

Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 23, 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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FEBRUARY 23, 2025**

“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”
- Lk 6:36



PARISH WEBSITE
www.saintfrancisparish.org
LIVE STREAM

www.youtube.com/@Saintfrancisparishpurcellville

Mass Celebrant Schedule

Saturday, Mar. 1

5pm: Fr. Frankline

Sunday, Mar. 2

7am: Fr. Frankline

8:30 am: Fr. Gould

10:30am: Fr. Gould

12:15pm: Fr. Kenna

5:30pm: Fr. Kenna

* 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 or scan the QR code



This Week

Mon., Feb. 24 Book of Revelations 10am, Room 107
OCIA 7pm, Room 206
KofC Rosary 7pm, Chapel

Wed., Feb. 26 Catholic Biblical Sch 9:30am & 6:30pm OLVH
Young at Heart Luncheon 12noon, Knights Hall
Young Adult Group Event see ad page 7
Holy Hour for Miraculous Medal 7pm
That Man is You 7pm, RE building, Rm 202

Fri., Feb. 28 Women's Prayer Group 7am, Chapel
Saint Peter Bible Study 9am, Room 107

Sat., Mar. 1 That Man is You 6:30am, Room 202
Joy of Life Mass and Dinner 5pm

Masses for the Week

+ deceased

Sat., Feb. 22

9:00 am

Sat., Feb. 22

5:00 pm

Sun., Feb. 23

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:30 pm

Mon., Feb. 24

6:30 am

8:30 am

Tue., Feb. 25

6:30 am

8:30 am

Wed., Feb. 26

6:30 am

8:30 am

Thu., Feb. 27

6:30 am

8:30am

Fri., Feb. 28

6:30 am

12:00 noon

Sat., Mar. 1

9:00 am

Sat., Mar. 1

5:00 pm

Sun., Mar. 2

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:30 pm

The Chair of Saint Peter

+ Rev. Stanley Slivonik

Vigil: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

John W. Prohaska

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Charities Food Pantry Volunteers

Maralan O'Neil

Sook Yi

+ Jack Burden

People of the Parish

Weekday

Charles Lloyd

Sophia Livelsberger

Weekday

Aida Kristina Paul

+ Jack Burden

Weekday

+ Salvatore F. Biscardi

+ Doris Rogalski

Weekday

Jensen Michael Paul

Roman David

Weekday

Gus and Martha Hertz

+ Jeff Meyers

Weekday

+ Dorothy Hott

Vigil: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

+ Neal Brown

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

People of the Parish

+ Mike Derby

+ Marilyn Zielinski

First Responders

Kristina Paul

**Gift shop open on Sunday, March 2 after the
8:30, 10:30, and 12:15 Masses.**

Come shop for 1st Communion and Confirmation gifts!

Readings for the Week

Sun: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

Mon: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

Tue: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37

Wed: Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175/Mk 9:38-40

Thu: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mk 9:41-50

Fri: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35/Mk 10:1-12

Sat: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18/Mk 10:13-1

Dear Folks,

This letter marks a continuation of last weeks bulletin with commentary in the recent Parish Council Meeting. And on we go. Hershey Youngblood spoke of the wonderful work offered by the **Committee for Funeral Receptions**. Yes, to stand the gate of incredible sorrow in the lose of loved ones, the Funeral Committee offers the best in who we are as a parish family. To identify and deal with the pain of others, credibly and with great generosity, is a true gift to the parish.



Nan Gingras follows the great work of Elizabeth Boyko in the attention to the parish **Altar Servers**. From training to rewarding trips to the annual outing for a baseball game. The kids are great and reflect the loving character of their families who fill the pews each week. Thank you so very much Nan as you compose a new training manual for the kids. We will have a refresher for the kids in the coming Spring and welcome the new kids after the coming First Communion. God bless the kids.

