

# Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

33rd DAY OF ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 15, 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.

## Adoration/Benediction

Friday - Adoration is held every Friday following the 12noon Mass through the evening and overnight until Saturday morning before the 9am Mass  
Wednesday 7pm - Weekly Parish Holy Hour

## Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil - 5pm  
Sunday - 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:15pm,  
2pm (masks required)  
5:30pm (Mass with contemporary music)

## Daily Masses

Monday through Thursday - 6:30am and 8:30am  
Friday - 6:30am and 12noon  
Saturday - 9am  
Check the bulletin for Holy Days of Obligation

## Sacraments

### Confessions:

Friday 10:30am; Saturday 8am and 3:30pm; Wednesday 8pm;  
1/2 hour before Mass times on Sunday morning  
Anytime by appointment  
Confessions are held in the Church

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 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday of the month at 1:30pm. Baptism class is the last Friday of the month at 7pm. Call the office for details.

Anointing of the Sick: We are privileged to bring Holy Communion and administer the Holy Anointing to the sick and homebound upon request. Please call the office to let us know your needs.

## 33rd SUNDAY OR ORDINARY TIME

November 15, 2020

"Well done, my good and faithful servant."

- Mt 25:21



In anticipation of the upcoming 100th Anniversary of the founding of St. Francis de Sales parish next June, we are looking for any memorabilia parishioners may have of the old church on Main Street, particularly photographs

of the church and rectory, inside and out, and any of the priests who were in residence. Please contact Janice at [jrees@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:jrees@saintfrancisparish.org) if you have anything you would like to share with us. Thank you!

## Readings for the Week

<b>SUN 11/15</b>	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
<b>MON 11/16</b>	Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Rev 2:17]/Lk 18:35-43
<b>TUE 11/17</b>	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [Rev 3:21]/Lk 19:1-10
<b>WED 11/18</b>	Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Lk 19:11-28
<b>THR 11/19</b>	Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [Rev 5:10]/Lk 19:41-44
<b>FRI 11/20</b>	Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Lk 19:45-48
<b>SAT 11/21</b>	Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 20:27-40
<b>SUN 11/22</b>	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

## Parish Financial Status

November 7th/8th:	
1st collection:	\$ 8,472
2nd collection (Retirement Fund for Religious):	\$ 1,420
Parish Giving:	
Offertory:	\$ 16,292
2nd Collection - Retirement Fund for Religious:	\$ 520
2nd collection this week -Parish Center Debt Reduction	
2nd collection next week - Campaign for Human Development	
Our weekly monetary parish needs: (average)	\$ 32,000

## Masses for the Week

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<u>Saturday, November 14</u>	9:00 am	<b>Weekday</b> + In memory of Nick Hallam
<u>Saturday, November 14</u>	5:00 pm	<b>Vigil: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> + Joseph Derby
<u>Sunday, November 15</u>	7:00 am	<b>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> The Zurschmeide family
	8:30 am	People of the Parish
	10:30 am	+ Francesca DiBenedetto
	12:15 pm	+ Holy Souls in Purgatory
	2:00 pm	+ Gladys McCarthy Carmean
	5:30 pm	Faithfully Departed Legionnaires
<u>Monday, November 16</u>	6:30 am	<b>Weekday</b> Erin Gaylord
	8:30 am	+ Donald Smith
<u>Tuesday, November 17</u>	6:30 am	<b>Saint Elizabeth of Hungary</b> Cristina Gaylord
	8:30 am	Robert and Mina Gaudette
<u>Wed., November 18</u>	6:30 am	<b>Weekday</b> Patricia Gaylord
	8:30 am	Veronica Smith
<u>Thursday, November 19</u>	6:30 am	<b>Weekday</b> Special Intention
	8:30 am	Special Intention
<u>Friday, November 20</u>	6:30 am	<b>Weekday</b> Laura Crane
	12:00 pm	Pauline Saunders
<u>Saturday, November 21</u>	9:00 am	<b>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> + John and Regina Donovan
<u>Saturday, November 21</u>	5:00 pm	<b>Vigil: 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> + Mary Breiding
<u>Sunday, November 22</u>	7:00 am	<b>34th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> In thanksgiving for prayers
	8:30 am	+ Anthony Taffuri
	10:30 am	People of the Parish
	12:15 pm	+ Nick Hallam
	2:00 pm	Salome Torrijos
	5:30 pm	Claire Marie Dorsey

