

Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

**12 DAYS PILGRIMAGE TO
POLAND & EASTERN EUROPE**
Featuring the Passion Play of Oberammergau

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AUGUST 11 - 22, 2020

hosted by
**Father Ron Escalante, Pastor
Saint Francis de Sales Church**



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DON'T WAIT FOR 2030!! SIGN UP TODAY!!!

See enclosed flyer & Shepherd's Notes or Pastor's Wish List for more details

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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.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Friday 10:30am
Saturday 8am and 3:30pm; and anytime by appointment
Confessions are heard in Rooms 107 & 113 in Catholic Ed. 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: The Sacrament is celebrated each month on the second and third Sunday 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.

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 Extraordinary Form (Latin Mass)
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 and the 7pm Mass, and ends with Benediction at 8:45am on Saturday.

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Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom?
- James 2:5

SEE BEYOND OUTWARD APPEARANCES

The phrase "Sunday best" has lost much of its meaning in our society today. Some lament the loss of people dressing up for church on Sunday; others think it's a healthy sign that we're as casual in attire gathered before the Lord as we are elsewhere. No matter which school of thought on this topic we belong to, James would probably chastise us. In either case, we are still focused on external appearance, mistaking it for some sort of favored position before God. True, James criticizes the community that favors the rich and well-dressed while ostracizing the poorly clothed, but even more he criticizes the making of distinctions, making choices based on criteria that having nothing to do with the reign of God. James might turn our attention to the reign of God described by Isaiah, in which people are healed and the earth becomes ripe to bear fruit. Jesus today is focused on this reign of God, healing a Gentile man in a region hostile to his Jewish faith, not mindful of the man's origins or clothing or status or ability to repay. Isaiah, James, and Jesus in Mark's Gospel all call us to look more deeply to find where the will of God needs to be done, and has been done, on earth as in heaven.

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Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
 Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38
 Friday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
 Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
 Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

This Week

Sun., Sep. 9 Adult Basketball 8:30pm
 Mon., Sep. 10 Women's Council 7pm, Parish Hall
Catholic Mom's Group 10am, Room 106
 Tue., Sep. 11 Catholic Social Justice Class 7pm, Room 206
 Wed., Sep. 12 Catholic Social Justice Class 10am, Room 206
 Thu., Sep. 13 Rosary Group 7pm, Church
 Sun., Sep. 16 **NO Adult Basketball**

Masses for the Week

+ *deceased*
Saturday, Sep. 8
 5:00 pm
Saturday, Sep. 8
 5:00 pm
Sunday, Sep. 9
 7:00 am
 8:30 am
 10:30 am
 12:15 pm
 5:00 pm
Monday, Sep. 10
 9:00 am
Tuesday, Sep. 11
 6:30 am
Wed., Sep. 12
 9:00 am
Thursday, Sep. 13
 6:30 am
Friday, Sep. 14
 6:30 am
 12:00 noon
Saturday, Sep. 15
 5:00 pm
Saturday, Sep. 15
 5:00 pm
Sunday, Sep. 16
 7:00 am
 8:30 am
 10:30 am
 12:15 pm
 5:00 pm

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Deceased members of the Slivonik family
Vigil: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Mary Ortlieb
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 + Neal Brown
 People of the Parish
 + William Harman, Jr.
 Tracy and Mary Beglau
 Peter and Kristi Larson
Weekday
 + Fr. Rene Laurentin
Weekday
 CHRSM
Weekday
 Paula Bischoff
Saint John Chrysostom
 + Angela R. Lyons
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 Persecuted Christians
 Mark Reilly
Our Lady of Sorrows
 Joseph Kobily
Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Elijah Balleweg
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Deceased members of the Butts and D'Elia families
 + John Mullinax
 People of the Parish
 + Shannon Stotlar
 + Bernice Shapley

Parish Financial Status

In-pew Offertory - September 2	\$ 10,851
2nd Collection - Catholic University of America	\$ 1,942
Parish Giving Offertory for July	\$ 43,454
YEAR TO DATE	\$ 159,548

