

Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time January 19, 2020



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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 Masses

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

Daily Masses

Monday and Wednesday - 6:30am and 9am
Tuesday and Thursday - 6:30am
Friday - 6:30am & 12 noon
Saturday - 9am
Check the bulletin for Holy Days of Obligation

Adoration/Benediction

Friday - Adoration is held every Friday following the 12 noon Mass until 10pm. The Rosary is prayed at 12:30pm and the Divine Mercy Chaplet is at 3pm.

Sacraments

Confessions:

Friday 10:30am; Saturday 8am and 3:30pm - Confessions are heard in Rooms 107 & 113 in Catholic Education Ctr
Sunday - one half hour before each Mass in the Chapel
Anytime by appointment

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: Baptisms are typically held on the second or third Sunday of the month at 1:30pm. Please note, dates are subject to change. 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.

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I will make you a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the ends
of the earth. — *Isaiah 49:6b*



Join us for The March For Life on Friday, January 24th! We will be leaving from St. Francis De Sales by bus around 7am. We will be going to the **Life is Very Good**

Morning Rally and Mass including confessions at George Mason University. After Mass, our bus will take us to DC for the March. We expect to return back to Saint Francis by 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$17 which include the Rally and Lunch from Chick-fil-a. Please make all checks payable to St. Francis de Sales Church. Please contact Carie Losinski at skigators@icloud.com or 703-673-6108 if you have any questions or to sign up and reserve your spot!

Parish Financial Status

In-Pew Offertory - January 12 \$ 11,471
No 2nd Collection

YEAR TO DATE \$ 390,233

2nd Collection this week - Maintenance Fund
Next week's 2nd Collection - Church in Latin America



Compassionate Heart of Mary

Bereavement Support Group
Saturday, January 25
10-11:30am

If you are grieving a spouse, family member, or friend, whether recently or some time ago, or you know someone who is grieving, please call Laura Burgess for more info 703-727-7117.

This Week

Sun., Jan. 19 Adult Basketball 8:30pm
Tue., Jan. 21 RCIA 7pm, Room 107
Wed., Jan. 22 TMIY 7pm, Catholic Education Ctr.
Thu., Jan. 23 Rosary Group 7pm, Church
Fri., Jan. 24 Children's Rosary 10am, Church
Sat., Jan. 25 TMIY 6:30am, Catholic Education Ctr.
Compassionate Heart of Mary 10am
Knights of Columbus Hall

Masses for the Week

+ *deceased*

Saturday, Jan. 18

9:00 am

Saturday, Jan. 18

5:00 pm

Sunday, Jan. 19

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:00 pm

Monday, Jan. 20

6:30 am

9:00 am

Tuesday, Jan. 21

6:30 am

Wed., Jan. 22

6:30 am

9:00 am

Thursday, Jan. 23

6:30 am

Friday, Jan. 24

6:30 am

12:00 pm

Saturday, Jan. 25

9:00 am

Saturday, Jan. 25

5:00 pm

Sunday, Jan. 26

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:00 pm

Weekday

John and Mary White

Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fred Broadwater

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tom Dueppen

Deceased members of the D'Elia and Butts families

People of the Parish

+ Richard McCarthy

Tina Lovingood

Weekday

+ Danielle Krill

+ Margot Agramonte

Weekday

Special Intention

Day of Prayer for the Lega;

Protection of Unborn Children

+ Carolyn Woodland

Jacob Monday

Weekday

Richard Steiner

Saint Francis de Sales

+ Louise Britton

+ Mullaly-Haffner

Conversion of Saint Paul

Catholic Charity Volunteers with January birthdays

Vigil: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

+ Sean Boyle

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

+ Richard Smith, Sr

+ Fernando Salcedo

+ Raymond Tapper

People of the Parish

+ Ann Fowler

St. Francis de Sales Feast Day, Friday, January 24

St. Francis's Feast Day is a Solemnity for our parish. You can receive an indulgence under the normal conditions: Mass, Confession and prayers for the Pope.

