

Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

1st Sunday of Advent December 2, 2018



ADVENT: Happy "Church" New year! We're now in "Year C"

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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-4:30pm
(Office closed between 12noon and 1:15pm daily)

Moving? If you are leaving the parish, please let us know by calling or dropping a note.

Sacraments

Confessions: Friday 10:30am
Saturday 8am and 3:30pm; and anytime by appointment
Confessions are heard in Rooms 107 & 113 in Catholic Ed. Center

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: The Sacrament is celebrated each month on the second and third Sunday at 1:30pm. Baptism class is the last Friday of the month at 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 homebound upon request. Please call the office to let us know your needs.

Sunday Masses

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

Daily Masses

Monday and Wednesday - 9am;
Tuesday and Thursday - 6:30am
Friday - 6:30am & 12 noon;
First Friday - 12 noon & 7pm Extraordinary Form (Latin Mass)
Saturday - 9am
Check the bulletin for Holy Days of Obligation

Adoration/Benediction

Friday - Adoration is held every Friday following the 12 noon Mass until 5pm. The Rosary is prayed at 12:30pm and the Divine Mercy Chaplet is at 3pm.

First Friday - Adoration follows the 12noon Mass and the 7pm Mass, and ends with Benediction at 8:45am on Saturday.



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I will raise up for David a just shoot, he shall do what is right and just in the land.
- *Jeremiah 33:15*

Immaculate Conception

Saturday, December 8 - Holy Day of Obligation
7am Extraordinary Form Low Mass (no music)
9am - Choir
12noon - Cantor

December 8 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

5pm - Vigil Mass with Cantor

Individual Advent Confessions

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - December 18, 19, 21, 7pm

Simbang Gabi Filipino Advent Mass

Thursday, December 20, 7pm (*no* 6:30am Mass)
A pot-luck reception will follow Mass in Our Lady of Victory Hall.

Christmas Eve - Vigil of Christmas

5pm - Mass with Children's Choir
5:10pm - Overflow Mass with Cantor - Our Lady of Victory Hall
8pm - Mass w/Witness Band
10pm - Lessons and Carols
10:30pm - Night Mass w/Parish Choir

Christmas Day

7am - Extraordinary Form Low Mass (no music)
8:30am, 10:30am & 12:15pm - all with Cantor (*no* 5pm Teen Mass)



Masses for the Week

+ *deceased*

Saturday, Dec. 1

9:00 am

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5:00 pm

Sunday, Dec. 2

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:00 pm

Monday, Dec. 3

9:00 am

Tuesday, Dec. 4

6:30 am

Wed., Dec. 5

9:00 am

Thursday, Dec. 6

6:30 am

Friday, Dec. 7

12:00 noon

7:00 pm

Saturday, Dec. 8

7:00 am

9:00 am

12:00 noon

Saturday, Dec. 8

5:00 pm

Sunday, Dec. 9

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:00 pm

Weekday, First Saturday

+ Margaret Pesavento

Vigil: First Sunday of Advent

Matthew and Maureen Szemborski

Vigil: First Sunday of Advent

+ Neal Brown

Leo Phillips

+ Robert Schilling

People of the Parish

Julia Drazhal

Weekday

Grant House

Weekday

+ Lynn Schaffer

Weekday

+ Anne Marie Hooks

Weekday

Reggie Bradford

Saint Ambrose; First Friday

Estella Fitzgerald

Charles Frank Ellmore

The Immaculate Conception

John Prohaska

+ Gabriel Sstocks

+ Walt Shearrow

Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Advent

+ Daniel Earl

2nd Sunday of Advent

Deceased members of the Butts and D'Elia families

+ Roberta Van Houweling

The Fitzgerald family

+ Vincent Monastero

People of the Parish

Parish Financial Status

In-pew Offertory - November 25 \$ 10,961
2nd Collection - Parish Maintenance \$ 2,464

YEAR TO DATE \$ 413,737

This week's 2nd Collection - Christmas Flowers
Next week's 2nd Collection - Catholic Charities Christmas Collection