This week's 2nd Collection - Religious Education
 Next week's 2nd Collection - Parish Debt Reduction

Mass Celebrant Schedule

Saturday, September 8 5pm: Fr. Fr. Mullaney	Saturday, September 15 5pm: Fr. Escalante
Sunday, September 9 7am: Fr. Fr. Mullaney	Sunday, September 16 7am: Fr. Escalante
8:30am: Fr. Fr. Mullaney	8:30am: Fr. Escalante
10:30am: Fr. Fr. Escalante	10:30am: Fr. Mullaney
12:15pm: Fr. Fr. Escalante	12:15pm: Fr. Mullaney
5pm: Fr. Fr. Escalante	5pm: Fr. Mullaney



We won't let the devil win...we are moving full steam ahead!

Jesus says, "Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it" (Mt 16:18). As we navigate through carrying another heavy cross in the church, we will not hold back on the work of salvation of Jesus Christ. We will continue to celebrate the sacraments, devotional prayers, charitable works, faith study, fellowship, introduce new church programs, and all other activities as we have always been doing. We do not take a blind eye to the sex scandals that were brought to light committed by clerics who have come as wolves under sheep's clothing. However, we cannot let the devil tempt us to cease the good works that have been doing by scaling back our apostolic mission. With regard to the concern of child protection, our parish and the Arlington Diocese have implemented for several years a very effective system that has kept our children safe from harm especially from sexual abuse. As a parish, I also encourage you to join me in offering prayer and fasting for the victims of sexual abuse and for the continual protection of God's people especially the innocent little ones. I also started offering a monthly private Mass for this intention.

So, take the opportunity to remain active in the parish as we have multiple great programs to serve God's faithful. Here's just a partial list of what's coming up: *Parish Homeless Ministry* (Sept. 8 & Oct. 13), *Youth Group HS Kickoff* (Sept. 9), *Women's Faith Ministry* (Sept. 10), *Parish Picnic* (Sept. 16), *CCD Classes* (Sept. 16), *RCIC & RCLA* (Sept. 16 & 18), *Bella Notte IV Gala* (Oct. 27), and many more!

\$200 Deposit for Oberammergau/Divine Mercy due this month

There is an incredible Passion Play that's held in a German town of *Oberammergau* once every 10 years for nearly 400 years that pilgrims have been attending. We now have 27 parishioners signed up for the 12-day *Oberammergau/Eastern Europe* pilgrimage in 2020 (August 11-22). We received a special pilgrimage rate of \$4699 per person from *Nawas International* that includes a visit to the *Divine Mercy Shrine* in Krakow, *Black Madonna* in Czestochowa, Auschwitz Concentration Camp, Prague, Vienna, Salzburg, *Passion Play* at Oberammergau and Munich. The pilgrimage includes airfare (from Dulles), 1st class (Category 1) *Passion Play* tickets, 1st class hotels/guesthouses, and most meals. If you'd like to join us please return to me the bottom portion of the enclosed flyer and you will receive a more detailed itinerary. To get the special rate I need your \$200 deposit by the end of this month (September). This is an excellent deal and you'll find that a comparable trip cost nearly \$7k!

I hope to see you all next Sunday at our annual parish picnic. And to support our parish education center, I encourage all of you to please purchase a *Bella Notte* ticket and possibly win the \$5,000 Cash Grand Prize. Or you can have loads of fun trying to win the \$5k while partying with us at the *Bella Notte IV Masquerade Ball*. Tickets are on sale after all the Masses or see the bulletin for more details.

Your shepherd in Christ,
Father Escalante

Ask the Priest

Q. Where is Saint Joseph's grave? –PUM

A. No one knows for sure where Saint Joseph was buried but it is traditionally believed that he was buried in Nazareth because where the Holy Family settled after their 3-year exile in Egypt. He most likely died before Jesus' public ministry because there was no reference of Saint Joseph in scripture by the time Our Lord started preaching and teaching publicly at age 30.