## This Week

Tue., Nov. 17	<u>St. Teresa of Avila Study Group</u> 7pm, Rm. 206 <u>Legion of Mary</u> 7pm, Knights Hall <u>RCIA</u> 7pm - ZOOM
Wed., Nov. 18	<u>SoulStitch</u> 9:30am, Knights Hall <u>Charismatic Prayer Group</u> 7pm, Chapel <u>TMIY</u> 7pm, Catholic Education Ctr <u>Weekly Parish Holy Hour</u> - 7pm
Thu., Nov. 19	<u>Junior Legion of Mary</u> 3:45pm, Knights Hall
Sat., Nov. 21	<u>TMIY</u> 6:30am, Catholic Education Ctr. <u>Women's Prayer Group</u> 8am, Knights Hall

Dear Folks,

I write this letter on Veterans Day. A day of great honor, that so happens to fall the day after the 245th anniversary of the United States Marine Corps. I offer that tidbit in honor of my brother and his both decorated in the wars in the East. Patrick Francis in Desert Storm. And Patrick Michael in Afghanistan. It was Patrick Francis' former comrades who were killed in the Beirut Bombing on October 23, 1983.

Each night they were away in the war the many siblings and family members would pray at the same time, across four time zones... starting at 10pm Eastern Time, all the way across the country to 29 Palms, California. God bless one and all in the parish who have served and are currently serving in the armed services. As a parish family let us remember a nightly prayer for them. Let us pray for one another.

I know there is currently a great deal of consternation running through the country with the recent elections. And, I don't see it dissipating any time soon. But I was reminded of a poem from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow that was offered by the great philosopher, Milo DePhillips, from Calabria, Italy. God bless America.

Thou, too, sail on, O Ship of State!  
Sail on, O Union, strong and great!  
Humanity with all its fears,  
With all the hopes of future years,  
Is hanging breathless on thy fate!

We know what Master laid thy keel,  
What Workmen wrought thy ribs of steel,  
Who made each mast, and sail, and rope,  
What anvils rang, what hammers beat,  
In what a forge and what a heat  
Were shaped the anchors of thy hope!

Fear not each sudden sound and shock,  
'Tis of the wave and not the rock;  
'Tis but the flapping of the sail,  
And not a rent made by the gale!  
In spite of rock and tempest's roar,  
In spite of false lights on the shore,

Sail on, nor fear to breast the sea!  
Our hearts, our hopes, are all with thee.  
Our hearts, our hopes, our prayers, our tears,  
Our faith triumphant o'er our fears,  
Are all with thee, -are all with thee!

Speaking of God bless America. We dedicated the new flagpole the other day and members of the local first responders joined us after the 10:30 Sunday Mass. The police chief, fire chief, chief of the EMT's, and wonderful sheriff's department all were in attendance. Pictures will be coming in a Parish Letter. Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus who made the day happen and many thanks to the parishioners who joined us in singing "God bless America." It was a great day offered and it was the Lord's day.

And now for a nice touch of religious trivia for the many of us who have relatives spread across our great land. Let us honor the Blessed Mother and ask her intercession during this pandemic. Each of the fifty states have a selected devotion to the Blessed Mother. May the angels watch over our collegians. today, as we perform a civic duty with our best intentions, and help us to confront the outcome with the faith, humility, and perfect trust you modeled for us at the Annunciation and throughout your life.

In the name of Christ Jesus, we pray: Lord, have mercy upon us, and give us peace.



