# Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 29, 2023

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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)

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

#### 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

#### Benediction/Adoration

<u>Friday</u> - Adoration is held every Friday following the 12noon Mass through the evening and overnight until Saturday morning before the 9am Mass <u>Wednesday</u> Holy Hour at 7pm



#### Sacraments

Confessions:
Friday 11am
Saturday 8am and 3:30pm; Wednesday 8pm;
One-half hour before Mass on Sunday.
Anytime by appointment. Confessions are held in the Church.

<u>Matrimony</u>: Parish couples planning to be married must make arrangements with the Office at least six months prior to the intended date of marriage.

<u>Baptism</u>: 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 homebound upon request. Please call the office to let us know your needs.

#### 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 29, 2023

"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

- Mt 5:10-12a

#### 2023 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) Begins!

The 2023 BLA is underway! The BLA theme this year is "My soul rejoices in the Lord," which is shared with the second preparatory year of the Diocesan Jubilee. After reflecting upon the blessings God has given you, please prayerfully consider a pledge. The BLA funds programs and ministries that serve

thousands of people in our diocese. Through the inspiration of the BLA theme, let us joyfully make a pledge to support God's Kingdom in our diocese! You make a gift at:

<u>www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA</u> or scan the QR code



The Parish Gift Shop will be Open the Weekend of January 29 Hours 9:30-am - 1:30pm

#### Virginia State March for Life - Wed., February 1

We will be departing from St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church to Richmond, Virginia.

Please arrive by 9am. If you are interested in a seat on the bus please email Carie Losinski at <a href="mailto:skigators@icloud.com">skigators@icloud.com</a> May God bless you all for standing up for the unborn child!



### This Week

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Mon. Jan. 30	Catholicism 101 5pm, Knights Hall
	RCIA 7pm, Room
Wed., Feb. 1	SoulStitch 9:30am, Knights Hall
	TMIY 7pm Room 202
	Holy Hour for Miraculous Medal 7pm,
	Church
Fri., Feb. 3	Women's Prayer Group 7am, Chapel
	Mom's Group 9:30am, OLVH
Sat., Feb. 4	TMIY 6:30am, OLVH

## Masses for the Week

+ deceased	
Sat., Jan. 28	Saint Thomas Aquinas
9:00 am	Josefina Torrijos Yturri
Sat., Jan. 28	Vigil: 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time
5:00 pm	+ Ann Fowler
Sun., Jan. 29	4th Sunday of Ordinary Time
7:00 am	+ Joan Jasinski
8:30 am	People of the Parish
10:30 am	+ Gerald Dee Rhodes
12:15 pm	+ Carol Elaine Frasier
5:30 pm	+ Tho Dinh Tran
Mon., Jan. 30	Weekday
6:30 am	+ Mitch Buster
8:30 am	+ Frank and Margaret Furgal
Tue., Jan. 31	Saint John Bosco
6:30 am	Brianna Mentzer
8:30 am	Thomas L. Hamberger
Wed., Feb. 1	Weekday
6:30 am	Brigid Holfelder
8:30 am	+ Rosemary McCormick
Thu., Feb. 2	The Presentation of the Lord
6:30 am	Mary Joan Corcoran
8:30 am	+ Joseph and Lena Galdo
Fri., Feb. 3	Weekday
6:30 am	+ Lea Biscardi
12:00 pm	+ Neal Brown
Sat., Feb. 4	Weekday
9:00 am	+ Kim Doering
Sat., Feb. 4	Vigil: 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time
5:00 pm	+ Steven Calandra
Sun., Feb. 5	5th Sunday of Ordinary Time
7:00 am	+ Richard McCarthy
8:30 am	+ Judith Miller
10:30 am	People of the Parish
12:15 pm	+ Corey Michael Feickert
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# Readings for the Week

+ Eugene O'Sullivan

5:30 pm

6:30-34

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Sun:	Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
	(Matthew 5:3)/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a
Mon:	Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk
	5:1-20
Tue:	Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/
	Mk 5:21-43
Wed:	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/
	Mk 6:1-6
Thu:	Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk
	2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Fri:	Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29
Sat:	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk

Dear Folks,

Just a note of thanks to all of you who provided Coats for the needy this winter. The Knights of Columbus gathered many coats that went out thru the needy of Virginia, and Mrs. Cassie Kingsley helped to gather coats and joined with the Episcopal Church in Middleburg, to send as donations to Ukraine. God bless one and all for your great kindness. The recent inclement weather should open our eyes for the needs all around us, close to home and far beyond our borders.



