

Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 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



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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.

**3RD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 23, 2025**

"This is what you shall tell the Israelites:
I AM sent me to you." - Ex 3:14



Confessions in Lent

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday - 7pm
Wednesday Night Holy Hour at 7pm, followed by
Confession at 8pm

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7:30pm
(Confessions will follow Stations as needed)

Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of abstinence for Catholics. Every person 14 years of age or older must **abstain** from meat (and items made with meat).

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Week of March 8, 9

Pew/Mail \$ 11,477.00

Parish Giving \$ 13,721.50

Total \$ 25,198.50

Black and Indian Missions \$ 1,801.00

This Week

Mon., March 24 Book of Revelations 10am, Room 107
KofC Rosary 7pm, Chapel
OCIA 7pm, Room 206
Wed., March 26 Catholic Biblical Sch 9:30am & 6:30pm OLVH
Young at Heart Luncheon 12noon Knights Hall
Holy Hour for Miraculous Medal 7pm
That Man is You 7pm, Room 202
Fri., March 28 Women's Prayer Group 7am, Chapel
Saint Peter Bible Study 9am, Room 107
Sat., Mar. 29 That Man is You 6:30am, Room 202
Father Daughter Dance 6:15pm, Gym

Masses for the Week

+ deceased
Sat., Mar. 22 9:00 am **Lenten Weekday**
Carol Krebs
Sat., Mar. 22 5:00 pm **Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Lent**
+ Rose Surak
Sun., Mar. 23 7:00 am **3rd Sunday of Lent**
Daniel Prentiss Steele
8:30 am Maralan O'Neil
10:30 am Deidre King
12:15 pm People of the Parish
5:30 pm + Joseph Goyanko
Mon., Mar. 24 6:30 am **Lenten Weekday**
+ Terry Arndt
8:30 am Adolin Mason
Tue., Mar. 25 6:30 am **The Annunciation of the Lord**
+ Mary Jo Hall
8:30 am + Scott Hammerl
Wed., Mar. 26 6:30 am **Lenten Weekday**
+ Rose Lippert
8:30 am Carolyn Hamp
Thu., Mar. 27 6:30 am **Lenten Weekday**
+ G.E. Corky Corcoran II
8:30 am Daryl Tewell II
Fri., Mar. 28 6:30 am **Lenten Weekday**
Dolores Aydelotte
12:00 noon + Steve Rosasco
Sat., Mar. 29 9:00 am **Lenten Weekday**
Erion Lienhard
Sat., Mar. 29 5:00 pm **Vigil: 4th Sunday of Lent**
+ Neal Brown
Sun., Mar. 30 7:00 am **4th Sunday of Lent**
+ Frank Daly
8:30 am + Thomas Muroski
10:30 am Catholic Charities Food Pantry
Volunteers
12:15 pm + Elizabeth Devine
5:30 pm People of the Parish

LIVE ROSARY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

Join Fr. Gould each night at 9pm as he leads the rosary and pray for peace in Ukraine. You can participate in person or on video - go to saintfrancisparish.org and click on Live Video

Readings for the Week

Sun: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9; Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Mon: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
Tue: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Wed: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thu: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
Fri: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34
Sat: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Dear Folks,

It is the day of St. Patrick on which write this letter and yet a mere for-one hours since the parish celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Why start early? Convenience? Yes, but an interesting trip. Saturday sets a good time for volunteers and celebrants to prepare for the culinary and musical delights to take place. A job they did very very well, evidenced by the hall fully decked out in the Irish form. But, a second reason, Saturday eve sets the tone for Sunday... on which good and holy Catholics are not obligated to their Lenten fasts. All Sundays, as the day of the Resurrection, are not held to the great fast. Hence the words to the Irish ditty... "Buttermilk all through the week and whiskey on a Sunday. And a marvelous time it was at St. Francis De Sales a short forty hours ago.