#### Litany to the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the United States of America

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.*

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*Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us peace.*

*St. Michael the Archangel, pray for us.*

*St. Joseph, pray for us.*

*O Mary, Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the United States of America, pray for us.*

*Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, pray for us.*

*Our Lady of the Gulf, Patroness of the State of Alabama, pray for us.*

*Our Lady of the Kodiak and the Islands, Patroness of Alaska, pray for us.*

*Our Lady of the Highways, Patroness of Arizona, pray for us.*

*Our Lady of the Holy Souls, Patroness of Arkansas, pray for us.*

*Our Lady of the Refuge and of the Wayside, Patroness of California, pray for us.*

*Immaculate Mary, Patroness of Colorado, pray for us.*

*Notre Dame of Easton, Patroness of Connecticut, pray for us.*

*Our Lady of Mercy, Patroness of Delaware, pray for us.*

*Our Lady of La Leche, Patroness of Florida, pray for us.*

*Immaculate Heart of Mary, Patroness of Georgia, pray for us.*

*Our Lady, Queen of Peace and Star of the Sea, Patroness of Hawaii, pray for us.*

*Our Lady of Limerick, Patroness of Idaho, pray for us.*

*Our Lady of the Universe, Patroness of Illinois, pray for us.*

*Our Lady of Providence, Patroness of Indiana, pray for us.*

*Mary of Nazareth, Patroness of Iowa, pray for us.*

*Mary, Queen of Angels, Patroness of Kansas, pray for us.*

*Mary, Mother of God, Patroness of Kentucky, pray for us.*

*Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Patroness of Louisiana, pray for us.*

*Our Lady of Peace, Patroness of Maine, pray for us.*

*Our Lady of the Assumption, Patroness of Maryland, pray for us.*

*Our Lady of the Incarnation, Patroness of Massachusetts, pray for us.*

*Our Lady, Gate of Heaven, Patroness of Michigan, pray for us.*

*Our Lady, Mother of the Church, Patroness of Minnesota, pray for us.*

*Our Lady of the Sorrows, Patroness of Mississippi, pray for us.*

*Our Lady of Calvary, Patroness of Missouri, pray for us.*

*Our Lady of the Pines, Patroness of Montana, pray for us.*

*Our Lady of the Presentation, Patroness of Nebraska, pray for us.*

*Our Lady of Las Vegas, Patroness of Nevada, pray for us.*

*Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Patroness of New Hampshire, pray for us.*

*Our Lady of Fatima, Patroness of New Jersey, pray for us.*

*Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of New Mexico, pray for us.*

*Our Lady, Help of Christians, Patroness of New York, pray for us.*

*Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Patroness of North Carolina, pray for us.*

*Mary, Queen of Peace, Patroness of North Dakota, pray for us.*

*Our Lady of Consolation, Patroness of Ohio, pray for us.*

*Our Lady, Queen of all Saints, Patroness of Oklahoma, pray for us.*

*Our Lady of the Woods, Patroness of Oregon, pray for us.*

*Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Patroness of Pennsylvania, pray for us.*

*Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patroness of Rhode Island, pray for us.*

*Mary, Virgin Mother, Patroness of South Carolina, pray for us.*

*Our Lady of the Prairie, Patroness of South Dakota, pray for us.*

*Our Lady of Lourdes, Patroness of Tennessee, pray for us.*

*Our Lady of the Annunciation, Patroness of Texas, pray for us.*

*Our Lady of the Snows, Patroness of Utah, pray for us.*

*Our Lady of Grace, Patroness of Vermont, pray for us.*

*Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles, Patroness of Virginia, pray for us.*

*Our Lady of Good Help, Patroness of Washington, pray for us.*

*Our Lady of Victory, Patroness of West Virginia, pray for us.*

*Our Lady of the Americas, Patroness of Wisconsin, pray for us.*

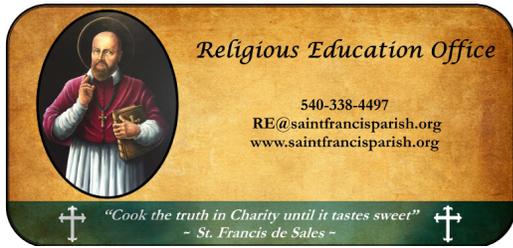
*Our Lady of the Valley, Patroness of Wyoming, pray for us.*

*All saints of America, pray for us.*

*All you holy men and women, pray for us.*

*O Mary, through his messenger Gabriel, the Holy One and Creator of the universe proposed something difficult and unimaginable to you. While justly wondering at this request, you nevertheless made your assent in perfect trust. Thus, you became the Ark of the New Covenant – the pure vessel from whom the Christ, Jesus the Divine Savior, took his Flesh and Blood in order to redeem us. May we take courage from your example, remembering that God's love for every one of us surpasses our understanding, and that God's plans always redound to our good, even if we cannot clearly see how in the present moment. Pray for us today, as we perform a civic duty with our best intentions, and help us to confront the outcome with the faith, humility, and perfect trust you modeled for us at the Annunciation and throughout your life.*

