

Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

Epiphany of the Lord January 5, 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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They opened their treasures
and offered him gifts
of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
— *Matthew 2:11b*

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Epiphany can be understood as an extension of the Nativity of the Lord that we celebrate on December 25. While at Christmas we celebrate Jesus' coming as the long-awaited king and Messiah of the Jewish people, on Epiphany we celebrate the revelation that Jesus is the Savior and Light of all nations—Jews, Gentiles, and all people.

The star shines so brightly that it attracts magi who come from far distant countries to worship Jesus. They are not Jews, yet they are drawn to the Light of the world. The letter to the Ephesians reveals that the Light of the world was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews—Christ gathers all people into the light of his love. The reading from Isaiah also describes a gathering of diverse peoples, but this time it is to the light that emanates from the people of God.

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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.

This Week

Sun., Jan. 5	<u>No Adult Basketball</u>
Mon., Jan. 6	<u>Womens Auxiliary Business Mtg.</u> 7:30pm, Library
Tue., Jan. 7	<u>RCIA</u> 7pm, Room 107
Wed., Jan. 8	<u>TMIY</u> 7pm, Catholic Education Ctr. <u>Charismatic Prayer Group</u> 7pm Chapel
Thu., Jan. 9	<u>Rosary Group</u> 7pm, Church
Fri., Jan. 10	<u>Children's Rosary</u> 10am, Church
Sat., Jan. 11	<u>TMIY</u> 6:30am, Catholic Education Ctr. <u>Women's Self-Defense Class</u> 10am, Our Lady of Victory Hall

Masses for the Week

+ deceased

Saturday, Jan. 4

9:00 am

Saturday, Jan. 4

5:00 pm

Sunday, Jan. 5

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:00 pm

Monday, Jan. 6

6:30 am

9:00 am

Tuesday, Jan. 7

6:30 am

Wed., Jan. 8

6:30 am

9:00 am

Thursday, Jan. 9

6:30 am

Friday, Jan. 10

6:30 am

12:00 pm

Saturday, Jan. 11

9:00 am

Saturday, Jan. 11

5:00 pm

Sunday, Jan. 12

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:00 pm

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton;
First Saturday

+ Luke Harvan

Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord

+ Beatrice Talamantes

The Epiphany of the Lord

People of the Parish

+ Fernando Salcedo

The Fitzgerald Family

+ Yun Young-Kun

Max and Emilie Workman

Christmas Weekday

+Robert Krein

+Paul McKenzie

Christmas Weekday

+Joshua White

Christmas Weekday

Wilsie Adams

Carolyn Woodland

Christmas Weekday

William Foster Family

Christmas Weekday

+ Wayne Thomas Lynch Wycoff

+ William Mead Regan

Christmas Weekday

Altar Guild

Vigil: Baptism of the Lord

+ Neal Brown

Baptism of the Lord

+ Gabriel Stocks

People of the Parish

+ William Vokovich

Ruth Prohaska

Kathy Pappas Jatras

**The 2020 Religious Art Calendar's have arrived.
You can pick up your calendar in the Narthex after all Masses.**

Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

Dear Folks,

In the rush for Masses on the weekends preceding Christmas, including Christmas, and following Christmas I am caught up with the need to compose multiple letters for the bulletin. That is almost four letters in two weeks. My apologies in boring you with the rush of letters.

Please, on behalf of Fr. Heisler and myself we offer our highest gratitude for your kind generosity during the Christmas holidays. We have been overwhelmed with the vast quantities of Christmas delicacies involving candy, cookies, cakes, pies, and assorted bottles... if you know what I mean. And, believe it or not, Rex Dog, did better than we did with all the assorted Dog treats and toys. I have never seen a Christmas with such a heart whelming charge to it. God bless you, one and all, for your great kindness.

I want to, once again, offer a great acknowledgement to the many people who prepared the facilities for the Lord's birthday. Christmas ornaments abound in Our Lady of Victory Hall, the parish offices, and church. It was all quite stunning. And the frosting on the cake was presentation of the Angel statue holding the infant, in the front foyer of the church. She is absolutely beautiful.

