

Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 4, 2018



Bella Notte IV: Le Masquerade - Thank you all for supporting the annual fundraising gala for the Parish Faith Education

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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.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time October 27, 2018

You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your strength.
- Deuteronomy 6:5

From the Office of the Bishop ...

The Virginia Attorney General announced on Oct. 24 that he will be investigating allegations of sexual abuse of minors by clergy as well as how allegations of abuse have been handled by Church leaders throughout the Commonwealth. Our Bishop and Bishop Knestout of the Diocese of Richmond recently published a statement addressing the investigation. On the diocesan website you will find resources as well as detailed answers to frequently asked questions regarding the critical issues we are facing within our Church. Lastly, on Oct. 26, Bishop Burbidge published an episode of The Walk Humbly Podcast, during which he directly addresses the investigation and some of the questions he has received. All these resources are available at: ArlingtonDiocese.org/ChildProtection

In addition to fervent prayer for all victims of sexual abuse, please also offer your prayers that the Church will be purified and made stronger by recommitting to greater accountability and continuing to work for the good of God's people.

Parish Financial Status

In-pew Offertory - October 21	\$ 12,161
2nd Collection - World Mission Sunday	\$ 2,165
In-pew Offertory - October 28	\$ 11,332
2nd Collection - KofC Life Line	\$ 2,389
Parish Giving Offertory for September	\$ 36,881
YEAR TO DATE	\$ 325,847

This week's 2nd Collection - Parish Center Debt Reduction
Next week's 2nd Collection - Retirement Fund for Religious

This Week

Sun., Nov. 4	<u>Adult Basketball</u> 8:30pm
Mon., Nov. 5	<u>Catholic Mom's Group</u> 10am, Room 106
Tue., Nov. 6	<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., Nov. 7	<u>Catholic Social Justice Class</u> 10am, Room 206 <u>TMIY</u> 7pm, Room 202 <u>KofC and Ladies Auxiliary Open House</u> 7:30pm Parish Hall <u>Bible Study</u> 7pm Room 113
Thu., Nov. 8	<u>Rosary Group</u> 7pm, Church
Sat., Nov. 10	<u>TMIY</u> 6:30am
Sun., Nov. 11	<u>Adult Basketball</u> 8:30pm

Masses for the Week

+ deceased

Saturday, Nov. 3

9:00 pm

Saturday, Nov. 3

5:00 pm

Sunday, Nov. 4

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:00 pm

Monday, Nov. 5

9:00 am

Tuesday, Nov. 6

6:30 am

Wed., Nov. 7

9:00 am

Thursday, Nov. 8

6:30 am

Friday, Nov. 9

6:30 am

12:00 noon

Saturday, Nov. 10

9:00 pm

Saturday, Nov. 10

5:00 pm

Sunday, Nov. 11

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:00 pm

Weekday; First Saturday

+ Gabriel Stocks

Vigil: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

+ Amparo and Abdon Reyes

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

+ Neal Brown

+ Ann Dormody

+ Dottie Gessner

+ Donald Bell

People of the Parish

Weekday

Kati Pultro

Weekday

Special Intention

Weekday

Special Intention

Weekday

Robert B. Burton Jr. and family

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Persecuted Christians

+ Lynors Murnion

Saint Leo the Great

Special Intention

Vigil: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

+ Pierce and Ellen Bragg

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

People of the Parish

Leslie Brill

The Fitzgerald Family

Liz Keller

+ Renato Tobias and Amelia

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcd-e-3; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday:	Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-30ab, 30e, 31-32; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday:	Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:	Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10
Friday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Saturday:	Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday:	1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]

Mass Celebrant Schedule

Saturday, November 3

5pm: Fr. Escalante

Sunday, November 4

7am: Fr. Escalante

8:30am: Fr. Steve Schultz

10:30am: Fr. Steve Schultz

12:15pm: Fr. Mullaney

5pm: Fr. Mullaney

Saturday, November 10

5pm: Fr. Mullaney

Sunday, November 11

7am: Fr. Mullaney

8:30am: Fr. Mullaney

10:30am: Fr. Escalante

12:15pm: Fr. Escalante

5pm: Fr. Escalante



Bella Notte IV: Le Masquerade's Tremendous Success!