Many thanks go out to the Knights of Columbus and Parish Women's Council for all the fixings for the day. A short twenty four hours earlier Joyce Sparbanie and her crew hosted the wonderful... "Friday Lenten Fish Fry." When I walked into the kitchen Friday night a boisterous crowd of cooks and servers greeted me and asked what they could give me... I said, "A Cheeseburger please." With a great banter of laughing they said, "Not happening on a Friday in Lent." You just have to admire the piety of our good folks.

Some of the culinary officials at the St. Patrick's party were the same from the night before. Yes, you just have to love them one and all for their great dexterity. Jay Hallam once again adorned the revelry with his Leprechaun suit. He offered a great welcome to the crowd. Sandy Regan and Hershie Youngblood charged along with the settings and celebrations. Dan McKenna was extraordinary in his singing of Irish songs. He should cut an album. Walter Sherrow carried on as the great MC for music and speaking. And the kids with the Irish dancers were absolutely wonderful. Many thanks to all who joined us for what I believe was the biggest crowd we have ever had.

God bless one and all for helping to make the parish such a wonderful family. Let us pray for one another.

Collegiate Question: Who was the first Bishop sent to Ireland? No, Not St. Patrick. He was second. He, the escaped slave of the Druids returned to secure the conversion of the Emerald Aisle. Good hunting.

Fr. G.

Join Us For Our Lenten Fish Fry!

Every Friday evening during Lent
3:30 - 7:30 pm

Menu and Pre-orders will be available on our website
saintfrancisparish.org/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, 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 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, Daniel Curtis, Lorenzo Osorio Rosa

Mass Celebrant Schedule

Saturday, Mar. 29

5pm: Fr. Kenna

Sunday, Mar. 30

7am: Fr. Kenna

8:30 am: Fr. Frankline

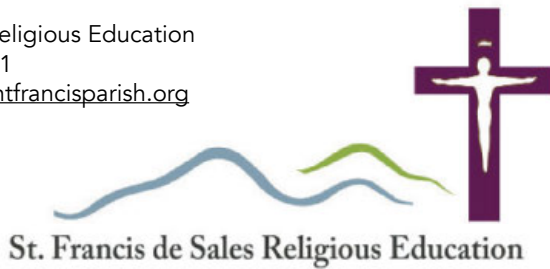
10:30am: Fr. Frankline

12:15pm: Fr. Gould

5:30pm: Fr. Gould

* note: subject to change

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Attention Confirmation II students - Confirmation is in 5 weeks
Confirmation Retreat is on April 5 at 3pm. Refer to the email for details.

RE Events:

Confirmation Retreat: Saturday, April 5, 3-10pm (required for all 8th grade through high school students receiving confirmation this spring)

Confirmation Mass: Thursday, April 24 @ 6:30pm

First Holy Communion: Saturday, May 10 @10:30am and 1:30pm

May Crowning, Sunday, May 18 @ 12:15pm Mass

Independent Bible/ Catholic Studies: You are invited to visit the library in the parish education building to browse through the many bible-study sets on the shelves. Most of the study-sets have DVDs and workbooks to follow. Several videos are on FORMED. Parishioners are welcome to check out the materials.

Titles include:

Ascension Press, *The Great Adventure series* (Psalms, James, Matthew, Revelation, Acts, The Mass, and more!)

Ignatius Catholic Study, *Gospel of John*

Augustine Institute, *Divine Mercy* with Fr. Michael Gaitley

Become a Catechist: If you are looking for a fruitful way to get involved in parish life, please join the religious education team. You do not have to be a Catholic scholar to teach, and your understanding of the Catholic faith will grow even more. Consider becoming a catechist, catechist assistant, hall monitor, or substitute teacher. Our program cannot run without our wonderful volunteers! Catechists with children registered in the RE program get free tuition. Please visit the RE office to get more information.

