

# Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 9, 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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In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.  
- Ps 138



Parish website

[www.saintfrancisparish.org](http://www.saintfrancisparish.org)

Live Stream

[www.youtube.com/@Saintfrancisparishpurcellville](http://www.youtube.com/@Saintfrancisparishpurcellville)

*Mass Celebrant Schedule*

**Saturday, February 15**

5pm: Fr. Kenna

**Sunday, February 16**

7am: Fr. Kenna

8:30 am: Fr. Frankline

10:30am: Fr. Frankline

12:15pm: Fr. Gould

5:30pm: Fr. Gould

\* note: subject to change

*Abounding in Hope*



**2025 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL (BLA) BEGINS!**

The 2025 BLA mailing was recently sent to parishioners. After reflecting upon the blessings God has given you, please prayerfully consider a pledge. Sharing your gifts with the 40+ ministries and programs funded by the BLA truly impacts the lives of thousands across our diocese. You make a gift at [www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA) or scan the QR code



*This Week*

Mon., Feb. 10 Book of Revelations 10am, Room 107  
OCIA 7pm, Room 206  
KofC Business Meeting 7:30pm  
KofC Rosary 7pm, Chapel

Wed., Feb. 12 Catholic Biblical Sch 9:30am & 6:30pm OLVH  
Young Adult Group 6:30pm, Room 107  
Holy Hour for Miraculous Medal 7pm  
That Man is You 7pm, RE building, Rm 202

Fri., Feb. 14 Women's Prayer Group 7am, Chapel  
Saint Peter Bible Study 9am, Room 107

*Masses for the Week*

+ deceased

Sat., Feb. 8

9:00 am

Sat., Feb. 8

5:00 pm

Sun., Feb. 9

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:30 pm

Mon., Feb. 10

6:30 am

8:30 am

Tue., Feb. 11

6:30 am

8:30 am

Wed., Feb. 12

6:30 am

8:30 am

Thu., Feb. 13

6:30 am

8:30am

Fri., Feb. 14

6:30 am

12:00 noon

Sat., Feb. 15

9:00 am

Sat., Feb. 15

5:00 pm

Sun., Feb. 16

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:30 pm

**Weekday**

+ Doris Rogalski

**Vigil: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

+ Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Oliveri

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

+ Michael Konopa

Michael and Tabitha Carr

People of the Parish

Anna Paul

+ Lorraine Rutzel

**Saint Scholastica**

Patricia Gaylord

+ Burke and Dorothy Hertz

**Weekday**

Odin King

+ Dr. Joel Madrid

**Weekday**

Michael Kropat

+ Roger Jacobs

**Weekday**

+ Helen and George Rutzel

+ Roger Jacobs

**Saints Cyril, Monk and Mtehodus**

+ Roberta O'Neil

Brendan Shields

**Weekday**

William Beatty

**Vigil: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

+ Alvin Whitman

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In thanksgiving for prayers answered

Justin and Kristina Mentzer

+ Philip Muroski

People of the Parish

+ Dr. Paul Scheweisthal

**Tax deductible donation statements** for 2024 were 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](mailto:l.burgess@saintfrancisparish.org)  
Thank you for your generosity and support!

*Readings for the Week*

Sun: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

Mon: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c//Mk 6:53-56

Tue: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13

Wed: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/ Mk 7:14-23

Thu: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30

Fri: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37

Sat: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-1

Dear Folks,

Top of the morning on this lovely Tuesday morning before you read this letter on the Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time. The sky is overcast with the balmy temperature of 53 degrees. heat wave compared to the last three weeks. The forecast speaks of four inches of snow and a second storm to follow for those Virginians who survive Wednesday fiasco.



The coming snow may prove very difficult for the two funerals slated for Friday. God bless one and all. Let us pray for one another.

Many may not have noticed it but the Commonwealth may be slipping into a nasty health crisis with the return of Covid, an upswing in the flu, and something identified as rinovirus. The latter often bespeaks an unknown/unidentified pulmonary attack that is really nasty. Should any of these fevers reach to your homes please feel free to join us on Youtube... St. Francis De Sales Catholic Church in Purcellville, VA. [Saintfrancisparish.org](http://Saintfrancisparish.org).

