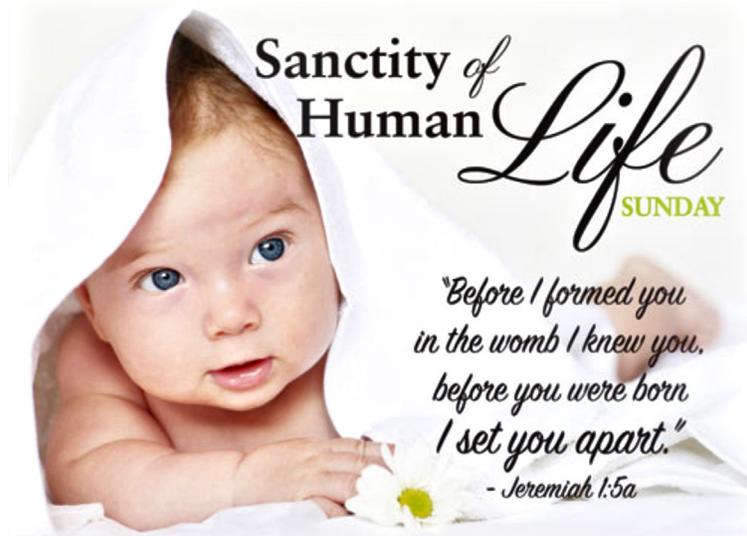


Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 7, 2018



*Today is **Respect Life Sunday**. Pray often for the protection of defenseless unborn children*

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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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October 7, 2018

Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. - *Mark 10:14*



Middle Schoolers Acting for Christ
Prayer Action Charity
JOIN US TONIGHT FOR
THE KICK-OFF!!
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.

Please join us and bring a friend for hot dogs and smores on the patio. You are welcome to bring bags of chips or cookies!

The Parish Office and Religious Education Office will be closed Monday, October 8 in observance of Columbus Day.

Readings for the Week

- Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37
- Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42
- Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4
- Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13
- Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26
- Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28
- Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

This Week

- Sun., Oct. 7 Adult Basketball 8:30pm
- Mon., Oct. 8 Catholic Mom's Group 10am, Room 106
Women's Auxiliary 7:30pm
- Tue., Oct. 9 Catholic Social Justice Class 7pm, Room 206
Women's Faith Ministry 7:30pm Rms 201, 213
RCIA 7:30pm, Room 107
- Wed., Oct. 10 Catholic Social Justice Class 10am, Room 206
TMIY 7pm, Room 202
Charismatic Prayer Group 7pm, Chapel
Bible Study 7pm Room 113
- Thu., Oct. 11 Rosary Group 7pm, Church
- Sat., Oct. 13 TMIY 6:30am

Masses for the Week

- + deceased
 - Saturday, Oct. 6
5:00 pm
 - Saturday, Oct. 6
5:00 pm
 - Sunday, Oct. 7
7:00 am
8:30 am
10:30 am
12:15 pm
5:00 pm
 - Monday, Oct. 8
9:00 am
 - Tuesday, Oct. 9
6:30 am
 - Wed., Oct. 10
9:00 am
 - Thursday, Oct. 11
6:30 am
 - Friday, Oct. 12
6:30 am
12:00 noon
 - Saturday, Oct. 13
5:00 pm
 - Saturday, Oct. 13
5:00 pm
 - Sunday, Oct. 14
7:00 am
8:30 am
10:30 am
12:15 pm
5:00 pm
- Weekday; First Saturday**
Stan and B.J. Szemborski 45th Anniversary
Vigil: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
+ Daniel Earl
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
People of the Parish
Father Tewes
The Fitzgerald Family
+ Fefita Dominguez
Joanne and David Harrington
- Weekday**
Liz Keller
- Weekday**
+ Sophie Szemborski
- Weekday**
Fr. Tewes
- Weekday**
+ Bill Gill
- Weekday**
Persecuted Christians
+ Anna Oliveri
- Weekday**
+ Gabriel Stocks
Vigil: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
+ Vivian Kennedy
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
+ Neal Brown
People of the Parish
Ed and Mary Jo Corcoran
+ Anne Walsh
+ Paula Aguero

Parish Financial Status

In-pew Offertory - September 30	\$ 13,904
Parish Giving Offertory for August	\$ 28,734
YEAR TO DATE	\$ 242,221

