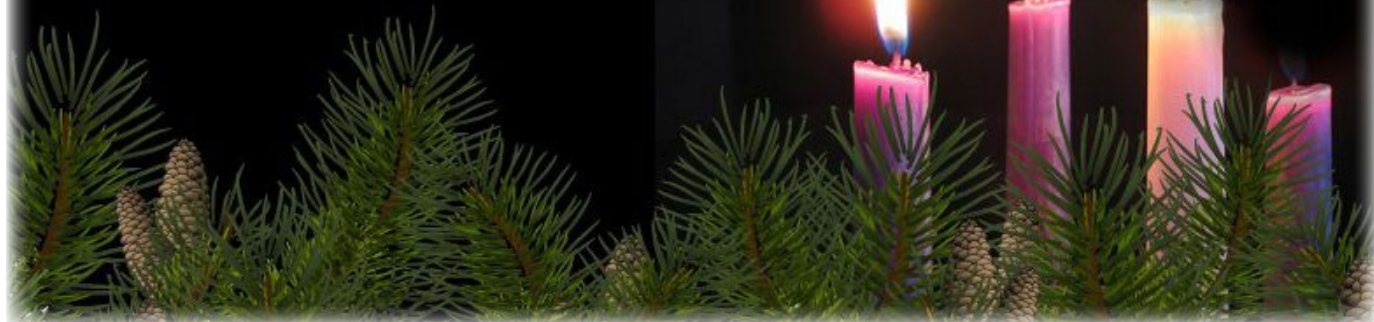


Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

2nd Sunday of Advent December 9, 2018

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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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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God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low.
- Baruch 5:7

Advent and Christmas Schedule

Individual Advent Confessions

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

Simbang Gabi Filipino Advent Mass

Friday, 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

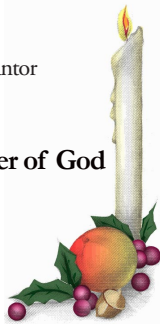
8:30am, 10:30am & 12:15pm - all with Cantor
(*no* 7am or 5pm Teen Mass)

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Tuesday, January 1

8:30am, 10:30am, 12:15pm



This Week

Sun., Dec. 9	<u>Adult Basketball</u> 8:30pm
Mon., Dec. 10	<u>Knights of Columbus</u> 7:30pm, Parish Hall <u>Ladies Auxiliary</u> 7:30pm, Room 202
Tue., Dec. 11	<u>Catholic Social Justice Class</u> 7pm, Room 206 <u>Women's Faith Ministry</u> 7:30pm Rms 201, 213 <u>RCIA</u> 7:30pm, Room 107
Wed., Dec. 12	<u>Catholic Social Justice Class</u> 10am, Room 206 <u>Charismatic Prayer Group</u> 7pm, Chapel <u>TMIY</u> 7pm, Room 202 <u>Bible Study</u> 7pm Room 113
Thu., Dec. 13	<u>Rosary Group</u> 7pm, Church
Sat., Dec. 15	<u>TMIY</u> 6:30am

Masses for the Week

+ deceased

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

Monday, Dec. 10

9:00 am

Tuesday, Dec. 11

6:30 am

Wed., Dec. 12

9:00 am

Thursday, Dec. 13

6:30 am

Friday, Dec. 14

6:30 am

12:00 noon

Saturday, Dec. 15

9:00 am

Saturday, Dec. 15

5:00 pm

Sunday, Dec. 16

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:00 pm

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

Advent Weekday

+ Maria Beck

Advent Weekday

+ Edna Saulnier

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Lupe Dauplaise

Saint Lucy

Irene Mariscotti

Saint John of the Cross

Persecuted Christians

+ Jeanette Messervey

Advent Weekday

+ Fr. Michael Kelly

Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Father Tewes

3rd Sunday of Advent

People of the Parish

Henry Misik

+ John McCarthy

Stephen Sutphin

+ Jenny Elliott

Parish Financial Status

In-pew Offertory - December 2	\$ 14,327
2nd Collection - Christmas Flowers	\$ 2,844
YEAR TO DATE	\$ 428,064

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

Next week's 2nd Collection - Parish Center Debt Reduction

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7;

2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*



AWAITING THE SALVATION OF GOD

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of today's first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.

According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees.

It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.

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Daily Advent Reflections with Bishop Burbidge

In anticipation of the joyful season of Advent, which begins this Sunday, the Office of Communications for the Diocese of Arlington has created a resource of daily spiritual reflections offered by Bishop Michael F. Burbidge. These reflections can be prayed privately or with the entire family throughout Advent. Below you will find a link to the reflections with a PDF that can be printed out on standard printer paper and folded into a pamphlet. www.arlingtondiocese.org/adventreflection2018/

December 6 was the 2nd anniversary of Bishop Burbidge's installation (tag @BishopBurbidge on Twitter)

Happy second anniversary of your installation in Arlington, Bishop Burbidge! Thank you for your leadership, and all you do in service for our Diocese. We are praying for you.