The chains of grace are so powerful, and yet so sweet, that though they attract our heart, they do not shackle our freedoms. - St. Francis de Sales

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10;
Mk 3:1-6, or any of a number of readings
for the Day of Prayer

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2;
Mk 16:15-18

Sunday: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17;
Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

Dear Folks,

Today, as I write this letter, we in America celebrate the holiday set aside by President Ronald Reagan for Martin Luther King. The good reverend was a mystery wrapped in an enigma. Was he a good man? Not always, none more than his Irish Catholic Counterpart living in the White House. There was baggage. But, nonetheless, there was hope to be found in a reach to reclaim virtue from the clutches of vice. We can only dream of the impact his life would have had on the people of America had he not been assassinated in 1968.



I leave you a segment of his famous speech. "I have a dream." This segment was a departure from his prepared speech. (There is a collegiate question in that.)

"I say to you today, my friends, so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal.'

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a dream today."

I have a dream that one day, down in Alabama, with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of interposition and nullification; one day right there in Alabama, little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today."

A dear friend of mine is an African American lawyer working on Capitol Hill. He had once been a Catholic seminarian in the Benedictine Seminary in Conception, Missouri. On the night of the assassination of Rev. Martin Luther King he decided he could not stay.

The catalyst of his decision to leave revolved around the breaking news report of the shooting of King. At the time my friend had just left the TV room and was heading up the stairs to his room. A voice shouted out from below that King had been shot. A voice above shouted down, "Good, I hope the dies." With that comment the cast was set. The future priest resigned.

Years later, while we were fishing out in Paris Virginia I asked the good lawyer whatever happened to the two voices from the stairs? Did they get ordained? How did they turn out? He looked me in the eye and said, "Father, they changed, they are good men. They come to see me once a year and we go out for dinner. They changed. They are good men." So is the former seminarian now lawyer who has his seat in the Supreme Court.

Let us all pray in this generation and the next that our Catholic figures of scandals and alienations may be replaced with people who can truly change and become good for one another. See you at the Pro-Life March on January 24th. Let us pray for one another and the dream to more perfectly realized in our lifetime.

Collegiate Answer: The Canadian Monk, of the Order of the Holy Cross, who as an isolated figure with tuberculosis, promoted a great devotion to St. Joseph. Today his little chapel is dwarfed by the great Oratory of St. Joseph, found in Montreal. It may be the largest religious shrine in Canada. Through the years many miracles have taken place at the little chapel honoring St. Joseph. Many canes and crutches line the walls on each side of the altar. The monk was none other than St. Andre Bessette. Also, while visiting a benefactor in Detroit, he managed to wreck the car he was allowed to drive. No, he would not have been a martyr, if things had been worse. Ha! Ha! Ha!

Collegiate Question #1: The Speech, I have a dream, had no copy. Who was the young man who stood near the podium and asked Rev. King for the paper? He later became the first African American to coach a major college basketball team... in Iowa. Four of my eight siblings went to the University of Iowa. Go Hawkeyes!!

Collegiate Question #2: I was born in the hospital that Martin Luther King died in. What was the hospital? Where was it? And, who were the good sisters who ran the hospital? Good hunting.



May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Ryan Andrew Martin
d. January 7, 2020

Our thoughts and prayers are with ...

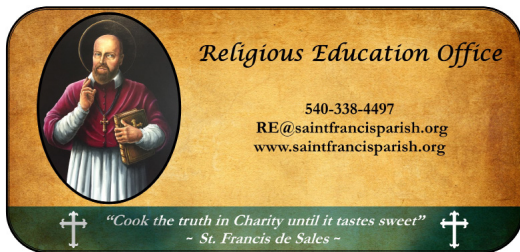


Our Military Members:

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

The Sick: Dominic Corcoran, Jack Lehtonen, Mary Jane Arens, Phyllis Heller, Madeline Gonzalez, Mike O'Brien, Bill and Valerie Wieliczko, Sarah Nolan, Liz Keller; Bob Cote, Jerry Pollard, Joanne Harrington, Rebecca Alvarez

The Deceased: Marilyn Cote, Michael Konopa, Renato Torrijos, Rosemarie Bighouse, John Robinson, Michele Mackey, Margaret Maykrantz, Fr. Edwin Thayer Tewes, Eleanor Szemborski, Zach Miller, Danielle Krill, Carolyn Woodland



