesday

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is for you! RCIA is not only a process of bringing converts into the Church, but it also helps Catholics better understand their faith, including baptized Catholics preparing for confirmation as well as confirmed Catholics wanting to deepen their understanding. ***RCIA class begins September 17*** and meets Tuesdays in the Catholic Education Center, Room 107, 7-9pm. For more information please contact Travis Moger (jtmoger@gmail.com; 571-442-6510) or Janice Rees (j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org).

HOST THE PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE

You can schedule to sign up for hosting the Pilgrim Virgin in your home. Go to saintfrancisparish.org/hosting-the-pilgrim-virgin/ and pick a date. Then just sign up at j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org and pick up the statue in the narthex after the Sunday Mass you attend and return it no later than Saturday afternoon for the next person to host our Blessed Mother. Great blessings will come along your way when you invite Our Lady and pray the rosary in your home. She will not be outdone in generosity!



Religious Education Classes Begin TODAY

No walk-in registrations on the first day of class please!
If you have not registered your child(ren), please get your registrations in now. They can start the following week. You can get a copy of the Registration form at the Religious Education office, or by downloading it from the St. Francis website https://saintfrancisparish.org/youth-religious-education/

Full Classes
2nd, 4th & 7th Grade on Sunday at 10:30am
2nd Grade on Monday at 4:45
8th Grade for Girls on Monday at 4:45pm

Needed
- **2nd Floor Hall Monitors For Sunday, 8:45am Monday and Wednesday 4:45pm**
- **Classroom Aides - all sessions**
- **Substitutes - all sessions, all grades**

Please inquire in the RE office!

Parents, please watch for an email explaining new Diocesan requirements regarding Attendance and Dropoff/Pickup policies. The Diocese of Arlington has updated their Policies and Guidelines. As always, please check your email, especailly if you have a child preparing for a Sacrament. If you are not getting notifications, it may be email filters are blocking these messages due to the large volume of emails I send out. Emails may be in your spam file or perhaps we have an outdated email address.

Middle Schoolers **A**cting for **C**hrist
Prayer **A**ction **C**harity

MAC-PAC
Middle-Schoolers Acting in Christ
Prayer · Action · Charity

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
following 5pm Mass

MACPAC is returning with new leaders, ***Dan and Lindsay Glass***. We are looking forward to more fun gatherings this year! Watch this space for more details.

Please contact j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org if you are an adult who would like help chaperone these events.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

MOVIE NIGHT & ICE CREAM SUNDAES – High schoolers are invited to come watch a movie (TBD) in room 213 and eat ice cream sundaes with friends on Friday, September 27th at 7:00 PM. Bring your favorite ice cream topping to share and I'll provide the ice cream!

YOUTH RALLY- The Diocesan Youth RALLY is on Sunday, October 20th. Open to all high schoolers. An all-day event with amazing talks, inflatable obstacle courses, a climbing wall, a concert, Adoration, Mass, and more at Bishop O'Connell High School. $25 per teen. Get more details and sign up with Emily at e.glass@saintfrancisparish.org

YOUTH NIGHT – Join us on Sundays from 6-8pm in room 213 for fellowship, food, and fun. Bring a friend!! All high schoolers are welcome! Come to grow in friendship with Christ and one another.

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS – If you would like to receive text message announcements about time changes, event cancellations, etc., you can go to this link: remind.com/join/eglass16 and enter your information to be added to the recipient list! Also, follow the Youth Ministry Instagram account St.FrancisYouth for event updates and announcements

ST. PAUL VI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL will be hosting our annual OPEN HOUSE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH FROM 1 TO 4PM the Fairfax Campus.
Group presentations will take place at 1:15 and 2:15 in Father Heet Auditorium. This is a perfect opportunity for 6th, 7th and 8th graders and their families to explore the benefits of a Catholic high school education. Visit www.paulvi.net or ehanley@pvipanther.net for additionalinformation about PVI.
Current 8th graders are encouraged to set up a PANTHER FOR A DAY experience by emailing gfarello@pvipanther.net.
Middle School students and their families are invited to Middle School Night Under the Lights at St. Paul VI Catholic High School in Fairfax. Join us at 6:00PM on Friday, October 4th for pizza, tee shirts, games and tons of prizes. All are invited to join the VI Man cheering on our Panther varsity football team. Free to all and no reservations are needed.