I am currently enjoying one of the most enjoyable times of the year. Time for the Confirmation interviews with the kids soon to be confirmed. We use the Religion Clock for the personal interviews with the kids... and their parents. And all are asked to say the Act of Contrition. A most enjoyable time when I ask the parents which Saint's name they used for their confirmation. A walk through memory lane until I realize I was at their confirmation when they were young. So much fun and so much to expect from the Holy Spirit to walk us through the trials that face us in the times we live.

If you are interested you can find the "Religion Clock on the parish website for the CCD office. Good hunting.

Thank you for donations towards Fr. Frankline's car. See photo below!

Speaking of Good hunting. We are soon to meet the challenges of the annual Bishops Lenten Appeal. Please, please, please be attentive to this most important collection. Did I say please? In the past twenty to thirty of our families have given to the collection. We need a better response. So... please, please, please be attentive to the collection. God bless you and may the angels watch over you. Let us pray for one another.



## Join Us For Our Lenten Fish Fry!



Every Friday evening during Lent  
**FIRST DINNER IS MARCH 7!!**

3:30 - 7:30 pm

Menu and Pre-orders will be  
available on our website  
[saintfrancisparish.org/lenten-fish-fry](http://saintfrancisparish.org/lenten-fish-fry)

dine-in • take out • curbside available

*Our thoughts and prayers  
are with ...*



**Our Military Members:** SGT Peter Audi, PFC Stephen G. Beard, LTC Andrew Cahan, Mary Elizabeth Castaneda, SGT Ernesto G. Castro, LCpl Paul Cotter, LT Scott Cypher, CPT Ryan Patrick Godfrey, 1LT Alexandra Goodnow, Captain Ryan Patrick Grady, 2LT Patrick Gutierrez, PO2 Robin Hunt, Christopher Largent (Army), MAJ Jamie (Jovene) Liddle, PFC Joseph Jovene, MAJ Vincent Jovene, USAF Mary Catherine Kuegler, CPT Rachel (Jovene) Malletts, LTC Chuck Marshall, SFC Tim Marshall, Blaise Mason (Army), Sam A. Mason (Army), 1st LT Caleb Magowan, PFC Brian McWilliams, SPC Kenneth Kyle McWilliams (Army Reserve National Guard), CPT Ross Mentzer, Kyle Minogue (Air Force), Marine Nate Nelms, Kristin Ober (Air Force), Marine Anthony Oliverio, 2LT Jonathan Owen, Lcpl John Owen Patterson, PFC Jorge Pedroza, Gy Sgt Jose O. Ruiz Pedroza, Army John Pileulsley, CPT Brendan Printup. Joe Pultrio, CWO Jason Runner, 1LT Matthew Ryan, LT Michael Tappe, LCpl Frankie Thyson, Shahin Uddin (Army), SSgt Marnie Wickman, A1C Joshua Wilk, 1LT Jared Willard, Col. Theodore White, Andrew Yevoli (Air Force), LT Colin Conahue; Seaman Ryan Knowles, COL Therese Kreutzberg, 2nd LT Seth R. McRoberts; LT Colin Donohue; WO Paul Adam; 2L Matthew Owen; LT Alex Bissell

**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, Martha Ruiz, Judith Livingston; Jose Arias, William and Susan De Lozierd, Adam DeWitt, Neda Carpenter, Lisa Salicinas

**The Deceased:** Marianne Hammel, Valerie Danet, Ruth McHenry, Brenda Vinton, Thomas Bradford, Richard King, Dr. Joel Madrid, Mary Anna Strovoy, Mary Louise Oliver, Mary Regina Meaney, Dr. Paul Schweisthal, G.E Corky Corcoran II, Barbara Curran, Alexander McMinn, Felisa Hight, Norma Jean Early; Charles Appel