This Week

Sun., Dec. 2 Adult Basketball 8:30pm
Tue., Dec. 4 Senior Luncheon 12noon, Parish Hall
Catholic Social Justice Class 7pm, Room 206
Women's Faith Ministry 7:30pm Rms 201, 213
RCIA 7:30pm, Room 107
Wed., Dec. 5 SoulStitch 9:30am, Parish Hall
Catholic Social Justice Class 10am, Room 206
TMIY 7pm, Room 202
Thu., Dec. 6 Bible Study 7pm Room 113
Rosary Group 7pm, Church
Sat., Dec. 8 TMIY 6:30am
Sun., Dec. 9 Adult Basketball 8:30pm

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Mass Celebrant Schedule

Saturday, December 1

5pm: Fr. Escalante

Sunday, December 2

7am: Fr. Escalante

8:30am: Fr. Escalante

10:30am: Fr. Escalante

12:15pm: Fr. Escalante

5pm: Fr. Escalante

Saturday, December 8

5pm: Fr. Mullaney

Sunday, December 9

7am: Fr. Mullaney

8:30am: Fr. Escalante

10:30am: Fr. Escalante

12:15pm: Fr. Escalante

5pm: Fr. Escalante



Advent, the Church's New Year

What should we expect in the liturgy during Advent? The scriptural readings and theme of the liturgy will focus on the waiting period for the coming of Jesus Christ. Right now, we're living in between the first coming of Jesus to his promised glorious return. So, we're in the 2nd advent or 2nd waiting period for the Messiah. The first time, Jesus "sneaked" into Bethlehem and only a handful of shepherds saw him. But the next time he will be seen by everyone coming from the east as he descends from the clouds. Now that's something to look forward to!

The secular world "attempts" to make New Year's resolutions on January 1st but Christians do it during the season of Advent and in 2018 starts this Sunday. You have a multitude of choices how you can become spiritually better and closer to Jesus but there are two I highly recommend for starters: 1) *Go to confession* (should be a must!); and 2) *check the parish bulletin and see how you can volunteer your time*. If you're thinking of actively getting involved in helping the needy, our crew has been working on expanding reaching out to the homeless in our local area so go into the *Parish Homeless Ministry* and be a part of the team! These are just suggestions but there are many other ways you can make your Advent a very special spiritual preparation beyond what the parish offers so pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance.

Here's something new... 1st time in 7 years!

We started saying the *Building Our Faith* or *Faith In Action* prayer before the end of Mass in 2011 so that we'll be able to use the new parish center for the greater glory of God and make payments on the huge loan we owe. The overall project cost nearly \$9M plus the \$1.5M we added for the renovation of our beautiful church. These prayers (plus Adoration, 100k+ rosaries & 100k+ *Hail Marys*, etc.) seemed to have worked really well. We opened the parish center in 2014 and the money we owe in 2018 is now down to \$3.5M!!! We still have ways to go plus we will soon promote the church addition to add the needed confessionals and expanded sacristy. Let us still pray to get our debt down and soon raise money for the small but important expansion. However, there is a more urgent need right now. The Catholic Church has been under heavy spiritual attack. In order to do our part to combat this, we will change the prayer to reciting the *Saint Michael Prayer* immediately after every Mass starting this Sunday. We will place the prayer on the inside cover of the *Saint Michael Hymnal* (how fitting!). When we're done with the prayer, you'll all set to sing the recessional hymn because you'll already have the hymnal in your hand! The version we'll use is this one:

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Your shepherd in Christ,
Father Escalante

SENIORS LUNCHEON

Because of the upcoming holidays, the next Luncheon will be **Tuesday, December 4 and 12noon**, and we will return to our regular schedule on the last Tuesday of the month in January.

Tens of thousands of men, women, and families are served annually by Catholic Charities. Please support the 2018 Annual Parish Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities next weekend – Dec. 8 and 9
Catholic Charities shows the transformative love of Christ and serves tens of thousands of men, women, and families annually across 100 direct and affiliated service locations in the 21 counties and 7 cities that make up the boundaries of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington. Please use the special bulletin insert/ contribution envelope provided or go online to www.cdda.net to share your blessings.