RCIA for TEENS

Mondays, 6:30-7:45pm. The RCIA for Teens (RCIT) is a class for all high school students who have not yet received the Sacraments of Baptism, Penance, First Holy Communion, and/or Confirmation. We meet each week in preparation to receive the Sacraments in the Spring 2020. If this is you, your child, or a friend, please contact the RE office.
For more information contact the RE Office or visit us online at www.saintfrancisparish.org/religious-education/sacramental-prep/rcit/saintfrancisparish.org/youth-religious-education/sacramental-preparation/rcit/

SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES MUSIC MINISTRY

The **Parish Choir** has begun a new fall season. The choir is open to all who love to sing, and is intended for high-school age students and adults. The choir enhances liturgy with a wide variety of music, from chant and polyphony to contemporary music. The choir primarily sings at the 8:30am Mass on Sunday but will sing at the 10:30am Mass every 4th Sunday of the month. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the Church. The choir usually accepts new members throughout the year, but we encourage new members to begin in September. Contact Music Director, Michael Galdo, m.galdo@saintfrancisparish.org to join.

One of the spiritual works of mercy is to pray for the living and the dead. Would you like to sing in a choir for funerals? **Chorus Angelorum** assists in singing the hymns and acclamations at funerals. The choir works in conjunction with the cantor and organist to support the family of the deceased with song and prayers. Funerals are typically at 10am in the morning with only a few days' notice. Please contact Jean Fenwick, jeanfenwick4@gmail.com or 703-966-7934, if you are interested in joining.

The **St. Francis Children's Choir**, for Grades 2 – 8, rehearses on Tuesdays throughout the school year. The choir is divided into two levels, the Elementary Choir rehearses from 3:15– 4pm and the Advanced Choir rehearses from 4– 5:15pm. The choir sings about twice a month at various weekend Masses as well as some of the big feast days such as Immaculate Conception, Christmas, and Easter. Auditions will be held on Tuesday, September 24. Signups will be done online, please visit the music ministry webpage saintfrancisparish.org/music/ for details. The first rehearsal is on Tuesday, October 1st, in the Church. Contact m.galdo@saintfrancisparish.org for more information, or call the office 540-338-6381.

Witness provides music for the Sunday 5pm Teen Mass. Witness primarily plays modern contemporary style music to encourage the "full, active, conscious participation" of the youth. Rehearsals are held at 4pm on Sundays prior to Mass. Adults and youth, 8th grade and up, who sing or play an instrument, are welcome to join. Please contact Kevin Bills, kevin@kbills.com.

Parish Homeless Ministry

Hi: we continue to be thankful for each and every one of you, and all the ways you support this Homeless Ministry. So many of you reach out to us to volunteer, it is amazing! We love meeting new volunteers, but we are so happy for the familiar ones. Joanne's garden is winding down, we have processed many tomatoes, blueberries, and shared watermelons, squash, beans and peppers with our shelters.

- At this time we are looking for a volunteer to handle the onetime monthly Sign-Up Genius for the Leesburg Homeless Shelter meal, every 4th Thursday each month. Our Maria Byrd can show you how! Please email me if you can do this.
- We are scheduled to serve our meal in Anacostia, this Saturday September 14th, from 7am until 11am
- We are scheduled to serve our meal in Leesburg Shelter on Thursday September 26, from 4pm til 7:30pm.
- We will have a table at the picnic, we'd love to meet you, and share your thoughts, ideas or questions

Tracy Ippoliti - Tracy.ippoliti@gmail.com 703-727-4125
Mark Ippoliti - Mark.ippoliti@gmail.com 571-748-8584
Please contact us if you have any questions or to be added to our mailing list.

Fight of Faith Week 2

Last week we encountered our biblical identity as "Soldiers for Christ". This week we introduce you to Sam Blair, an elite trained soldier, Naval Officer, and instructor to some of the greatest minds and leaders in Annapolis.
Sam's resume and skills include things like Intelligence Analysis, U.S. Department of Defense, Counterterrorism, Navy, and a MIT Sloan Executive Education…
Sam calls us to mission and service. He calls us to KNOW our mission with clarity and then live for a call greater than ourselves. When your alarm goes off, don't hit snooze. It's your first perseverance test of the day. God is calling you to enter into the daily battle. Come to TMIY and join this band of brothers!