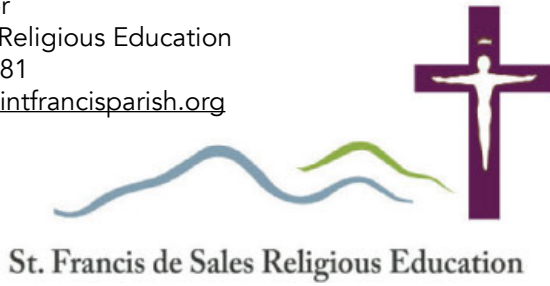
*1st Banns of Marriage*

**Stewart Davis, Jr. and Christina Hampton**  
Exchange of Vows March 1, 2025

*3rd Banns of Marriage*

**Benjamin Borneman and Mary Elizabeth Foss**  
Exchange of Vows February 15, 2025

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Dear Parents,

A huge appreciation to Father Gould and Father Kenna who, on Saturday, heard confessions from 73 of our students preparing for their First Holy Communion this spring. There were a lot of happy faces coming out of the church! Thank you, parents and teachers for helping to prepare the children.

**This is the final week for Confirmation Interviews!**  
Contact the RE office if you have not scheduled a time.

**First Holy Communion Retreat**

1st Holy Communion Parent Meeting will be held during the retreat.  
Mandatory Meeting for parents and students  
Saturday, March 8, 2025  
Mass at 9 am, Retreat 10am-12pm

Homeless Shelter Cooking, Discipleship opportunities for 7th and 8th grades:  
Monday, February 10, Starting at 6:20pm  
Education Building Kitchen  
Delivery and serving: Tuesday, February 11.  
Contact Diane Taylor for details. [D.taylor@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:D.taylor@saintfrancisparish.org)

Save the Date! Trinity House Community, Heaven in Your Home  
Saturday, March 22  
Topic: Family Culture, 6-8 pm in Our Lady of Victory Hall.

*"The means to unite yourself to God, chiefly, the use of the sacraments and prayer." ~St. Francis de Sales*

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

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**VBS 2025 will be July 14-18, 2025**  
**The theme for this summer's camp is**  
***Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity***  
**Watch for the sign up for volunteers next week.**  
**Registration for campers will begin May 1.**



**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.

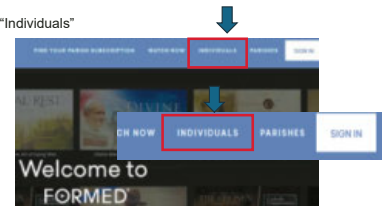
Sts. Benedict and Scholastica | Littlest Saints A pair of holy twins, a cave, and a group of naughty monks... this is the story of Saint Benedict and Saint Scholastica.

The Bible (Part 2) | What Catholics Believe  
Join Dr. Mark Giszczak as he answers some of the Internet's most popular questions about the Bible. What is the difference between the Old Testament and the New Testament? Do Catholics read the Bible? Find out in this episode of What Catholics Believe.

Catholic Community Man was not made to be alone; faith is something we live together. If you don't already have Catholic community, join one or build your own. The focus of this episode is getting around other Catholics.

Sign Up with FORMED

1. Go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)
2. On the top of the screen, click on "Individuals"



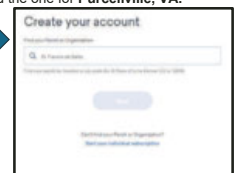
3. Type in your email.
4. Hit the "Submit" button.



You will now create an account. Don't worry, it is still free!

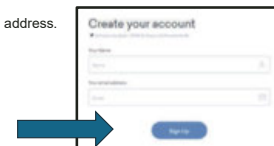
5. Find your parish. Type in **St. Francis de Sales\*** and find the one for **Purcellville, VA.** Click on it. Click "Next"

\*If the correct parish name does not appear as one of the options, try refreshing your screen. This might have to be done several times.



6. Fill out your name and email address. Click "Sign Up".

Congratulations! You are in!  
Enjoy watching.