*In the name of Christ Jesus, we pray: Lord, have mercy upon us, and give us peace.*



**Thanksgiving Baskets:** We are collecting items for Thanksgiving baskets as we have in the past, please check your email dated October 27 for suggestions. All donations must be in by Sunday, November 22. Thank you for your generosity!

**All Parents:** Please take a look at the new “Parent Resource” section on the parish website [saintfrancisparish.org/parent-resources/](http://saintfrancisparish.org/parent-resources/) Parents have access to all grade-level assessments, the Confirmation study guide, the prayer booklet and other helpful resources.

**Confirmation Parent Meeting:** All parents of Confirmation candidates are invited to a meeting at one of three times: Monday, November 16, 5-5:45pm; Wednesday, November 18, 5-5:45pm; or, Sunday, November 22, 10:45-11:30am. A letter was sent with details. Please email the Religious Education office if you are unable to attend, [re@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:re@saintfrancisparish.org).

**Parents of 8th Grade Confirmation Candidates:** A letter was sent to all families of Confirmation candidates in October about the choice of a sponsor and corresponding assignment due dates. Please call the office if you did not receive that important information.

**Required Waivers and Pick-Up Authorizations:** All families who have chosen in-class instruction are required to turn in these forms for each child. If you have not done so, forms are available on the St. Francis website and in the church narthex. By signing this waiver, parents agree to perform a nine-question health screening before each class session. Our re-opening guidelines for parents are also available on the website.

**Homeschooling Families:** All families who are homeschooling their children this year have been registered for the *My Catholic Faith Delivered* online materials. If you haven't picked up your books, please email our office and arrange a time to get them. Each child that homeschools will receive a textbook and prayer booklet which outlines prayers to be learned at each of the grade levels.

**New Parishioners:** If you are new to the parish, or would still like to register your children in one of our programs, please check our website for class details or contact the Religious Education office. We are happy to help! There are still openings in some classes on both Sundays and Mondays; there are openings in the 8th grade class only on Wednesdays.

**For those Children who have not received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation:** If you would like your children to prepare to receive any of the Sacraments that they might have missed, please contact our office.

Emily Glass  
Director of Youth Ministry  
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**YOUTH NIGHT** – We're back! All high schoolers are invited to Youth Nights on Sunday evenings, 6:30 – 8:30 PM. Come meet other teens, learn more about what it means to be Catholic, and grow closer to Jesus with friends! Meet in the Education Center.

If you haven't turned one in for Youth Nights already, a signed **COVID-19 Liability Waiver** is required for each participant, no exceptions. Find waiver online at [www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth-ministry/resources/covid-19-resources/](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth-ministry/resources/covid-19-resources/)

Physical distancing will be enforced and masks are required while we are indoors.

**FALL RETREAT CHANGE** – Due to the pandemic, the 11/6-8 retreat at Brethren Woods was CANCELLED. Instead, we will hold a 1-day Fall Retreat on Saturday, November 21st, 12pm-10pm in the gym here at St. Francis de Sales. It will still be packed with activities, worship, talks, and discussions about how to live out our Catholic faith in all areas of our lives. Registration info to come. All high schoolers welcome! Bring a friend.

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



**Please remember your Thanksgiving Donations!**

## Religious Education Calendar

**WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15**

Sunday	<a href="#">K thru 8th Grades</a> -10:30am <a href="#">9th - 12th Grades w/ Fr. Gould</a> - 4pm
Monday	<a href="#">K thru 8th Grades</a> - 4:45pm <a href="#">9th - 12th Grades w/ Fr. Gould</a> - 5pm <a href="#">11th - 12th Grades w/ Fr. Heisler</a> - 5pm <a href="#">RCIT</a> - 6:15pm
Wednesday	<a href="#">8th Grade</a> - 4:45pm

**WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22**

Sunday	<a href="#">K thru 8th Grades</a> -10:30am <a href="#">9th - 12th Grades w/ Fr. Gould</a> - 4pm
Monday	<a href="#">NO CLASS</a>
Wednesday	<a href="#">NO CLASS</a>

## St. Francis Council 11136 News

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:** will be Monday November 23rd at 7:30 pm. We will pray our Rosary in the chapel beginning at 7pm. Any parishioner is welcomed to join our Rosary!



