

Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 19, 2025



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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)

Sunday Mass

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

Daily Mass

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 11am
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 home-bound upon request. Please call the office to let us know your needs.

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Jesus did this at the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. - Jn 2:11



January 24, 2025
The Feast of
St. Francis de Sales

Vespers @ 5 pm
Dinner @ 5:30
"Heaven in your Home"
@ 6 pm

You are invited to an event for the whole family! Vespers in the church followed by pizza and salad dinner provided by the Knights of Colubus. Stay for the Trinity House Gathering and dessert. Baby sitting is available.

Mass Celebrant Schedule

Saturday, January 25

5pm: Fr. Kenna

Sunday, January 26

7am: Fr. Kenna

8:30 am: Fr. Frankline

10:30am: Fr. Frankline

12:15pm: Fr. Gould

5:30pm: Fr. Gould

* note: subject to change

The Gift shop will be open Sunday, February 2 after the 8:30am, 10:30am and 12:15pm Masses. Stop by and check out our lovely Christian gifts!

This Week

Mon., Jan. 20	<u>Book of Revelations</u> 10am, Room 107 <u>OCIA</u> 7pm, Room 206 <u>Women's Council Business Mtg.</u> 6:30pm, Library
Wed., Jan. 22	<u>Catholic Biblical Sch</u> 9:30am & 6:30pm OLVH <u>Holy Hour for Miraculous Medal</u> 7pm <u>That Man is You</u> 7pm, RE building, Rm 202
Fri., Jan., 24	<u>Women's Prayer Group</u> 7am, Chapel <u>Saint Peter Bible Study</u> 9am, Room 107
Sat., Jan. 25	<u>Compassionate Heart of Mary</u> 10am, Library <u>That Man is You</u> 7pm, Room 202 <u>Charismatic Prayer Group</u> 7pm, Church

Masses for the Week

+ deceased	
Sat., Jan 18	Weekday + Gloria Kaminski
9:00 am	
Sat., Jan. 18	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Kristi Larson
5:00 pm	
Sun., Jan. 19	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Catholic Charities Food Pantry Volunteers
7:00 am	
8:30 am	Patricia Sylvester
10:30 am	Jake and Bridget Brodie
12:15 pm	+ Palma Padro
5:30 pm	People of the Parish
Mon., Jan. 20	Weekday
6:30 am	+ Marcella Lippert
8:30 am	+ Larry Randall
Tue., Jan. 21	Saint Agnes
6:30 am	Rory King
8:30 am	+ Barbara Webster
Wed., Jan. 22	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
6:30 am	+ Carl Misuraca
8:30 am	+ Sandy and Helen Muir
Thu., Jan. 23	Weekday
6:30 am	+ Dr. Pablo Leonardo
8:30 am	Maralan O'Neil
Fri., Jan. 24	Saint Francis de Sales
6:30 am	+ Francis and Mary Power
12:00 noon	+ Louis Beck
Sat., Jan 25	Conversion of Saint Paul
9:00 am	+ Jeanne Godfrey
Sat., Jan. 25	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm	+ Hilde Schmidt
Sun., Jan. 26	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 am	People of the Parish
8:30 am	Seth and Angelina McRoberts
10:30 am	+ Dominick and Esther Grande
12:15 pm	+ Norma Padro
5:30 pm	+ William F. Moss, Jr.

Tax deductible donation statements for 2024 will be mailed from our business office by January 31st. Parish Giving will email year end statements. This statement will include any electronic contributions made through Parish Giving. Please contact Laura Burgess, Business Manager via email with any questions: l.burgess@saintfrancisparish.org
Thank you for your generosity and support!

Readings for the Week

Sun:	Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
Mon:	Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22
Tue:	Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/Mk 2:23-28
Wed:	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6
Thu:	Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12
Fri:	Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19
Sat:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-1

Dear Folks,

As I compose this Sunday letter I am sitting on retreat with about twenty-five priests of the diocese. We are staying the wonderful retreat house in White Post, Virginia. The retreat house, San Damiano, sits about thirty minutes from St. Francis De Sales Church. The retreat has served as a lesson on how a priest reviews the providence of God in his service at the altar and among the faithful. More on that in a moment.