Speaking of cold weather, God bless the many who joined us at the Pro-Life March in DC last week. It was a great turn out of the young. I believe I was one of the older folks in the crowd. For those older, I salute you as it took me a few days to shake of the aches and pains of the March. Not to worry... I will join the folks in Richmond and return to DC next year. Life. It is a good, it is the right cause, it is the only cause to set forth for our future generations.

Three people stand out in the presentations on the March. Tony Dungy, Superbowl Player/Coach, now a ESPN sportscaster began by discussing the sudden collapse of Damar Hamlin, (of the Buffalo Bills football team with his heart trauma during a recent game), which he said inspired people to move to protect life. "The real miracle was the reaction of everyone to that," he said, adding, "All across the country, people started praying... the Bills players prayed right on the spot." Previously, he said players were told by the NFL not to pray during or after games, making this a huge change.

It remains to be seen how ESPN will react to his speaking at the March ... We will be watching.

The second notable speaker was **GIANNA EMANUELA MOLLA.** St. Gianna Beretta Molla was the mother of Gianna Emanuela Molla, as well as a doctor. St. Gianna was encouraged to have an abortion when she became ill while pregnant with Gianna, but refused; after giving birth, St. Gianna died several days later. Her daughter still speaks about her today, continuing her legacy and encouraging others to follow her mother in protecting life.

Gianna became a doctor like her mother, and spoke at the rally about her mother's legacy. "I would not be here today if I were not so loved. The gift of life is truly the greatest, the most precious, and the most sacred gift we always have to honor, respect, and defend."

And finally, Jesus Christ showed up. Or better understood: JONATHAN ROUMIE

Roumie stars as Jesus in the TV show "The Chosen," and his speech closed out the rally. "History has been made. Life has triumphed in an extraordinary way," he said. "And the light of the world, who is Jesus Christ, the author of life, His light has burned so very brightly within each and every one of you, irrespective of your specific beliefs, compelling you forward for one reason or another to stand together today and fight the noblest and worthiest cause possible, which is to allow the unborn the right to enter into the world, and defeat those earthly forces which wish to destroy the very evidence of them."

He urged pro-lifers to continue the fight for life.

"[Satan] is not about to give up this fight, either. In fact, he is doubling down, because guess what? His time is limited. So he's throwing everything he has at the world and every-

one in it... he wants us to believe that abortion does not harm us, individually and as a society, so please, I beg of you: pray for those who do not have the faith, the strength, the clarity of purpose, that you here do."

Speaking of speakers. Fr. John Heisler has been offering a 5pm Monday class for all comers from the parish who wish to hear him speak on the universal catechism of the Catholic Church. Fr. Heisler offers his class at the request of the former RE director. Like EF Hutton, when he speaks... I listen.

In Hebrews 10:1-10 St. Paul offers one of the earliest constitutions of the Church in the Modern World... of the 1st century. He reminds the Jewish listeners that the sacrifices of the Old Testament served them well in their appeal for God's merciful benevolence but were ineffective in removing sin and obtaining grace for purification and sanctification. That is found in Jesus Christ, the perfect sacrifice. Through Him our sins are forgiven, guilt is removed, and makes full reconciliation possible through the graces of the sacraments.

Sound confusing? Not really. The standards of the time of Paul were superseded by the graces of Christ offered through his death and resurrection and sending of the Holy Spirit with the founding of the Church and its sacramental life. What they had was very good, and most essential in the bonds of the covenant, lasting for many centuries... but not enough. St. Francis De Sales offered the same message in the seventeenth century with the world of established Protestant principles stepping aside from the sacramental system of the Church. What they had... was not enough. And lastly, Fr. Heisler brings the same conversation to the Church in the Modern World... the secular standards of our culture established in the nineteenth century... are not enough.

Let us pray for one another.

*Collegiate Question:* What are the seven wonders of the ancient world and how did they come to be listed in the fourth century BC. Simple Search, good hunting.