Please contact Diane Taylor, DRE if you have any trouble with signing up.

## Religious Education Calendar

### WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9

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

### WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16 - NO CLASSES



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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 **February 9th**. Our next Youth Night is **February 16th**.



**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY**

Teens will collect donations after all masses on **February 8th-9th** that will pay for the monthly meals we cook and serve at the Loudoun Homeless Shelter this year.

The shelter feeds 110 guests every night in the cold winter months. Please be generous.



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!

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

Follow Us On **SOCIAL MEDIA**

@sfdsyouthministry  
 @sfdsyouthministry

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



**TEEN REGISTRATION CLOSES FEBRUARY 14TH**

WorkCamp will be in Quicksburg, VA June 21-27th

- **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 for flexible shifts as a Home-base or Security Volunteer, work on a job site Monday-Thursday as a Contractor (license not required), or spend the entire week as an Adult Crew Leader! There are also opportunities here at the parish level.
- Learn more at [www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth-ministry/workcamp/](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth-ministry/workcamp/)
- Register at [saintfrancisparish.org](http://saintfrancisparish.org)
- Email WorkCamp Stakeholder Kay Fennell [fennelkay@gmail.com](mailto:fennelkay@gmail.com) with questions.

**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](http://ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis) or [ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT](http://ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT).

## St. Francis Council 11136 News



**SHROVE TUESDAY (MARCH 4th)** – Once again, the SFDS knights and Women's council will be partnering to bring you a Shrove Tuesday dinner leading into Lent which begins with Ash Wednesday (March 5th). The Shrove Dinner will be held in Knights Hall from 5-6:30pm and will consist of pancakes, sausages and bratwurst/potato/onion recipe with coffee, iced tea, and lemonade. Please come join us as we celebrate the upcoming Lent season.

**CALLING ALL CATHOLIC MEN - KNIGHTS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE WEEKEND:** Next weekend, the SFDS knights will be holding a membership drive after all masses. 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 learning more about the Knights and our programs, please come meet and talk to any of the knights at this weekend's pancake breakfast or any of the knights that will be available after each mass next weekend. We look forward to talking to you.

**NOTABLE KNIGHT – JUDGE IGNACIO SEPULVEDA** – In 1905, the Knights expanded into Mexico to establish the Guadalupe Council 1050. Judge Ignacio Sepulveda, who served as the first Mexican council's grand knight. The ceremony was held in the home of General John Frisbie, Sr., a Mexican-American War veteran.

**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](mailto:gksf11136@gmail.com)). To become a Knight, contact either Grand Knight Michael Carducci or Brother Knight Richard Jacob ([jakeman58@aol.com](mailto:jakeman58@aol.com)). All Catholic men 18 years of age or older are eligible to become a Knight, and it is easier than ever - go to <https://kofc.org/join> or scan the QR code below and with just a few entries you will be a member of the Knights of Columbus!

Michael Carducci, Grand Knight  
St Francis Council # 11136,  
[gksf11136@gmail.com](mailto:gksf11136@gmail.com); [www.kofc11136.org](http://www.kofc11136.org)



## **SAVE THE DATE**

**TALENT SHOW 2025**  
SAT. FEBRUARY 22ND AT 7PM

**OUR LADY OF VICTORY HALL**

Calling all parishioners 16 years and older.  
Do you have a talent you'd like to showcase?

Submit your entry form now!

ENTRY FORM WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE  
AND IN THE NARTHEX  
BEGINNING IN FEBRUARY.

### **BRING THE FAMILY!!**

Parishioners are welcome to come and enjoy the LIVE entertainment. A time to just have fun and share fellowship.

Light refreshments served.

## **World Marriage Day – Feb. 9, 2025**

### **How will you celebrate?**

- Tell your spouse, "I love you!"
- Give your spouse a hug.
- Take your spouse to a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience and learn how to live your best life in love.
  - o March 7 - 9 Rehoboth Beach, DE
  - o March 14 -16 Jessup, MD and Ocean City, NJ
  - o March 21-23 Emerald Isle, NC

For more information or to register, go to [WWME.org](http://WWME.org), click "Apply" and search for your desired location.