"Faith overcomes temptation." ~St. Francis de Sales

Religious Education Calendar

WEEK OF MARCH 23 & 30

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: The Exodus and Jubilee - Spirit Juice/ Poco A Poco: this popular podcast can be found on You Tube, Spirit Juice, or on your favorite podcast app. In this episode, Dr. John Bergsma - Series on Jesus and the Jubilee (Part 4) discusses, what does true freedom look like, and how can we restore what was lost? In the Book of Exodus, the Israelites' journey from slavery to freedom is a profound story of spiritual liberation. Led by Moses, they confront the oppressive forces of Egypt and experience God's miraculous intervention through the plagues, ultimately leading to their escape and journey toward the Promised Land. This story is about historical events and humanity's ongoing struggle for freedom, forgiveness, and a deeper relationship with God. The Exodus story reminds us that liberation is possible and that we can reclaim what was lost through God—freedom, family, and fullness. In this episode, with our special guest, Dr. John Bergsma, we will reflect on the importance of the Exodus story in relation to this Jubilee year.



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

A Bible Study on the Annunciation In this video, Dr. Ben Akers leads us through a brief study of Luke 1:26-38, highlighting some of the key Old Testament passages evoked by Gabriel's words. The reflection concludes with some thoughts on how we can imitate Mary's Yes in our own life, especially in this time of suffering.

The Annunciation | Sacred Art Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they discuss the spiritual and theological significance of the Annunciation over a piece of Sacred Art by Elizabeth Zelasko that depicts this incredible scene.

The Annunciation: Hail Mary Join Ms. Kim as she discusses devotion to Mary and the significance of Mary's "yes." All the while, you will learn new drawing techniques as you draw the Annunciation.

Need help getting set up with FORMED? See the instructions on the parish website.

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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Work Camp Formation Meeting
March 23rd 6:30-8:00 pm



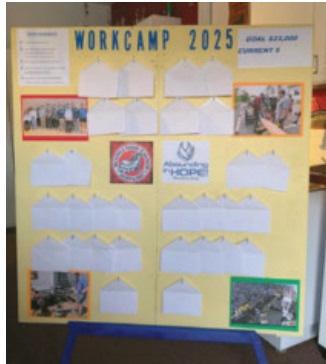
4 ADULT MALE CREW LEADERS and other roles NEEDED FOR WORKCAMP

We have 27 teens registered to attend Work-Camp 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

Please consider taking an envelope off the Work Camp fundraiser board in the narthex. Return it to the collection basket at mass, or in the drop box at the Religious Education building. Please email Caitlin Orender, Director of Youth Ministry for more information. Your support is so important to us.



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

STAY CONNECTED

Join Remind:
 Text @sfdsyg to 81010

<https://saintfrancisparish.org/teen-faith-youth-group/>

@sfdsyouthministry

St. Francis de Sales Youth Ministry Purcellville, Virginia

Spring Retreat 2025

Lean on me
 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding"
 Proverbs 3:5

March 28- March 30
 Camp Highroad Middleburg, VA
 Permission slip and \$120 due March 24th
 Turn in at the RE or Parish office

All High Schoolers welcome!

Email Caitlin at c.orender@saintfrancisparish.org with any questions!

SPRING RETREAT - 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 or on the Youth Ministry bulletin board.

VOLUNTEER AND JOIN

THE YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

Adults 21 + who love sharing the Catholic Faith and building our church's future. If you are interested in learning more about our team please reach out to the Director of Youth Ministry.

SAVE THE DATE!

March 28-30: Spring Retreat
 April 5: Volunteer at the Confirmation Retreat
 April 6: High School Youth Night
 April 7: Homeless Shelter cooking
 April: 27 Work Camp Meeting
 May 4: Work Camp Pancake Breakfast
 May 18: Work Camp Car Wash
 June 1: Work Camp tool training
 June 12: Baccalaureate Mass

St. Francis Council 11136 News



NOTABLE KNIGHT – JEREMIAH DENTON

– Beginning in 1965 and continuing for over seven years, Br. Denton was the senior ranking officer among American POWs during the Vietnam war. Denton endured physical and mental torture and severe living conditions as a POW. He spent four years in solitary confinement in the most famous prison, the “Hanoi Hilton”. One of the greatest challenges faced by the prisoners was the ability to communicate; the guards were on constant watch of any sign of insurrection and inflicted swift punishment on offenders. Denton devised a system of communicating in Morse code by tapping on a wall or capitalizing on the constant ill health of his comrades by using coughs and sneezes. In a propaganda stunt, the N. Vietnamese filmed him in a scripted interview that was broadcast in 1966. In it, his captives instructed him to say that US prisoners were receiving fair treatment and care. Although he adhered to the script, he communicated the true situation with his eyes, using Morse code to blink the word “T-O-R-T-U-R-E”. After release, Denton continued his career in the US Navy achieving the rank of 2 Star Admiral.