Of course, there can be some distractions that effect the soul of the wretched priest on retreat. One poor cleric, behind me, reminded me of a story from St. Therese of the Little Flower. In the case of the French saint was the unnamed religious who would rattle her rosary against the pew as she was lost in her pious devotion. Not so for the future saint of Lisieux caught up in every rattle. The same for me with the hard working cleric, behind me, who with deep breathing, lost to a somber world of sleep... deep sleep. What to do?

So in the next session of the retreat I moved to another seat in the chapel... and so did he. Right behind me. The heavy breathing continued. Life never ends.

Back to the interesting feature of the day. God bless the French. In the seventh century they converted a pagan festival and baptized it as a novel feast day. "Feast of the Ass." Yes, you heard it here first but can find it on Wikipedia for January 14th. In the life of the Lord there are two asses of note. One in the beginning, today's ass, and one at the end... entering Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The great English writer, G.K. Chesterton wrote a poem for the latter and I shall save it for Lent. But today it is the day of the French devotion.

I once delivered a talk to the Knights of Columbus in Northern Virginia, on the Feast of the Ass and commended them to the day as they all carry the Lord to Protect Him as well as carrying Him to present Him to the world. And so I referred to my fellow Knights, in their honorable apostolates as fellow... Asses. They never had me back. Ha! Ha! Ha!

Fairplay for the parishioners with French roots. Two great facets have been given to the Church by the Francophiles of old. First, they are the ones who introduced the image of Mary dressed in blue. Reminds me of another poem (found on Wikipedia)... for another time. The French also introduced a quicker cadence to the Latin hymns unlike their cousins on the Italian peninsula, who crawl their melodic devotions. Both schools of melody can be found at St. Francis De Sales Church each Saturday morning, in the closing of adoration. I say, God bless the French.

In studying the life of the Church there is a certain lessons in anthropology that play out in the homilies of the priest. Some would say the homiletic interests of the clergy bespeaks an entity that walks on three legs: Jesus Christ, Catholic Church, and Morality. And so it does through the many years of service.

But alas, a lesson I learned from a retired priest in my first weeks of priesthood... after my ordination. He reminded me that the newly ordained likes to focus on the Gospels. After some years he expands to a focus on the Old Testament or the writings of Paul. But near the end of his life he focuses

on the Psalms. Nearly forty-four years since my time with Fr. Joseph O'Connor, retired from Newark, I think he had it right all along. Yet, there were three dynamics he missed.

First, the influence of Archbishop Fulton Sheen, who, following the catalyst of *Humanae Vitae*, of Pope Paul VI, modified his talks to include more scripture. The great orator who made a name on Sunday night TV found the secular stories filled with poetry and humor were lacking in the scriptures. As he changed many of the priests changed in their homiletic priorities. The second dynamic was founded on the German Scripture Scholar, Rudolph Bultmann, who admonished all preachers to refrain from any stories of Christ not found in the scriptures. And the Catholics followed. The third dynamic, came after Fr. O'Connor died. It involved the Protestant ministers, later converts to the Catholic Faith, such as Scott Hahn, and John Bergsma, who opened the doors to Patristics. Focus was given on the stories of those who lived in the time of Christ, or their immediate descendants in the first three centuries.

Well there you have it. As priests change in their thoughts so do the parishioners in the pews change in their homes. Nothing like a good old story to charge the hearts and souls in their family lives. Let us pray for one another.

