

Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME MARCH 2, 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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Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. - Ps 92

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

saintfrancisp parish.org/lenten-fish-fry



**ASHWEDNESDAY
BEGINS THE SEASON OF LENT**

Mass Schedule

6:30am, 8:30am, 12noon, 5pm & 7pm

Ash Wednesday and **Good Friday** are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. Every person 14 years of age or older must **abstain** from meat (and items made with meat) on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent. The norms on **fasting** are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Confessions during Lent - 7pm each weeknight, with exception of Wednesday. Wednesdays have Holy Hour at 7pm, Confessions at 8pm. Please note: no Holy Hour on Ash Wednesday

Stations of the Cross - Fridays @ 7:30pm (Confessions will follow Stations as needed)

Mass Celebrant Schedule

Saturday, Mar. 8

5pm: Fr. Kenna

Sunday, Mar. 9

7am: Fr. Kenna

8:30 am: Fr. Frankline

10:30am: Fr. Gould

12:15pm: Fr. Gould

5:30pm: Fr. Gould

* note: subject to change

This Week

Mon., March 3 Book of Revelations 10am, Room 107
OCIA 7pm, Room 206

Wed., March 5 SoulStitch 9:30am, Knights Hall
Holy Hour for Miraculous Medal 7pm

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

Sat., Mar. 8 That Man is You 6:30am, Room 202

Masses for the Week

+ deceased

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

Mon., Mar. 3

6:30 am

8:30 am

Tue., Mar. 4

6:30 am

8:30 am

Wed., Mar. 5

6:30 am

8:30 am

12:00 noon

5:00 pm

7:00 pm

Thu., Mar. 6

6:30 am

8:30am

Fri., Mar. 7

6:30 am

12:00 noon

Sat., Mar. 8

9:00 am

Sat., Mar. 8

5:00 pm

Sun., Mar. 9

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:30 pm

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

Weekday

+ Juanita Morales

+ Jean and Fred Perdue

Weekday

+ Lorraine Rutzel

+ Barbara Webster

Ash Wednesday

Julian Hertz

Chris Eastman

+ Verona McCarthy

+ Charles Appel

+ John W. Neubelt

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Christina and Reed Coffee

+ Gabriel Holz

Friday after Ash Wednesday

+ Dennis Michael Brush

Dennis and Tina Evans

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

In Thanksgiving for prayers answered

Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

John Christian Prohaska

First Sunday of Lent

+ Guy Valvano

People of the Parish

Agnes and Jesse Eastman

Jerry Paul

Ray Sacramo

**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: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Mon: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 10:17-27

Tue: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31

Wed: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thu: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Fri: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Sat: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Dear Folks,

All through the past two weeks many of us have been obsessing about the current health of the Holy Father, Pope Francis. Some have spent great amounts of time studying the physiological abrasions the cause or conflict the pulmonary issues for the good pope. In all cases, let us pray for him, his family in Argentina, family of Faith as well as all who suffer the maladies of poor health and may be in danger of death. In the last twenty-four hours I have anointed two of our own parishioners wondering if they will share fateful date with Pope Francis. In all things may the angels watch over him and Blessed Mother guide his future recovery. There are plenty of folks to pray for.



In the issue of a health crisis for a Pope we must ask several questions on the matter. First, has he been anointed? Pretty easy that one. Second, who are the caretakers and are they the best that can be found for His Holiness. I recall Ronald Reagan making a comment before surgery, following the assassination attempt on his life... he hoped the surgeons and surgical staff were... Republicans. A man like that has just got to be saved. I also recall a lonely dinner with one of my professors in Spain, Dr. Joseph Pieper, telling me during a flu epidemic that took out most of the students and staff, that the best hospital in Spain... for him, was Lufthansa Air Lines. Again a man like that has just got to be saved. In short, the second question is a very important question but seems to be overlooked in the diagnostic saga playing out in the media each hour of the day.

