

Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord April 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, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday -
6:30am and 9am
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 through Benediction before the 9am Mass on Saturday morning. 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 Center
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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God greatly exalted [Christ] and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.
— *Philippians 2:9*

MASS, LITURGY OF THE HOURS, AND ROSARY

Join us via live streaming for all Masses: vimeo.com/event/31282/videos/403562359

Join us via live streaming of the Liturgy of the Hours and Rosary: www.gotomeet.me/StFrancisdeSales/mass-liturgyofthehours

The priests and seminarians will be live streaming the Liturgies with the following schedule:

Mass *

Sunday – 8:30am and 10:30am

Saturday – 9am

Monday thru Friday – 6:30am and 8am

(No one is allowed to join us at Mass during the time of the pandemic. Please stay tuned)

Liturgy of the Hours & Rosary

Morning Prayer – 7:30am

Evening Prayer – 5pm

Rosary – 8:30pm

Night Prayer – 9pm

For a text of the Psalms, Readings, and Prayers for the Liturgy of the Hours, www.ibreviary.org/en/tools/ibreviary-web.html

For a music aid for Night Prayer, saintfrancisparish.org/music/

ADORATION

Daily Adoration - 3pm to 7pm

Friday Adoration - 1pm Friday through 9am on Saturday

The days for each Family's Adoration will depend on your LAST name (to keep the church from becoming overcrowded and to ensure we have coverage each day).

We need to be mindful of the "social distancing" during Adoration and ensuring that everyone remains protected and healthy throughout this period.

CONFESSIONS

Every day (including weekends) at 12 Noon and 7pm.

Confessions will take place at the Catholic Education Center.

FR. HEISLER'S LENTEN SERIES ON PRAYER - each week's class is a stand-alone class, you can join anytime. To access the on-line classroom, go to saintfrancisparish.org/fr-john-heisler-lenten-series-on-prayer/

Masses for the Week

Mass Intentions will be offered in private
Masses celebrated by Fr. Gould & Fr. Heisler

+ deceased

Saturday, April 4

9:00 am

Saturday, April 4

5:00 pm

Sunday, April 5

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:00 pm

Monday, April 6

6:30 am

9:00 am

Tuesday, April 7

6:30 am

9:00 am

Wed., April 8

6:30 am

9:00 am

Thursday, April 9

Friday, April 10

Saturday, April 11

9:00 am

Saturday, April 11

Sunday, April 12

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:00 pm

Lenten Weekday

+ Celeste Brown

Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

+ Richard Smith, Sr.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Deceased members of the

Butts and D'Elia families

Becky Mikel

+ Ryan Martin

+ Marta E. Juanpere

Special Intention

Monday of Holy Week

+ William Burns

+ Delores M. Manley

Monday of Holy Week

Special Intention

+ John R. Robinson

Monday of Holy Week

Special Intention

Mrs. Joni McHugh

Holy Thursday

No Intentions

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

No Intentions

Holy Saturday

Special Intention

Vigil: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

No Intentions

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

+ Daryl Tewell

Edward Widzinski

+ Louise Doherty

+ Richard Gerity

People of the Parish

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Good Friday is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59.

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from

We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

—Entrance Antiphon, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, The Roman Missal

Father Gould's 'Dear Folks' letters will continue to be posted regularly on the website and sent to the parish via Constant Contact to keep the parish up to date through the COVID-19 situation. Please be sure to visit www.saintfrancisparish.org for Father's wisdom and insight!

Let us continue to pray for on another.



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Participate in the *Into the Desert* Video Study

Follow Jesus into the desert this Lent and discover intimacy with God in this 6-week video-based study with daily meditations in the participant's guide.



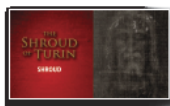
Watch a Daily Lenten Reflection Video

Set yourself up for a transformative 40 days with Lenten reflection videos from Dr. Tim Gray. It takes less than 5 minutes a day!



Relive the Most Important Week in History

Join us for the first ever FORMED-wide book club as read and discuss Pope Emeritus Benedict's masterpiece, *Jesus of Nazareth: Holy Week*.



Make Your Screen Time Spiritual

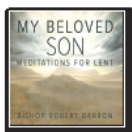
Watch programs that will strengthen your love for Jesus.

- ▶ The Shroud of Turin
- ▶ The Silent Witness
- ▶ Convinced
- ▶ Prayer: A Surge of the Heart



Pray the Stations of the Cross

This beautiful meditation on the Stations of the Cross from Saint Alphonsus Liguori is accompanied by the chanting of *Stabat Mater*, a traditional Catholic hymn.