Our thoughts and prayers

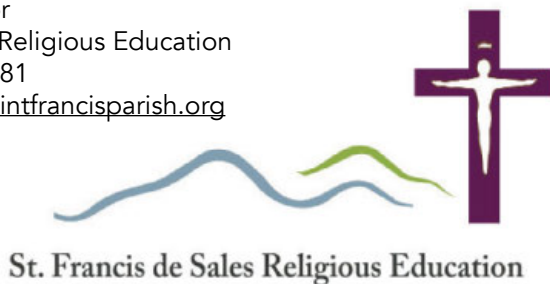
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The Sick: Dominic Corcoran, Mike O'Brien, Sarah Nolan, Liz Keller; Joanne Harrington, Charles Williams, Patricia Naomi Alvarenga, Joe Graber, Christina Huth, Candace Daly, Melissa Jewel, Peggy Johnson, Frederick Campos, Grace Costello, Daniel Ramirez, Cynthia Ramirez, Silvia Vizcarra, Olga Howard, Diane Shirley, Patrick Whipp, Barney Smith, Corinne McHugh, Pam Austrich, Bobby Decker, Maureen Sengpiehl, Jerry Franks, Anthony Gianino, Maria Madigan. Charles Appel, Martha Ruiz, Judith Livingston; Jose Arias, William and Susan De Loziedr, Adam DeWitt, Neda Carpenter, Lisa Salicinas

The Deceased: Kathleen Dragoo, Marianne Hammel, Valerie Danet, Ruth McHenry, Brenda Vinton, Thomas Bradford, Richard King, Dr. Joel Madrid, Mary Anna Strovoy, Mary Louise Oliver, Mary Regina Meaney, G.E Corky Corcoran II, Barbara Curran, Alexander McMinn, Felisa Hight



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St. Francis de Sales Religious Education

Dear Parents,

The Arlington Diocese Office of Faith Formation recommends that parents of religious education students are periodically informed of the progress of their child/children. Next week, St. Francis de Sales religious education program will be sending home progress reports.

Report cards will be handed to parents at the end of classes on January 26, 27, and 29. Please make every effort to pick up the reports for your children.

God bless you and all your dear children. I look forward to getting to know you all better as we continue learning and growing in our beautiful Catholic faith together.

With prayers for all,

Diane and Lea Anne

Starting this week! Two Adult Bible Study programs
(see page 8 of this bulletin for details)

Be sure to mark your 2025 calendars:

Confirmation Interviews will begin January 27

This is for ALL students who will be confirmed this April.
Use the link in the email to sign up for a time slot.

First Penance - February 1

10am – 12noon

Assigned times will be emailed to parents.

First Holy Communion Retreat - Saturday, March 8

1st Holy Communion Parent Meeting will
be held during the retreat.
Time TBD

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY TO THE TRINITY HOUSE COMMUNITY

"Heaven in Your Home" on Friday, January 24 for the feast of Saint Francis de Sales.

Vespers at 5 in the church and dinner in Our Lady of Victory Hall starting at 5:30pm.

This month's topic is focused on scripture and the household economy. Dinner will be provided. Babysitting is available!

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Our parish has a FORMED subscription! It's FREE!

This Week on Formed: a collection of suggested liturgical content for each week of the year.

Paul the Apostle -The Bible Collection The church's greatest enemy became Christ's most prolific messenger. Beautifully shot in the Moroccan desert, Paul the Apostle is a sweeping saga of the man who brought the Gospel to the Western world.

Mass & Confession -There is infinite grace available in every Mass and confession, but our subjective experience may not reflect this objective reality. We need to switch on. The focus of this episode is unlocking more grace from Mass and confession.

Saint Francis de Sales and the Character of a Christian: Devotion (Part 1 of 4) In this four-part series, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Christopher O. Blum sit down to discuss St. Francis de Sales, his best known work "The Introduction to the Devout Life", and the character of a Christian.

Get the **AMEN App** on your phone for daily prayer and inspiration.

**Mark your calendars
VBS 2025 will be July 14-18, 2025**

Religious Education Calendar

WEEK OF JANUARY 19

Sunday **NO CLASS**

Monday **NO CLASS**

Wed 1st Grade-5th Grade - 3:30-4:45pm

WEEK OF JANUARY 26

Sunday Pre-K - 8th Grades, RCIT -9-10:15am

9th - 12th Grades (Fr. Gould) - 4-5pm

Monday K - 8th Grades 5-6:15pm

Wed 1st Grade-5th Grade - 3:30-4:45pm



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SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT: ALL high schoolers and friends are invited to Youth Nights most Sundays from **6:30-8pm** in room 213. Deepen your relationship with God, learn more about Jesus, and grow your desire for life-long discipleship with Him. Friends are always welcome! There is no Youth Night on January 19th. Our next Youth Night is **January 26th**.