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

Mass Celebrant Schedule

- Saturday, October 6**
5pm: Fr. Mullaney
- Sunday, October 7**
7am: Fr. Escalante
8:30am: Fr. Escalante
10:30am: Fr. Escalante
12:15pm: Fr. Mullaney
5pm: Fr. Mullaney
- Saturday, October 13**
5pm: Fr. Escalante
- Sunday, October 14**
7am: Fr. Escalante
8:30am: Fr. Escalante
10:30am: Fr. Daniel Mode
12:15pm: Fr. Daniel Mode
5pm: Fr. Escalante



“Super Pray Sunday”

This is it! This is like the *World Cup*, *World Series* or *Super Bowl* of prayers. The biggest organized prayer chain in the world in 2018 is taking place this Sunday and our parish is participating in it. For starters, the **26th International Week of Prayer & Fasting** is on its last day today, October 7. The annual **Life Chain** silent prayer and demonstration for the protection of unborn children is held from 2-3:30 PM (EDT) in North America. The **54-Day Rosary Novena for Our Nation** also is on its last day today (August 15 – October 7). **The Rosary Coast to Coast** is held today at 4-5 PM (EDT) in the USA to pray for the protection of our country from the spiritual attacks of the devil in all forms and to return to a life of holiness—one nation under God. We are observing all of these plus the ending our **40-Hour Eucharistic Adoration** with the final 1-1/2 hours (3-4:30 PM) praying the **Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary, Consecration of our parish (and Russia) to the Immaculate Heart of Mary** as requested by *Our Lady of Fatima*, and ending it with a **Eucharistic Procession & Benediction**. Include your petitions as we pray for our nation and see great things spiritually happen to your family. We're also using this powerful prayer opportunity to make reparation for the sexual abuse especially those committed by the clergy. We're also praying for the healing of anyone who has experienced sexual abuse in any form. So, come join us this Sunday right here in the parish especially from 3-5 PM [except for *Life Chain* which is held in Leesburg—see my *Pastor's Wish List* for details.]

99,494 Rosaries reportedly prayed

We are nearing the end of the *Rosary Campaign* set for October 13 to reach the 100,000 rosary goal. As of this writing, we're now at 99,494! It looks like we will reach our goal just in time so please email your unreported rosaries by this Monday to rosarychallenge@yahoo.com. I know that Our Blessed Mother is pleased with your efforts and will tremendously bless us even more for taking part in this very successful spiritual campaign. But please do continue to pray the rosary individually or as a family after the campaign count is over. The campaign was to encourage all of you to pray the rosary daily even if you can only squeeze in one decade a day.

Did you see the special feature on Deacon Larry?

The *Arlington Herald* (Sept. 27-Oct. 3, 2018 issue) featured a full-page story on our own *Deacon Larry Hammel*. We have a celebrity in the parish! It was very well-written about his journey to the permanent diaconate and his work with prison ministry. Deacon Larry is one of the hardest working permanent deacon I've ever met and has done an amazing work just in the prison ministry alone. *Leesburg ADC* has a good Catholic faith ministry because of the efforts he did to train several lay people from the parish to visit the imprisoned as requested by Jesus in one of the 8 Beatitudes. Don't miss reading this great story.

And I'm really counting seeing you join us at the Super Pray Sunday!

Your shepherd in Christ,
Father Escalante

Ask the Priest

Q. What did the Earth look like when it was flooded during Noah's time?—Anonymous

A. The Great Flood lasted about 370 days from the time the heavy rains started when Noah and his family were in the ark (severn days before rain began) to the time they set foot again on solid ground (Genesis 7:4 – 8:19). From their point of view, the Earth would have looked like nothing but a vast ocean. Imagine sailing endlessly on a gigantic wooden boat while preparing your own stored meals for your family and tons of animals. It was probably like going on a primitive Disney cruise without the fancy food selections and friendly, overly sized-domesticated animals entertaining you like Mickey Mouse, Minnie, Goofy, Donald Duck, Pluto, Bambi, Chip & Dale, Dumbo, etc. Instead, they were floating aimlessly for over a year basically taking the National Zoo with them and all the stinking smell that came along with nature. Not knowing when they would settle on land probably made it seem like they were on water a lot longer. Countless people and animals died and were buried and some fossilized. In other words, the completely flooded Earth was no fun to look at. But God promised that He will not allow another devastation like the great flood to destroy the world again (Genesis 8:21).

