Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

3rd SUNDAY of Easter April 26, 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.

3rd SUNDAY of EASTER

April 26, 2020

You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence.
— *Acts 2:28*

LIVE STREAMED MASS & PRAYER

Join us via live streaming for all **weekend** Masses:
vimeo.com/event/31282

Join us via live streaming for all **weekday** Masses:
www.gotomeet.me/StFrancisdeSales/mass-liturgyofthehours

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

Mass
Sunday – 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM
Saturday – 9 AM
Monday thru Friday – 8 AM (no 6:30 AM Mass while Confessionals are being built)
(No one is allowed to join us at Mass during the time of the pandemic)

Liturgy of the Hours & Rosary
Morning Prayer – 7:30 AM
Evening Prayer – 5 PM
Rosary – 8:30 PM
Night Prayer – 9 PM

Adoration - EVERYDAY 3-7 PM until further notice
Confessions - Monday & Wednesday - 7PM;
Friday - 10:30 AM & 7 PM

Due to a change in Mass schedule, some Mass Intentions have been reassigned. Please note that all Mass Intentions will be honored.

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59, Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday:	Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

Masses for the Week

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Saturday, April 25	***Saint Mark***
9:00 am	+ Wilson Felder
Sunday, April 26	***3rd Sunday of Easter***
8:30 am	Zurschmeide Family
10:30 am	+ Joan Toranto
Monday, April 27	***Easter Weekday***
6:30 am	+ Charlie Stableford
8:00 am	John Stanek
Tuesday, April 28	***Easter Weekday***
6:30 am	+ Tim Carey
8:00 am	David Livelsberger
Wed., April 29	***Saint Catherine of Siena***
6:30 am	+ Roy Brown
8:00 am	+ Tina Lay
Thursday, April 30	***Easter Weekday***
6:30 am	+ William Gehrke
8:00 am	+ Alan Leroy Davis
Friday, May 1	***Easter Weekday; First Friday***
6:30 am	+ Wes and Lorna Ogden
8:00 am	Rick Smith
Saturday, May 2	***Saint Athanasius; First Saturday***
9:00 am	+ Walt Shearrow Sr.
Sunday, May 2	***4th Sunday of Easter***
8:30 am	+ Ryan Martin
10:30 am	+ Carolyn Woodland

GOD'S PLAN

Saint Peter speaks to us twice today. In the first reading, we hear an excerpt from his sermon on Pentecost; in the second, part of his first letter. Once a frightened, uneducated fisherman who often said just the wrong thing, now Peter is speaking what he knows to be true. Everything Jesus had said now makes sense. His death and rising were all part of God's plan, and our faith and hope can be centered on God.

Today's Gospel tells the story of Jesus' walk to Emmaus with two of the disciples. Frightened, sad, and confused, the two of them don't recognize Jesus, who tells them what we heard Peter say above: All this had to happen as part of God's plan. In the end, these disciples recognize Jesus as we are to recognize him—in the breaking of the bread.

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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!

Father Gould's 'Dear Folks' letters wil 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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
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People in need can find help on our website www.ccda.net/ with food, housing, medical care, counseling, legal assistance, and other services, click on 'Need Help'.
Visitors will find opportunities to serve the poor under 'Give Help' or donate by clicking on 'Support Us.'
This website features compelling images, resources, current events and news, and described Catholic Charities' more than 20 programs and locations, as well as the Catholic principles that inform its work.
'All good and all transformative love comes from the cross. We thought it was the best way to convey the ongoing and never-ending love of Christ that animates Catholic Charities and our Church." - President and CEO Art Bennett

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA (1347-1380)
Feast Day April 29

Imagine the pope receiving a young woman still in her twenties who addresses him as "my sweet Christ on earth," then orders: "Get back to Rome where you belong!" Amazingly, Gregory XI complied! Yet this was but one astonishing incident in the extraordinary life of Catherine of Siena, a truly unique medieval woman. Youngest of twenty-five children, Catherine refused marriage and became a Dominican Tertiary at sixteen, cloistering herself at home in contemplative prayer, austere penances, and mystical experiences, culminating in "spiritual espousal" to Christ. Then, incarnating the Dominican ideal of "passing on to others the fruits of contemplation," Catherine left her solitude to care for the poor, nurse the sick, comfort the dying, and bury the dead. Increasingly renowned for converting souls and healing bodies, she was sought after to broker peace during civil wars and Church schisms. All this, and like Jesus, whom she called "my Divine Spouse," she died at thirty-three! Four hundred letters and her spiritual classic The Dialogue inspired Paul VI to name her, together with Teresa of Ávila, the first women Doctors of the Church.

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co

Our thoughts and prayers are with ...
The **Names of The Deceased** will be remain until the first anniversary of their death. Thereafter the deceased will be remembered on the first Sunday of the monthly anniversary of their death in a special column.
Names of The Sick and **Our Military Members** are included by request of the individual or family. If you would like to publish the name of a loved one who is sick, please contact Janice Rees at j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org. Please let us know if there any changes to military rank, or if you would like name taken off Names of the Sick.

COUNSELING STILL BEING OFFERED AT SFDS

Jennifer Barry, LCSW from Catholic Charities' Family Services will take appointments offering Individual, Family or Couples Counseling. Jennifer is a licensed clinical social worker who received her Master of Social Work (MSW) from the Catholic University of America. ***Jennifer can now be reached for teletherapy or for a free consultation.*** If you are interested in scheduling a consultation, please contact her at 703-772-4022.