Keep CHRIST In Christmas

The Knights of Columbus are sold out of the Christmas cards and thank you for your generous support for this K of C evangelization effort. You made this year another successful hit. Thank you.



THE ADVENT GIVING TREE IS HERE!

Please take a tag from the Giving Tree and return the NEW, UNWRAPPED item with tag attached under the tree by **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16!** Gift cards can be placed in the basket on the tree, left in the poor box or in the office. We will deliver the gifts to Birthright, Catholic Charities, the Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter, the Leesburg Homeless Shelter, Mobile Hope, local nursing homes and needy families within our parish and community, as well as the Veteran's Hospital in Martinsburg. The Community of St. Francis de Sales has always been very generous to our neediest neighbors. Thanks so much to all of you who have contributed to local organizations and individuals through the Giving Tree! The Giving Tree is sponsored by the Giving Tree Social Justice Committee. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Erin Buccì at buccierin@comcast.net or Marilyn Gugliotta at 6gugs@comcast.net.

2018 Catholic Charities Parish Christmas Collection

Today marks the Annual Parish Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington. Their mission is central to the Church's fundamental mission to serve the poor with Christ's love and compassion – and your support of this collection is vital. Please prayerfully consider supporting those in need through Catholic Charities' mission to ease the suffering of people across the diocese. If you are not able to make a gift today, please make your gift in next week's collection and note Christmas Collection/ Catholic Charities on the memo line of your check. Or visit www.cceda.net to learn more and make a year-end gift.

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*" webpage at www.wreathscrossamerica.org/va-erica.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.

Questions? Contact Beth Creighton at creightonfa18@gmail.com, or 703-297-2895.

NATIVITY TOUR IN LEESBURG

The third annual Nativity Tour runs December 1 – 24 at twelve Leesburg shops, restaurants and businesses displaying unique nativities memorializing the birth of Jesus Christ. New on the tour is a Lenox First Blessing Nativity on loan from Stacy Leggat displayed at Ketterman's Jewelry on Catocin Circle. The tour emphasizes a child focused nativity which in the past has included Lego nativity figures, hand crafted fabric stuffed dolls and a gingerbread nativity. This year the child focused Nativity is a Charles Schultz inspired Charlie Brown Christmas pageant.

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.

Bulletin Publishing Problem

We are aware that the bulletin has been difficult to read three out of the past four weeks. There is an issue with the publisher, we are trying to work it out. Hopefully the issue you are reading today is clear! You can visit our website, <https://saintfrancisparish.org/sunday-bulletin/> and see the bulletin as it was designed, without the gray shading.

Is the Holy Spirit asking you to be "a shepherd he feeds his flock" in the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life? Call Fr. Michael Isenberg, (703) 841-2514, or write: michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

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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

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 Pultrio, 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 Macaraega, 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

*** PARISH 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: lburgess@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.
- **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)** You are invited 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.saintfrancisparish.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 saintfrancisparish.org/hosting-the-pilgrim-virgin/ and pick a date. Then just sign up at j.rees@saintfrancisparish.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!
- **Look up our parish on Facebook**—Search for: *St. Francis de Sales, Purcellville...and "Like" us.*


Our thoughts and prayers are with ...

The **Names of The Deceased** will be remain until the first anniversary of their death. Thereafter the deceased will be remembered on the first Sunday of the monthly anniversary of their death in a special column.

Names of The Sick and **Our Military Members** are included by request of the individual or family. If you would like to publish the name of a loved one who is sick, please contact Janice Rees at j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org. Please let us know if there any changes to military rank, or if you would like name taken off Names of the Sick.

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

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 Acting in Christ
Prayer Action Charity**

**JOIN US TODAY,
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.liturgicalatina.org/benedictine/holymass.htm#pref)

The Gloria

Domine DEUS, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris! Yes, her Spouse is God; he is, too, the Lamb of God, as St. John declared Him to the people; and, finally, He is Son of the Father. In her delighted love, Holy Church gives her Spouse every title she can think of; she enumerates his glories; it is a joy to her to announce them all in turn. Among these titles, she gives him that of Lamb of God; but she seems to falter a moment, before adding what is the sad consequence of that title, - namely, that He had to take the world's sins upon Himself. She must, first, speak again of His magnificence; she calls Him Filius Patris; and this said, she takes heart, and sings out to her Spouse, that, being the Lamb, He has humbled Himself so low, as to take upon Himself the sins of the world: *Qui tollis peccata mundi.* Who takest, and takest away, the sins of the world.