### **THE MINISTRY OF PRAISE**

St. Francis de Sales' group of dedicated people of prayer, is on its third decade of service. The Ministry of Praise is a Spiritual Ministry in which prayer, joys and suffering are offered to God for the salvation of souls. Membership includes the sick, the handicapped, the homebound and senior citizens. We are currently inviting anyone interested in joining our team of pray-ers to contact Leslie Sheldon at the parish office [Lsheldon@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:Lsheldon@saintfrancisparish.org) (please designate Ministry of Praise on e-mail). Those who wish to have concerns prayed for may write their prayers and slip them into the Ministry of Praise box attached to the wall in the Narthex. You can also send the request on-line. Visit our webpage at [www.saintfrancisparish.org/prayer-requests/](http://www.saintfrancisparish.org/prayer-requests/) to fill out the form.

### **Holy Father Prayer Intentions for FEBRUARY**

#### **For vocations to the priesthood and religious life**

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

## 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 **March 6**; meal delivered and served

### March 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

- Fran Beebe [franbeebe7@gmail.com](mailto:franbeebe7@gmail.com)
- Carie Losinski: [skigators@me.com](mailto:skigators@me.com)

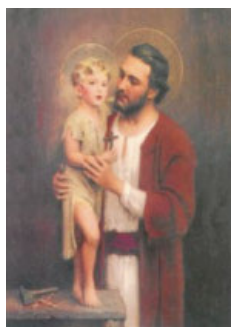
## FATHERS RAISING SAINTS

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](mailto: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](mailto: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, February 17th**, 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 - TBD - Monday, March 3rd @ 7pm

Women's Council is seeking a volunteer to join our Executive Team as Secretary 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](http://saintfrancisparish.org/womens-council)



New to the parish or not getting our emails? Email us at [womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com](mailto:womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com) to be added to our directory.

The Women's Council is seeking a volunteer to join our Executive Team for a 2-year term starting in July. The current Executives will work side-by-side with you to help ensure a smooth and thorough transition. If you are interested in finding out more, contact Sandy Regan at (540) 270-4411, email us at [womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com](mailto:womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com), or come to our next Business Meeting on February 17th.



CHRSM (Catholic Homeschool Resource & Support Ministry) is a thriving homeschool ministry at our parish.

We meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:15-3:15 in the Parish Education Center and offer classes for PreK-12th grade students.

We are currently in search of qualified teachers to join our teaching staff for the 2025-2026 school year. We are in need of high school teachers and in particular, English, US History, US Government, and math teachers for Geometry, Algebra 2 and Pre-calculus.

If you are interested in learning more about this rewarding opportunity to serve the homeschool community of our diocese, please email us at [sfchrsm@gmail.com](mailto:sfchrsm@gmail.com) for more information.

Below are the names of people who died during the month of February from our parish since the time St. Francis de Sales became a parish in 1967. Scripture tells us to pray for the living and the dead. Let us commend to the Lord's mercy the following:

Kathleen Drago, February 2, 2024  
 John R. Burden, February 25, 2023  
 Shelby Decker, February 3, 2021  
 Thomas Francis Moorcones, February 9, 2020  
 Michael Frederick Konopa, February 9, 2019  
 Robert Francis Krill, February 26, 2016  
 Gertrude Heelan - February 24, 2014  
 Mary Mulvihill - February 7, 2013  
 John Hohenstein - February 6, 2013  
 Michael Mallen - February 21, 2012  
 Angelina Orndorff - February 28, 2012  
 Ines Carpenter - February 19, 2010  
 James Lanaghan – February 21, 2009  
 Jose Vera Tudela – February 13, 2009  
 Janet Lorraine Law – February 7, 2009  
 Andrew Michael Wilson - February 6, 2009  
 Anthony Giuggio – February 3, 2008  
 Carl Niederpruem – February 16, 2005  
 William Walter Wolf – February 14, 2004  
 Charles Edward Lloyd – February 16, 2003  
 Jerome Joseph Butts – February 21, 2003  
 Thomas Michael Moran – February 24, 2003  
 Katharine Myer Tormey – February 1, 1999  
 Mary Margaret Rust – February 11, 1999  
 Elizabeth Ann Clapp - February 17, 1998  
 Betty MacCampbell – February 6, 1996  
 Hillary Anne Scannell – February 10, 1994  
 Lucy Bartoldus – February 17, 1994  
 Judith Ann Gunnells – February 10, 1993  
 Vera M. Kurtenbach – February 16, 1986  
 Ferrell Taylor Williams – February 18, 1986  
 Elizabeth Wise S. Case – February 20, 1980  
 Robert J. Carruthers – Feb. 13, 1978  
 Ruby G. Leffingwell – Feb. 1, 1970