# Our thoughts and prayers are with ...

Our Military Members: SGT Peter Audi,
MAJ Andrew Cahan, SGT Ernesto Castro, LCpl
Paul Cotter, LT Scott Cypher, CPT Patrick Godfrey,
CPT Ryan Patrick Grady, 2LT Patrick Gutierrez, CPT Jamie (Jovene) Liddle; SSG Joshua Jovene, CPT Rachel (Jovene) Mallets,
CPT Vincent Jovene, MAJ Chuck Marshall; SSG Tim Marshall,
CPT Ross Mentzer; Lcpl John Owen Patterson; PFC Jorge Pedroza, GY Sgt Jose Pedroza; Joe Pultro, 1Lt Matthew Ryan, LCpl
Frankie Thyson, 1LT Jared Willard, PFC Joseph Jovene, A1C
Joshua Wilk, 2LT Alexandra Goodnow

The Sick: Dominic Corcoran, Mary Jane Arens, Mike O'Brien, Sarah Nolan, Liz Keller; Joanne Harrington, Charles Williams, Patricia Naomi Alvarenga, Joe Graber, Rodney and Christina Huth, Candace Daly, Melissa Jewel, Peggy Johnson, Frederick Campos, Grace Costello, Daniel Ramirez, Cynthia Ramirez, Silvia Vizcarra, Elaine Marshall, Olga Howard

The Deceased: Bernadette Reynolds, Anne Jachts, Nancy Eastman, Ann Forrest, Nick Spadaccini., Pasquale Spera, Susan Keelor, Bob Zurschmeide, Jean Pelkey, Jeanne Sweet, Michael Craig, Edward Konchan, Patrick Gaine, Judith Miller, Jean Young, Colette Baine, Ellen Sullivan, Nicholas Misiti, Timotha Rainey, Mary Kay Madigan Ledue, Joan Jasinski, Heather Miles, Salome Torrijos



#### St. Francis de Sales Religious Education

#### **Progress Reports:**

Parents, this past week progress reports were handed out for each child. If you were not able to pick up the progress reports last week, please stop by the RE office at the end of class this week to get your child(ren)'s envelope.

If you have already picked up the report, please review the information with your child, sign the report, and return it to your child's teacher at the next class.

#### Parents of 8th Grade Confirmation Candidates:

Letter to the pastor is due by February 6. Students should talk to their teacher if they need help with the letter format.

A Sign-up for the interviews with Father Gould (for all candidates) was sent to parents. If you did not receive this information or have questions about any confirmation details, please call or email our office.

Please remember to check your email and this weekly bulletin for important updates.

Homeschooling Parents: If you've chosen to work with your children at home this year, please let our office know if you are having any difficulty using the My Catholic Faith Delivered learning platform. As in year's past, all children are expected to successfully complete their grade-level curriculum by the end of May, 2023.

#### **First Penance**

Saturday, February 25 10 am - 12 noon Assigned times slots have been emailed to parents

SAVE THE DATE! Vacation Bible School - July 10-14

EGYPT Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace

# Religious Education Calendar

#### WEEK OF JANUARY 29 and FEBRUARY 5

Sunday Pre-K - 8th Grades -9-10:15am

RCIT - 11-1:15pm

9th - 12th Grades (Fr. Gould) - 4-5pm 11th-12th Grades (Fr. Heisler) - 4-5pm

Monday K - 8th Grades 5-6:15pm

Catholicism 101 Adult Class - 5-6:15pm

Wed Pre-K-5th - 3:30-4:45pm



Lindsay Glass Director of Youth Ministry 540-338-6381 or l.glass@saintfrancisparish.org

### High School

**SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT:** ALL high schoolers are invited to Youth Nights most Sundays after 5:30pm Mass in room 213. Deepen your relationship with God, learn more about Jesus, and grow your desire for life-long discipleship with Him. Friends are welcome! There is no Youth Night on January 29 due to WorkCamp Formation Meeting and February 5 (Mount 2000). Our next gathering is February 12 from 6:30-8pm.