Once again we packed the parish center with the 4th annual *Bella Notte Gala Series* by hosting *Bella Notte IV: Le Masquerade*. The added touch of wearing a masquerade mask made the evening extra creative. It was very nice to see many elaborate mask styles that the attendees brought in. (We thank **Doreen Garcia** who came up with the *masquerade ball* theme for this year.) We had a great time enjoying each other's company during the evening while raising funds to help pay off our parish faith education center's debt nearly \$3M debt. The evening event grossed nearly \$50k from ticket sales, auctions and sponsorship. We paid out \$9,100 in cash prizes including the **\$5k Grand Prize** won by parishioners, **Alan & Jennifer Dysktra Family**—Congratulations on your big win! The whole family was present at the gala and joyfully received their gigantic prize of the night.

I want to thank especially **Chris & Yousung Largent** and their amazing volunteer crew that performed superbly to make the gala possible. We also saved a lot of money because our own parishioner & Knights of Columbus chef, **Dzung Tran**, provided free catering service & food management. Every one remarked how delicious the food was and we're very grateful to Dzung & his magical kitchen crew for pulling off a succulent choice of prime rib, chicken & pasta, or veggie dish. We also thank parishioners **Walter & Tammy Shearow** for donating their time to provide the DJ & Music Entertainment for the gala. We were also treated to a generous surprise professional auctioneer service by **Brian Danewood** who dazzled everyone with his expertise. He astoundingly auctioned off Father Mullaney for \$3,600--WOW!

Election Night 7 PM Mass/ Adoration/Rosary/Divine Mercy

Come to Mass on Monday, November 5th as the parish hosts the 3rd Election Night **"Spiritual Party Hour."** You are cordially invited to a spiritual party hour with Jesus to pray for the political parties to elect officials who will be good in serving our nation. We started this tradition on Election Night 2016 that helped ease the people's nerves and prepared them to accept the election's outcome. We will start the celebration with **7 PM Mass** followed by **Eucharistic Adoration**, the recitation of the **Rosary**, and the **Divine Mercy Chaplet**. As Christians, we are taught to be strong in our faith and remain unshaken by the secular powers. There are certain things that are beyond our control but we are always in control of our faith in Our Savior Jesus Christ.

Your shepherd in Christ,
Father Escalante



Alan & Jennifer Dysktra Family (2018 Bella Notte \$5 Winners)

Ask the Priest

Q. Can you still go to Mass if you committed a venial sin?—*Jill J/Scooby Doo*

A. Yes, you can still go to Mass even if you have committed venial (lesser) sins and receive **Holy Communion!** It is only when you have committed a *mortal* (grave or serious) sin that you will need to go to confession before receiving the Holy Eucharist again. Regardless, those who have committed mortal sins should continue to go to Mass. They just cannot go to communion until after they've gone to confession. They'll just add more mortal sins to their soul if they stop going to Mass.

Q. Is it a sin to whisper your sin in confession?—*L.*

A. No, as long as the priest can hear you speak you can "whisper" your confession.

Q. When are the new confessionals going to be built?—*Anonymous*

A. The exterior design of the church additional for the new confessionals and sacristy expansion have been completed but the interior and electrical design elements should be completed by mid-November. That's when this new *Philothea Guild* project will be ready for contractors to bid on building it. The Finance Council and I have been working on a plan to raise the money to make this project happen and we'll soon unveil it to the parish. If we raise the necessary funds/pledges before Christmas, construction could start as early as March and the confessionals available by May or June 2019. I also plan on another short-term prayer campaign for the success of this very important parish project. Stay tuned!

Q. When are the bulletins printed?—*"Eazy Sea"*

A. The bulletins are printed by the company either on a Wednesday or Thursday. We usually receive them by Friday just in time for the weekend Masses.

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

OPEN HOUSE!!



Come join us on Wednesday, November 7th at 7:30pm in the Knights Hall for some Pizza, drinks, snacks and fellowship. Learn about what the

Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Auxiliary are all about. Be a part of this NEW exciting partnership. Talk to a Knight to see what it takes to join us and all practicing Catholic women age 18 or older may join the Ladies Auxiliary. All current Knights and Ladies Auxiliary members are also invited.



Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and offer our prayers for them.