Q. When are the new cushions for the altar rails going to be installed? I really want to kneel there but the hard step hurts my knees! –Anonymous

A. The last we heard from the company (2 weeks from this writing) was that the cushions will be ready sometime this month (September). You are not alone looking forward to the cushions. They hurt my knees too when I pray privately using the altar rails. It feels so much nicer to pray close to Our Lord in the tabernacle and to venerate the seven relics of the saints in the sanctuary. But the hard flooring material (*Porcelanosa*) really add an extra *penance* while praying. It won't be long now before the long-awaited cushions will come to our aid.

Q. Where do we place the \$3 donation for the large votive candles in the small chapel? –Anonymous

A. There is a candle offering box on the wall to the right of the votive candles. You can place your cash or check there by opening the little drawer.

**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](mailto:info@helpforpregnantwomen.org)**

WELCOME

We warmly welcome new parishioners who have joined St. Francis de Sales during the month of August

Lovettsville

Jamie & Jessica Woolwine
Dominic, Ella, Gianna

Hamilton

Brad & Margaret Metz
Tyler and Andrew

Purcellville

John & Eileen Baranowski
Patricia Elias

Round Hill

Joseph & Ashley Cooper
Ada and Evelyn
Jonathan & Connie Buckley
Dominic and Dylan
Anthony & Janice DiPietro

Welcome to the Family!
The following new parishioner was baptized during the month of August



Finley Nolan Mason

son of Michael & Maggie Mason

Our thoughts and prayers are with ...



Our Military Members:

Major Chuck Marshall; Lcpl John Owen Patterson; Sgt. Tim Marshall; 2nd Lt. Patrick Gutierrez, Capt. 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

The Sick: Dominic Corcoran, Jack Lehtonen, Mary Jane Arens, Zach Miller, Phyllis Heller, Madeline Gonzalez, Mike O'Brien, Bill and Valerie Wieliczko, Bud and Sarah Nolan

The Deceased: Lewis Daniel Miller, Rudy and Cathy Bartoldus, Mona Bakke, Sophie and Pedro Macaraeg, Rita Hockenbury, Kim Castellano, David Young, Philippe Laffitte-Smith, Shannon Stodlar, Edward Versprille, Nancy Anderson, Arthur Busher, Jim Dueppen

*** PASTOR'S WISH LIST ***

• **Oberammergau/Divine Mercy European Pilgrimage in 2020** -- There is a *Passion Play* that's held in a German town of *Oberammergau* once every ten years for nearly 400 years that pilgrims have been attending. Our parish trip is set for August 11-22, 2020. Included in this 11-day package is a visit to the *Divine Mercy Shrine* in Krakow, *Black Madonna* in Czestochowa, Prague, Salzburg, Vienna and Munich. *Nanus International* customized our Oberammergau/Eastern Europe trip and offered us the early-bird discount rate of \$4699 per person (we depart from Dulles). So far 27 have signed up for the trip and if you're interested in joining us please return the bottom portion of the flyer to parish or contact me directly. To get the special rate I need your \$200 deposit before the end of this month (September). I've seen comparable rates costing nearly \$7k!

• **Sign up for the 54-Day Rosary Novena**—It started August 15 thru October 7, 2018. It's not too late to join. Pledge cards & return basket are in the church narthex. Please see this weekend's *Shepherd's Notes* for more details.

• **Keep praying the rosary & report the number of times you've prayed!**—We're trying to reach our goal of 100,000 rosaries prayed since September 12, 2015 and we're up to **94,446!** This year is *Our Lady of Lourdes'* 160th anniversary of appearance to *Saint Bernadette* (1858-2018) and it is our hope to reach 100,000 before the end of 2018. With the current *54-Day Rosary Novena*, we are within reach of 100k by October 7, the **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary!** Great things have happened to our parish since our Rosary Campaign 2015 so let's keep it going! Send your rosary numbers prayed to this email: rosarychallenge@yahoo.com. Our parishioner, *Meghan Christian*, generously volunteered to do the tabulating. I send my number every week but you can do it bi-weekly or even monthly if you wish.