Give Your Commute to Jesus

Listen to Lighthouse Talks that will draw you into Lent.

- ▶ My Beloved Son
- ▶ Love – Sacrifice – Trust
- ▶ The Fourth Cup
- ▶ The Passion of Christ
- ▶ Three Days That Changed the World
- ▶ Glimpses Along the Way of the Cross

To find this and more, register for free at sfd.sformed.org

FORMED

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

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:

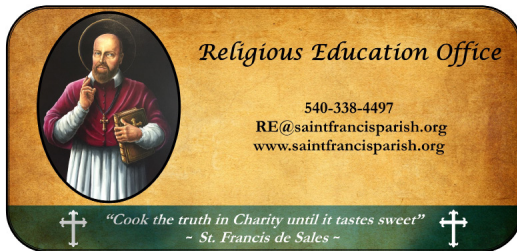
- John Robinson, April 17, 2019
- Rose Marie Bighouse, April 4, 2019
- Edie Rokus, April 14, 2018
- Barbara Pollard, April 10, 2018
- John Arthur Boswell, April 26, 2016
- Lloyd Tracey, April 5, 2015
- Don Mowe, April 1, 2015
- Lucy Koch, April 24, 2014
- Gail Kelley, April 24, 2012
- Naomi Magliato, April 28, 2011
- Hailey Alepa - April 22, 2010
- Frank Udy – April 28, 2009
- William Whitehurst – April 16, 2009
- John Lindsay – April 22, 2008
- Robert Driscoll – April 2, 2005
- Patrick Vaughan, Jr. – April 10, 2005
- John Walsh – April 29, 2005
- Robert Zuber, Sr. – April 17, 2004
- Earl Hall – April 3, 2004
- Jeanette Henriksen – April 24, 2002
- James Rowley, Jr. – April 7, 2000
- Robert Remuzzi – April 20, 2000
- Henriette Begley – April 12, 1996
- Mary W. Holden – April 11, 1995
- Genevieve Mallon – April 15, 1995
- Joan Devereux – April 30, 1994
- Evelyn Boswell – April 2, 1989
- Constance Lyon – April 9, 1987

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 Wieliczko,

Sarah Nolan, Liz Keller; Bob Cote, Jerry Pollard, Joanne Harrington, Rebecca Alvarez, Charles Williams
The Deceased: Michele Mackey, Margaret Maykrantz, Fr. Edwin Thayer Tewes, Eleanor Szemborski, Zach Miller, Danielle Krill, Carolyn Woodland. Ryan Martin, Kimberly Merline, Valerie Wieliczko, Thomas Moorcones, Mary Owen Lyon Chatfield-Taylor, Martha Ann Harlow, Ann Vaudry



“Catholic parents must learn to form their family as a **“domestic church,”** a church in the home as it were, where God is honored, his law is respected, prayer is a normal event, virtue is transmitted by word and example, and everyone shares the hopes, the problems and sufferings of everyone else. All this is not to advocate a return to some outdated style of living: It is to return to the roots of human development and human happiness!”
– Saint John Paul II

Dear Parents,

The days of Holy Week leading up to the celebration of Easter are the most sacred of the entire year. Of course, this year the activities we plan for our families in the home take on a very new significance. We will not soon forget this year’s most holy of weeks!

Please visit saintfrancisparish.org/holy-week-with-the-family/ for lots of ideas. I hope these resources will help you involve your children in the days leading up to the Easter celebration this year in your own domestic churches.

God bless you all,
Kim



VBS Mark Your Calendars!

We have been encouraged by the Bishop’s Office to keep plans going for VBS, something we can all look forward to! We need lots of volunteers, please contact us if you would like to help!

This summer’s VBS will take us on an exciting adventure with Moses, and God’s people, the Israelites. Mark your calendars for **July 6-10, 9am-12noon.**

We hope all of our ‘veteran’ volunteers will return, and **we welcome new Adult and Youth volunteers!** Please contact the RE office at re@saintfrancisparish.org for more information. Youth volunteer positions fill up fast so start planning on it! If you are a returning volunteer and would like the same spot as last year or would like to try a new one, be sure to let us know so we can save your spot! Camper registration begins May 1.



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

ZOOM YOUTH NIGHTS! – Join us on Zoom! Come catch up with friends, share your experiences, and talk about how we can stay close to Jesus during this crazy time.

For **ALL** high schoolers: **Sundays at 7:30pm AND Wednesdays at 7:30pm.**

For Seniors: **Wednesdays at 4pm**

Access info for the Zoom gathering is in an e-mail. Contact e.glass@saintfrancisparish.org if you haven’t received this e-mail yet.