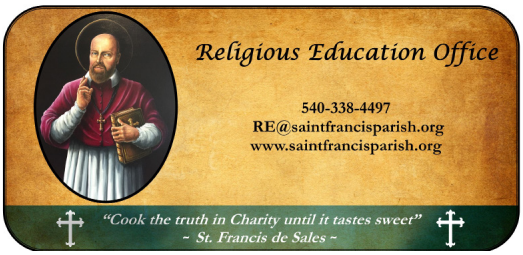
UPDATE!
Three ways to give to St. Francis de Sales:

- Enroll in electronic giving today by visiting: www.parishgiving.org OR reach out to Parish Giving directly and set-up a one-time or recurring donation by calling 866-307-7140
- Mail your donation to our parish office (attn: Amy Harrison)
- Place your donation in the parish office drop-box located on the interior parish office door

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

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, Sgt. Peter Audi
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 Williams



Dear Families,

We hope that you've found the materials on the parish website helpful as you celebrated Holy Week and the beginning of the Easter season with your children at home. We will do our best to continue to post resources for you at that link. Our hope is that you and your children will continue growing in the Faith together, learning about our Lord and the beautiful Church he gave us!

We now have a beautiful booklet available for your children that lists prayers to be learned from first through eighth grades. As stated in my note in the beginning of the booklet…

> *The prayers and lists in this booklet are a small part of the beautiful treasury of traditional prayers and devotions of our Catholic Faith. They help provide us with a glimpse into the foundations of our Faith, and a base from which our children can learn how to live holy lives…*

I will mail an electronic copy to all families, that you can print at home. Also, they'll be available on a table outside the Religious Education Office if you'd like to stop by and pick up a copy for your children (one copy per child, please). The building is open Monday and Wedesday at 7pm, and Friday at 10:30am and 7pm for confessions.

I will send any information I receive regarding First Holy Communion and Confirmation rescheduling as soon as I receive word. Let's all pray that will be soon!

Vacation Bible School is still planned from July 6-10, but we will send any updated information as it becomes available. As always, please check the parish website.

Registration for religious education classes will begin in early June, and we will mail packets to all families. We hope all parents will register their children in kindergarten through high school. Please be looking for that information in the early summer.

We're all hoping and praying to be together very soon! Please make sure to check the parish website (and this bulletin update) periodically. I will do my best to communicate through email, also, so please make sure we have your correct contact information. Let us know if there's anything else we can do for you.

Easter blessings to all!

With prayers,
Kim

Emily Glass
Director of Youth Ministry
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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 7:30 PM AND Wednesdays at 7:30 PM.
For Seniors: Wednesdays at 4 PM
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 UPDATE– Unfortunately, we've made the difficult decision to cancel our Workcamp trip this summer. For both health and financial reasons, it's in the best interest of all involved that we do not attend Workcamp this year. An e-mail with more details was send on Thursday, April 9th but if you did not receive it, please contact me at e.glass@saintfrancisparish.org and I will make sure you get the full info.

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sign up to receive free Remind.com text message updates, reminders, and upcoming virtual meetings. Text @sfdsteens to the number 81010. Also, follow the Youth Ministry Instagram account St.FrancisYouth for event updates and announcements.

VBS *Mark Your Calendars!*

We have been encouraged by the Bishop's Office to keeps plans going for VBS, something we can all look forward to! We needs lots of volunteers, pleae 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.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS - APRIL 2020

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

St. Francis Council 11136 News

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: will be on Monday May 11. We will be using Skype again.

MAY 3RD PANCAKE BREAKFAST:
Unfortunately, is cancelled. .

3RD DEGREE ON-LINE OPPORTUNITY FOR 1ST AND 2ND DEGREE MEMBERS: If you are a 1st or 2nd degree and want to obtain your 3rd degree, Supreme is offering the new Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity on – line. It is a 30-minute video. Offered on April 30th at 7 pm and another one at 10 pm. Great opportunity to get your 3rd degree. Contact me if interested and I will send you the link.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY PARISH FOOD DONATION DRIVE-BY A GREAT SUCCESS: God Bless and Thank you for your generous donations!!!! We collected 1,436 pounds of food that was dropped off at the Leesburg Catholic Charities Food Pantry this past Wednesday. This amount would be an excellent collection on a "normal" Share Sunday. We also collected $450 in checks and gift cards from those who also dropped off food at the drive-by.

"NEW" PARISH FOOD DONATION DRIVE-BY & DROP OFF:
On May 17th 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 Pantry. If you need help let us know and we will unload for you. This keeps all of us safer by social distancing.

CHECK/GIFT CARD DONATIONS TO THE LEESBURG CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOOD PANTRY: God Bless you all!! Thank you for your generous donations!! Our April 10th collection was $3,530 in Cash/Gift cards!! Two collections total $7,370. Our April 24th collection total will be reported next week. NEXT collection will be May 8th. Please see the Parish website home page to help our Food Pantry. Also see blurb in the bulletin. The need is greater than ever!

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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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 19,560 pounds of food and since February has donated **$9,003.01** dollars in cash and gift cards to the Leesburg Catholic Charities food Pantry 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 increased 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 all the above. While some food will come from the St. Lucy Food Project warehouse in Manassas, their ability to meet the need is limited. Please read below to see how you can help:
We beseech you to consider making a monetary contribution or give gift cards from any grocery store (Gift cards will assist us the most) and/or checks payable to "St. Francis Council 11136". We can make a payment to the Catholic Charities St Lucy Project in Leesburg so they can either purchase food or assist them in the food operations of the food pantry. Please mention "Food Bank" in the memo line of checks. We will collect checks to mail to the food bank and for us to purchase food for them on May 8th 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!!

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