WORKCAMP: On January 28 and 29, the second collection will be dedicated entirely to Diocesan WorkCamp. Thank you for helping our parish youth and adults make homes in our diocese warmer, safer, and drier. Also, our first Work-Camp Formation meeting is on January 29 from **6:30-8pm** in the gym. Those planning to attend

WorkCamp are required to attend. WorkCamp is June 17-23, 2023 in Frederick County, VA, and registration is already underway! If you are an adult or teen currently in grades 9-12 and are interested in attending, reach out to Lindsay Glass or Shahin Uddin (familyuddin@gmail.com) ASAP. Come bring your gift to the altar!



High schoolers are invited /IRGINIA to ride the SFDS bus to the MARCH FOR LIFE Virginia State March for Life in Richmond, VA on Wednes-

day, February 1. Help shape local policies by marching for life and encouraging state legislators to respect the rights of the unborn. We'll arrive at SFDS at 9am and return around 5pm. There is no fee. Teens attending without a parent must complete the Permission Form on our website www.saintfrancisparish.org under Youth Ministry. **Seats must be reserved in advance**, so let me know if you can make it! Read more about the March at <a href="https://vaprolifeday.org/">https://vaprolifeday.org/</a>.

SHELTER COOKING: High schoolers, meet us in the kitchen Monday, February 13 from 5:00-6:30pm to cook for the Loudoun County Homeless Shelter. LET ME KNOW if you can make it!

**REMIND APP:** Sign up to receive text message reminders and updates. Go to https://remind.com/join/a4d636 or text @a4d636 to 81010.

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM: stfdsyouthministry

#### **Inclement Weather Cancellations**

Weekday: When Loudoun County schools are closed or have early dismissal, or cancel after-school activities due to inclement weather, Youth and Adult Religious ed and classes are cancelled.

**Sunday Classes:** Sunday morning cancellations will be posted on the website www.saintfrancisparish.org/, and emailed to families by 7am Sunday morning.

#### St. Francis Council 11136 News

**COUNCIL DUES MAILED**: 2023 annual dues bills were mailed to all eligible members. Please look for the bill in your mail and please promptly provide your bill payment to the Council Financial Secretary.



**MARCH FOR LIFE:** The VA State March for Life is Wednesday 1 February in Richmond, VA. The Council is sponsoring a bus to take parishioners to the VA State March for Life.

**February Council MEETING:** We will hold our February Council Meeting on Monday 13 February at 7:30 in the Knights Hall

**COUNCIL SUPPORT TO YOUTH WORK CAMP:** The Council is supporting the Youth Work Camp in several ways. If you wish to volunteer to support please contact the GK Jay Hallam at gksf11136@ gmail.com for mor information.

Jay Hallam, Grand Knight St. Francis Council #11136 Knights11136@gmail.com; www.facebook.com/knights11136/

# Looking for a way to help support Women who Choose Life?

Birthright of Loudoun, a crisis pregnancy center in Leesburg, maintains an Amazon Gift Registry with a wish list of reasonably priced items most wanted by new moms in need.

Access the registry at <a href="www.amazon.com/registries/custom/JIJ2X48CEM-TI/guest-view">www.amazon.com/registries/custom/JIJ2X48CEM-TI/guest-view</a> or by going to Amazon.com, "Find a Gift", "Custom Gift List" and entering "Birthright of Loudoun".

If you prefer, cash donations can be sent to: Birthright of Loudoun, ,16 Royal St, SE, Leesburg, VA 20175

#### Parish Basketball League

A great presentation was made at the Priest's Council meeting this week about a parish basketball league for middle-schoolers and Father Gould would like St. Francis de Sales join up with other local parishes to be part of this recreational league! (This is not a school league). We hope to have two basketball teams next fall, boys and girls. First we need coaches! If anyone would like to learn more about this fun opportunity, please contact Father Gould at <a href="mailto:frgould@gmail.com">frgould@gmail.com</a>

#### **Mornings of Mercy**

Join other members of the Diocese who have gone through divorce in a series of morning retreats. The morning will include Holy Mass, talk, and Benediction. Mornings of Mercy retreats are led by Very Rev. Thomas P. Ferguson, Pastor, Good Shepherd Catholic Church. Join us on February 4 at St. Luke, McLean, from 9am-12pm. Go to arlingtondiocese.org/morningsofmercy to register. This event is free.