COURAGE a group that assists individuals with same-sex attractions to live chaste lives according to the teachings of the Catholic Church, meets in the Diocese of Arlington. Meetings are for men and women and strict confidentiality is maintained. For more info: courage@arlingtondiocese.org and www.couragerc.net

Keep CHRIST In Christmas

Evangelize this year with wonderful religious Christmas cards available in the Narthex after Sunday Masses beginning the weekend before Thanksgiving (Nov. 17 & 18). Buy then when purchases of \$30 or more will receive a free KCIC car magnet (value of \$4) while supplies last. To see a list of available cards go to: www.ChristisCHRISTmas.com. For more information contact Steve DeVita at sdevita@aol.com.

Follow Bishop Burbidge

Bishop Burbidge has over 12,200 followers on Twitter! His daily reflections and posts are popular and insightful. Follow him @BishopBurbidge. Want to hear relevant, pastoral inspiration from our Shepherd? Selected homilies of Bishop Burbidge are posted on our YouTube page. Please visit youtube.com/arlingtondiocese.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS - DECEMBER 2018

Evangelization – In the Service of the Transmission of Faith
That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

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

- Joseph Loughran, December 5, 2016
- Helen Swigon, December 7, 2016
- Theresa Schoeb, December 4, 2015
- Pilar Zayas Galvan, December 31, 2014
- Michael Lasher, December 5, 2012
- Veronica Ann Loughran, December 8, 2012
- Irene Taylor - December 7, 2011
- Rosalie Weaver - December 26, 2010
- Adel Salem - December 14, 2010
- Lorena Thurman - December 11, 2010
- Anne Marie Hooks - December 5, 2010
- Dr. Harry G. Geyer, Dec. 22, 2009
- Hannah Emeline Brown, Dec. 22, 2009
- Genevieve M. Boucher, Dec. 7, 2009
- Rev. Michael Craig Kelly, Dec. 31, 2008
- Miriam E. Moore, Dec. 27, 2008
- Patricia Ann Bettens, Dec. 4, 2007
- Aurelia Charlotte Kulik, Dec. 27, 2006
- Carroll Ed Frawley, Dec. 15, 2005
- Vera Redmond Terminella, Dec. 20, 2005
- Mary Theresa Skarzenski, Dec. 6, 2004
- Manuel J. Kelley, Dec. 26, 2004
- Patricia Louise Shannon, Dec. 9, 2002
- Alberto Joseph Sliverio, Dec. 6, 2001
- Robert Michael Schwartz, Dec. 8, 2001
- Mary Violet Miller, Dec. 26, 2001
- James F. Alexander, Dec. 14, 2000
- Sophia Dolores Shannon, Dec. 26, 2000
- Evelyn N. Newman, Dec. 10, 1998
- Robert E. Schilling, Sr., Dec. 18, 1998
- Anthony Peter Moorcones, Dec. 28, 1994
- William Henry Ahalt, Sr., Dec. 31, 1992
- Mary Loretto Lansdale, Dec. 1, 1989
- John Parkinson Fahey, Dec. 3, 1989
- Morgan Augustus Trail, Dec. 8, 1989
- Joseph Siemen, Dec. 20, 1989
- Ruth P. Bradshaw, Dec. 27, 1988
- James A. Walsh, Dec. 14, 1987
- Jennie R. Ortiz, Dec. 13, 1984
- John Morton - December 1984
- Pauline L. Randall, Dec. 1, 1983
- Sidonie M. Lestavel, Dec. 2, 1979
- Joan L. Patrick, Dec. 8, 1978
- Charles E. Schonder, Dec. 13, 1977
- Daniel J. Ludlam, Dec. 21, 1977

Our thoughts and prayers are with ...