WORKCAMP IS ON – Workcamp is still on for **June 21 – 27.** Now more than ever, it’s important that we help our brothers and sisters in need. Group Missions is posting periodic updates here: <https://groupmissiontrips.com/covid19-updates>. Because parish offices are closed and cannot process any checks or paperwork, please hold on to any checks from your Appeal Letters until the church reopens.

VIRTUAL TEEN WORKCAMP MEETING – We’ll be holding a Zoom Teen Workcamp meeting in the next week or two, exact date and time TBA. Please keep an eye on your e-mail. **E-mail e.glass@saintfrancisparish.org if you or your teen have not filled out any Workcamp paperwork – your e-mail address is likely not on our list.**

ADULTS FOR WORKCAMP – Calling any adults over 21 who have a passion for Jesus and working with youth! Workcamp is only possible with the adult volunteers who generously spend the week working and worshiping alongside our teens. E-mail e.glass@saintfrancisparish.org for more information.

WORKCAMP TEXT UPDATES – Sign up to receive free Remind.com text message updates and announcements for Workcamp 2020 by texting [@sfdswc2020](https://www.remind.com) to the number **81010**

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sign up to receive free Remind.com text message updates, reminders, and upcoming virtual meetings. Text [@sfdsteens](https://www.remind.com) to the number 81010. Also, follow the Youth Ministry Instagram account [St.FrancisYouth](https://www.instagram.com/St.FrancisYouth) for event updates and announcements.

Five Simple Ways to Celebrate Holy Week at Home

Create a simple prayer space in your home, and gather there to pray during the week.

Palm Sunday: Read the first Palm Sunday Gospel (Mt 21:1–11) and meditate on or discuss what Jesus might be thinking as he enters Jerusalem for the last time.

Holy Thursday: Bake bread for sharing at dinner; make a ritual of stripping the dinner table of all cloths and decorations after dinner.

Good Friday: Pray the Stations of the Cross at 3pm

Holy Saturday: In the morning, read Psalm 64 and break your Good Friday fast solemnly with a simple meal.

Easter Sunday: Dress up the dinner table again. Include candles and crosses, so that the candy baskets aren’t the only festive items present. Sing Alleluia and read the Easter Gospel (Matthew 28:1-10) with solemnity and joy.

HOLY FATHER’S PRAYER INTENTIONS - APRIL 2020

Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

HOSANNA!

"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest" (Matthew 21:9). With these words the Church enters the holiest of weeks, commemorating the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. When the people of Jerusalem cried out with their "hosannas," they were using an ancient Hebrew shout of acclamation that meant "Pray, save us." The king to whom they were shouting eventually would save them, but in a way that would be far from what they expected. Salvation would come from the wood of the cross as Jesus hung there to bring freedom from sin and life through death, opening the gates of heaven for all who put their faith and trust in him.

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HOLY WEEK AND THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

"The days of Jesus' life-giving death and glorious resurrection are approaching, the hour he triumphed over Satan's pride, the time we celebrate the great event of our redemption" (Preface of the Lord's Passion II, Sacramentary). Thus the Church begins the one week of the year that we formally designate as "Holy." Simple rituals can link the domestic church to parish church and Church universal. Enthroned Sunday's palms where you pray, behind the family crucifix, even as part of front door decorations: "Christ reigns here," they proclaim; "all are welcome!" During the first three days of Holy Week, ready Easter clothes, prepare festal foods, clean the house, beautify the yard. Late Holy Thursday afternoon, share Lent's final meal before the Lord's Supper Mass. Pitcher, bowl, and towel make a fitting centerpiece; perhaps conclude the meal by washing each other's feet. On Good Friday, observe the paschal fast from food—from TV and computer, too! Then come to Holy Saturday's Vigil with mind clear, stomach empty, and heart full of "holy anticipation" that bursts into living flame when the new fire is kindled.

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THE MINISTRY OF PRAISE

St. Francis de Sales' group of dedicated people of prayer, is on its third decade of service. The faithful team of seniors and the homebound pray fervently for the needs of our parish with amazing results. We are currently inviting anyone interested in joining our team to contact Angela at the St. Francis de Sales office (please designate Ministry of Praise on e-mail). Those who wish to have concerns prayed for may write their prayers and slip them into the Ministry of Praise box attached to the wall in the Narthax. You can also visit our webpage at www.saintfrancisparrish.org/prayer-requests/ and fill out the form and send the request on-line.