#### Annual Men's Conference 2023 Saturday, March 4, 8:30am-2:30pm

"My Soul Rejoices in the Lord"

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Herndon. Join Catholic men from around the Diocese for a day of prayer, fellowship and reflection. Keynotes include: Fr. Thomas Petri, OP, President of the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception and prolific writer; and Tim Staples, Convert Apologist at Catholic Answers and author of Behold Your Mother. Sign-in begins at 7:30am with confessions, coffee and pastries. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Burbidge at 11:15am. \$65 until February 1st; \$80 after. Register at familylife@arlingtondiocese.org/men.

#### Annual Women's Conference Saturday, March 11, 8:30am-2:30pm

"Love Rejoices in Truth"

Join women from around the diocese for an opportunity to be inspired, to connect with likeminded women and to raise our voices together in prayer. Come and hear Nikki Kingsley's remarkable conversion story. Hear how she, a devout Muslim, was guided by the voice of the Blessed Virgin Mary that would eventually lead her to Jesus and into the Catholic Church. Sign-in begins at 7:30am with confession, coffee and pastries. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Burbidge at 11:15am St. Joseph Catholic Church, Herndon. \$65 until February 1st; \$80 after For inquiries, please email famlylife@arlingtondiocese.org/

#### **COUNSELING OFFERED AT SFDS**

Jennifer Barry, LCSW from Catholic Charities' Family Services will take appointments offering Individual, Family or Couples Counseling. Jennifer is a licensed clinical social worker who received her Master of Social Work (MSW) from the Catholic University of America. Jennifer can be reached for teletherapy or for a free consultation. If you are interested in scheduling a consultation, please contact her at 703-454-1004.

#### ALTAR FLOWERS DEDICATION

Would you like to donate an altar flower arrangement in someone's memory or honor a loved one?

Contact Amy Harrison
540, 338, 6381, x 104

540-338-6381, x 104 a.harrison@saintfrancisparish.org

#### Parish Homeless

"We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But if that drop was not in the ocean, I think the ocean will be less because of the



ocean will be less because of that missing drop."

- Mother Teresa

A heartfelt thank you to all parishioners doing "ordinary things with extraordinary love" (Mother Teresa). The homeless ministry relies on your time and talent to help the hungry and homeless in our community.

- We prepare and serve meals and provide necessities to the Missionary Sisters of Charity in Anacostia every 2nd Saturday of the month. All donated items are due to the Knights Hall the preceding Thursday by 2pm.
  - Items due, February 9; meal delivered and served, February 11.
- We prepare and serve dinner at the Loudoun Homeless Shelter every 4th Thursday of the month. All items are due to the Knights Hall the preceding Wednesday by 5pm.
  - Items due, February 22; meal delivered and served January 23.
- We prepare "blessing bags" for needy and homeless at the shelters and in the community. Watch for email updates for our upcoming blessing bag event!

Join us in works of charity by signing up to purchase items, make casseroles, bake cookies and cakes, or to transport meals and supplies. Contact one of us, and we will direct you to the Signup Genius lists:

- Fran Beebe franbeebe7@gmail.com
- Carie Losinski: skigators@me.com
- Suzanne Robinson suzannedrobinson@gmail.com

### Women's Council Corner

"Though young men faint and grow weary, and youths stagger and fall, they that hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagles' wings; they will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint." Isaiah 40: 30-31





# Next social- Chocolate Tasting & Trivia Night

Monday, February 6th

7pm Room 207 Parish Education Center Bring something chocolate for others to try and join us in some friendly competitive fun for Trivia Night.

#### Women's Council Service Award Nominations-

We are blessed to be a part of the upcoming Diocesan WorkCamp by sponsoring one of the parish teens to attend. Our ministry will be donating up to \$630 toward their mission, including the \$150 registration fee. If you are a teenage young lady who is inspired to attend WorkCamp, please email us with your nomination (womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com) and we can send you more details on how to apply. Applications will be due by Feb 10th.

#### Next planning meeting-Monday, February 20th

6:30pm Rosary in the chapel | 7pm meeting in the Library. All women of the parish are welcome to join to help create and plan our community events. Please join us as we could use your help!

### Shrove Tuesday Dinner - Tuesday, Feb 21st 5pm in the Knight's Hall

All parishioners are invited to the Shrove Tuesday Italian Cuisine hosted by the Women's Council. Join us for food & fellowship before lent. Fill your belly like it's your last as Ash Wednesday begins your fast!