COLLEGE MEET-UP

Hey collegiates... let's catch up! Meet for Mass in the front left on **Tuesday, February 4th**. Then we'll head to The Purcellville Pub for complimentary pancakes and eggs! Spread the word and bring a friend!



QUICKSBURG, VA - JUNE 21-27, 2025

We are currently recruiting teens and adult volunteers for WorkCamp!

- High schoolers currently in grades 9-12 will attend monthly preparation meetings, fundraising events, Tool Training, and the

entire week of camp.

- Adults may volunteer in Quicksburg for flexible shifts, as a Contractor (license not required) Monday-Thursday, or the entire week as an Adult Crew Leader! There are also opportunities at the parish level!

Learn more at saintfrancisparish.org AND arlingtondiocese.org/youth-ministry/workcamp.

Email WorkCamp Stakeholder Kay Fennell with questions or to get registered fennellkay@gmail.com!

MOUNT2000 – WAIT LISTED!

This powerful high school Eucharistic Retreat, hosted and led by the seminarians of Mount St. Mary's, is **February 7-9th** in Emmitsburg, MD. Unfortunately, we are currently on the waitlist. Please let me know if you are interested in attending, should spots open up.



Youth Ministry is looking for adults 21 yrs+ to assist with Sunday Youth Nights, WorkCamp, and many other youth events throughout the year. Reach out if interested!

Follow Us On **SOCIAL MEDIA**

@sfdsyouthministry
 @sfdsyouthministry

WEBPAGE: saintfrancisparish.org/teen-faith-youth-group/
 REMIND: remind.com/join/a4d636 or text @a4d636 to 81010 for text reminders and event updates.

Quo Vadis and FIAT Camps Registration Lottery

Quo Vadis Days and FIAT Camps are great opportunities for Catholic high school students (current freshmen through seniors) to have fun while deepening their faith and exploring their vocations. Quo Vadis (for boys) is staffed by Arlington seminarians, priests and religious, and runs July 13-17. FIAT (for girls) is staffed by religious sisters runs July 20-24. Both are held at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. The registration lottery will be open February 3-28; only one entry per person is needed, and it can be done anytime between Feb. 3-28. See the videos and photos from past years, get more information and register for the lottery at ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis or ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT.



SHELTER COOKING & SERVING

High schoolers, meet in the kitchen to **cook** for the Loudoun County Homeless Shelter on

Monday, February 11th from 5:00-6:30pm **RSVP required before 2pm!**

High schoolers, meet at the Loudoun County Homeless Shelter to serve dinner to the guests on **Tuesday, February 12th from 5:30-7:00pm**. **RSVP required before 2pm!**

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are **YOUNG**, but set an **EXAMPLE** for the believers in **SPEECH**, in **CONDUCT**, in **LOVE**, in **FAITH** and in **PURITY**.
 1 Timothy 4:12

St. Francis Council 11136 News



THANK YOU SFDS PARISHIONERS: Thank you to all parishioners that contributed to our Knight's Share Sunday. Last weekend, we collected and delivered **1,796 pounds of food** donations to Catholic Charities Food Bank – PLUS – **\$425** in cash and Wegman's gift card donations. Thanks to you, our parishioners, the SFDS knights have collected and delivered a total of **14,162 pounds of food** – plus – **\$3,205** in cash and gift card donations so far this fiscal year, which began in July 1st. May God Bless you for your generosity.