• **Looking for Ushers for the "New Ushering Ministry"**—*Pat Orender* is heading the new ushering ministry and we're looking for new ushers to serve the parish community to help the worshipers who come to Mass. This will be a great opportunity to volunteer in the parish. We need more adult volunteers but we also welcome *Junior Ushers* (young kids) to serve with the adults. Contact Pat to sign up: theoenders@gmail.com

• **Donate to our new Ambo (Pulpit)** I'm inviting you to donate any amount for the new *Ambo (Pulpit)* and be a part of the **"Book of Life Circle."** Donations of \$1k or more will give you the option to add a dedication to our future Memorial Wall to be displayed in the narthex. We need \$35k for this important part of the sanctuary where we hear the Word of God is proclaimed. As of May 14, 2018, we have received \$22,000. (See the July 30, 2017 *Shepherd's Notes* to read more about the *Ambo*.)

• **Pipe Organ" donation**—Please help us pay for the church organ that was installed in April. To date we have received \$48,810. We now owe just \$68,890 for this incredible organ! [See *Shepherd's Notes* column (2/26/2017 issue) for organ details.]

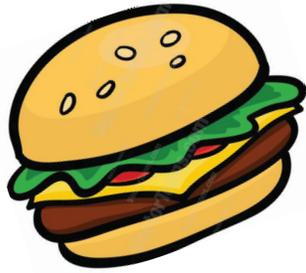
• **Write your dedication on a brick...on church property!**—You now have an opportunity to place your permanent dedication etched on a brick on the church property: in front of the new parish center. Proceeds go directly to pay our center's mortgage. Go to our website: www.saintfrancisparish.org

• **Hosting the Pilgrim Virgin statue sign up**—You can now schedule to sign up for hosting the *Pilgrim Virgin* in your home. Email our coordinator, *Diane Waller*, at dianewaller@msn.com. Go to our parish website and click under *Pilgrim Virgin Statue* and pick a date. Then just sign up and pick up the statue in the chapel 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! [Note: No need to wait 6 months to repeat reserving the *Pilgrim Virgin* anymore.]

You may contact me directly for your response by phone (540-338-6381 ext. 102), by email countryparishpriest@gmail.com, by "snail mail" or in person

Got 'em!

• We received over 1,500 written pledges from the *Rosary Challenge* drive to pray a minimum of one rosary a week. As of this writing we have reached the 94% mark (**94,446** total reported) of our goal (100,000) of the rosaries that have been reportedly prayed at our website since September 12, 2015. Keep it up, faithful children of Mary. We've been getting ny nice blessings lately as a parish and we can only expect more!



**St. Francis de Sales
Parish**



PICNIC

Sunday, September 16

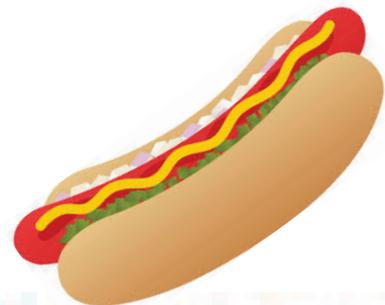
12:30pm - 4pm



We will be serving BBQ chicken,
hamburgers and hotdogs,
iced tea, lemonade and desserts

*Please bring a side dish
or salad to share!*

Featuring
Fr. Escalante's Magic Show,
Moonbounce and Games!



Ministry Fair

Will be held during the Parish Picnic



- *Worship/Liturgy*
- *Parish Life*
- *Social Outreach and Community Growth*
- *Spiritual Life*

We welcome you to learn more and get involved in your parish!

Please contact Laura Burgess llburgess@verizon.net for any questions

Religious Education Office

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Janice Rees, CRE



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“Cook the truth in Charity until it tastes sweet”
- St. Francis de Sales -

Religious Education Classes Begin Sunday, September 16

No registrations will be processed this coming week.

This time is needed to prepare for classes.

There will be no walk-in registrations on the first day of class.

If you have not registered your child(ren), please get your registrations in now. They can start the following week.

For any questions about registration please contact the Religious Education office at RE@saintfrancisparish.org.