—*St. John Chrysostom*

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:

Jack Heller, November 16, 2016
Mary Ivey, November 30, 2015
Grace Baran - November 16, 2014
Otto Spokas - November 13, 2014
Christopher Cawley - November 27, 2013
Anna Jane Doyle - November 16, 2013
James Francis Holt - November 22, 2010
Jeanne Coletti - November 25, 2009
Jean-Jacques Lesceux - November 13, 2009
Dorothy Lee Burns - November 23, 2007
Dorothy Jubinville - November 3, 2007
Doris Jacqueline Main - November 2, 2007
Peter Campbell Jesinsky - November 9, 2005
Betty Ann Marciniak - November 13, 2005
Mary A. Shinal - November 19, 2004
Edward Paul Krafcheck - November 7, 2001
Louise Ann O'Brien - November 12, 1999
Julia A. Feczko - November 21, 1999
Patricia Mary Coe - November 16, 1998
Mary Louise Pearl - November 7, 1996
Anne Walker McCracken - November 3, 1994
Julia Glennon - November 3, 1988
John Bauler - November 9, 1986
Camille George - November 21, 1980

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, Bud and 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

*** PASTOR'S WISH LIST ***

- **Election Night Mass & prayers**—Come join us for Mass, Eucharistic Holy Hour, Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet prayers on Monday, November 5 from 7-8 PM to pray for the election of candidates who will truly do what is good for our nation.
- **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 2 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. *Nauvas 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

• **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.*

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!

• Thank you to all Bella Notte IV: Le Masquerade participants & supporters! We had another very successful gala to raise money to pay off the parish center debt and had a lot of fun doing it! Congratulations to the *Dykstra Family* for winning the \$5k cash prize. See you all next year!

• 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!

Harvest Hoe Down!

Saturday, November 17

6pm - dinner

6:45-9:30pm dancing

Our Lady of Victory Hall

Fun for the whole family

Don't miss this fun-filled evening of dance and music

featuring

Professional Square Dance Caller
TOM HINDS

\$5 person/\$20 family

Hot Dogs w/sauerkraut
and Chili Dogs will be
available for purchase

Visit [saintfrancisparrish.org/
hoedown/](http://saintfrancisparrish.org/hoedown/)

for more information about Chili
Cook-Off

*Chili
Cook-Off!!*



A very warm and sincere “Thank You” goes out to everyone who supported and/or attended the 2018 Bella Notte fundraising gala this past Saturday, October 27th. This year’s event saw many changes from the previous years, including the addition of a professional auctioneer! It has been a tremendous success.

This could not be the case without the many people who came together in one form or another to lend their support in a myriad ways. In addition to those who came out in attendance, our gratitude goes out to the following:

Corporate Sponsors:

- M.E. Flow – www.meflow.com
- Knights of Columbus, Saint Francis Council #11136 – kofc11136.org
- Unlimited Plumbing & Piping, LLC - www.unlimitedmep.com
- The Rummage Group – www.therummagegroup.com
- Valley Energy – valleyenergy.org
- Countryside Orthopaedics - www.countrysideortho.com
- Yousung Choi Fine Art Pottery – www.yousungchoi.com

The Gala Committee:

- Joe and Lynne Borneman
- Doreen Garcia
- Valentine Garcia
- Scott and Pam Grimard
- Clark and Margaret Klipple
- Chris and Yousung Largent
- James Marsan
- Dave Matheson
- Chris and Mary Miller
- Lisa Sinclair
- Bill and Connie Talamantes
- Dzung Tran

Saint Francis de Sales Parish Office:

Amy Harrison (Office Manager), Angela Baker, Janice Rees

DJ: Walt and Tammy Shearrow

Auctioneer: Brian Damewood

Photographer: Lisa Sinclair, Lisa Sinclair Photography
lisasinclairphotography.com


Another very special thanks goes out to Dzung Tran who sourced all of the food supplies, and coordinated the in-house preparation of the entire dinner meal; to Pam Grimard who prepared and delivered all of the desserts; to all of our youth volunteers who put forth a considerable effort to ensure that tables were bussed and dishes were washed, and to all of the volunteers who staffed the serving lines and served drinks.

Finally, we owe a special debt of gratitude to all of our parishioners who submitted auction items and responded to the CCD sign-up for putting together the youth theme baskets. Through all of the support that we have been able to continue to put our “Faith in Action.”