EXCERPTS FROM THE KNIGHTS' SUPREME CHAPLAIN, ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM E. LORI REGARDING THE HOLY FATHER ANNOUNCING THAT 2025 WILL BE A JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE: "What is hope? Is it wishful thinking? Does it rely on optimistic predictions too good to be true? Is it a belief that somehow everything will turn out fine? No, hope is not airy optimism. It does not mean that we will be spared illness, financial hardship, rejection, or even having our worst fears come true. Rather, amid life's joys and sorrows, its aspirations and anxieties, the virtue of hope fixes our gaze upon something that appears at the forefront of our minds and in the depths of our hearts: something so good that it could not be better. Hope is our deepest yearning for that reality, enabling us to receive it and to discover at length that it has a name, a face, an identity: Jesus, the Son of God and the Son of Mary, the One 'who loved us and handed himself over for us' (Eph 5:2). If this is who God is, and if this God is on our side, who and what can be against us? (cf. Rom 8:31). Finally, it is when hope overtakes us that we begin opening doors of hope for others. As the family of the Knights of Columbus, we know something about this. Our first principle is charity, which is the key to hope. When we love, and when we experience love, our hearts are opened. That is why the service we render to the widow, the orphan, and to those in need opens doors of hope every day. In this Holy Year, may you experience the 'hope [that] does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts' (Rom 5:5)."

KNIGHTS ALERT!! BE ADVISED – Be on the lookout for your 2025 dues notification. You can pay your dues one of four ways: (1) Bring your dues to a knight's meeting; (2) mail your dues to the knight's P.O. box; (3) drop your dues in the knight's mailbox by the stairwell leading to knight's hall; or (4) via ZELLE.

ROSARY PROGRAM. Come join the Knights in praying the Rosary in the small chapel on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 7 pm. Everyone and anyone is welcome to pray the Rosary with the Knights! To quote Father Gould, "Let us pray for one another" -and- as we say, "let us pray with one another."

The SFDS Knights have many wonderful, faithful, and inspiring programs; there's bound to be something that would appeal to our Parish Catholic Men. If you are interested in finding out more about the Knights and our programs, please contact Grand Knight Michael Carducci (gksf11136@gmail.com). To become a Knight, contact either Grand Knight Michael Carducci or Brother Knight Richard Jacob (jakeman58@aol.com). All Catholic men 18 years of age or older are eligible to become a Knight,

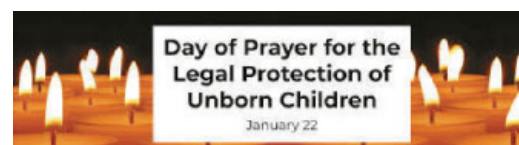
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Compassionate Heart of Mary

Bereavement Support Group
Saturday, January 25
@ 10am in the Library

If you are grieving a spouse, family member, or friend, whether recently or some time ago, or you know someone who is grieving, please call us for more info, Laura Burgess at 703-727-7117



Life Fest – January 23-24, 2025

This January, all are invited to Life Fest at EagleBank Arena in Fairfax to prayerfully prepare for the March for Life! The Diocese of Arlington's Life is VERY Good is joining forces with the Sisters of Life and Knights of Columbus to offer two new events with one united vision. The Night of Praise will be on Thursday, January 23 from 7- 9:45pm and the Morning Rally and Mass will be on Friday, January 24 from 8-11am. Tickets are on sale now! For more information please visit www.lifefestrally.com



Homeless Ministry

The homeless ministry is thankful for all the volunteers who have given time and talent to help the hungry and homeless.



• Missionary Sisters of Charity in

Anacostia – Serve between 60 and 100 meals.

o We prepare and serve meals every 2nd Saturday of the month. All donated items are due to Knights Hall the preceding Thursday by 2pm.

o Items due **February 6**; meal delivered and served

February 8

Join us in works of charity by signing up to purchase items, prepare the main dish, 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
- Carie Losinski: skigators@me.com

Catholic Lending Library

In the narthex there is a Catholic lending library. The goal is simple: to get good Catholic resources into the hands and homes of our parishioners. If you see a book you like, take it. If you have a book you want to share, leave it. All books are free and there is no check out system. Read on!

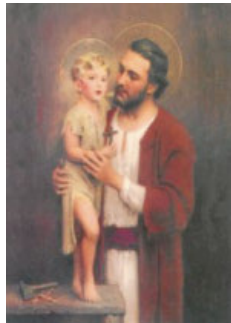
FATHERS RAISING SAINTS

PREPARING OUR KIDS TO BATTLE SECULARISM

Join us for our February meeting!

TOPIC: AUTHENTIC MASCULINITY

We are facing a “man crisis” today in the Catholic Church, and a crisis concerning masculinity in the larger society. Authentic masculinity means to live for excellence. Authentic masculinity is found in fatherhood, taken in the form of being a protector and provider.