Emily Glass Director of Youth Ministry
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e.glass@saintfrancisparish.org

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 9 & 16

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!

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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SWEATS FOR VETS

Comrades help us cooperate with KofC and provide new sweatsuits as gifts for our hospitalized veterans at Martinsburg VAMC

Guidelines:

- new sweatsuits only! (sets preferred)
- all sized accepted with a focus on XL, 2XL, 3XL, and 4XL
- do not wrap the sweats in gift wrap but tie each set with Christmas ribbon
- bring sweats to box in the Narthex labeled "Sweats for Vets"

Sign Up For the Diocesan E-Newsletter!

Receive special video messages from our bishop, learn about unique opportunities to get involved, and be the first to know the news about our Diocese — straight to your inbox. Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/CDAsignup>

Oplatki Christmas Wafers (Oplatek)

Oplatki (blessed by Fr. Escalante) are once again available this year, FREE (one per family - donations are accepted). Stop by the Knights' Christmas Card table and start or continue your own family tradition. The tradition of the Oplatki originated in 10th century Poland. Just as we share in the Eucharist as one body in Christ and receive Jesus and His love through the Eucharist, Oplatki allows for family and friends to come together and to share the love they have for one another. This is a heartwarming tradition that will complete your family's time together during the Christmas season.

Ladies Auxiliary News



- No meeting in December
- Monday - January 7th - Join the Ladies Auxiliary in kicking off the new year!! Come help us plan the corporal and spiritual works of mercy for the year as a lady of the parish.
7:00 p.m. Rosary in the chapel; 7:30 p.m. Meeting in the Parish Hall

Please e-mail your questions or comments to ladiesaux11136@gmail.com

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

Unwrap the gifts in your marriage on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter. It is a weekend for married Christian couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. Start your new year out right and sign up today for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Mar 22-24, 2019 in Herndon, VA and Sep 20-22, 2019 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: RenewMarriage-VANorth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or 703-646-1521.

Father's Raising Men

Christ centered men's group for fathers searching for encouragement, guidance, and comradery with other fathers striving to raise sons to be Godly respectful men in modern times.

Topics will be centered around a book that is read that month on fatherhood as it pertains mostly to raising our boys. Book of the month centered discussions with God the Father, Scripture, and St. Joseph as our guide.

Second Thursday of the month, December 13, 7:30pm.

Home of Anders and Lindsay Hurd, 37736 Hyatt Lane, Hillsboro.

For more information, contact Anders Hurd andershurd@gmail.com or 703-434-2561 - please rsvp

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 Friday, 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**

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



We continue with the Luminous Mysteries December 11th – The Institution of the Eucharist. Email katiemagin@gmail.com or jen@thehouses.us

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

Please Give to our Poor Box

Have you thought of practicing giving alms? Please remember to donate to our parish poor box located at the narthex. Proceeds help the needy people in our area. "Give alms and everything will be clean for you" (Lk 11:41).

Parish Homeless Ministry



The Homeless Ministry has hosted another successful donation drive! The Christ House Linen Donation Collection has come to a close, and our volunteers delivered the linens to the Christ House shelter last weekend. The donations from our parishioners as well as from others outside our parish totaled enough for new sheets, pillows, and comforters/blankets for each shelter bed, and new towels for every shelter resident (and more)! Thank you for your continued charity and generosity!

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

For Catholics in Recovery

Calix is an association of Catholics in recovery and their family & friends also affected by addictions. Calix members maintain their sobriety through participation in 12-step recovery programs. Calix promotes the spiritual development of its members, and meetings serve as a source of inspiration & encouragement to each other.

How to Attend a Meeting

- In Leesburg, meetings are held on Saturdays – 10 to 11:15am – Club "12", 58 Sycolin Road SE, Leesburg. Contact Bruce G at Calix_NoVA@yahoo.com for details.
- Join online meetings "virtually" through videoconference or call-in on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 8-9pm. E-mail Ken at treasurer@calixsociety.org to be added to the e-mail distribution list.

If you have questions, please call Mike M at 703.362.3534 or e-mail at mfm2u2@gmail.com. Go to www.calixsociety.org for more information about Calix.

Catholic Charities Is Here For You!

People in need can find help on our new website www.cdda.net/ 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

Help After Abortion

Are you experiencing feelings of shame, guilt, regret and sadness? Have you lost a child to abortion? Contact Project Rachel post-abortion healing ministry for confidential referrals to trained clergy, professional counselors, retreats and/or information on steps to healing: 888-456-HOPE / 888-456-4673 or email: info@helpafterabortion.org.

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Abortion Healing Ministry: 888-456-HOPE or visit:
www.helpafterabortion.org.**

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