UPCOMING CALENDAR ITEMS

January 25 - First Reconciliation Retreat (Monday, Wednesday CCD, Atrium and Good Shepherd classes)
February 11 or 18 - Sacrament of First Reconciliation (scheduled between 4:30 and 6 pm)

Dear Families,

Thank you to Father Gould for his kind introduction to you “dear folks” in the bulletin a few weeks ago, and to so many of you that I’ve met for your warm welcome as I begin my work here at St. Francis. As Father explained, my husband David and I are blessed as parents of four adult children, with our youngest in his third year at UVA. (And, of course, I have to brag about our six grandchildren. Four of those grandchildren attend the homeschooling co-op here in the building two days a week...so that’s a big bonus for me... Yes, I do have pictures!) I served as the Director of Religious Education at Saint Catherine for the past three years, but worked in the parish Montessori school for many years prior to that. I very much look forward to meeting and working with all of you and your children very soon.

In addition to the regular religious ed classes on Epiphany Sunday, we also kicked off the new year with the annual Pottluck Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Dinner. The turnout was impressive... tables full of people and food galore! All of the candidates had the chance to introduce their sponsors and explain why they saw them as models and mentors of our Catholic Faith. Thank you to all who participated in this long-standing tradition at St. Francis

Over the next two weekends (January 18 and 25), those children preparing to receive their First Penance and First Holy Communion this spring will attend a Reconciliation Retreat from 9:00 am to 12 noon with one or both of their parents. It will be a blessing to have everyone together, beginning with Mass in the church. Special activities and talks are planned for both children and parents for the morning.

It’s been a joy to see all of the moving parts of this loving and dynamic parish, and I look forward to knowing you better over the course of this new year and beyond. I always try to greet you at the door, both at the beginning and end of classes, so please make sure to introduce yourself... I will do my best to learn your names... please be patient. I especially look forward to meeting the children and visiting all of the religious education classes. The loving and dedicated catechists are doing heroic work, and I’m eager to see it all in action very soon!

Please feel free to stop by or call the office with your questions or concerns. The official Religious Education office hours are Monday through Thursday from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm, and we are always here during religious education classes.

We take a week off of classes this week for the President’s Day holiday (January 19, 20 and 22), and reconvene again the week of January 26. Until then, let’s pray for each other.

God bless you all and your families,

Kim Livaudais

Director of Religious Education



YOUTH NIGHT – Join us on Sundays from 6-8pm in Room 213 for fellowship, food, and fun. Bring a friend!! All high schoolers are welcome! Come to grow in friendship with Christ and one another. We won’t meet on January 19th, see ou on the 26th.

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

NEW WORKCAMPER MEETING – Thursday, 1/23 at 7PM in room 213 of the Education Center. An information meeting for teens and their parents who are new to Workcamp and interested in joining us June 21 – 27. All current 8th – 12th graders are eligible! Come learn about Workcamp, what to expect, how we fundraise, and how we prepare.

MANDATORY TEEN WORKCAMP MEETING – January 26 after the 5pm Mass – 8pm in the old parish hall (church basement.) Please note that attendance is required for the Teen Workcamp Meetings, even for teens who have been to Workcamp for multiple summers. It’s an important time to get to know one another, prepare spiritually and emotionally for the service we will be doing, learn about the Christian responsibility to serve others, and get paperwork, packing info, and fundraising info.

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

**Sunday, January 26
 following 5pm Mass
 Bring a friend!!**

Contact Dan or Lindsay Glass lindsay.a.glass@gmail.com

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 6:45am Sunday morning.

Religious Education Calendar

WEEK OF JANUARY 19 - NO CLASSES

WEEK OF JANUARY 26

Sunday	Grades K-8th Session 1 - 8:45am Grades K-8th Session 2 - 10:30am
Monday	Grades K-8th - 4:30pm RCIT - 6:30pm
Wednesday	Grades K-8th - 4:45pm

Pre-Lenten Mini Retreat AT SFDS - INTO THE DEEP

We are excited to host Dan Burke for a pre-Lenten mini-retreat called Into the Deep...Finding Peace through Prayer on Saturday, February 15 from 10am to 2pm (Mass will begin at 9am followed by registration at 9:30am).