We added a 7th grade class on Monday. There will be one all-girl class and one all-boy class on Monday afternoons. Monday - 4th Grade - FULL

PRE-SCHOOL CATECHIST AND AIDE NEEDED!! WEDNESDAY, 4:45PM

Please consider volunteering your time to teach the children of the parish about Jesus Christ. Requirements for teaching are a passion and love for the Lord. To volunteer please contact James Blankenship at J.blankenship@saintfrancisparish.org.

CATECHIST AIDES ARE NEEDED!

Sunday mornings and Monday/Wednesday classes - Grades K-5 Aides get 30% off tuition! Please contact RE office.

High School Religious Education

Do you know that we offer a High school CCD class?

If a person can't get a job or be a productive member of society with only an 8th grade education, how can we expect to bring the good news of the Gospel to the world with only an 8th grade Religious Education? Sign up your High School student today!!!

Classes are Monday evenings at 7pm.

RCIA for TEENS

Mondays, 7-8:15pm . 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. Students are required to attend class regularly, attend parent/child meetings, complete student assignments, and participate in a retreat. For more information contact the RE Office or visit us online at www.saintfrancisparish.org/religious-education/sacramental-prep/rcit/

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS - SEPTEMBER 2018

Universal – Young People in Africa

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.



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

KICK-OFF!!! – Sunday, September 9th is the Youth Ministry Kick-Off for the 2018-2019 school year. Come to the patio after the 5:00 PM Mass for dinner, a bonfire, games, and to learn about what we have planned for the year. Come to meet new people, reunite with old friends, and get pumped for a new year of youth ministry. All high schoolers are welcome, bring a friend!

HOMELESS SHELTER – We will cook for the homeless shelter in the Education Center kitchen on Monday, September 10th from 4:30-6pm. Meet at St. Francis de Sales on Tuesday, September 11th to serve the food from 4:45-7:pm

HIGH SCHOOL GUYS BIBLE STUDY LEADER – Any men (over 21) have a passion for Scripture and guiding young people in the faith? We are seeking someone to lead a weekly high school guys Bible Study. Please contact e.glass@saintfrancisparish.org if you are interested!

ROSARY GROUP – During the school year, meet in the chapel at 8am on Tuesday morning to pray a teen-led Rosary before school!

5PM MASS – Every Sunday at 5pm, join us in the front 4 left rows to celebrate Mass together. All high school students are welcome!

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

BIBLE STUDY FOR HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS – Join us at Market St. Coffee on Wednesdays from 5-6pm for Bible study.

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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
MAC-PAC (Middle Schoolers Acting in Christ – Prayer, Action, Charity) is for 6th, 7th and 8th graders. The goal is to inspire, to grow our love for God and neighbor, and to provide fellowship for the Middle School youth of St. Francis De Sales. Watch this column for our kick-off date!

Follow Bishop Burbidge

Bishop Burbidge has over 12,200 followers on Twitter! His daily reflections and posts are popular and insightful. Follow him @BishopBurbidge. Want to hear relevant, pastoral inspiration from our Shepherd? Selected homilies of Bishop Burbidge are posted on our YouTube page. Please visit youtube.com/arlingtondiocese.

ST. FRANCIS COUNCIL 11136 NEWS



Next Council Meeting: Our next council business meeting will be on Monday, September 10, at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be abbreviated as we will have an Admission (1st) Degree Ceremony. We will pray our Rosary in the chapel beginning at 6:30 pm. Any parishioner is welcomed to join our Rosary!

Parish Picnic on September 16: On Sunday afternoon, September 16, our Parish will once again hold its annual Parish Picnic. The Knights are looking for a few more volunteers to help out with various tasks that day. If you can volunteer a couple of hours of your time that day, please contact me at tracywbeglau@aol.com. Thank you.

Why Are You A Knight?: Be more than a Knight in name only. We help in the parish, the community and the world. Contact GK Tracy Beglau 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 Tracy Beglau or Chancellor Scott Grimard (Grimster845@gmail.com), or look for any man wearing a Knights of Columbus name badge. The needs are many, but the laborers are few.

May God bless you!