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday:	Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday:	Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday:	Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
Saturday:	a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mt 28:1-10
Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

Parish Homeless Ministry



We are all coping with so much, the change in our world has been shocking for sure, we pray for everyone. We have compassion for those that are still homeless and hungry, and now without jobs and paychecks. The Homeless Ministry made a decision to suspend our monthly Leesburg Shelter meal for the 26th of this month. We felt we could not ask volunteers to expose themselves unnecessarily, it is challenging enough to feed our own families. We did however pull off 4 casseroles, salads, drinks, rolls and desserts from our own leadership team, thank you Jennifer Dize, the Helping Heroes, Maria Byrd and Bev Bryant. Many other volunteer groups cancelled at Leesburg, and they are in need. This meal will be dropped off, Sunday March 29, to the staff, at the door, and they will feed the guests as well as any other "hard to reach" that come to them. Thank you everyone for all of your generosity to our ministry, it has been amazing, and will return to normal in the near future.

Please call or email us if you would like to receive emails for our SignUp Genius to donate foods or time:

Mark Ippoliti - 571-748-8584

mark.ippoliti@gmail.com

Tracy Ippoliti - 703-727-4125

tracy.ippoliti@gmail.com

Legion of Mary Group

Great news! We are starting a Legion of Mary group at St. Francis de Sales. The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active cooperation in Mary's and the Church's work. Everyone in the Parish is welcome to join the Legion of Mary — Our Lady of Victory Praesidium. Please join us for Rosary/Prayer, scriptural readings and evangelization works in our Parish. Learn more about the Legion. For more information contact: peppiattc@gmail.com

SFDS LIBRARY

Work on our library in the Catholic Education Center is progressing. We are looking for beautiful DVDs that uphold the teachings of the Church, i.e., feature movies (fiction and non-fiction) and documentaries about Catholic saints, miracles, etc. Adult and children's and movies for the whole family are all good! Please, no VHS format. Donations can be brought to the RE office or the Admin office. We are accepting good books suitable for children and teens as well. Thanks!

NURSING MINISTRY AT ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Our parish is going to revive the Nursing Ministry and we would love to get your help if you are willing to volunteer your time and you have healthcare experience. Whether you have a certification in First Aid and CPR or are an MD, we'd love to hear from you if you want to join the Nursing Ministry. Helen Mautner will be able to answer any questions you may have about the services that will be provided to parishioners. Please email Helen at ladiesauxsdfs@gmail.com with your name, phone number and she'll get back to you.

Comité Organizador de la Misa en Espanol

Estamos organizando la Misa en Espanol y necesitamos su ayuda en las áreas de Ushering (recibir y dar bienvenida a las personas cuando entran a la iglesia y ayuda en sentarnos), Ministros Eucarísticos, coro de música e instrumentos, lectores y otras oportunidades de acuerdo a su talento. Por favor comuníquese con Mauricio Cifuentes mcifuent@yahoo.com, si gusta ser parte de la Misa en Espanol y ayúdanos a propagar esta buena nueva! Muchas gracias por ayudar!

Mass in Spanish Organizing Committee

We are organizing the Mass in Spanish and need your help in the areas of ushering, eucharistic ministry, choir and music, lectoring, and other opportunities according to your talents. Please contact Mauricio Cifuentes at mcifuent@yahoo.com, if you wish to be a part of the Mass in Spanish and help us share the good news. Thank you for helping!

CALIX - For Catholics in Recovery

Calix is an association of Catholics in recovery and their family & friends also affected by addictions. Calix members maintain their sobriety through participation in 12-step recovery programs. Calix promotes the spiritual development of its members, and meetings serve as a source of inspiration & encouragement to each other.

How to attend a Meeting

- Leesburg – Saturdays at 10-11:15am – Club “12”, 58 Sycolin Road SE, Leesburg. Contact Bruce G. at Calix_NoVA@yahoo.com
- Online meetings (video or call-in) – 1st & 3rd Thursdays each month at 8-9pm. E-mail Ken at treasurer@calixsociety.org to be added to the e-mail list.

Questions? Call Mike at 703.362.3534 or e-mail at mfm2u2@gmail.com Go to www.calixsociety.org for more info.

Crux Gloria Gift Shop - coming on the website soon!



PLEASE VISIT US!
Saturday, March 14th
after the 5:00 mass

crux gloria
GIFT SHOP

Rosaries
Statues
Gifts for: Baptism, First Communion
and Confirmation
Additional gifts available by catalog

cruxgloriagiftshop@gmail.com
www.saintfrancispark.org

UPCOMING LADIES AUXILIARY EVENTS:



All events have been postponed until further notice. Details will follow in the upcoming weeks.