THANK YOU TO THE SFDS PARISHIONERS #1 – The SFDS Knights would like to thank the members of the parish for giving the gift of life. Last weekend, the knights’ blood drive collected 45 units of blood!! Once again, we knights are amazed at the generosity and compassion of our wonderful parish and parishioners. Thank you and God Bless one and all. Special thank you to Brs. Mark Furman and Marc Pahl for heading this effort.

THANK YOU SFDS PARISHIONERS #2 – SHARE SUNDAY REPORT: Due to your amazing generosity, our SFDS knights were able to deliver 1,565 pounds of food and \$450 to Catholic Charities Food Bank. A special thank you to our knights’ food warriors – Brs. Michael Corrigan, Scott Grimard, Bill Talamantes, Ed Huth, and Cypher Brothers for leading this most important effort.

KNIGHTS ALERT!! BE ADVISED – Our Worthy Financial Secretary is sending out a second notification to those who have not paid their dues yet. Your dues are critical to the SFDS knights continuing to serve our SFDS Priests, Parish, and Parish Community. 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.

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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MARCH FOR LIFE

APRIL 2, 2025

RICHMOND, VA

Join us for the Virginia March for Life in Richmond We will meet at St. Francis de Sales church at 8:30am for Mass and board the bus right after. We plan on returning to SFDS before 5:45pm.

If you are interested in joining us, please use link or QR code to sign up. We only have 50 seats available, so don’t miss out!

May God bless you all for all you do to protect all babies and mothers.



www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0444AAAF2DA0FB6-55080076-virginia

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Carie Losinski at skigators@icloud.com



Compassionate Heart of Mary

Bereavement Support Group
Saturday, March 29
@ 10am in the Library

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

703-727-7117

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, 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.

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 **April 10**; meal delivered and served **April 12**

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

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 April 13!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Women's Council is seeking volunteers 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'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 - Paint Sip and Dip

Monday, April 7th, 9:30am or 6:30pm
Location Parish Education Center



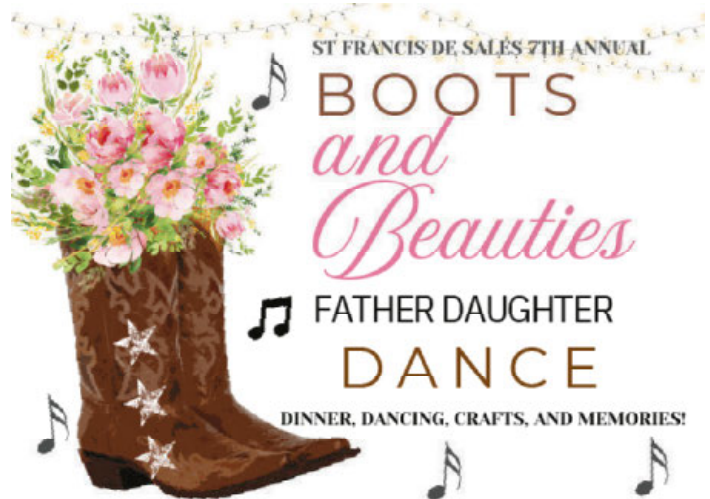
Join us and our talented artist Diane Waller, who will guide us through creating a beautiful work of art. Bring a dip to share! See our website for registration details, sign up by March 31st.

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.



ST FRANCIS DE SALES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BUILDING

SATURDAY MARCH 29TH 6:15-8:15PM

37730 ST. FRANCIS CT PURCELLVILLE VA

TICKETS ON SALE NOW
\$20-DADS, \$15-DAUGHTERS
Every adult ticket includes a \$5 raffle ticket



Scan the code to purchase your tickets!