See you there, soldier.
Knowing who you are changes everything.
You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Take your share of suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. - 2 Timothy 2:1-4
Each TMIY session stands on its own so you can join us at any time. We meet on Wednesday from 7pm-8:45pm OR Saturday from 6:30am-8:15pm. Walk-ins are always welcome or you can register at SFDSMEN@GMAIL.COM.

The "School" of Spirituality, Part I

By Susan Pace Gilbert

Many of us who grew-up in large, Catholic families remember childhood reminders to brush our teeth and say our prayers, as well as saying grace before family meals. These youthful prayer routines are the beginning of good practices for spiritual discipline in our days and lives. By teaching, modeling and encouraging habits of spiritual "hygiene", parents lay a solid foundation for their children's lifelong happiness, based upon a relationship with Christ.

Most religious communities have spiritual "schedules", stopping for prayer breaks throughout their days, especially those who reside in monasteries, or have a cloistered religious vocation. The Liturgy of the Hours is a Catholic prayer framework, beginning with Lauds (6 a.m.), continuing onto Terce (9 a.m./ third hour), Sext at noon, Vespers (evening prayer at sunset) and Compline (end of the day or night). Lay people can incorporate some of this daily prayer routine into their days too.

If you begin your day more peacefully with prayer, it may help you deal better with what happens over the course of the day. Here is a lovely morning offering prayer, which could be said daily, whether at Lauds or Terce times of the morning, dependent upon your personal schedule.

Good Morning dear Jesus, my Savior
Good morning dear Mary, my Queen,
Good morning bright Angels,
Fair sentinels
Of Jesus Who dwells here unseen,
Dear Lord, I bring you red roses
All wet with the dew of your grace.
Every thought, every word, every action
And my heart I give for their vase.
This offering I make through your mother
Whose heart is so sinlessly white
Whiter than wings of the Angels
Who watched and prayed here
All night.
One favor, sweet Jesus, I ask of you,
Inflame my poor heart with
Your love
So while I toil in this valley
My spirit may dwell far above.

The development of conscience continues into adulthood. A good suggested time for an examination of conscience is at nighttime (Compline), when our heads hit the pillow and we reflect upon our day's activities. An Act of Contrition may be said at this time also. Although this suggestion may be familiar to older generations of Catholics, perhaps they might gently introduce the idea to younger Catholics in their circle of family and friends who are not yet familiar with it.

Parents and Grandparents may try to lead a family Rosary at least once a month, if not weekly. They might model Mass attendance on some weekdays, not just for Sunday obligation. They could encourage spiritual reading as part of their children and grandchildren's formation, for different stages of development. Involvement in community service projects could be increased over the stages of family life.

'19-'20 Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Sponsored by Knights of Columbus

Theme: **Discuss the meaning of Virtue and how you live and embody the Virtue of Charity**

"Charity is the theological virtue which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God" - Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1822

Biblically, virtue is understood as the conformity of life and conduct with the principles of morality, while Charity signifies the reciprocal love between God and man, one that is manifest in unselfish love and eloquently shown in the life, teachings, and death of Jesus Christ. *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is lie it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself"* (Matthew 22:37-39)

In an essay of 500-750 words, consider the meaning of virtue and think about ways in which you exemplify the virtue of Charity to glorify and reflect the nature of God. This could be at home with your families or in your communities, as you enrich the welfare of others. This contest is for 8th - 12th graders. A $15 prize for each grade (five prizes). Deadline is Friday, October 25. Please submit your essays to the RE office.

ADULT EDUCATION at SFDS

Please visit our website saintfrancisparish.org and look under Faith Formation for details of the diverse opportunities we are offering parishioners.

Celebrating A Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary This Year?

Were you married in 1969 or 1994 ? Then join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge for the 20 19 Mass for Jubilarians to be celebrated on Sunday, October 1 3 th at 2:30pm at the Cathedral of S t. Thomas More in Arlington. Contact the parish office to register no later than September 30th. For more info, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM

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

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS - AUGUST 2019

Families, Schools of Human Growth

That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth.".

St. Francis Council 11136

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Our next council business meeting will be on Monday, October 14, at 7:30pm. We will pray our Rosary in the chapel beginning at 7pm. Any parishioner is welcomed to join our Rosary!