If you would like to help our parish and community please feel free to email us. Or better yet, come to a meeting! ladiesauxsdfs@gmail.com (please note new address)

Parishioner in Need of Living “Angel Donor”

Timotha Rainey, long time parishioner at St. Francis de Sales, and a high school French teacher in Loudoun County, is confronting End Stage Renal Disease in the near future and is in need of a living kidney donor. She will be starting home hemodialysis in the next few months

Two of Timotha's French 5H students created the facebook page, [Kidney for Timotha Rainey](#) If you are interested in learning about donating a kidney, please visit this page, click on Learn More.

HOST THE PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE

You can schedule to sign up for hosting the Pilgrim Virgin in your home. Go to saintfrancispark.org/hosting-the-pilgrim-virgin/ and pick a date. Then just sign up at jrees@saintfrancispark.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!

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.

DIVINE MERCY SAID: “My daughter, tell him [confessor] everything and reveal your soul to him as you do before Me. Do not fear anything. It is to keep you in peace that I place this priest between your soul and Myself. The words he will speak to you are My words. Reveal to him your soul's greatest secrets. I will give him light to know your soul.” (St. Faustina Diary, 232)

St. Francis Council 11136 News



NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: will be on Monday April 13. We will be trying to accomplish this by Skype. This will be the first Skype meeting in the history of our Council. Stand by for more info via our Google Groups email. Should be easy to connect to the meeting.

SHARE SUNDAY "POSTPONED" BUT THERE IS A PARISH FOOD DONATION DRIVE-BY & DROP OFF: On April 19th from 2-4 pm. Please place your food donations in plastic grocery bags and come to church. Drive around the circle by the Parish Center, mailbox and food trailer. Look for the Knights. Pull your car up and unload your donation in the designated space. Then jump back in your vehicle with a Thanks from us and continue. We will take the food to the Catholic Charities Leesburg Food Bank. If you need help let us know and we will unload for you. This keeps all of us safer by social distancing.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Scheduled for April 5th has been cancelled.

"DIRE NEED FOR FOOD/GIFT CARD DONATIONS TO THE LEESBURG CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOOD BANK": God Bless you all!! Thank you for your generous donations!! Our March 27th collection was \$3,840 in Cash/Gift cards!! NEXT collection will be April 10th. Please see the Parish website home page to help our Food Bank. Also see blurb in the bulletin. The need is greater than ever.

SHARE SUNDAY (ANOTHER WAY TO DONATE): "POSTPONED" We will continue to collect money for milk and eggs for the food bank the first Sunday of the month after all the Masses once we are back to attending Mass. Thank you for being so generous!!

FYI, 2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES HAVE BEEN MAILED: Please help us continue to help the Parish, community and our Faith!!! If you have been away awhile and not paid dues, please send me an email and we can work with you. Don't let that be the reason you are not an active Knight!!

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.

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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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DIRE NEED OF CHECK/GIFT CARD DONATIONS FOR THE LEESBURG CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOOD BANK

Your Knights of Columbus Council with the support and generosity of the Parishioners of St Francis de Sales this year since August have donated 18,124 pounds of food and in the last two months has donated \$5,403 dollars in cash and gift cards to the Leesburg Catholic Charities food bank to help thousands of Loudoun's most food needy. We all are now faced with new challenges. The Covid 19 virus is affecting every part of our society, including the cancellation of Masses at our respective churches, the increase need of those who are holding lower wage jobs who are not working, those who have had jobs but now are not getting paid. The demand for food has increased because of the above. While the food bank has sufficient food for the short term, they anticipate having to obtain more goods in the near future. While some will come from the St. Lucy Food Project warehouse in Manassas, their ability to meet the need is limited. Our Share Sunday/ milk and egg collections are currently suspended but the need is more than ever needed! Please read below to see how you can help We beseech you to consider making a monetary contribution (gift cards from any grocery store and/ or checks payable to "St. Francis Council 11136") so we can make a payment to the Catholic Charities St Lucy Project so they can order and buy groceries online. Please mention "Food Donation" in the memo line of checks. We will collect checks to mail to the food bank on April 10th and then the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month until this crisis ends. Checks and gift cards should be sent to:

St. Francis Council 11136
PO Box 1274
Purcellville, VA 20134

Thank you and God Bless!!

SHARE SUNDAY "POSTPONED" BUT THERE IS A PARISH FOOD DONATION DRIVE-BY & DROP OFF

On April 19th from 2-4 pm. Please place your food donations in plastic grocery bags and come to church. Drive around the circle by the Parish Center, mailbox and food trailer. Look for the Knights. Pull your car up and unload your donation in the designated space. Then jump back in your vehicle with a Thanks from us and continue. We will take the food to the Catholic Charities Leesburg Food Bank. If you need help let us know and we will unload for you. This keeps all of us safer by social distancing.