God bless the members of the choirs. Such beautiful and prayerful presentations that heighten the sense of The Lord's birth. They were like angels from above. Just wonderful. Many thanks to the readers, ushers, and young boys and girls serving at the Masses. Thank you to the church decorators, special ministers of Holy-Communion and the sacristans who prepared the altar arrangements.

The four beautiful things I will remember from Christmas Eve. First, when I called the kids up to the altar to give a short talk on Christmas I was met with one little boy who tried to hoist himself over the Communion Rail like a young Marine storming the Beaches in the South Pacific. He was hilarious. The second involved the moment when all the kids were returning to their parents and one of the munchkins called out that Santa came to her house the night before... the faces of others, like deer in the headlights, looking back at us. Wondering if Santa had come and gone. Shucks, I wasn't going to say anything. The third, involved my Irish admonishment that if you put in your wallet a piece of straw from the manger you would never go broke. Well in the five o'clock Mass there was only burlap surrounding the Bambino. By the 10:30 Mass there was a great stash of straw from the manger out in front brought in to the altar. And the last man to leave the church that night stopped before the manger and snatched a piece of straw. I prayed for him in my closing prayers of the day. May he have a happy, healthy, and holy year coming. Well done. In closing, following the 10:30 Mass, Christmas Eve, I was overwhelmed by the noise in the front foyer. It was an incredible noise that could not be abated by the glass wall separating the foyer from the church. It was a very good noise for a people who have been thru a tough year in the parish and found some old friends coming back. It was a very good noise. Welcome home and let us pray for one another.

And the best gift of all in the closing of Advent were the many folks coming to Confession preparing their hearts and souls for Christmas. Especially... the big fish. You know. Well done one and all. It won't be long till the Confessionals are placed in the Church. Well done big fish!

On a strange and rather perverse note. There was one slight moment of distraction from the happy noise of Christmas. Fr. Heisler received a call from a weeping mother/ daughter who with her family was approached by a stranger in the church parking lot. The stranger took exception their political bumper sticker and informed them, "We don't need your kind around here." Now, I ask you, who says that anymore? Really! And the killer is that the offender who made the statement is fairly new to the parish and the one with the bumper sticker has been here a long long time. Go figure.

When Fr. Heisler, who is very sensitive, brought the story to my attention, with no small amount of consternation, I simply asked if the offenders had all their teeth. Oh Jeepers!! Why should we be surprised with that poor judgment of entitlement. (Nb. I intentionally toned down the previous sentence) It is all around us and has been for a long time. Does no one remember the story of a cross burning outside one our local churches two generations ago. Or how long it took for a Catholic to get a job in some of the Virginia school districts. Or the current initiatives of State and Federal politicians removing confederate statues from the national/state capitals so we can all be safe because we don't need their kind around here. It is all very confusing. For the time being let's just try to have a little respect for each other, after Communion. Especially for the older folks of the parish. After all they do kind of deserve our respect. Merry Christmas, Feliz Navidad. Again, let us pray for one another.

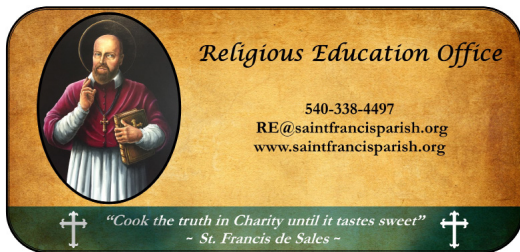
Father Gould

Collegiate Answer: For the locals, the original name for Hamilton, Virginia was Harmony, Virginia. The name was changed in honor of the Hamilton family who owned the local store. And please know, there is a local school that continues the name, "Harmony."

Collegiate question # 1. In light of the statement on those accepted around here... What is the political origin for the "Prime Directive," (Starfleet General Order 1) in the Star Trek science fiction series?