Q. Why do some women in our church wear veils over their heads?—L.

A. Women in churches traditionally wore veils, hats or some kind of a head covering in church as a sign of reverence and modesty towards God. The tradition predates Christianity. Jewish women always wore a veil in the Temple or synagogue. That's why you see most images of Our Blessed Mother wearing a veil. Until the late 1960's, it was customary for women to worship at Catholic Churches to wear at least a small chapel veil. In most Protestant Churches, this custom is still very much alive for worshipers to wear their “Sunday best” clothing and for women to cover their heads (usually with a hat). On various occasions, Protestants have told me they were appalled to see how some Catholics are improperly dressed for a Sunday service. If Catholics would only take cue from our brothers and sisters from other Christian churches, we wouldn't have to worry about offending anyone in church due to their choice of inappropriate attire especially during the summer. Every time the weather gets warm I often get complaints about people who dress immodestly at Mass and they make a good point. They come to Mass to pray and worship God—not to get distracted as if they're going to the beach. But we're not the Vatican where they have a “modesty police” at the entrance of St. Peter's Basilica to keep people from going inside dressed inappropriately. Jesus does mind if people are not properly dressed (for the 100th time, please read Matthew 22:1-14!) Anyway, back to the veiled women. There has been a rise among Catholic women, many of them young, reviving this practice and it is wonderful to see that. When you see a woman or a girl going to church wearing a veil, you get the natural sense that the person is there to pray and have a nice serious conversation with God. This reverent sight instinctively draws many, including me, to pray to God reverently. I really like it and I hope more women would consider it. My mom went back to wearing a veil at Mass while I was still in high school so she's been doing this for nearly 40 years. (Perhaps this was what originally inspired me to spend extra time praying in church!)

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:

- Rudolph Bartoldus - October 5, 2017
- Mona Bakke - October 14, 2017
- Thomas Pappas - October 30, 2016
- Richard Nachajski - October 20, 2014
- Eileen Pomanski, October 15, 2014
- John Lovasz - October 11, 2014
- Benjamin Belrose - October 30, 2013
- Teresa Johnson - October 26, 2013
- Barbara Curtis - October 30, 2012
- Mildred Gilmore - October 23, 2012
- Denis Thurman - October 15, 2011
- Harold Miller - October 19, 2009
- Robert Saunders - October 11, 2008
- Patricia Weaver - October 3, 2008
- Ramon Madrid - October 31, 2006
- Morand Schmitt - October 18, 2005
- Frank Lancia - October 6, 2003
- Anthony Castelhamo, Jr. - October 30, 2003
- Brian Elero - October 25, 2001
- Gayle Trilling - October 5, 1999
- Mildred Grigware - October 7, 1999
- John Terminella - October 22, 1998
- Bernard Madigan - October 6, 1996
- Ellen Beans - October 11, 1995
- Eric Schreiber - October 11, 1994
- J. Terence McCracken, Sr. - October 12, 1994
- Anthony Vasquez - October 26, 1994
- Olga Maloney - October 15, 1992
- Stephan Ames - October 11, 1991
- Thomas Brown - October 11, 1989
- Maximilian Gloeckner - October 3, 1991
- Joseph Rosso - October 18, 1989
- Ruth Braham - October 16, 1987

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

The Deceased: Lewis Daniel Miller, Rudy Bartoldus, Sophie and Pedro Macaraeg, Rita Hockenbury, Kim Castellano, David Young, Philippe Laffitte-Smith, Shannon Stotlar, Edward Verspille, Nancy Anderson, Arthur Busher, Jim Dueppen, Dorothy Gessner, Ellen Delaney, Daniel Duggan

*** PASTOR'S WISH LIST ***

• **Join Life Chain in Leesburg, Oct. 7 (2-3:30pm)**—Thousands of Pro-Life individuals from USA & Canada will gather in prayer and silent protest against the countless millions of babies lost thru abortion. We also pray for the protection of unborn children and those in crisis pregnancy. Meet on the corner of King Street & Oakcrest Manor Drive NE (adjacent to *Saint John the Apostle Catholic Church* and park at the church). Afterwards, join us back at *Saint Francis de Sales Church* for the **Rosary Coast to Coast** and closing of the 40-Hour Eucharistic Adoration.