Tracy Beglau, Grand Knight
St. Francis Council #11136
Grandknight11136@gmail.com

ST. THERESA JOB VACANCIES

St. Theresa School in Ashburn is looking for individuals to supplement the substitute teacher workforce. Ideal candidates will enjoy work flexibility, as well as the fulfillment that comes from educating the Catholic leaders of tomorrow.

Please contact us at 703-729-3577 or drop in at our Ashburn campus school office to complete an application packet and obtain further details. All serious inquiries will be welcomed.

Celebrating A Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary This Year?

The annual Marriage Jubilee Mass in the Diocese is a chance for jubilarian anniversary couples (those celebrating 25 and 50 wedding anniversaries) to meet our Bishop and receive a blessing from him. The next one is scheduled for Sunday, October 14. This year the Mass will be at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More. Check your bulletins for information closer to the date. If you are unable to attend or your spouse has recently passed away you may receive a certificate and program by registering through the parish.

What's New for the Women of the Parish?

Monday, September 10 - Women's Council meeting 7pm in the Parish Hall



Join the **Women's Faith Ministry** as we ponder the mysteries of the Rosary together this year. **Tuesday Nights from 7:30 – 9pm.**

We will study one mystery a week and familiarize ourselves with our Bibles. Our hope is that as the months progress, each bead will become its own precious, personal symbol for you- forevermore reminding you of how you encountered Jesus in His Word when you studied that mystery.

The resource we will be using is **Take Up & Read's PONDER, which is available on Amazon.**

There will be time for fellowship, prayer intentions, and to pray that decade of the Rosary together. We will begin with the Joyful Mysteries on September 18th.

To sign up email katiemagin@gmail.com or jen@thehouses.us or call 571-271-2515.

"The ordinary acts we practice every day at home are of more importance to the soul than their simplicity might suggest." — St. Thomas More

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: A Walk through the RCIA Process

How does our parish attract inquirers each year who consider becoming Catholic?

The short answer is you! When any parish has many inquirers year after year, it is the fruit of the Holy Spirit as parish members open their hearts to welcome others. Members of a welcoming and evangelizing community take seriously their call to share the Divine message of salvation. It happens in parish families, in the workplace, in gatherings with friends and neighbors, and in daily contacts. Give thanks to God as he continuously strengthens each of us who seek to do his will in offering a gentle, humble, and clear welcome to the Catholic faith. *"Go out into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature."* (Mark 16:15). For more info, contact James Blankenship at j.blankenship@saintfrancisparish.org

The 26th International Week of Prayer and Fasting

coalition in collaboration with the Marians Fathers, Legion of Mary and Priests for Life, are asking for individuals, families, prayer groups and parishes to unite for nine days (Sept 29 – Oct 7, 2018) of prayer and fasting for the following goals: Conversion of all Peoples and Nations, to Build a Culture of Life, to Defend the Sanctity of Marriage and Family Life, to Pray for Peace and to Implore God's Mercy. Parishes are encouraged to host holy hours, recitation of the Rosary, Masses and some kind of sacrifice or penance during these nine days.

For the opening day, on Saturday, September 29th, please join us at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. from 9 am – 4:30 pm for the International Day of Prayer. Registration is FREE, but please register online at www.iwop.org to receive a free prayer card at the Basilica event.

The Celebrant and Homilist for the noon mass is Bishop Roy Edward Campbell, Jr., Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.

Speakers to date include Father Francis J. Peffley, parochial vicar at St. Mary of Sorrows in Fairfax, Virginia and Colleen Willard, a prolific speaker on life and healing and Ted Flynn author, speaker, and film producer on Catholic issues. We are waiting to confirm other speakers.

For more information visit www.iwop.org or call 888-478-PRAY (7729).