Third, we should ask who is doing the reporting? Sometimes the dramatics outweigh the dynamics of the situation. Who is on the scene and who are the commentators in the background... and are they competent in the Italian language with reports offered from the hospital. Although I am often impressed with the Catholic media I still like to hear from the secular world of the BBC or comments from John Hopkins as well as the Mecca of Medicine found in Boston. There are too many conflicting reports on improvements or expectations of imminent departure. God bless them all. We can be certain all involved in this story are trying their very best. Prayer is what is needed at this time. Let us pray, pray, and pray. We do call him "Father" for a reason. Let us join at Mass each day and at the adoration hours.

Fourth, what is next with a conclave? Who? Where is he now? And, what name will he take?

Speaking of praying. Tonight, following the 5:30 evening Mass, Fr. David Meng, pastor of St. Timothy Parish, will direct our annual Forty Hours Devotion. A sign up list can be found in the front Foyer of the church. I will take the Midnight Hour on Sunday and Monday nights, as I do each Friday night for the weekly devotions. Many a blessing comes to the parish by the spiritual devotions of our folks. Health, happiness, holiness, and fortified heart. Let us pray for one another... God bless one and all.

Love you much. Fr. G.

St. Therese of Liseaux (Little Flower) has a sibling who is considered the patron of photographers. Who is that sibling and what was their occupation in life? Good hunting. As a point of trivia all the members of St. Therese immediate family have been named...saints.

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: 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

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

Next 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. If you cannot attend our retreat, you must attend a retreat at another parish. Contact Diane Taylor for information.

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

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**

**VOLUNTEERS! to sign up to volunteer go to
saintfrancisparish.org/vacation-bible-school-registration**

Registration for campers will begin May 1.

Religious Education Calendar

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**

WEEK OF MARCH 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

How Are You Preparing for Lent?

Lent Prep: on Fasting - Spirit Juice/ Poco A Poco: this popular podcast can be found on You Tube or on your favorite podcast app. In this episode, the friars discuss Jesus and the Jubilee by Dr. John S. Bergsma. *What does fasting in Lent mean to you and to Jesus? Fasting from food for the sake of health benefits is good, however fasting to bring us closer in relationship with Jesus, now that's something else entirely. Fasting is also an opportunity to feel the hunger in our bodies so that God can come and fulfill our hunger in the deepest ways. In this episode, we'll dive deeper into what fasting truly means and how we can say No to ourselves, through simple sacrifices and say Yes to create more space for intimacy with Jesus.*



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.

How to Lent: Lent is right around the corner. In How To Lent, you will be guided by priests and religious in the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving so that you can make this your best Lent yet.

Foretold: From the beginning, God had a plan to save man from sin. With Jesus, that plan was fulfilled. But he also has a specific plan for you. Watch Foretold to rediscover God's providential love for you.

Whole: 40 Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.

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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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 Nights are **March 2 and March 16!** There is no Youth Night March 9.



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! Grab a flyer in the narthex, on the Youth Ministry bulletin board, or online at saintfrancisparish.org/youth-ministry. Return forms and payment to the Youth or Parish Office by **March 24.**



CONFIRMATION RETREAT DINNER Enjoy dinner with the Confirmation Candidates at their retreat on **Saturday, April 5** and invite them to be part of Youth Ministry in high school! **Your presence and encouragement are so influential!** Let me know if you can make it!

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



6:30AM MASS FOR LENT Meet Mrs. G in the front left rows of church every Tuesday morning during Lent starting March 11!

ST. PATTY'S DINNER Lend a helping hand at the St. Patrick's Dinner Party on Saturday, March 15! The Knights of Columbus have generously offered to donate proceeds towards WorkCamp 2025! Let's help set-up, serve, and clean-up. **SUG coming soon!**



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.