Our Military Members:

Major Chuck Marshall; Lcpl John Owen Patterson; Sgt. Tim Marshall; 2nd Lt. Patrick Gutierrez, Capt. Andrew Cahan; 1st Lt Matthew Ryan, Capt. Patrick Godfrey, Cpl Zachary Gingras, LT Scott Cypher, Cap. Vincent Jovene, 1st Lt. Jamie (Jovene) Liddle, A1C Joshua Jovene, 1LT Jared Willard, Joe Pultro, LCpl Paul Cotter, 2dLt Rachel Jovene, GySgt Jose O Ruiz Pedroza, PFC Jorge A Lara Pedroza, LT Ross Mentzer, 2nd LT Ryan Patrick Grady; PFC Stephen G. Beard, Sgt. Ernesto G. Castro

The Sick: Dominic Corcoran, Jack Lehtonen, Mary Jane Arens, Zach Miller, Phyllis Heller, Madeline Gonzalez, Mike O'Brien, Bill and Valerie Wieliczko, Sarah Nolan, Liz Keller

The Deceased: Sophie and Pedro Macaraeg, Rita Hockenbury, Kim Castellano, David Young, Philippe Laffitte-Smith, Shannon Stodar, Edward Versprille, Nancy Anderson, Arthur Busher, Jim Dueppen, Dorothy Gessner, Ellen Delaney, Daniel Duggan, Bud Nolan

*** PASTOR'S WISH LIST ***

• **New Altar Guild members needed**—The *Altar Guild* volunteer crew prepares our beautiful new sanctuary ready for the Sunday & Holy Day Masses. No experience necessary and Altar Guild coordinator, *Laura Burgess*, will gladly train new members. The Saturday morning duty includes flower arrangements and light spot cleaning to prepare the altar and the sanctuary for the celebration of the Mass. Please contact Laura Burgess to volunteer for this very important duty and care for Our Lord's sacred house of worship: llburgess@verizon.net

• **Boxing Team for Boys being formed in the parish!**—There are at least three parishes in the diocese this year that have a boys' boxing team so we are now forming our own Saint Francis de Sales Boys' Boxing Team! No boxing experience is necessary and I now have at least two trainers who are willing to teach the kids the art of boxing. Gloves and headgear will be used during sparring. If interested in participating, including adult boxing trainers and monitors, please contact me directly. To comply with child safe and protection I will need a few adult monitors on hand. Monitors don't need to have boxing experience.

• **Oberammergau/Divine Mercy European Pilgrimage in 2020** – There is a *Passion Play* that's held in a German town of *Oberammergau* once every ten years for nearly 400 years that pilgrims have been attending. Our parish trip is set for August 11-22, 2020. Included in this 11-day package is a visit to the *Divine Mercy Shrine* in Krakow, *Black Madonna* in Czestochowa, Prague, Salzburg, Vienna and Munich. *Navas International* customized our Oberammergau/Eastern Europe trip and offered us the early-bird discount rate of \$4699 per person (we depart from Dulles). So far **28** have signed up for the trip and if you're interested in joining us please return the bottom portion of the flyer to parish or contact me directly. To get the special rate I need your \$200 deposit. I've seen comparable rates costing nearly \$7k!

• **Looking for Ushers for the "New Ushering Ministry"**—*Pat Orender* is heading the new ushering ministry and we're looking for new ushers to serve the parish community to help the worshipers who come to Mass. This will be a great opportunity to volunteer in the parish. We need more adult volunteers but we also welcome *Junior Ushers* (young kids) to serve with the adults. Contact Pat to sign up: theorenders@gmail.com

• **Donate to our new Ambo (Pulpit)** I'm inviting you to donate any amount for the new Ambo (Pulpit) and be a part of the "Book of Life Circle." Donations of \$1k or more will give you the option to add a dedication to our future Memorial Wall to be displayed in the narthex. We need \$35k for this important part of the sanctuary where we hear the Word of God proclaimed. As of November 2, 2018, we have received \$23,000. (See July 30, 2017 Shepherd's Notes re the Ambo.)

• **Pipe Organ" donation**—Help us pay for the church organ that was installed in April 2017. We have received \$48,810 & now owe just \$68,890 for this beautiful organ!

• **Write your dedication on a brick...on church property!**—You now have an opportunity to place your permanent dedication etched on a brick on the church property: in front of the new parish center. Proceeds go directly to pay our center's mortgage. Go to our website: www.saintfranciscsparish.org.