• **Come to Rosary Coast to Coast: Oct. 7 (3-4:30 PM)**—The 3-4:30 PM Sunday time slot of the adoration will be our parish participation in the Rosary Coast to Coast nationwide call to prayer for the good of our country. Our prayers include the recitation of the *Divine Mercy Chaplet* (3 PM), *Consecration of the Parish (and Russia)*, as requested by *Our Lady of Fatima* to the *Immaculate Heart of Mary* (3:45 PM), *Eucharistic Procession & Rosary* (4 PM) and ending in church with *Benediction* to close the 40-Hour Eucharistic Adoration. This is a powerful time to pray for your special intentions so don't miss the golden opportunity!

• **Oberammergau/Divine Mercy European Pilgrimage in 2020** -- There is a *Passion Play* that's held in a German town of *Oberammergau* once every ten years for nearly 400 years that pilgrims have been attending. Our parish trip is set for August 11-22, 2020. Included in this 11-day package is a visit to the *Divine Mercy Shrine* in Krakow, *Black Madonna* in Czestochowa, Prague, Salzburg, Vienna and Munich. *Navas International* customized our Oberammergau/Eastern Europe trip and offered us the early-bird discount rate of \$4699 per person (we depart from Dulles). So far **31** 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 before the end of this month (September). I've seen comparable rates costing nearly \$7k!

• **Keep praying the rosary & report the number of times you've prayed!**—We're trying to reach our goal of 100,000 rosaries prayed since September 12, 2015 and we're up to **99,494!** This year is *Our Lady of Lourdes'* 160th anniversary of appearance to *Saint Bernadette* (1858-2018) and it is our hope to reach 100,000 before the end of 2018. With the current *54-Day Rosary Novena*, we are within reach of 100k by October 7, the **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary!** Great things have happened to our parish since our Rosary Campaign 2015 so let's keep it going! Send your rosary numbers prayed to this email: rosarychallenge@yahoo.com. Our parishioner, *Meghan Christian*, generously volunteered to do the tabulating. I send my number every week but you can do it bi-weekly or even monthly if you wish.

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

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

Got 'em!

• Thank you for those who signed up to help with ushering last Sunday. We received 20 responses and a few more would be very helpful!

• We received over 1,500 written pledges from the *Rosary Challenge* drive to pray a minimum of one rosary a week. As of this writing we have reached the 99% mark (**99,494**) total reported) of our goal (100,000) of the rosaries that have been reportedly prayed at our website since September 12, 2015. Keep it up, faithful children of Mary. We've been getting ny nice blessings lately as a parish and we can only expect more!

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

8th Grade Confirmation Parent Meeting

Thursday, October 11, 7pm, Room 113

1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting

Tuesday, October 9, 7pm Room 113

7th Grade Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting

Tuesday, October 16, 7pm, Room 205

These are mandatory meetings, one parent needs to attend

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/holy-mass.htm#pref)

While going up to the Altar, the Priest says *Oremus*: he stretches out his hands, and joins them again. As often as he uses this word, he observes the same ceremony. The reason is, that it immediately precedes some prayer which he is going to make; and, when we pray, we raise our hands up to God, who is in heaven, and to whom we are about to speak. It was thus that our Blessed Lord prayed on the Cross. In the prayer, which the Priest says, while ascending the Altar-steps, he uses the plural, because he is not alone; for the Deacon and Subdeacon go up together with him, and minister to him. The thought which is uppermost in the Priest's mind, at this solemn moment is, to be all pure; for, as he says, he is entering into the Holy of Holies: *Ad Sancta Sanctorum*, meaning to express, by this Hebrew superlative, the importance of the act which he is going to fulfil. He prays, therefore, that his sins, as well as those of his Ministers, may be taken away. The nearer we approach to God, the more we feel the slightest sin to be an intolerable blot upon our soul; so that the Priest redoubles his prayer, that God would cleanse him from his sins. He has already prayed this merciful Lord to turn and give him life; *Deus tu conversus vivificabis nos. - Ostende nobis Domine misericordiam tuam*. But, having drawn nearer to that God, his fear increases, and his desire of pardon is more ardent; he repeats this same prayer again now whilst going up the Altar-steps. Having reached the Altar, he puts his hands upon it, first joined, and then separated, so that he may kiss it. This kissing the Altar is prompted by a sentiment of respect for the Saints' Relics, which are there. Again, another prayer for pardon of his sins: in it, he says: *peccata mea*: my sins; although he began it by: *Oramus Te, Domine*. We beseech thee, O Lord; nor is there any inadvertency in this; for, all those who assist at the holy Sacrifice should entertain, for the Priest, a sentiment of filial respect, and pray with and for him



Join us after the 10:30am mass on October 14th for some lunch followed by a trip to Great Country Farms where

we will do some pumpkin picking, corn mazes and cider donuts! Please email Isabel Matheson at sfdsyoungadult@gmail.com or like us on Facebook, C-Trek!