During this mini-retreat, Dan will delve into his testimony and the universal call to conversion during his first talk entitled The Journey to the Castle. In the journey of prayer, Dan will enthusiastically describe the call and path to ever deepening union with God. In conclusion, Dan will unpack the secrets of the saints revealing concrete steps to progress and success in prayer in his last talk The Seven Secrets of Spiritual Progress, followed by Q&A.

Dan Burke is the President and Chief Operating Officer of EWTN News, Inc. In his deep commitment to the advancement of faithful Catholic spirituality, he is also the founder and President of the Avila Institute for Spiritual Formation, which offers graduate and personal enrichment studies in spiritual theology to priests, religious, and laity in 72 countries and prepares men for seminary in 14 dioceses.

Dan is the author and editor of more than 14 books on authentic Catholic spirituality and hosts the Divine Intimacy Radio show with his wife, Stephanie, which is broadcast weekly on EWTN Radio. Past episodes can be found, along with thousands of articles on the interior life, at SpiritualDirection.com. Most importantly, Dan is a blessed husband, father of four, grandfather of one – and grateful to be Catholic.

Early bird cost is \$20 until January 25 which includes a gift bag worth \$50 and a light lunch after the event. After January 25th, price is \$25 or \$30 at the door. Reserve your seat today by registering at Avila-Institute.org/Events

Junior Altar Women's Society - JAS

Young ladies 5th grade and up are invited to join the growing ministry of the Junior Altar Women's Society (JAS). JAS helps prepare for the Mass each Sunday, rings the five minute warning bell, the outside bell at consecration and leads the offertory procession. Find out what we are all about Saturday afternoon, January 25, at 1pm in the church. We will have our pinning ceremony and then training for all newcomers. For additional information and to RSVP, please call Laura Burgess 540-338-1378.

Altar Boys Training Coming Up

3rd Grade boys and up (who attend Mass every Sunday and have received their First Communion) are invited to register for the upcoming Altar Boys' training. The training will be in church on Saturday, February 1, 9:30-10:30am. If you can't make it Saturday, there will be one on Monday, February 3, 6-7pm. Call the parish office to register 540-338-6381

Parish Homeless Ministry

We wish all a healthy and productive New Year of 2020! You have supported our many projects during 2019, and we are so appreciative of your caring and sharing. When you see all of the events and items you have provided, clearly this takes all of us, and we cannot thank you enough.



- In 2019, we received, processed and shared well over 1000 lbs of organic produce from Joanne Patton of Squire Oaks Farm, donated to us specifically for feeding the homeless, as well as started our Gardening Angels group to help at the farm
 - We have tripled our volunteers list since we took over in November of 2018, welcome everyone!
 - We still serve a light breakfast and hot lunch meal at the Sisters of Charity Soup Kitchen in Anacostia every 2nd Saturday each month, notification comes to you via email and directs you to a SignUp Genius
 - We have successfully added a hot dinner meal every 4th Thursday each month at the Leesburg Homeless Shelter, notifications come to you via email and directs you to a SignUp Genius
 - We held a very successful Blessing Bagging event on December 7, and filled 300 bags in 30 minutes. We requested 300 of each, nutrition bars, waters, fruit cups, hand warmers, string cheese, peanut butter crackers, band aids, and survival blankets. Most of these bags have been distributed to Mobile Hope in Leesburg, Leesburg Homeless Shelter and Anacostia Soup Kitchen. We hope to have another event in March.
 - We provided 8 layette sets of infant needs (per the request of The Sisters in Anacostia), for 8 expectant mothers in their care. These items were provided by Birthright of Leesburg, and all of you.
 - We, along with newly formed group of Helping Heroes hosted a Holiday party at Leesburg Homeless Shelter for the residents and their children. It was a very festive Holiday wonderland of balloons and games, beautiful music provided by a very talented parishioner Ben Reichert, food and gifts. Huge thank you to the Heroes, and to you Ben, and the many volunteers it took to do this!
 - We are so appreciative also to our Ladies Auxilliary and our Knights of Columbus who supported us and donated coats, hats and gloves, we can do so much working together!
- Please let us hear from you!
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Bev Bryant
Maria Byrd
Jennifer Dize

Annual Men's Conference

All men are invited to the 2020 Annual Men's Conference- *Noble and Bold: Taking a Cue from St. Joseph*. Join us on Saturday, March 7 for the Men's Conference at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Herndon from 9am-2:30pm. Speakers include Father Roger Landry, Catholic columnist, author and papal attaché at the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations. Also, Dr. Mark Miravalle, renowned mariologist, professor at the Franciscan University of Steubenville and author. Mass will be celebrated by the Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington. To register, go to www.arlingtondiocese.org/men.