• **Hosting the Pilgrim Virgin statue sign up**—You can now schedule to sign up for hosting the *Pilgrim Virgin* in your home. Go to saintfranciscsparish.org/hosting-the-pilgrim-virgin/ and pick a date. Then just sign up at j.rees@saintfranciscsparish.org and pick up the statue in the chapel after the Sunday Mass you attend and return it no later than Saturday afternoon for the next person to host our *Blessed Mother*. Great blessings will come along your way when you invite *Our Lady* and pray the rosary in your home. She will not be outdone in generosity!


You may contact me directly for your response by phone (540-338-6381 ext. 102), by email countryparishpriest@gmail.com, by "snail mail" or in person

Got 'em!

• We reached our 3-year 100k goal for the *Rosary Challenge!* On **10.13.2018**, we have surpassed the **100k** goal of rosaries prayed when we received the final tally of **104,885!** Thank you so much for your participation and keep praying the rosary daily, faithful children of Our Lady. You and the parish will truly be blessed!

Religious Education Office

James Blankenship, DRE
Janice Rees, CRE



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“Cook the truth in Charity until it tastes sweet”
- St. Francis de Sales -



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Small Change. Big Impact. Advent Baby Bottles

Please help us support those facing unplanned pregnancies through the 2018 Religious Education Advent/Christmas Baby Bottle Drive. We will have baby bottles in the classrooms on the first class of Advent, please take a bottle, fill it with your loose change, cash or check. This project will go through the Epiphany. All monies will directly support the free, life-affirming programs offered at Birthright of Loudoun County. It is a great way to get the entire family involved and goes a long way in reaching the women and babies within the community. Thank you for your participation.



Middle Schoolers **A**cting for **C**hrist
Prayer **A**ction **C**harity

**JOIN US SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 9
following 5pm Mass**

All Middle-Schoolers are automatically a part of our MAC-PAC and are always invited to join us for our fun events and service activities.

Bring a \$5 wrapped gift for a white elephant gift exchange!

This is part of ongoing catechesis about the Extraordinary Form of the Mass, which is often times called the Traditional Latin Mass. Excerpt takes from EXPLANATION OF THE PRAYERS AND CEREMONIES OF HOLY MASS by Dom Gueranger. www.liturgialatina.org/benedictine/holymass.htm#pref

Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens: O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. Here, the Church addresses herself directly to the Father. Previously, she was intent on the Unity which is in the Godhead; she now thinks of the Trinity; and seeing, first of all, the divine Person who is the Principle and source of the other Two, she exclaims Deus Pater omnipotens! God, Father Almighty! Then she turns to her Divine Spouse. She can never tire speaking of Him; and almost all the rest of the Canticum is addressed to Him. She sings the Incarnate Son of God, and she calls Him Lord: Domine, Fili unigenite: Lord, the Only Begotten Son!

MOUNT2000 – Sign ups are now open for Mount2000! February 8-10, 2019, hosted by Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. Three days of nationally-renowned, teen-oriented Catholic speakers, Mass, Adoration, opportunities for Confession, getting to know seminarians, vocation exploration, awesome music and worship, and SO much fun! \$85 before 11/30, and \$90 after 11/30. E-mail e.glass@saintfrancisparish.org to sign up or get more info! All high schoolers are invited!

HOMELESS SHELTER – We will be cooking for the homeless shelter on Monday, December 10th from 4:30-6pm, in the Education Center kitchen.

GINGERBREAD THROWDOWN – Save the date! This year’s *Prepare the Way* Advent Gingerbread Competition is on Sunday, 12/16 in the old parish hall after the 5pm Mass. All high schoolers welcome! Who can come up with the best gingerbread creation to celebrate Advent?! \$2 per person.

5PM MASS – Every Sunday at 5pm, join us in the front 4 left rows to celebrate Mass together. All high school students are welcome!

YOUTH NIGHT – Join us on Sundays from 6-8pm for fellowship, food, and fun. Bring a friend!! All high schoolers are welcome! Come to grow in friendship with Christ and one another.

BIBLE STUDY FOR HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS – Join us at Market St. Coffee on Wednesdays from 5-6pm for Bible study. There will be no Girls Bible Study on Wednesday, November 21st or December 5th.

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS – If you would like to receive text message announcements about time changes, event cancellations, etc., you can go to this link: remind.com/join/eglass16 and enter your information to be added to the recipient list! Also, follow the Youth Ministry Instagram account *St.FrancisYouth* for event updates and announcements.