WHAT: A new group created for fathers to interact, network, and share knowledge to be strong examples of our Catholic faith and morals for their children.

WHEN: February 11th 7:30 PM

WHERE: SFDS - Knights Hall

RSVP: knights11136@gmail.com

“Devotion is a certain act of the will by which man gives himself promptly to divine service.” **St. Thomas Aquinas**

Sponsored by your SFDS Knights of Columbus, however you do not need to be a Knight to attend. To sign up to be on our emailing list about monthly events respond to: knights11136@gmail.com

Women's Council Corner

“...For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me and holy is his name”. Luke 1:48-49



Next Planning Meeting

Monday, January 20, 6:30pm,
Parish Education Center, Library

All women are invited to our business meeting where we plan our spectacular socials & special events and discuss current news. We welcome your ideas. Join us and Fr. Gould for the Rosary for Ukraine in the Church after the meeting.



Next Social Event - Holy Jeopardy and

Chocolate Tasting Monday, February 3rd, 7pm
Parish Education Center

Test your pop culture knowledge with some holy jeopardy trivia while sampling chocolates. Bring some chocolate and a friend!

Women's Council is seeking volunteers to join our Executive Team as President, Secretary, and Marketing Chair for a 2 year term starting July 2025 (election in May 2025). Please see our website for a description of the volunteer officer roles. We will help you get up to speed! If you are interested in finding out more, please email us or come to our next Business Meeting.



Please check our website for more details on each event. Also visit our website for a list of useful spiritual references.
saintfrancisparish.org/womens-council

Inova



Inova Blood Donor Services

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church Blood Drive



Sunday, January 19, 2025

8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Hall

37730 St. Francis Ct., Purcellville, VA

Contact

Mark Furman

furmanma@outlook.com

Donate and receive an exclusive Inova sweatshirt*.

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Calling all women of the parish: you are invited to join the Catholic Women's book club at SFDS, a ministry for women to grow deeper in their faith and friendships in their parish community. We meet once a month on Friday mornings 9:30am- 11am. We offer childcare to accommodate moms with young children.

Book schedule:

- Friday, February 14: Climbing the Mountain: Discovering Your Path to Holiness by Anne a lay apostle, Bill Quinn
 - Friday, March 7: Excerpts from Monastery and High Cross: The Forgotten Eastern Roots of Irish Christianity by Connie Marshner (special guest!) and Confessio by Saint Patrick
 - Friday, April 11: Be Brave in the Sacred by Mary Lenaburg
 - Friday, May 9: No Greater Love by Mother Teresa
- To register or for more information, email Elise Daniel at eliseamx@gmail.com.

Women's Prayer Group

The purpose of the Women's Prayer Group is to reflect on Sundays Gospel Reading and to seek spiritual growth together as we pray, pray, pray. All prayers are welcome: thanksgiving, praise, forgiveness, parish and personal intentions. We hope you can join us Friday mornings, 7-8am in the Chapel. Contact Jean Stanley at jeanmariestanley@gmail.com

Calling All Contractors and Tradespeople: Join Our Parish Resource List!

Dear Parishioners,

As a parish, we are blessed with many talented and skilled individuals, and we are looking to compile a list of **contractors, tradespeople, and skilled professionals** who would be willing to offer their time and expertise when needed.

Whether your talents lie in **plumbing, electrical work, carpentry, painting, landscaping, general maintenance**, or any other trade, we would love to be able to call on you for advice, consultation, or assistance with parish projects as they arise. By joining this resource list, you would help ensure that **Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church** continues to maintain its facilities in a cost-effective way, allowing us to focus more of our resources on serving our community and living out our mission.

If you are interested in being added to this list, please contact **Rick Smith, Facilities Manager** at r.smith@saintfrancisparish.org or by phone at **540-338-6381 Ext 133**. Whether you can occasionally offer your time or simply provide valuable guidance, your contribution would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your consideration and for being part of our parish family!