NEED HELP AT THE LOVETTSVILLE OKTOBERFEST: On 9/28 from 6am to 11am we need help setting up the vendors. If you would like to help, please reply to email below or look for the email sent from the council with the sign-up genius. Fundraiser for the Council.

IF YOU ARE A KNIGHT AND NOT GETTING EMAILS WITH UPDATES TO EVENTS AND PROGRAMS: Please contact me at the email below and let me know!! There are a lot of Programs and activities upcoming that you can get involved in.

WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON OUR "MASS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS" on 9/20 at 7pm. WE NEED volunteers!! Ushers and parishioners to assist those that need help to enter the church and getting to the reception after in the Parish Center. If you can help, please send email to address below.

WHY ARE YOU A KNIGHT? Be more than a Knight in name only. We will be focusing and looking for volunteers in these four main program types: FAITH, COMMUNITY, FAMILY and LIFE. Contact GK Scott Grimard and tell me what it would 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. Discover how the Knights can support you, your family, your faith and your community. Contact GK Scott Grimard or Chancellor Rae Edmonson (raedmons@gmail.com) or look for any man wearing a Knights of Columbus name badge. Let your Light Shine

May God bless you!

Scott Grimard, Grand Knight
St. Francis Council #11136
Knights11136@gmail.com

DIVINE MERCY SAID: "Pray for souls that they be not afraid to approach the tribunal of My mercy. Do not grow weary of praying for sinners. You know what a burden their souls are to My Heart. Relieve My deathly sorrow; dispense My mercy." (St. Faustina Diary, 975)

Mass for those with Special Needs and those that Want to Show Support

People with special needs resulting from physical, emotional, mental, or cognitive conditions are all around us, whether at school, at work, or in our families. It can be challenging for these important members of our community to participate in church services due to physical and social barriers, or even family member anxiety. As such, the Knights of Columbus counsel at St. Francis de Sales is organizing a special Mass for those with special needs.This dedicated Votive Mass will be held on Friday, September 20th at 7pm with a special reception to follow. Even if you have no one with special needs, come out and support them. The Mass is welcome to all!!! The Mass is also open to people outside the Parish so if you know of someone forward this email to them. We are trying to get the word out to the Catholic Community. Please email us at knights11136@gmail.com if you can attend and if you need any assistance.

Pancake Breakfast Volunteer Opportunity To Help The Knights And Our Parish!!

Looking for an Adult Kitchen Supervisor!!!! Like all volunteers for the Pancake Breakfast you do not have to be a Knight of Columbus. Master Chef Dzung Tran is stepping down, after several years of excellent service to the parish Pancake Breakfast. He has graciously volunteered to stay on a few months to train. In general, the Kitchen Supervisor (KS) shows up at 6am to get ovens started and direct preparations in the kitchen. Helps volunteer cooks and cook helpers -- KS is backup or safety valve if less than 5 volunteers). KS needs to be prepared to stay through the entire breakfast -- we were able to finish cleaning up by 1pm at all breakfasts but a couple (and these were close). Responsible for Menu planning and PCB Kitchen operation. If interested or need more information, please contact Grand Knight Scott Grimard at Knights11136@gmail.com

CALIX - For Catholics in Recovery

Calix is an association of Catholics in recovery and their family & friends also affected by addictions. Calix members maintain their sobriety through participation in 12-step recovery programs. Calix promotes the spiritual development of its members, and meetings serve as a source of inspiration & encouragement to each other.

How to attend a Meeting

- Leesburg – Saturdays at 10-11:15am – Club "12", 58 Sycolin Road SE, Leesburg. Contact Bruce G. at Calix_NoVA@yahoo.com for details.
- Arlington – Monday at 8pm-9pm – St. Agnes School Library, 2024 N. Randolph St, Arlington. Contact Mark B. at gtrcity@yahoo.com for details.
- Online meetings (video or call-in) – 1st & 3rd Thursdays each month at 8-9pm. E-mail Ken at treasurer@calixsociety.org to be added to the e-mail list.

The Leesburg Life Chain

will be held once again adjacent to St. John the Apostle Church on October 6. Please save the date of this 2pm event as we prayerfully witness to the sanctity of Life. Hundreds of Life Chains occur on Respect Life Sunday across the nation.

St Francis de Sales parishioners comprised a large bloc of participants last year and our parish has a proud history of valuing Life from the first moment of conception until natural death.