Monica Seeley spoke of the **Joy of Life** program for the young ones with learning challenges. The program serves the needs of the parents as well, if not more, than the kids. Fraternity, Fraternity, Fraternity. Keep the Ark of St. Francis De Sales floating in the stormy see of Northern Virginia. The quarterly dinners are celebrated in the gym after the Saturday 5:00 PM Mass. The next two dinners will take place on March 1st and June 7th.

Please note, in a coming Parish Letter I will focus on the incredible program hosted by Vern Conaway and his family. It is the **View of Heaven Farm**, serving the young ones with physical/cognitive challenges. Please stay tuned. viewofheavenfarm.org. I was quite moved on my recent visit to the farm. Let us pray for those associated with the farm and may they pray for us.

Katie Pultro spoke of the Agape Collections, Tree of Life, and Baby Showers. The projects are part of our **Pro-Life Ministry** themes for the parish. You have to love Katie. She has one of the biggest hearts at the table for the pastoral council. As everyone else lives in the present life of the Church on faith and morals Kate is out in front calling us swing away in the pro-life arenas.

Laura Burgess spoke up on the parish bereavement committee **Compassionate Heart of Mary** that meets in the chapel the last Saturday morning of each month at 10am and goes to 11:30am. God bless those who suffer the deaths of their loved ones. God bless the heralds of hope during our difficult losses. All are welcome, both young and old.

Please see page 10 of this bulletin for a complete list of all the ministries at St. Francis de Sales. Let us all pray for one another.

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 Pultro, 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, PVT Teddy Bratrud

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, 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 Loziedr, 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 Strov, 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, Daniel Curtis, Lorenzo Osorio Rosa

3rd Banns of Marriage

Stewart Davis, Jr. and Christina Hampton

Exchange of Vows March 1, 2025

2nd Banns of Marriage

Chris Stotlar and Joy Kirk

Exchange of Vows March 8, 2025

SAVE THE DATE
VIRGINIA



MARCH FOR LIFE

April 2, 2025 in Richmond, VA
More info to come

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St. Francis de Sales Religious Education

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

Attention Seventh Graders Please be on the lookout for a sign-up coming out soon for the Confirmation Reception on April 24, 2025. It is customary that the seventh-grade class hosts the reception for the newly confirmed.

Attention Confirmation II students - If you are missing assignments, be sure to turn them in (saint report, sponsor paperwork, sponsor interview, and discipleship hours) to your teacher or the RE office. **Save the Date!** Confirmation Retreat will be on **April 5**. More details will be going out soon.

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

Jubilee Year Prayer Cards are available in the Narthex. Take extras for your family.

"Let us be what we are, and let us be it well." St. Francis de Sales

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.

Religious Education Calendar

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23

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

MARCH 2

Sunday Pre-K - 8th Grades, RCIT -9-10:15am
9th - 12th Grades (Fr. Gould) - 4-5pm
Monday K - 8th Grades 5-6:15pm
Wed **NO CLASSES**

FORMED
THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

How Are You Preparing for Lent?

How to Lent: How to Lent is a new series from the Augustine Institute that aims to equip Catholics with the tools to understand and practice the pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Guided by Solenne Santiago and with the help of priests and religious, this series will challenge our preconceived notions about Lent, laying out a roadmap for entering the season with a purpose. Don't let Lent sneak up on you like it did last year. Instead, heed the call of St. John the Baptist by preparing for the Lord, using **How to Lent** to transform your spiritual life this Lenten season.

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.

An American Blessed In May 2020, Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Fr. Michael McGivney, paving the way for his beatification. This documentary highlights Fr. McGivney's fraternal charity, evangelization, and empowerment of the laity.

The Our Father In this episode of his course on the Our Father, Dr. Ben Akers teaches us what we can learn from the perfect model and master of prayer: Jesus himself.

Discerning God's Will: Discovering the will of God can be an intimidating challenge in the spiritual life. Join Fr. Larry Richards as he guides us in this task through practical advice and personal stories. Discovering the will of God can be an intimidating challenge in the spiritual life. Join Fr. Larry Richards as he guides us in this task through practical advice and personal stories!

GET THE APPS These apps are free for most of the content with an optional paid subscription for access to more.