God bless,

Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church



*If interested in joining a Bible Study please contact
Jeanne at jeannelamana@gmail.com*

Saint Peter Study: 10 sessions

Friday mornings from 9-10:30am beginning January 24

Our story of St. Peter begins with an ordinary act of trust, which changes the course of Peter's life. By deciding to follow Jesus Christ, an unknown fisherman becomes a key player in God's plan of salvation for humanity. Video footage will be viewed to get a closer look at the town of Capernaum and Galilee, where Peter worked and lived. We'll discover the significance of that geographical area to Jesus' teaching and works. An examination of Peter's experiences will be made of what it truly means to follow Christ and to seek forgiveness. We will learn and spiritually grow from the way Peter and the Apostles are challenged to face the conflict between faith and fear and are taught to walk in Trust. We will bring to light the joyful cost of discipleship and, as we uncover his experiences in Rome, be in awe of this Saints Way of the Cross.

The Book of Revelations: 11 Sessions

Monday mornings from 10-11:30 beginning January 20

This study will reveal how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the Kingdom of Heaven. Together we will pull back the veil on the rich, sometimes confusing, symbolism present in Revelation. Discover what the mysterious figures and images mean and see how Revelation is more than just an apocalyptic vision of the "end times." We will clearly understand how God, the Divine Bridegroom, and the Church, his spotless bride, enter into a heavenly, holy, and mystical marriage every time we celebrate Mass.

Both classes are held in Room 107 of the Parish Education Building.

A flyer for a Valentine's event. At the top, it says "PLEASE JOIN THE JOYFUL CHILD ATRIUM FUNDRAISER" in red. Below that, "Valentine's" is written in a large, red, serif font, followed by "Desserts + Dance" in a red, cursive font. The event is on "FEBRUARY 14, 2025" from "7:00-10:00 PM" at "CASANEL WINERY, 17956 Canby Rd., Leesburg, VA 20175". The dress code is "Smart Casual". The event features a "Gourmet Dessert Buffet", "Swing Dance Lessons", and a "Silent Auction". Tickets are "\$125/COUPLE OR \$45/PERSON" and are tax deductible. The website "www.thejoyfulchildatrium.com" is listed at the bottom. The flyer is decorated with several red hearts.

around the Diocese ...

Holy Year 2025 Pilgrims of Hope

As the Holy Year 2025 approaches, Bishop Burbidge joins with Pope Francis in encouraging the faithful to join in this celebration of the universal Church. May we call to mind the journey we walk in this earthly life towards eternity and consider the ways we can celebrate locally. Visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/holy-year-2025 for Vatican and Diocesan events.



People in need can find help on our website www.cdda.net/ with food, housing, medical care, counseling, legal assistance, and other services, click on 'Need Help'. Visitors will find opportunities to serve the poor under 'Give Help' or donate by clicking on 'Support Us.' This website features compelling images, resources, current events and news, and described Catholic Charities' more than 20 programs and locations, as well as the Catholic principles that inform its work.

"All good and all transformative love comes from the cross. We thought it was the best way to convey the ongoing and never-ending love of Christ that animates Catholic Charities and our Church." - Former President and CEO Art Bennett

Join us for the 43rd Catholic Charities Ball!

Bishop Michael F. Burbidge and Catholic Charities invite you to join us Friday, February 7, 2025, for the 2025 Catholic Charities Ball. The annual winter event, beginning at 6pm at The Ritz-Carlton in Tysons Corner, McLean, is an opportunity for Catholics and friends to come together to celebrate the ministries of Catholic Charities and renew support for continuing its work. Purchase a table, a seat, or make a donation to help us reach our goal of \$1.6 million, by visiting cdda.net/ball. Please RSVP by January 24.

Pastoral Resources for Those Suffering After Miscarriage, Infertility & Infant Loss

For those who are suffering the cross of infertility and miscarriage, you are not alone. Visit the diocesan website for a list of resources to support you and your family during your most difficult days. www.arlingtondiocese.org/find-support/miscarriage-and-infant-loss/

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

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UPCOMING DIOCESAN CONFERENCES

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2025 – "Journey of Hope"

All women of the Diocese of Arlington are invited to join us on March 15th at the 2025 Women's Conference, with the theme **"Journey of Hope"**. The Conference will feature speakers Laura Phelps, speaker and author from "Walking with Purpose", and Sr. Mary Elizabeth Albers, SOLT, vocations servant for the SOLT sisters, as well as Mass celebrated by our shepherd, the Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge. The day will end with a Q&A featuring the Bishop and the two speakers.