Collegiate question #2. The Northern parish boundaries of St. Francis De Sales Parish are determined by a river flowing North before heading South to the Chesapeake Bay. Name the two rivers in the Commonwealth that flow North, at some point, and where does the second river eventually flow South to its final destination. Good hunting to our students at Radford, Tech, and James Madison.





Sponsor/Confirmation Candidate Potluck Supper

THIS EVENING, January 5 at 6pm
 Our Lady of Victory Hall
Feast of the Epiphany!

Our Confirmation Potluck supper is an evening dedicated to food, faith and fellowship, and a great opportunity to bring the sponsors and candidates together in preparation for the upcoming Confirmation in the spring. **Candidates and sponsors are strongly encouraged to attend this supper.** This fellowship is an important part of their Confirmation preparation. We understand that a sponsor may live out of state or may be unable to travel at this time, if that is the case, a parent of the candidate may attend in your place. The candidate is requested to bring their favorite dish to share. Sponsors are our guests! All are invited to attend the 5pm Teen Mass before the supper. We look forward to seeing you.

1ST RECONCILIATION RETREAT

Sat., January 18 9am-12noon - Sunday Classes
 Sat., January 26 9am-12noon - Weekday Classes and Atrium

We will begin with 9am Mass, then proceed to Our Lady of Victory Hall to begin the retreat. **At least one parent is required to attend!** Please let the RE office know in advance if you need to switch your child's scheduled retreat day.

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.

DIVINE MERCY SAID: “Be not afraid of your Savior, O sinful soul. I make the first move to come to you, for I know that by yourself you are unable to lift yourself to me. Child, do not run away from your Father; be willing to talk openly with your God of mercy who wants to speak words of pardon and lavish his graces on you. How dear your soul is to Me! I have inscribed your name upon My hand; you are engraved as a deep wound in My Heart.”
 (St. Faustina Diary 1485)



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

MOUNT2000 – Mount2000 is a Eucharistic retreat for high schoolers, run by the seminarians at Mount St. Mary's Seminary. Experience Jesus and the Sacraments like never before! February 7–9, 2020 and registration is now open! E-mail Emily at e.glass@saintfrancisparish.org to register. Spaces are limited and registration ends on January 15.

YOUTH NIGHT – Join us on Sundays from 6:00-8:00 PM 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. See you on January 5th.

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS – If you would like to receive text message announcements about time changes, event cancellations, etc., you can go to this link: remind.com/join/eglass16 and enter your information to be added to the recipient list! Also, follow the Youth Ministry Instagram account St.FrancisYouth for event updates and announcements

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 meet once a month. The next gathering is Sunday, January 26 after the 5pm Mass. Watch this page for details.

BABYBOTTLE CAMPAIGN FOR BIRTHRIGHT

Birthright offers caring and loving support to women and their babies. We can prepare for Jesus' birth through prayer and service for babies of our community. Fill your bottle with money that will be used to buy items needed to care for the babies as we would for Baby Jesus. **Please continue to fill your baby bottles over the Christmas break!** Return your baby bottle to your CCD class after the Epiphany in January. Birthright is very thankful for your participation and prayers.

Religious Education Calendar

WEEK OF JANUARY 5 and 12

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

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:

Kimberly Castellano - January 28, 2018
Cathy Bartoldus - January 20, 2018
Joan Ruscitella - January 22, 2016
David A. May - January 27, 2015
Edmund J. Bighouse - January 23, 2015
David A. Miles - January 14, 2015
Elizabeth Susan Biddle - January 22, 2013
Marian Welsh - January 7, 2012
John A. Bikowski - January 4, 2010
William G. Leonard - January 31, 2009
Stephanie Ann Jackson - January 12, 2009
Carroll Wells Lewis - January 18, 2008
Louise B. Caprio - January 21, 2008
Anastasia B. Barry - January 8, 2007
William Pierce Bragg - January 15, 2005
Grace Loretta Giuggio - January 18, 2004
Richard John Gessner - January 12, 2002
Donna Beth Haddock - January 13, 2002
Grace Maxine Bullick - January 27, 2002
Roger Frank Cressey - January 10, 2001
Robert F. Busher - January 18, 2001
Deborah DeAngelo - January 20, 2001
Catherine Maher - January 28, 2000
Thelma L. Chettle - January 17, 1999
William E. Caggiano - January 18, 1998
Mary Wildes Brown - January 30, 1997
Michaela A. Theerman - January 2, 1996
Anna Marie Gerken - January 3, 1991
Scott Laurence Kidwell - January 1, 1990
John Philip Holland - January 1, 1988
Cecilia E. Williams - January 17, 1988
Elizabeth J. Carruthers - January 18, 1985
George Tredick - January 16, 1984
Emily R. Austin - January 8, 1982
William N. Welsh - January 21, 1980
David C. Schwable - January 17, 1971

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 Wil-lard, 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

Parish Homeless Ministry

Please feel free to reach out to any of us
Jennifer Dize jydize@gmail.com
Bev Bryant bbteachkids@gmail.com
Maria Byrd maria.nog.byrd@gmail.com



Join us for an evening of Swing Dancing

Saturday, January 18

7:30-8:30 lesson, followed by an hour of social dancing.

Our Lady of Victory Hall (gym)

Ages 14 through 104 welcome!

Come ready to learn and have fun

\$5 suggested donation for the building fund

Joshua's Hands Valiant Warrior Quilting Event

Joshua's Hands will host 10 days of quilting fun to make handmade quilts for servicemen and women wounded while serving our country. All are welcome! No sewing experience or registration needed. All materials are provided but donations are appreciated. Come for an hour or the day. Details: FREE, Jan 17-26, 2020 Monday-Saturdays 9am-9pm • Sundays 1-9pm. Purcellville VA - check website for exact location. More info: info@JoshuasHands.org, 540.454.7827, www.JoshuasHands.org.

Since 2011, Joshua's Hands has made and shipped more than 1900 quilts to field hospitals. This community event has people of all ages laughing, stitching, and learning from each other. This is a great service project for groups or teens needing service hours. We also welcome quilts/tops made at home - see our website for requirements. This opportunity is offered each January and summer.

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.

An Evening of Testimony: Personal Stories from Those Abused by Clergy

Please join the St. John Neumann ACTION Committee and Spirit Fire Ministry for on January 16, 7pm to 9pm at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Brown-McCarthy Auditorium, 11900 Lawyers Rd., Reston. This is an opportunity to listen and respond with compassion to victims and survivors of the clergy abuse crisis. Adults only. Media are not permitted. Questions? Contact Angie Boggs at sjnaction@gmail.com. Learn more about Spirit Fire Ministry spiritfirelive.wordpress.com/. This event is a collaboration with the Diocese of Arlington's Offices of Child Protection and Victim Assistance.



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 and/or to sign up and reserve your spot!

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 j.rees@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!

The 2020 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship

will be held here on Monday, January 20 at 9am ("MLK Day") in Our Lady of Victory Hall and is open to all boys and girls, ages 9-14. Eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of January 1, 2020. Entry forms can be picked up in person from Janice Rees in Our Lady of Victory Hall or can be requested by emailing sdevita@aol.com. A copy of your child's birth certificate must be submitted with the completed entry form to Steve DeVita at sdevita@aol.com or drop off the form and birth certificate copy with Janice Rees in the Our Lady of Victory Hall no later than Wednesday, January 15, 2020, at 5pm. No walk-ins will be accepted. Winners will advance to the District level competition on Presidents Day Holiday in February anticipated to be at St. Theresa Parish, Ashburn.



9 Days for Life 2020

Tuesday, January 21 - Wednesday, January 29.
9 Days for Life is a multi-faceted novena for the respect and protection of human life. Each day, a different intention is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions, and related information.
Sign up to receive the novena by email, text message, or an app at www.9daysforlife.com. . . .
Additional resources to observe the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children are available at www.respectlife.org/january.