Annual Women's Conference

All women are invited to the 2020 Annual Women's Conference - *Known and Loved From All Eternity*. Join us on Saturday, March 14 for the annual Women's Conference at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Herndon from 9am-2pm. Speakers are Colleen Carroll Campbell, author, print and broadcast journalist, and former presidential speechwriter, along with Sr. Gaudia Skass, Our Lady of Mercy, from the St. John Paul II National Shrine and internationally acclaimed speaker.



Consecrate Yourself to Jesus through Mary

Join us for a 6 week small-group retreat in preparation for Marian Consecration. This retreat is based on the popular book by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, *33 Days to Morning Glory*.

Gain new insights into Marian Consecration, learn how key saints and blessed lived it out, and how you can live it out as well.

MEN & WOMEN CAN JOIN!

Classes will be on Wednesdays at 7pm in Room 202 of the Religious Education Center; beginning February 19th; consecration ceremony on Saturday, March 28th in celebration of the Annunciation.

For questions or registration email: ladiesaux11136@gmail.com.

HOST THE PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE

You can 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 jrees@saintfrancisparish.org and pick up the statue in the narthex 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!

SHARE SUNDAY (ANOTHER OPTION TO DONATE)

The Knights of Columbus Share Sunday program has donated 6,190 pounds of food to the Catholic Charities food bank in Leesburg from 8/1 to 12/1. This would not have been possible without the generous donations made by you!!! We have another opportunity to help those less fortunate. The first weekend of every month the bags are passed out after every Mass and then collected the following week full of donated food. All of the Knights of Columbus Councils in the area were notified that the food bank is having difficulties keeping an adequate supply of milk and eggs for those who are in need. Your council, starting the first week in February and each month thereafter when passing out our bags will also be collecting cash and "Food Lion" gift cards to provide to the food bank so they can buy milk and eggs. Unfortunately the food bank can only accept "Food Lion" gift cards. Thank you again for your generosity!

Angel Wall

The "Angel Wall" is a special place in the Narthex where the names of children of our parish who died before birth or any time before adulthood will be remembered. The Knights of Columbus have purchased the angel statue that has been placed in the Narthex. It is a beautiful thing to remember the children, and a great comfort to so many parents and families. Contact Fr. Gould if you would like to memorialize your child in this special way. Remember to visit this wall from time to time, and say a little prayer for the babies and for their families, entrusting them to the mercy of our Dear Lord.

UPCOMING LADIES AUXILIARY EVENTS:

Sunday January 26th at 1:30pm

New Parishioner Meet and Greet. We will have refreshments and light food fare at OLVH in the Parish Education Center. If you are a new parishioner, check your email for the invitation. Our apologies for the mix up! We look forward to meeting you!



There will not be a social meeting this month. Our next meeting will be on Monday February 3rd. Rosary at 7pm in the Chapel and the business meeting will begin at 7:30pm in the Library. We will discuss our Parish Nursing Ministry among other topics.

If you would like to help our parish and community please feel free to email us. Or better yet, come to a meeting!

ladiesauxsfds@gmail.com (please note new address)

Adoration in January

We are steadily and deliberately increasing the hours for Adoration at our Parish. In January, we plan to have Adoration from after the 12noon Mass until 10pm EVERY Friday. We will continue to expand the Adoration times (and potentially days) based on the level of interest and support so, please consider signing up to spend an hour with our Lord. If you are not receiving sign-up invitations and would like to, please email Mark Donofrio at sfds.adoration@gmail.com.



Calling all rising 4th-12th grade students! Chelsea Academy is holding an Open House on January 22 8:30-10:30am. Join us for a campus tour, a meeting with faculty including the head of school, and much more. Register at chelseaacademy.org/see-you-at-ouropen-house or send any questions to our head of admissions, Nora Mulhern at info@chelseaacademy.org.