Help Us Deck the Halls!

We will be decorating the Church for Christmas on Saturday December 22 starting after the 9am Mass and we are looking for volunteers! If you are interested in decking the halls with boughs of holly and want to help out, please contact James Blankenship at j.blankenship@saintfrancisparish.org. The more people we get, the merrier (and quicker) the decorating will be.

Religious Education Calendar

WEEK OF DECEMBER 2 & 9

Sunday	Grades 1st-8th Session 1 - 8:45am
	Grades K-8th Session 2 - 10:30am
Monday	Grades K-8th - 4:45pm
Wednesday	Grades K-8th - 4:45pm

ST. FRANCIS COUNCIL 11136 NEWS



Next Council Meeting: Our next Council Business Meeting will be on Monday, December 10, at 7:30pm. We will pray our Rosary in the chapel beginning at 7pm. Any parishioner is welcomed to join our Rosary!

Keep Christ in Christmas Cards on Sale: The Keep Christ in Christmas Cards went on sale Sunday, November 18th. They are on sale after every Mass in the narthex of the church. The Knights are looking to sell every card in their stock by December 9th. Please help us out with this worthy fund raiser.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, December 2nd, the Knights of Columbus will have their first Sunday of the Month Pancake Breakfast. The breakfast will begin after the 7:00 am mass and run through the end of the 10:30 am mass. As before, the Knights accept free-will donations.

Have You Ever Considered Becoming a Knight and Helping Others in Your Parish and Community?: Find out how you can be a part of the largest Catholic men's organization in the world. With nearly 2 million members and growing, discover how the Knights can support you, your family, your faith and your community. Contact GK Tracy Beglau or Chancellor Scott Grimard (Grimster845@gmail.com), or look for any man wearing a Knights of Columbus name badge. The needs are many, but the laborers are few.

May God bless you!

Tracy Beglau, Grand Knight
St. Francis Council #11136

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The Ladies Auxiliary News



Sunday, December 2nd - Join us at the Pancake Breakfast! We'll have a fun and yummy Cake Walk and entertainment for the kids in the rear of the gym. Proceeds of the Cake Walk are to fund programs by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Saturday, December 8th - Come to the Christmas Market Village and buy more yummy treats at the Bake Sale! Proceeds of the Bake Sale will go to help pay down the Catholic Education Center loan.

Email ladiesaux11136@gmail.com! if you have questions or comments.

COUNSELING OFFERED AT SFDS

Jennifer Barry, LCSW from Catholic Charities' Family Services will begin taking appointments offering Individual, Family or Couples Counseling on Wednesdays at St. Francis de Sales. Jennifer is a licensed clinical social worker who received her Master of Social Work (MSW) from the Catholic University of America. If you would like to schedule an appointment with her, please contact Family Services at 703-425-0109.



St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church
Our Lady of Victory Hall
37730 Saint Francis Court, Purcellville

Christmas Market Village

Saturday, December 8th
10am-5pm

Shop! Eat! Music! Fun for Kids!

Vendors welcome! Contact Cheryl Rider at chercher4@gmail.com
Visit website saintfrancisparish.org for vendors Contract and Rules

This Advent Season, give a

Gift For Life

to help expectant mothers, children,
and families in need.

Post-Abortion Healing *Project Rachel* ✦ Pregnancy Assistance *Gabriel Project*

Two ways to donate:

1. Donate online at:
www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife

2. Mail a check payable to CDA-Gift For Life
Please mail donations to:
Catholic Diocese of Arlington
P.O. Box 1960
Merrifield, VA 22116-1960

Office for Family Life
Catholic Diocese of Arlington
(703) 841-2755



Save the Date! Simbang Gabi Filipino Advent Mass 2018



Simbang Gabi, also known as the Misa de Gallo (mass of the rooster) or Misa de Aguinaldo (mass of gifts), is a rich part of the Philippines Christmas tradition. The Filipino immigrants have proudly introduced this beautiful tradition to the Church in United States. Since winter weather in most parts of the country makes it impractical to hold the Mass celebrations at dawn, local parishes have adapted the practice and celebrate Simbang Gabi in the evenings. Please join us Thursday, December 20 at 7pm. Mass will be celebrated by Rev. Ronald Escalante. A pot luck reception will follow after the mass in Our Lady of Victory Hall. Families attending are asked to bring a dish to share. Committee volunteers are greatly needed from our parish to make this annual Advent Celebration a success. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the parish office. No 6:30am Mass that morning