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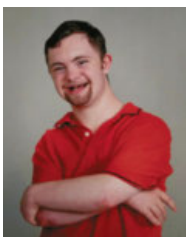


## Pilgrim Virgin Home Visitation Program

Have Mary bring graces into your home!  
 Our Blessed Mother asked during her apparitions at Fatima:

- 1 - Return to God
- 2 - Pray the rosary every day for Peace
- 3 - Make reparations for our sins and the sins of others by some form of penance and sacrifice.

If interested in hosting the Pilgrim Virgin Statue you may sign up at the table in the narthex by the statue of our Blessed Mother (or [www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4CABAA2BA7FB6-48752496-pilgrim#](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4CABAA2BA7FB6-48752496-pilgrim#))



### Daniel Lee Curtis

May 12th, 1996 - January 24th, 2025

Daniel died peacefully in his sleep of natural causes on the morning of January 24th. He was adopted at birth on Mother's Day in 1995 by Tripp and now deceased Barbara Curtis. He had a rich wonderful family life for many

years, but due to his mental and emotional disabilities (he had a dual diagnosis of Down Syndrome and Autism) had become a somewhat tortured soul his last few years.

He is survived by his father Tripp, stepmom Michelle, and his many loving brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.

Grateful that he is now at peace and in the loving embraces of his mother Barbara and His Savior Jesus.

### 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 [eliseamylx@gmail.com](mailto:eliseamylx@gmail.com).



# around the Diocese ...

## Holy Year 2025 Pilgrims of Hope



This an exciting time for Catholics!

Gather your family and friends for this historical moment and visit the Holy Year Sites in and around our diocese. Visiting these holy sites is one of several ways to receive a plenary indulgence.

Did you know a plenary indulgence removes all temporal punishment due to sin, whose guilt is forgiven? The plenary indulgence gained can be for oneself or applied to the dead.

To obtain a plenary indulgence, one could make a pilgrimage to one of the listed churches and participate in either:

- Mass
- Liturgy of the Word
- the Office of Readings, Morning Prayer, or Evening Prayer
- Pray a devotional prayer, i.e., the Way of the Cross, Rosary, the Akathist hymn, etc.
- Penance service ending with sacramental confession

OR

Make a pious visit to any of the eight Holy Year churches and:

- Adore Jesus in the Eucharist, either exposed in the Monstrance or reposed in the Tabernacle for a suitable period.
  - Conclude your meditation with an Our Father, a Profession of Faith, and invocations to Mary
- Soon before or after, also:
- Make a good Confession, detaching yourself from all sin, including venial sin
  - Receive Holy Communion
  - Pray for the intentions of our Holy Father

The eight Holy Year churches in the Diocese of Arlington:

- o The Cathedral of Saint Thomas More, Arlington
- o The Basilica of Saint Mary, Alexandria
- o Corpus Christi, Aldie
- o Our Lady of Hope, Potomac Falls
- o Saint John Bosco, Woodstock
- o Saint John the Evangelist, Warrenton
- o Saint Patrick, Fredericksburg
- o Saint Paul Mission, Hague

Some of the Holy Year Churches outside our diocese:

- o Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle in Wash, D.C.
- o Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C.
- o National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in D.C
- o National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg, MD
- o Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Baltimore, MD
- o Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Richmond, VA
- o Basilica of Saint Mary, Norfolk, VA
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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](http://arlingtondiocese.org/event/women).