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

Dear Religious Ed Families,
Thank you again for your generous donations to the Belle Notte Raffle baskets. The baskets were bountiful and beautiful! In several cases we had to create two baskets per grade because of all the goodies donated. We raised **\$2,015**, about \$1,000 more than last year! That will go towards reducing the debt on our building. See Father Escalante's column for a summary of the evening.
James and Janice



**Middle Schoolers Acting for Christ
Prayer Action Charity**


**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11
following 5pm Mass**

Join us for our **1st Thanksgiving Feast Potluck**
A Sign-Up Genius link will be emailed this week.
Please bring a non-perishable item for
Thanksgiving Basket

*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.*

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. (<http://www.liturgicalatina.org/benedictine/holymass.htm#pref>)

Gloria in excelsis Deo! et in terra, pax hominibus bonae voluntatis: Glory be to God in the highest heavens; and peace on earth to men of good will; to men that are beloved of God. These are the words of the Angels: to God, be glory; to men, who, heretofore, were all children of wrath, the peace and blessing of God. In this the opening of the Hymn, it speaks to God, without distinction of Persons; and holy Mother Church, after the example of the Angels, takes up, at first, the same tone; and thus continues: Laudamus te: We praise Thee; for praise is due to Thee, and we offer it unto Thee. Benedicimus te: We bless Thee; that is to say, we offer Thee thanksgiving, in return for thy benefits. Adoramus te: We adore Thee, O Infinite Majesty! Glorificamus te: We give glory to Thee, for that Thou hast created and redeemed us. The bare addressing these several expressions to God, with the intention of praising Him, thanking Him, adoring Him, and glorifying Him, is a perfect prayer and praise; such is the intention of the Church; let it be ours, and we shall not need to go in search of any higher meaning to our words.



Emily Glass Director of
Youth Ministry
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NO YOUTH NIGHT 11/4 – There will be no Youth Night on Sunday, November 4th. See you at the Fall Retreat!

HOMELESS SHELTER – The high schoolers will be cooking for the homeless shelter on Monday, 11/12 from 4:30-6:00 PM in the Education Center kitchen.

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.

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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

MAC-PAC (Middle Schoolers Acting in Christ – Prayer, Action, Charity) is for 6th, 7th and 8th graders. The goal is to inspire, to grow our love for God and neighbor, and to provide fellowship for the Middle School youth of St. Francis De Sales. We usually meet the 2nd Sunday of the month. Watch this column for upcoming events!

Religious Education Calendar

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 4

Sunday [Grades 1st-8th Session 1](#) - 8:45am
[Grades K-8th Session 2](#) - 10:30am
Monday **NO CLASS**
Wednesday [Grades K-8th](#) - 4:45pm

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 11

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, November 5, at 7:30pm. We will pray our Rosary in the chapel beginning at 7pm. Any parishioner is welcomed to join our Rosary!

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, November 4, the Knights of Columbus will have their first Sunday of the Month Pancake Breakfast. During this Pancake Breakfast, there will be an opportunity to meet and greet the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus and to find out what this organization is all about. The breakfast will begin after the 7am mass and run through the end of the 10:30am mass. As before, the Knights accept free-will donations.

Joint Open House with the Ladies' Auxiliary: Wednesday, November 7, the Knights of Columbus and the Ladies' Auxiliary will have a Joint Open House in the Knights' Parish Hall. Come out for food and find out what these two organizations are all about. See the separate ad in the bulletin for details.

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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COAT DRIVE for KIDS

The Knights of Columbus are collecting Coats for Kids. Clean, gently used or new. Please deposit your items in the box located in the Narthex.

Loudoun Habitat for Humanity is currently accepting applications for those interested in Home Ownership. We are trying to make sure as many Loudoun County residents are aware of this application period as possible. Should you have direct questions about the Home Ownership process, please contact our Homeowner Service Manager, Julie Steele at 703-737-6772 x105.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS - NOVEMBER

Universal – In Service of Peace

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

The Ladies Auxiliary News



- Sunday, November 4 - Come **Meet & Greet** our new parishioners at the Pancake Breakfast from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Help us introduce them to their new SFDS family!
 - Monday, November 5 - **First Official Business Meeting and Membership Registration Drive.** 7pm in the Chapel for the Rosary/7:30pm meeting in Room 202
 - Wednesday, November 7 - **Open House With The Knights** - Learn all about the Ladies Auxiliary & the K of C - Parish Hall 7:30 p.m. - Join us for pizza, snacks and to see how you can help!
- Email ladiesaux11136@gmail.com! if you have questions or comments!