DIVINE MERCY SAID: "My mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world. Who can measure the extent of my goodness? For you I descended from heaven to earth; for you I allowed myself to be nailed to the cross; for you I let my Sacred Heart be pierced with a lance, thus opening wide the source of mercy for you. Come then with trust to draw graces from this fountain. I never reject a contrite heart. Your misery has disappeared in the depths of My mercy. Do not argue with Me about your wretchedness. You will give me pleasure if you hand over to me all your troubles and griefs. I shall heap upon you the treasures of My grace." (St. Faustina Diary, 1485)

St. Francis Council 11136 News



NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: will be on Monday February 10, at 7:30 pm. Rosary in the Church at 7pm, all parishioners are welcome!!

NEXT PANCAKE BREAKFAST FEBRUARY 2: Come join us for fellowship and a chance to assist your Knights Council in providing programs, events and projects that benefit the Parish and community through your generous good will offerings!!!

RIGHT TO LIFE MARCH: See blurb in Bulletin for March for Life. Please contact Carie Losinski at skigators@icloud.com or 703-673-6108 if you have any questions and/or to sign up and reserve your spot!

JOIN US FOR OUR 9 DAY NOVENA FOR LIFE: We have started our Novena on 1/15 and are asking that you pray it everyday until 1/23, the day before the March for Life. The Gospel of Life card can be picked up at a table in the Narthex or seen at the following link: www.kofc.org/tn/en/resources/programs/novena-for-life/4237-gospel-of-life-prayer-card.pdf

SHARE SUNDAY (ANOTHER OPTION TO DONATE): Please see blurb in bulletin about the chance to help the Catholic Charities Food bank in Leesburg obtain milk and eggs

IF YOU ARE A KNIGHT AND NOT GETTING EMAILS WITH UPDATES TO EVENTS AND PROGRAMS: Please contact me at the email below and let me know!!

WHY ARE YOU A KNIGHT? Be more than a Knight in name only. Contact GK Scott Grimard and tell me what it would 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. Discover how the Knights can support you, your family, your faith and your community. Contact GK Scott Grimard or Chancellor Rae Edmonson (raedmons@gmail.com) or look for any man wearing a Knights of Columbus name badge. Let your Light Shine.

May God bless you!

Scott Grimard, Grand Knight
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HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

JANUARY 2020

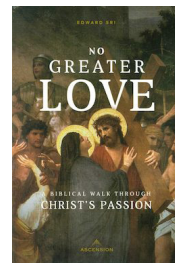
Promotion of World Peace

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays at 7pm, Starting January 30
An 8-week study that will be like walking beside Jesus from Gethsemane to the Cross. There is an accompanying DVD filmed on location for us to view.

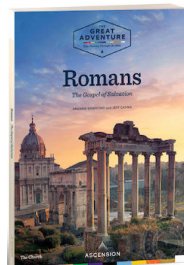
Interested? We have a wonderful group of women and we are always happy to welcome a new face. Email me at jeannela-mana@gmail.com to register and receive instructions for purchasing the books we will be using. Looking forward to meeting you! visit our website saintfrancisparish.org/adult-religious-education-bible-study/womens-faith-ministry/ for more information.



ROMANS - THE GOSPEL OF SALVATION

Wednesdays at 7pm Starting January 29

An 8-session program that examines Paul's letter to the Romans and provides historical context, highlighting the connections to Jesus and Christianity that Paul makes with the Old Testament. Provides an authentically Catholic, comprehensive, and simple way to understand the overarching theme of Romans-salvation. Cost for study materials is \$28 and members of the same household can share materials. Scholarships are available. If you already have a workbook, just sign up and make that notation. If you would like to register for this bible study, please contact Janice Rees at j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org or 540-338-4497.



An Evening of Prayerful Remembrance & Intercession



Wednesday, January 22, 2020
7:00 p.m.

The Basilica of St. Mary
310 South Royal Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Women, men, families, health care providers, all of us, directly or indirectly, have been impacted by abortion. In response, as we observe the 47th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade, we gather to pray as a faith community and to seek healing and forgiveness for individuals and our nation.

The evening will include:

- Eucharistic Adoration & Intercessory Prayer
- Personal testimonies from those who have been affected by abortion
- Opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

For more information:
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email Project Rachel at info@helpafterabortion.org
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