AMEN App on your phone for daily readings, reflections, prayer and inspiration.

Ascension App: Bible Studies, Bible in a Year, Catechism in a Year, Rosary in a Year, and more.

FORMED App: All the features of FORMED on your phone.

Hallow App: Improve your prayer time: Lent Pray 40: The Way and more.



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

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!
 Our next Youth **Night is March 2nd!**



SPRING RETREAT

ALL high school teens are invited to retreat to Camp Highroad in Middleburg, VA **Friday, March 28 – Sunday, March 30**. We'll learn to trust in Jesus as He invites us to lean not on our own understanding, but on Him! We'll pray, play, discuss, sing, worship, eat, laugh, learn, and

grow! Registration is now open! Grab a flyer in the narthex, on the Youth Ministry bulletin board, or online at saintfrancisparish.org/youth-ministry/.



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!



ADULTS NEEDED FOR WORKCAMP

WorkCamp will be in Quicksburg, VA June 21-June 27 Teen registration is now closed.

Adults interested in participating in WorkCamp may attend our first Formation Meeting on **Sunday, February 23rd. Registered teens are required to attend!**

Adult volunteers may serve in the following ways:

- Adult Crew Leader (ACL) – chaperone teens and model the faith for the full week of WorkCamp
- Contractor (license not required) – work on the job site with teens Mon-Thurs
- Security volunteer – work one 2-7:30pm shift during the week
- Homebase volunteer – assist the diocesan WorkCamp Logistics Team when available
- Parish volunteer – assist with Sunday night Formation Meetings and other preparation tasks
- Learn more about WorkCamp at www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth-ministry/workcamp/
- Email WorkCamp Stakeholder Kay Fennell fennelkay@gmail.com with questions and to become a volunteer!



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.

St. Francis Council 11136 News



THANK YOU SFDS PARISHIONERS – SHARE SUNDAY REPORT:

Due to your amazing generosity, our SFDS knights were able to deliver 1,500 pounds of food and \$325 to Catholic Charities Food Bank. In addition, 18 pounds of leafy greens were donated by our local View of Heaven Farm (it's amazing how many leafy greens it takes to amount to 18 pounds!). A special thank you to our knights' food warriors - brothers Michael Corrigan, Scott Grimard, Bill Talamantes, and Cypher Brothers for leading this most important effort.

NOTABLE KNIGHT – SUPREME KNIGHT EDWARD L. HEARN

In the early 1900s, the Catholic University was established by the US Catholic bishops. Knowing the Order's commitment to intellectual faith formation, the university turned to the Knights for help. At Supreme Knight Hearn's urging, the Order provided a \$55,000+ endowment for American History. Supreme Knight Hearn saw this as both a symbol of the Order's fidelity to the Church and an important means of correcting the historical record concerning Catholics in the US. Soon afterward, the Knights committed to raising an additional \$500,000 for the university over a five-year period. By December 1913, the \$500,000 goal had been met and was presented to the university in 1914.

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.

ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION (MARCH 15th) – The SFDS Knights and Women's council are partnering to bring you the annual SFDS St. Patrick's Day Party on March 15th. This is a ticketed event – **Be On the Look Out (BOLO)** for details and link to purchase your tickets. Spoiler Alert: we will again have the amazing Irish Dancers performing at the party – they never disappoint!

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, and it is easier than ever - go to kofc.org/join or scan the QR code

Michael Carducci, Grand Knight
St Francis Council # 11136,
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Mass for People with Special Needs

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church and the Joy of Life Apostolate in coordination with the Knights of Columbus Council will be hosting a **Mass for People with Special Needs on Saturday, March 1st** at the 5pm Mass.