Register today at arlingtondiocese.org/event/women.
Early-bird price for the conference is \$65! (\$85 after Feb. 7th)

MEN'S CONFERENCE 2025 – "Anchored in Hope"

All men of the Diocese of Arlington are invited to join us on March 8th at the 2025 Men's Conference, with the theme **"Anchored in Hope"**. The Conference will feature speakers Michael Warsaw, President & CEO of EWTN, and John Cuddeback, professor at Christendom College and founder of LifeCraft, as well as Mass celebrated by our shepherd, the Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge. The day will end with a Q&A featuring the Bishop and the two speakers. For more information and to register, head over to arlingtondiocese.org/men! See you there!

Early-bird price for the Conference is \$65 (\$85 after Feb. 7th)

Into the Deep: A Young Adult Men's Silent Retreat

Your effectiveness depends on the conformity of your will with God's. Are you ready to take the next step? When the Lord invites you to "put out into deep waters" (Lk 5:4), He wants to make you more fully His instrument to accomplish His works. And the works of God do not crumble with the passing of time - they last for all eternity. All young adult men (ages 19-35) are invited to join Fr. Christopher Christenson for a three day long silent retreat at San Damiano Spiritual Life Center February 14-16, 2025. Register today: arlingtondiocese.org/event/into-the-deep-a-young-adult-mens-silent-retreat/

Holy Father Prayer Intentions for JANUARY

For the right to an education.

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected

Prayer

Dear God, help me to do everything you say. I know you can do anything.

Mission for the Week

What does Jesus tell you to do in his word, the Bible? Find out by reading the Bible for 15 minutes a day with your family. You could start by reading Luke.

Sharing the Gospel

Mary had great faith in God. She also knew that God could do anything. So when the wedding servers ran out of wine, she knew Jesus could help. She said, "Do whatever Jesus tells you to do." That's the smartest thing any of us can do.

Now color
the picture!



Find the two identical jars.

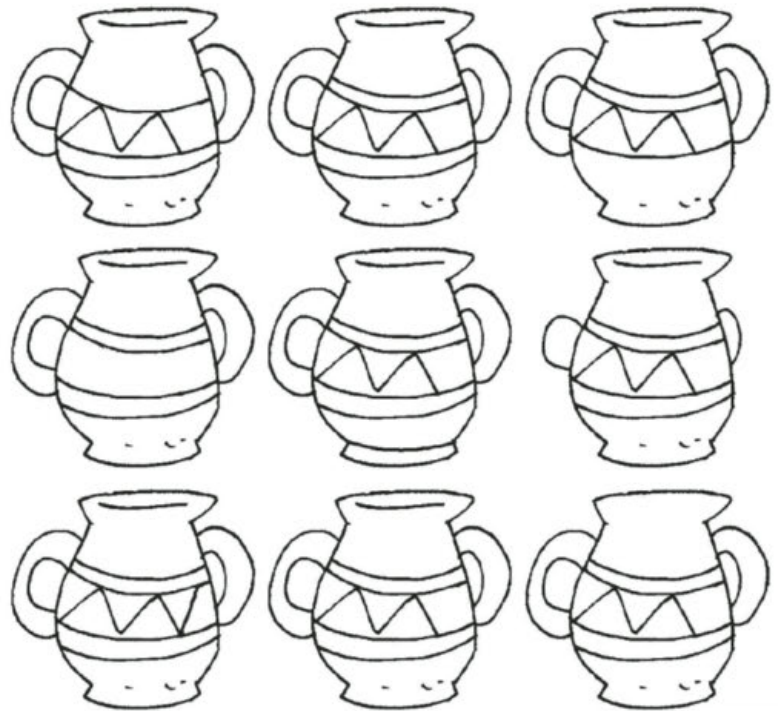


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