Early-bird price for the conference is \$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](http://arlingtondiocese.org/men)! See you there!

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

### Do not miss!

A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Burbidge: The Christian Family, In Vitro Fertilization, and Heroic Witness to True Love  
[www.arlingtondiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/2025-01-Bishop-Burbidge-Pastoral-Letter-on-The-Christian-Family-IVF-and-Heroic-Witness-to-True-Love.pdf](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/2025-01-Bishop-Burbidge-Pastoral-Letter-on-The-Christian-Family-IVF-and-Heroic-Witness-to-True-Love.pdf)

Resources on the Jubilee Year

[www.usccb.org/resources/Indulgence\\_Vatican\\_Bollettino.pdf](http://www.usccb.org/resources/Indulgence_Vatican_Bollettino.pdf)

[www.arlingtondiocese.org/the-holy-year-tour/](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/the-holy-year-tour/)

[www.arlingtondiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Holy-Year-2025-Plenary-Indulgence59.pdf](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Holy-Year-2025-Plenary-Indulgence59.pdf)

[gatholic.org/churches/list/jubilee2025/Baltimore.htm](http://gatholic.org/churches/list/jubilee2025/Baltimore.htm)

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

**Gabriel Project Pregnancy Assistance Ministry:**  
(703) 841-3810 or  
[info@helpforpregnantwomen.org](mailto:info@helpforpregnantwomen.org)

## Prayer

Dear God, your power is so amazing!

## Mission for the Week

With your parents, try turning on a lamp while it isn't plugged in. It doesn't work, does it? That's how we need to be plugged in to God, to do his work. Without him, what we try will never work.

## Sharing the Gospel

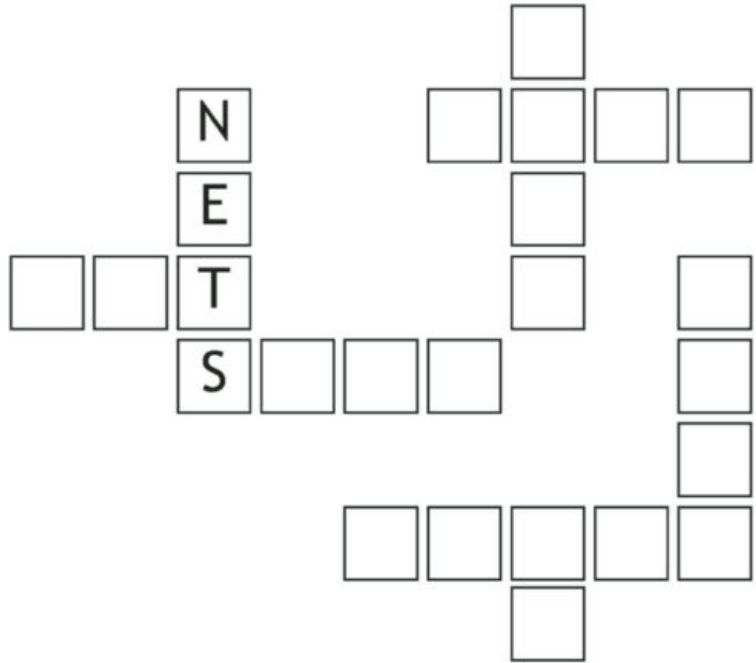
Jesus was powerful enough to control the fish in the sea! Peter caught no fish by himself one night. With Jesus' help, Peter caught more fish than his boat could carry. When Peter saw what Jesus did, he was afraid. How would you feel?

Now color the picture!



Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Let your nets down to catch some fish.

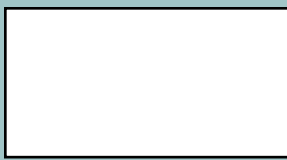


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