Save the Date
 October 27th 2018
 for a
 Masquerade Ball
 at
 Our 4th Annual
 Bella Notte



The Parish is seeking the donations of quality and/or like new items for the silent/live auctions to be held during this year's Bella Notte fundraising gala on October 27 in the Parish Center. This event is the largest fundraiser of the year for our Parish and is vital toward ensuring that we are able to meet the financial obligations associated with the construction of the Parish Center. Please consider making a donation. Of course, all donations are tax deductible. Please contact Lynne Borneman for inquiries: bornel@aol.com

Interesting St. Francis de Sales Blood Donor Program Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Facts

- The St. Francis de Sales (SFdS) Blood Donor Program (BDP) established with its first blood drive on August 1, 1993
- 128 blood drives conducted by Inova Blood Donor Services, averaging more than five drives per year
- 6,871 units drawn for an average of 53.7 per drive
- Over 20,600 potential recipients provided life-saving blood products
- The first three blood drives were organized by parishioner Becky Wiest with her husband, Paul Wiest's help
- St Francis Council 11136 Knights of Columbus participation began with the program and they sponsored or co-sponsored the blood drives since 1995. They have been the major contributors of the volunteer effort supporting the SFdS BDP and the source 20 percent of the units drawn in the program.
- The parish faith community comprises some 50 percent of the donors and the remainder are friends and neighbors in the local community.
- St. Francis de Sales parishioners, Knights, and local community blood donors are given the opportunity to make blood donations regularly and conveniently in a friendly and neighborly environment
- All are committed to making this awesome self-giving act of kindness, the gift of life.
- The estimated time for the screening process (including registration), donation process (actual donation takes less than 15 minutes!) and 20 minutes recovery and enjoying snacks after your donation is typically less than an hour
- Whole blood donations can be made every 56 days, permitting six per year with carefully scheduled and available blood drives or visits to the nearest blood donor center
- The value of the blood drawn is more than \$1,500,000 based on a rough estimate of \$220 per unit per year spanning these past 25 years.

See ad at right to for info on how to sign up for the 25 Anniversary Blood Drive. You also may sign up at the Knight's Information Table at the Ministry Fair/Parish Picnic, Sunday, September 16.



Parish Homeless Ministry

Join us on the 2nd Saturday of each month as we serve breakfast and lunch to homeless guests alongside the Missionaries of Charity in their DC soup kitchen. Our next visits will be on **Saturday, September 8**, and **Saturday, October 13**, from 8:30 to 11:15am. Volunteer to serve and/or prepare food – this is a rewarding opportunity! Contact Meghan Christian (e-mail below) for details.



On **Saturday, October 13**, from 9 to 11:30am, volunteer with the Archdiocese of Washington's Catholic Charities at the Cup of Joe Breakfast Bagging event in Landover, MD, assembling breakfast bags for the homeless. Without these bags, homeless guests at area shelters would have no morning meal. Enjoy working the fast-paced assembly line for a great cause! Register at www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer/calendar/cup-joe-breakfast-bagging/all/

If you would like info about the Homeless Ministry to be e-mailed directly to you, send a note to MeghanChristian1212@yahoo.com

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only" - James 1:22a

Dear Friends:

Liz Keller still needs a few potential helpers to take her to doctor appointments and errands. Her phone is back in business 540-687-0739. Mine (Kathleen) is 540 338 8094. At this point she will need some names to call if necessary.

Thank you.



St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church Blood Drive

**Sunday, September 23
 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Purcellville Fire Station

500 North Maple Avenue, Purcellville, VA

Inova Blood Donor Services will be in the Fire Station Training Room.

Make your lifesaving appointment today!

Visit <http://bit.ly/StFrancisdeSales0904> to schedule your appointment or call us at 1-866-BLOODSAVES (1-866-256-6372) and use Sponsor Code 3026 or contact Charlie Baldi at (540) 751-1907 or charliebaldi77@gmail.com



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Photo ID required. Allow one hour for your whole blood or double red cell donation.

Blood Donor Preparations:

- At least one week before donating, eat nutritious meals that include iron-rich foods and increase your non-caffeinated fluid intake.
- The day before donation, drink plenty of non-caffeinated fluids and get a good night's sleep.
- The day of donation, drink plenty of water or juice and do not skip any meals.

For more information visit inova.org/donateblood or call 1-866-BLOODSAVES (1-866-256-6372).

* While Supplies Last. Donors must complete screening process during the event to receive the giveaway.