Volunteer Opportunities

The Faith & Family Foundation at Wheatland Farm is a non profit therapeutic riding facility in Purcellville. We are always in need of volunteers to help in our therapeutic horseback riding program. Our programs are designed to support children and adults with disabilities and are heavily dependent on volunteers! Please join us at our next volunteer training on Monday, December 10th, 6:30pm in the Wheatland Farm Coffee Shop. For more information and to sign up visit: www.wheatlandfarm.org/volunteer. Email any questions to wheatlandfarmsecretary@gmail.com.

Come ponder the mysteries of the Rosary Tuesday Nights from 7:30 – 9pm. Join us for one or all of the Mysteries! The resource we are using is Take Up & Read's PONDER, which is available on Amazon.



We will begin with the Luminous Mysteries
December 4th – The Transfiguration
December 11th – The Institution of the Eucharist
To sign up email katiemagin@gmail.com or jen@thehouses.us

Catholic Charities Is Here For You!

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

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

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

Gabriel Project Pregnancy Assistance
Ministry:
866-444-3553 or
info@helpforpregnantwomen.org

Parish Homeless Ministry



Upcoming Service Opportunities:

Many thanks to all of the new volunteers, husbands and teens alike, for their help at the St. Teresa of Calcutta D.C. Soup Kitchen on November 10. The guests were very appreciative of our healthy lunches, and the Sisters are most grateful for all we do. Our next serving will be on **Saturday, December 8** from 8:30 to 11:15am. There are several ways to help: you may prepare food in your home, casseroles, muffins, salads and rolls etc for us to take to the Soup Kitchen to serve; and or join us in the kitchen in DC to prepare and serve on site. We can carpool!"

On **Saturday, December 8**, join the Archdiocese of Washington's Catholic Charities at the Cup of Joe Breakfast Bagging events in Landover, MD, assembling breakfast bags for the homeless from 9 to 11am. Without these bags, homeless guests at area shelters would have no morning meal. Enjoy working the fast-paced assembly line for a great cause! Register at www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteercalendar/cup-joe-breakfast-bagging/all/

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Please contact us if you have any questions to be added to our mailing list.

St. John's Preschool Open House RESCHEDULED

The St. John's Preschool Open House has been RESCHEDULED for Thursday, December 6th from 7:00-8:30pm. The Open House will be at the Preschool, which is located in the Parish Center at 101 Oakcrest Manor Drive in Leesburg. Parents of two, three and four year old prospective students are welcome to tour the Preschool and meet with staff members and current parents. St. John's Preschool has three and four year old classes. Students who will be three or four by September 30, 2019 are eligible to enroll for next fall. Additional materials are available on a table in the Narthex after each mass. Please call Director Jane Taylor at (703) 777-7873 for inquiries.

Please join our American Heritage Girls
Troop 962 on December 15 to
REMEMBER the Fallen... HONOR those who Serve
... **TEACH our children the value of Freedom**



Our Troop has begun our annual drive to raise sponsorships for our fallen Veterans. You can go to our Troop VA0962 "[Wreaths Across America](http://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/va0107p)" webpage at www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/va0107p to sponsor a Wreath. These wreaths will be laid at Winchester National Cemetery, located at 401 National Ave, Winchester. There are 5,561 graves to honor at this particular cemetery, and we appreciate your continued generosity in helping us strive for our goal to honor every grave.

Laying of wreaths will begin at 11am on Saturday, December 15th, with ceremony at 12pm. Everyone is welcome! Ceremonies around the world will be starting at the same moment, so please be on time. During wreath laying, please help ensure that all participants get the opportunity to place a wreath, and please follow the location coordinator's instructions on where and how to place wreaths. We look forward to seeing you there on December 15.