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

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

UPCOMING LADIES AUXILIARY EVENTS:



Monday, January 6 Business Meeting - 7pm Rosary in the Chapel. We will meet in the Library of the Parish Education Center and beginning the meeting at 7:30pm. We will have a guest speaker who will talk about Our Lady of Guadalupe and an opportunity to go on a Mission trip to Mexico.

Saturday January 11 - Parish Education Center, OLVH (gym) from 10am-12pm we are hosting a Women's Self Defense class. There is a \$10 fee for the class. This 2 hour introductory class will be taught by a female Grandmaster in the Martial Arts of Sho Bushido Jujitsu. Offered to ages 16 and older as well as 12-15 years old with a responsible adult present (adult does not have to participate). Please RSVP to ladiesaux11136@gmail.com to reserve a spot. There is a 50 person max. A waiver will be provided and required to be signed before participation.

Merry Christmas and wishes for a Blessed Happy New Year from the Saint Francis de Sales Ladies Auxiliary!

Feel free to send questions or comments to ladiesaux11136@gmail.com

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020
7 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Purcellville Fire Station
500 North Maple Avenue, Purcellville, VA
Inova Blood Donor Services will be in the Fire Station Training Room.

Make your lifesaving appointment today!
Visit: <http://bit.ly/STFDSCC20200105> or call us at 1-866-BLOODSAVES (1-866-256-6372) and use **Sponsor Code 3026** or contact Charlie Baldi at (540) 751-1907 or charliebaldi77@gmail.com

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.

St. Francis Council 11136 News



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: will be on Monday January 13, at 7:30 pm. Rosary in the Church at 7pm, all parishioners are welcome!!

FATHER GOULD'S INSTALLATION RECEPTION:

Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary, all the Brothers and Parishioners who brought side dishes, crockpots, helped pull the pork, worked on the serving lines, put the chairs and tables away and cleaned up!!!!!! It was a great Parish event!!! Welcome Again Father Gould!!!!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FOR JANUARY: will be moved from January 5 to January 12.

COATS FOR KIDS: A Big THANK YOU !! to all who donated Coats. We couldn't have done this without the help of the entire Parish!! This was one of the best years we had at obtaining Coats for the kids in Loudoun County. We distributed approximately 400 coats to several LCPS, Mobile Hope, Catholic Charities and even our own SFDS Homeless Ministry!!

SWEATS FOR VETS: Look for the box in the Narthex replacing the one for Coats for Kids. We need new sweats in all Large and X-Large. The MAC-PAC will be assisting with this program also.

FREE THROW CONTEST: Set for Jan 20th Entry deadline Jan 15th See Blurb in Bulletin

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!

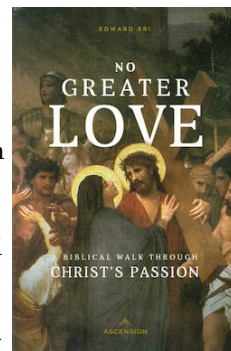
Scott Grimard, Grand Knight
St. Francis Council #11136
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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays at 7pm,
Starting January 30

Have you ever longed to visit the Holy Land and pray in the Garden of Gethsemane, walk the streets of Jerusalem, and peek into the upper room? I have always craved to make the Passion of the Lord brought to life in a profoundly moving way. I found a Bible study that will do just that! "No Greater Love", by Edward Sri. It is 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 jeannelamana@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. Explores the ways in which Jesus is the fulfillment of Israel's prophecies, which leads to the universal, "Catholic" family of God. Participants will learn Catholic teaching on salvation, how to explain salvation to non-Christians, what is required for salvation—faith or works, what Paul means by "works" not leading to salvation, how Christ's death changed their relationship with God, the meaning of the difficult passages in Romans, and how they can enter more deeply into Christ. (©2019) 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.