Emily Glass Director of Youth Ministry
540-338-6381 or e.glass@saintfrancisparish.org

RALLY – All high schoolers are invited to a day of awesome talks, entertainment, Adoration, Mass with the Bishop, inflatable games, and so much more!!! The diocesan RALLY is on October 21st from 10:30am – 9pm and is \$25 per person. Sign up with Emily by Friday, October 12th.

FALL RETREAT – All high schoolers are invited to step away from the craziness of life to join us for a weekend in the Blue-ridge Mountains. Come grow closer to Jesus while hanging out with friends, playing games and sports, hiking, and having the best weekend ever! The Fall Retreat is November 2-4 and is \$45 per person. Sign up with Emily by Mon., October 29th.

HOMELESS SHELTER – We will cook for the homeless shelter on Monday, 10/8 from 4:30-6pm in the Education Center kitchen. We will serve the food on Tuesday, 10/9 from 4:45-7pm. Meet at St. Francis de Sales.

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. Watch this column for our kick-off date!

Religious Education Calendar

WEEK OF OCTOBER 7

Sunday NO CLASSES
Monday NO CLASSES
Wednesday Pre-School, Grades 1st-8th - 4:30pm

WEEK OF OCTOBER 14

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

ST. FRANCIS COUNCIL 11136 NEWS

Next Council Meeting: Our next council business meeting will be on Monday, October 8, at 7:30 pm. We will pray our Rosary in the chapel beginning at 7pm. Any parishioner is welcomed to join our Rosary!



Our Share Sunday Results from September: On Saturday evening, September 8 and Sunday, September 9, the Knights collected 1,238 pounds of food which was delivered to Catholic Charities in Leesburg. Thank you to all the parishioners who participated and brought the bags of food during the rainy weekend.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast is Back: Sunday, October 7, the Knights of Columbus will resume their first Sunday of the Month Pancake Breakfast. 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.

Why Are You A Knight?: Be more than a Knight in name only. We help in the parish, the community and the world. Contact GK Tracy Beglau and tell me what would it take for you to come help your church and community. Be active again.

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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Another Successful Parish Picnic!!

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone for attending. Father Escalate magic show was a big hit with the children as usual. Lot's of food, Fun and fellowship. It was great to have a Ministry fair included with the picnic this year. Looking forward to next year. Please pick up your bowl or platter in the kitchen, during Religious Ed class times.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER

INTENTIONS - OCTOBER 2018

Evangelization – The Mission of Religious

That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

Great news! The Ladies Auxiliary organization has been adopted by our very own Knights of Columbus!

Please join us next week, Monday, October 8th for the first official business meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary. We will pray the Rosary with the Knights in the chapel at 7pm and then have our business meeting at 7:30pm. Our fall Meet and Greet for new parishioners will be held the morning of November 4th during the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast. All practicing Catholic women age 18 or older may join!



Time for some square dancin'!

The Autumn Harvest Hoedown is back! Save the date for the evening of Saturday, November 17th and join us for this parish-wide family favorite, hosted this year by the CHRSM ministry. Tom Hinds and friends will return to St. Francis de Sales to provide music and dance calling. Details coming soon.

Christmas Market Village

Returning to St. Francis de Sales on Saturday, December 8. Vendors are needed! Contact Cheryl Rider chercher4@gmail.com for more information.

PAUL VI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Will be visiting St. Francis de Sales on Sunday, November 4 following the 8:45 and 10:30am Masses. This is a perfect opportunity for 6th, 7th and 8th graders and their families to explore the benefits of a Catholic high school education. Visit www.paulvi.net or ehanley@pvipanther.net for additional information about PVI. Current 8th graders are encouraged to set up a PANTHER FOR A DAY experience by emailing gfarello@pvipanther.net. Middle School students and their families are invited to Middle School Night Under the Lights at Paul VI Catholic High School in Fairfax. Join us at 6pm on Friday, October 20th for pizza, tee shirts, games and tons of prizes. All are invited to join the VI Man cheering on our Panther varsity football team. Free to all and no reservations are needed. Email: ehanley@pvipanther.net with questions.