The Ladies Auxiliary St. Francis Council 11136 is hosting
33 Days to Morning Glory:



A Do-It-Yourself Retreat in Preparation for Marian Consecration
by Michael E. Gaitley MIC

- Introductory session – Sunday, Nov. 4 at 2pm – room 202
Choose between morning or evening sessions:
*Wednesdays at 10am– Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28, Dec. 5, Room 202
or
Thursdays at 7pm - Nov. 8, 15, 22 (tbd), 29, Dec. 6, Room 202

Final Consecration Saturday, December 8 – time tbd

For questions or registration email ladiesaux11136@gmail.com or call Hershey Youngblood at 571-278-6700. **Men and Women are invited!!**

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 find us after Masses in the Narthex during 10/11 Nov weekend, or go to our Troop VA0962 "*Wreaths Across America*" webpage at www.wreathscrossamerica.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 Sat. 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 15 Dec. Questions? Contact Beth Creighton at creightonfa18@gmail.com, or 703-297-2895.

St. John's Preschool Open House November 15th

St. John's Preschool will hold an Open House during Discover Catholic Schools Week on Thursday, November 15th 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 information is available on the St. John's web site, <http://www.saintjohnleesburg.org> under the drop down Education and Youth. Please call Director Jane Taylor at (703) 777-7873 for inquiries.

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
 November 6th – The Baptism in the Jordan
 November 13th – The Wedding Feast at Cana
 November 27th – The Preaching in the Kingdom
 December 4th – The Transfiguration
 December 11th – The Institution of the Eucharist
 To sign up email katiemagin@gmail.com or jen@thehouses.us


Bella Notte Drawdown Winners

- \$100 William Rucker
- \$150 The Widzinski Family
- \$250 Charlie Baldi
- \$250 Jennie Hill
- \$250 Glorance Israel
- \$250 Nancy Colan
- \$250 Michelle Swart
- \$250 Murial Forrest
- \$250 Dermot Winters
- \$250 Ray Taylor
- \$500 Barbara McNally
- \$500 Beth Creighton
- \$850 Justin Borneman
- \$5000 Jenny Dykstra

Christmas Eve Mass Reserved Pew and Parking
 Dennis Godfrey


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.



November is Feed the Hungry Month
Share Sunday
Fall Harvest Collection

Because of the ongoing urgent need for food, we are challenging each family of Saint Francis to do the most they can in terms of donating food. The "Fall Harvest" is a Diocesan-wide effort to come together as a diocese, as a community of faith, to fight hunger.



Parish Homeless Ministry

Call for Donations:

Our parish is hosting a linen donation drive for the Christ House men's shelter in Alexandria. We are collecting the following new items: twin sheets and twin comforters/blankets (preferably masculine), bed pillows, and towels. Please place all donations in the Homeless Ministry box located in the narthex by **Sunday, November 25**. Let's help our brothers in Christ have a warm, comfortable place to lay their heads this winter!



Upcoming Service Opportunities:

On the 2nd Saturday of each month, we serve breakfast and lunch to the homeless alongside St. Teresa of Calcutta's Missionaries of Charity in their DC soup kitchen. The homeless guests are so appreciative of us being there to serve them hot coffee and homemade pastries for breakfast as well as pasta casseroles, fresh salad, bread, and homemade desserts for lunch. At our recent visit, our volunteers delivered donations, prepared and served meals, washed dishes, restocked shelves, mopped floors, and even repaired windows! Join us and help at the soup kitchen or prepare food at home – the next visits will be on **Saturday, November 10**, and **Saturday, December 8**, from 8:30 to 11:15am.

On **Saturday, November 10**, and **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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*Tracy and Mark Ippoliti* are working with *Meghan Christian* to expand and transition our Homeless Ministry to those of you who may wish more involvement. Meghan, who deserves a heaping dose of our praise and thanks for starting our Homeless Ministry at Saint Francis de Sales, will continue as our overseer while the daily activities will be shared among those of us who can.

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



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*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](mailto:chercher4@gmail.com)