ADULTS NEEDED FOR WORKCAMP

We have 27 teens registered to attend WorkCamp in Quicksburg, VA from June 21-27! In order for them to attend, the diocese requires us to attain the following volunteers:

- **4 male Adult Crew Leaders** – chaperone teens and model the faith for the full week of WorkCamp
- **5 Contractors** (license not required) – work on the job site with teens Mon-Thurs
- **5 Security volunteers** – work one 2-7:30pm shift during the week
- **Homebase volunteers** – assist the diocesan WorkCamp Logistics Team when available
- **Parish volunteers** – assist with Sunday night Formation Meetings and other preparation tasks

For more information, grab a flyer from the narthex, go to saintfrancisparish.org, arlingtondiocese.org/youth-ministry/workcamp, and totalapexliving.com/workcamp-catholic-week-of-community where parishioner and Homebase Volunteer, Kevin Sweeney, explains what WorkCamp is all about.



- MAY 4 – PANCAKE BREAKFAST** (to raise funds for WorkCamp)
- MAY 10 – BASH!** (for middle schoolers)
- JUNE 12 – SENIOR BACCALAUREATE** (for HS and college seniors)

Women of St. Francis de Sales
Calling All Young Ladies!
Apply for the Women's Council Service Grant

A \$600 Women's Council Service Grant will be given to a young woman attending Diocesan WorkCamp 2025 to cover tuition expenses!

Please visit the Women's Council website for instructions. Applicants are asked to express what our mission statement means to you and how you can live it out. **Apply by March 9th!**

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

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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#)

Abounding in Hope



2025 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL (BLA) COMMITMENT WEEKEND

This weekend each household is asked to make a pledge or gift to the BLA. This appeal provides an opportunity to unite as a Catholic family and to support the various programs and ministries that help tens of thousands of people in our diocese. After reflecting upon God's blessings to you, please consider a pledge that will allow you to share your gifts with your neighbors. Each donation is vital to the success of the appeal and the important work that it funds. You may complete a pledge card at Mass, mail in your pledge, go online to www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA or scan the QR code to make a gift.

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

The Women's Council would like to thank all the Talent Show participants for their wonderful performances, they were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

A BIG THANK YOU to Chris Grande who organized and hosted this event.

As usual, Walt Shearrow, our resident DJ and sound engineer did a great job. And of course we are grateful for the Knights of Columbus, who had at least six men there to put together the stage and backdrop.

The American Heritage Girls put together a delicious array of snacks, thank you girls for happily doing this.

Thank you Fr. Gould for initiating the Talent Show four years ago, and Fr. Kenna for the evening's blessing.

SFDS YOUNG ADULT GROUP

18-35 year old

Grow in faith and fellowship!

Upcoming Fellowship Adventures:

- 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

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.

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.

New to the parish or not getting our emails?

Email us at

womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com to be added to our directory.



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." Mt 18:20

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 and Tuesday, March 4th.

Kickstart your Lent and join us if you can!

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.



Below are the names of people from our parish, along with the date of death in the month of March, since the time St. Francis de Sales became a parish in 1967. Scripture tells us to pray for the living and the dead.

Marianne Hammel, March 30, 2024
 James Lippert, Sr., March 13, 2023
 Jack Spisak, March 23, 2023
 Rose Lippert, March 26, 2023
 Pasquala Spera, March 27, 2022
 Estella Fitzgerald, March 21, 2021
 Robert Cote, March 23, 2021
 Renato Torrijos, March 16, 2019
 Sharon Liddicoatt, March 6, 2017
 Liam Doherty, March 20, 2017
 Mary Garvis, March 24, 2017
 Neal Brown, March 15, 2015
 Alice Poel, March 10, 2015
 Colin Luck, March 16, 2014
 William Grady, March 17, 2013
 Lidia Kelley, March 27, 2013
 Gerald Harp, March 28, 2012
 Stephen D'Elia, March 19, 2012
 Joseph R. Pope, March 21, 2012
 Mary Theresa Miles, March 6, 2011
 Ruth J. Holland, March 6, 2011
 Samuel Phillips, March 10, 2009
 John David Lindsay, March 28, 2008
 Virginia Moorcones, March 8, 2007
 James Campbell, March 26, 2001
 Mary Helen Moorcones, March 1, 2000
 William R. Johnson, March 10, 2000
 Stanley R. Henniksen, March 7, 1998
 Peter Fr. Skarzenski, March 8, 1995
 Lorraine Haske, March 21, 1996
 Charles C. Diller, March 26, 1996
 Thomas P. Quinn, March 20, 1994
 Charles H. McDonnell, March 7, 1993
 Ann Cleary, March 6, 1991
 Mary Ricker, March 31, 1989
 John J. Sheehan, March 7, 1980
 Danny Hayes, March 15, 1978