Employment Opportunity - Leesburg

St. John the Apostle, Leesburg, seeking full-time front office admin assistant to assist visitors, handle correspondence, maintain databases & sacramental records. Excellent interpersonal & computer skills, knowledge of the Catholic Church, at least two years office experience required. Spanish skills a plus. Diocesan benefits. M-F, 9-5. Please send resume & cover letter to Leona at Leona@stjohnleesburg.com.

Sat Prep Classes Now Forming At St. Francis

Hunt Test Preparation will offer their SAT Prep Course beginning Saturday, October 13th!

Class dates are: Saturday and Sunday, October 13, 14, 20, 21 and 28

From: 9am to 12 noon (Saturday) and 1pm to 4pm (Sunday) **For a total of five three-hour classes!**

St. Francis students will receive a tuition discount on a first-come first-served basis. Seating will be limited. Please call 703-425-7656 for registration info. Early registration is strongly suggested.



October 27th 2018
4th Annual Bella Notte

Le Masquerade!

Saint Francis de Sales – 4th Annual Drawdown Raffle, Silent Auction, Dinner and Dance Supporting our Parish Center

6pm – Cocktails, Music, View Silent Auction Items, Mingle
7pm – Dinner and Drawdown begins
8pm – Music and Dancing

Ticket Prices:

- Dinner for Two, with Drawdown = \$160
- Singles Dinner, with Drawdown = \$130
- Drawdown only (need not be present to win) = \$100
- Drawdown Insurance = \$25

You can purchase tickets after all Masses or purchase on-line
at <https://saintfrancisparish.org/bella-notte/>

How it works:

“Bella Notte,” St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church’s, 4th Annual Drawdown is a type of raffle, during which all purchased tickets are tossed together in a raffle pool, and then individually drawn at random and eliminated from the contest one at a time until the last ticket remains.

Overview of the Evening’s Opportunities to Win

Cash Prizes

- The following prizes are awarded: 1 – \$5,000; 2 – \$500; 8 – \$250
- The first drawn ticket is refunded
- If \$25 insurance is purchased and your ticket is one of the first 50 drawn, it gets put back into the drawdown
- If your ticket is 100th drawn – \$100; 200th = \$200; 300th = \$300; 400th = \$400

Reserved Parking and Pew Bundles Raffle for Christmas Mass (one ticket for \$10 or three tickets for \$25)

Raffle tickets may be purchased to win a reserved parking space and pew for the Christmas mass. Winners will be drawn and announced at the gala event.

Drop Box (one ticket for \$10 or three tickets for \$25)

There will be amazing gift basket prizes available. Any Drop box tickets that are purchased can be placed into any of the boxes for the item(s) that you are interested in winning.

Silent Auction

Silent auction packages will be available at the Parish Center for your viewing and bidding pleasure! There are a wide variety of items at different values so there truly is something for every bidder!

Parish Homeless Ministry

Join us on the 2nd Saturday of each month as we serve breakfast and lunch to homeless guests alongside the Missionaries of Charity in their DC soup kitchen. Our next visit will be on **Saturday, October 13**, from 8:30 to 11:15am. Volunteer to serve and/or prepare food – this is a rewarding opportunity! Contact Meghan Christian (e-mail below) for details.



The Missionaries of Charity are in need of additional donations for their soup kitchen: tomato sauce, pasta, sugar, and powdered lemonade. Please bring donations to the parish hall kitchen by noon on **Friday, October 12**. Thank you for your charity and generosity!

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! Only a few volunteer spots remain for both dates. Register at www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteercalendar/cup-joe-breakfast-bagging/all/

If you would like info about the Homeless Ministry to be e-mailed directly to you, send a note to MeghanChristian1212@yahoo.com

“When we serve the poor and the sick, we serve Jesus. We must not fail to help our neighbors, because in them we serve Jesus.”

- St. Rose of Lima

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.

Post-Abortion Healing Retreat for Women

An Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, October 13, 2018. Come begin your healing journey and experience God’s hope and mercy. You are not alone. There is hope. There is healing. For more information and confidential registration, please contact Project Rachel Ministry at 888-456-HOPE (4673) or info@helpafterabortion.org.

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

**Gabriel Project Pregnancy Assistance Ministry:
866-444-3553 or**