Please check our website for more details on each event. <u>saintfrancisparish.org/womens-council</u> All women of the parish are members of the Women's Council.

No dues or membership forms are required. New to the parish or not getting our emails? Contact us: womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com



# Holy Father Prayer Intentions for January

#### For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.





SoulStitch is a ministry that knits and crochets for those in need. Our members make whatever they would like

and we find a place to donate what is made. Soul Stitch meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 9:30 to 11:30am. Anyone who knits, crochets or would like to learn is welcome to join us. We provide the yarn. We have patterns or you can use your own. If you are unable to meet with us but are interested in making things to donate please contact us. For more information contact Karen Gaylord at windingwoodsfarm@gmail.com

#### **GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL**

A Classical school, rooted in the Catholic Tradition and serving children PK through 8th grade in Purcellville. Our 2023-24

Admissions Season has begun, we are currently accepting applications for the 2023-2024 academic year. If you would like to learn more about the school, please join us for an open house:

- Tuesday, February 7, 3:30 pm
- Tuesday, February 21, 3:30 pm

Please email our Admissions Director, Cathy Struder at admissions@goodshepherdschoolva.com, if you plan on attending.

# Seeking a New Executive Director -

**Birthright of Loudoun,** located in historic Leesburg, VA, is a non-profit organization that provides counseling, resources, and material support for any woman who finds herself in an unexpected or crisis pregnancy.

The Director heads daily operations; recruits, trains and manages volunteers; cares for the needs of our clients; is responsible for fundraising and marketing initiatives; reports to the Board of Directors; and attends regional meetings and an annual international convention. A complete job description available upon request. Position available immediately.

### For inquiries or to submit a resume, please email birthrightoflo@gmail.com

- 20 hour part-time paid position
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- · Conversational Spanish a plus but not required



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

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

#### **UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES**

Bible Studies are held in Room 107 and are facilitated by Mrs. Jeanne Lamana, please contact Jeanne with any questions jeannelamana@gmail.com

#### Divine Mercy Part Two - starting March 1

8 sessions Wednesday 10-11:30 am and 7-8:30 pm The Divine Mercy study will examine aspects of historical and political events, biblical prophecies, lives of Saints, and the timing of Pope John Paul II's declaration that "now is the time of God's Mercy". We will draw from Scripture, Church teachings, and the Diary of St. Faustina to reveal what is at the heart of Divine Mercy. God offers us the overflowing love from the Holy Trinity. We will come to a better understanding of why God has to be Trinitarian and that mercy is the highest form of love. We will analyze the deeper meaning of the Divine Mercy image and learn how sin interrupts our own "image and likeness" to God. Divine Mercy's relevance to our daily life will become clear as we find new ways to more fully respond to the Merciful love of God. All of our relationships will benefit from this discovery as we learn to accept it and imitate it.

#### Consoling the Heart of Jesus - starting Feb. 27

10 sessions. Monday 10-11:30 am and Tuesday 7-8:30 pm (women only) How often do you ask God for something? Have you ever wondered if there was a way to give back to Him more than thanks for our many blessings. All of us can offer something significant back directly to Jesus for all he has given to us. Then, over time, watch how His grace increases and our soul begins to overflow with God's very essence as He empties himself out upon us. The result? Love, goodness, mercy and joy all increase as does our spiritual growth and union with the Body of Christ thru the Eucharist. The study, "Consoling the Heart of Jesus", gives us an awareness of God's infinite mercy and how we can give Him joy in return. We will learn the way to console His Sacred Heart by accepting His love, learning to love Him back and trusting in Him completely. The study also focuses on what to do with the suffering we all encounter, as well as the pain we experience in family members who have drifted from the faith.

#### The Legion of Mary at Saint James the Greater, Charlestown, WV

cordially invites your parish family to attend its first annual Morning of Reflection *On the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes* on Saturday, February 11 in Parish Library. The morning begins with Mass at 8am,



followed by Adoration and Confessions, Holy Rosary, and conferences with Father Gallagher and Father Grassi. Please RSVP the Legion of Mary at <a href="mailto:legionofmary@stjameswv.org">legionofmary@stjameswv.org</a>. Thank you!









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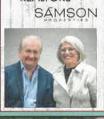
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