DINNER PROVIDED BY:
THE POLISHED FOXX

ACCREDITED FARM DRIVEN CATERER

FOR ANY QUESTIONS
TASHADAUGHENBAUGH@GMAIL.COM



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#)



INTERNET SAFETY
Information for Seniors on Internet Scams
April 8 at 2pm
Knights Hall
RSVP to Leslie Sheldon at Lsheldon@saintfrancisparish.org



Mother Teresa's Garden

It's getting warmer outside, time to think about our Mother Teresa Garden! Thank you for all your hard work in making the garden so successful last year! This year we will be utilizing the rest of the planters, installing an irrigation system and putting up a Mother Teresa sign!

GROUP VOLUNTEER

Trellis: We need volunteers to work with Woodgrove Capstone Project students do design and build trellises in the trellis garden.

Flowers: Flowers to be planted in the Prayer Garden Easter flowers from Mass can be planted in addition to summer flowers.

Irrigation: Constructed as an Eagle Project, assisted by Woodgrove Capstone Project students, supervised by Vern Conaway from View of Heaven Farm.

Thank you for all you help. We look forward to another big harvest this year!

Bountiful Blessings,

Mary Ann Winner and Beth Creighton

To be added to the email list, or for more information about the garden, please contact Mary Ann or Beth at mother.theresas.garden@gmail.com

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL July 14-18 ~ 9am-12noon

Youth volunteer opportunities have been filled
Contact L.kennedy@saintfrancisparish.org to get on waitlist.

We need adult volunteers!

To Volunteer, go to saintfrancisparish.org and click on the Babylon logo



Registration for campers will begin May 1

Young at Heart Luncheon
Wednesday, March 26
12pm
Knights Hall
RSVP to Leslie at 540-338-6381.

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, Rick Smith, Facilities Manager

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.

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

FIAT Day with the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist

(For high school girls) What do sisters do all day? Sometimes they garden! In the spirit of St. Francis, spend a day working in God's creation with the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist and gets some good insights to prepare for Holy Week. It's Saturday April 12 from 9am – 3pm at their convent in Falls Church. Day will include Mass, talk, lunch and gardening. Bring gardening gloves and tools if you have them. Cost is \$15. For more information and to register visit ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT, or contact vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. Deadline to register and submit permission form is April 6.

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. Kindly go to regnumchristidc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2768954 to register.

Give a Gift for Life

Please give a Gift for Life this Lenten season to help Gabriel Project financially support a mother's maternity care. An expectant mother in need wrote: "I did not know how I was going to bring this child into the world, but now I feel at peace and am so grateful for your support and the support of my 'Angel'. Thank you so much for your kindness to me and my family." For more information and/or to donate: www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife

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



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

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

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

Worried about the road ahead?

Women's Day of Reflection

April 5, 2025 - Cathedral of St. Thomas More, Arlington



Change can be hard, even when it's good change. What to do with that newfound time after the kids move out or you retire? Or, how to deal with the challenge of caring for aging loved ones, or confronting our own physical issues?

Join us for the Future with Hope Women Day of Reflection April 5. Highlights include:

- Two talks by best-selling author Maria Morera Johnson, whose new book, *A Beautiful Second Act*, contains wisdom and encouragement from the likes of Hildegard of Bingen, Dorothy Day, Grandma Moses, and others who experienced challenges in their transition to midlife and beyond. Maria also will present on her book *Our Lady of Charity: How a Cuban Devotion to Mary Helped Me Grow in Faith and Love*.
- Mass with the St. Thomas More community, and a guided tour of the renovated cathedral.
- Catered breakfast and lunch.
- Small-group discussion with women like you!

All for just \$74!

For more information and to register, please visit bit.ly_FWHW2025 or scan the QR code.



The Arlington Diocese Council of Catholic Women is the sponsor of this event.

We invite you to get involved in our Parish Apostolates

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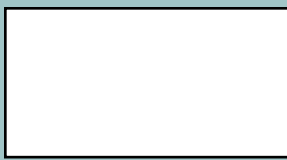
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