People with special needs resulting from physical, emotional, mental, or cognitive conditions are all around us, whether at school, at work, or in our families. It can be challenging for these important members of our community to participate in church services due to physical and social barriers, or even family member anxiety. As such, the Joy of Life Apostolate and the Knights of Columbus Council at St. Francis have designated the March 1st, 5pm Mass for people with special needs and their families with a dinner reception to follow. Everyone is welcome to support our brothers and sisters. If you can attend, let us know the number of people attending with you and if you need any special assistance so we can plan accordingly. The main dish will be catered, but we'd love the rest to be potluck style. **To RSVP, email:** joyoflifefds@gmail.com

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

dine-in • take out • curbside available

SFDS YOUNG ADULT GROUP

18-35 year old

Grow in faith and fellowship!

Upcoming Fellowship Adventures:

- February 26th - Sip & Upcycle
- March 8th - Dance at St. James WV
- March 9th - Booth at Pancake Breakfast (Volunteers Needed)
- April 21st - Hike to Buzzard Hill

Meetings Room 107

March 12th at 6:30 PM

Email clare.mjk@gmail.com
with any questions or to RSVP

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
- Carie Losinski: skigators@me.com

SFDS
YOUNG ADULT GROUP

SIP & UPCYCLE

YOUNG ADULTS 18-35

REJUVINATE YOUR OLD ITEMS!
PAINT, REPURPOSE AND BREATHE
NEW LIFE INTO ANY DISH OR
HOUSEHOLD ITEM YOU WISH.

BRING A BEVERAGE TO ENJOY AND
ANY SPECIFIC TOOLS REQUIRED.

SOIL, PAINT, SEEDS, AND GLUE
PROVIDED!

Wednesday February 26th
6:30 PM Room 107 of The
Religious Education Building

RSVP to clare.mjk@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 Social Event Barbie Bunco Game Night

Monday, March 10th @ 7pm

Join us for a fun night of Barbie

Bunco! Wear your favorite pink apparel and bring a snack to share! Be on the lookout for signup details in your email and see our website for information.

NEW! The Women's Council and the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on March 4th. Lookout for an email from us email requesting volunteers to help decorate and/or serve. The Women's Council is also helping to decorate for the St. Patrick's Day Party on March 15th. Lookout for an email from us requesting volunteers to help decorate for this event.

Have you wanted to try a nighttime holy hour but don't want to do it alone? Members of the Women's Council will be present during the 12am to 1am hours on the mornings of Monday, March 3rd & Tuesday, March 4th during 40hrs of devotion. Kickstart your Lent and join us if you can!

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



Next Planning Meeting

Monday, March 24th, 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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

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, or come to our next Business Meeting on March 24th.



Women of St. Francis de Sales Join us for 40 Hrs Devotion

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20



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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

Rick Smith, Facilities Manager



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



THE 8TH ANNUAL
FATHER DAUGHTER
DANCE FOR GIRLS OF THE
PARISH WILL BE HELD ON
MARCH 29TH.

TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE IN
THE BEGINNING OF MARCH.

The logo for Inova Blood Donor Services, featuring the word "Inova" in blue and a diamond-shaped icon with a cross and a heart.

St. Francis de Sales
Catholic Church
Blood Drive

Sunday, March 16, 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 a St. Patrick's Day t-shirt*.

Photo ID required. Allow one hour for your donation.
*While supplies last. Sizes may vary. Must complete screening process for regular donations.

A green t-shirt with a circular logo on the front.

Book your appointment today!
Visit <https://bit.ly/SFDS0316>
Call 1.866.256.6372, use code 3026

A QR code that links to the appointment booking page.

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, 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 eliseamyx@gmail.com.

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 for more information.

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
- o Basilica of Saint Andrew, Roanoke, 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.

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! 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

Resources on the Jubilee Year

www.usccb.org/resources/Indulgence_Vatican_Bollettino.pdf

www.arlingtondiocese.org/the-holy-year-tour/

www.arlingtondiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Holy-Year-2025-Plenary-Indulgence59.pdf

gatholic.org/churches/list/jubilee2025/Baltimore.htm

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

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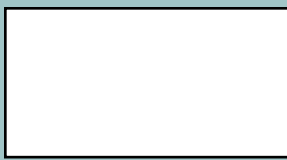
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