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
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It is that time again! SoulStitch will send prayer shawls to work camp. They are going June 21-28, and so we would need shawls by our meeting on June 18th at the latest, earlier works too! They have approx 30-35 kids going and thus we need ~35 shawls. If you can commit to making just 1 shawl please email me so that we can see if we might make that 35 shawl count goal. If you can make more even better! If we are fortunate to meet the goal and have extra shawls we will use them for sick parishioners or hold them until the next WorkCamp. We have yarn or use your own. Let me know and we can arrange a time that suits you if you want to pick up supplies. We can help with easy patterns if you need help. They can be knit or crocheted according to your preference. Our March meetings will be March 5 and March 29 from 9:30am to 11:30pm




**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.

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

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



Holy Hour for Encounter Every First Thursday

All you who are burdened by sin, grief, loneliness, shame, addiction, self-hatred, abortion, or any other wound, come and place all your cares on the Heart of the Eucharistic Lord who desires to free you and restore you to new life. The Holy Hour, **every first Thursday at 7pm** at St. Thomas à Becket in Reston, will include a Eucharistic Procession, opportunities for confession, as well as worship music led by a different musician each month. The celebrant will be Fr. Rich Dyer, Pastor, St. Thomas à Becket. Contact us at (703) 841-2550.

Spiritual Date Night

Join with married and engaged couples for an evening highlighting the practical aspects of Living Forgiveness in Marriage and emphasizing Healthy Conflict Resolution. The Saturday, March 29th, 7-9 pm event will be held at Divine Mercy University located at 45154 Underwood Lane; Sterling, VA 20166. Kindly go to regnumchristidc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2768954 to register.

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-

Holy Father Prayer Intentions for MARCH

For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



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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)

Finding Jesus with the Wisdom of Years

A retreat for Seniors. Isn't it a challenge, living in the midst of our "throwaway culture," for those who are elderly and "full of years" to understand our place in the world--and in our Church? Although many of those about us may think that we are irrelevant, it is actually an opportune time to bring grace into the world and prepare for the Adventure ahead. Join Fr. John Riley at the Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, VA, to "rest and pray" with Christ. We will search the Scriptures and savor the wisdom of the Gospels as we consider the Crosses and the Consolations of our Senior Years. Our retreat begins at 6 pm Friday May 9th and concludes Sunday May 11th at noon. Retreat cost is \$285. For further information, please contact Father John Riley at: john.riley@arlingtondiocese.org.

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

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

Prayer

God, keep my eyes open to see my sins and your kindness. Give me a good heart.

Mission for the Week

When you catch someone in sin (stealing, lying, using hurtful words) be kind. Remember your own sins, and show God's forgiveness.

Sharing the Gospel

Let's pretend we're looking through a "blind" eye with a log stuck in it. You see how good you are compared to everybody else. You see other people stuck in sin, and you avoid them or hurt them with your words. Now let's take that log out and look through a good eye. You see your own sins, and you know you need God's kindness and forgiveness. You see other people stuck in sin, and you show God's kindness and forgiveness to them.

Now color the picture! →

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

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heart
good

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words
bad

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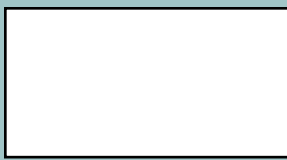


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