### **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS**

Get your religious Christmas cards this year on sale in the Narthex after the Masses during the weekends of Nov. 14-15, Nov. 21-22 and Dec. 5-6. Help the Knights of Columbus spread the Good News: A Savior has been born! For advance sales, contact Steve DeVita at [sdevita@aol.com](mailto:sdevita@aol.com). Supplies limited.

### **NEXT BLOOD DRIVE**

Sunday November 15th from 7AM to 12:30 PM  
Harmony Hall at the **Hamilton Fire Station** - 39071 E Colonial Hwy.

**Why Are You A Knight?** Be more than a Knight in name only. We help in the parish, the community and the world. Our Council will be focusing on the Knights of Columbus Program "Faith in Action". We will be focusing and looking for volunteers in these four main program types: FAITH, COMMUNITY, FAMILY and LIFE. Contact GK Bob Craig and tell me what would it take for you to come help your church and community. Be active again.

**Have You Ever Considered Becoming a Knight and Helping Others in Your Parish and Community?** Find out how you can be a part of the largest Catholic men's organization in the world. With nearly 2 million members and growing, discover how the Knights can support you, your family, your faith and your community. Contact GK Bob Craig or Chancellor John Losinski ([skigators@icloud.com](mailto:skigators@icloud.com)), or look for any man wearing a Knights of Columbus name badge. Let your Light Shine!

May God bless you!

Bob Craig, Grand Knight

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## *Lessons Learned from Love and Loss*

by Susan Pace Gilbert

There is no doubt that the year 2020 will go down in history worldwide because of COVID19. There are many personal stories of how families have been affected by the pandemic. Yet, suffering can strengthen us as Catholic Christians and bring us closer to God. As "old-timer" Catholics are well aware, we can offer suffering up to God for souls in purgatory.

Love and loss are a continual cycle of human existence upon our planet earth, which is beautiful to behold from above, or "outer space" as the astronauts have seen it. God views us and the world differently in both space and time. In our limited human perspective, we sometimes fail to see the "bigger" picture, especially during extremely turbulent times. Eventually, good always comes out of bad events and good will triumph over evil.

God gives us a lot in nature to refresh our souls. People have been flocking to beaches and mountains, national and local parks during COVID19. We traveled to Acadia National Park in Bar Harbor, Maine this summer and celebrated family milestones in life amid the natural beauty surrounding us.

Now that the school year is well underway, what will be our lessons learned as we begin to reflect upon some of the year 2020 with hindsight? Although we as a family have experienced the loss of loved members this year, I do not pessimistically declare this year to be a horrible year overall, or a total loss as many others declare it to be. We can choose to look for the good around us.

My Godmother Margaret Pace Santora returned to God on January 28, right at the beginning of the year. She was always there for me, especially when I planned our wedding weekend events in southern Connecticut twenty years ago.

Also on the 28th of the month, but more recently in August, we lost our black Labrador retriever dog Thaddeus Rex Gilbert (T-Rex) who was "put to sleep" because of an aggressive cancer. He was a faithful, loyal companion and a "best friend" to my husband and son for over 13 years. He was also a good guard dog for me, especially when I was gardening outdoors.

During the pandemic, people have been adopting pets from animal shelters, as they look for comfort and companionship during isolation. Others have been returning to pastimes and hobbies such as: reading more, playing with trains, putting a puzzle together, or learning a new skill such as baking bread and cooking.

As Catholic churches have reopened in phases, our desire to receive Holy Communion is again fulfilled in person at Mass. Did the time away from liturgy help to increase your faith in new ways, so that you might return with a renewed heart? Did you increase your prayer practices and include petitions for those suffering around the world, including our courageous health care workers (some of whom are today's martyrs) and for our more recently dearly departed brothers and sisters called home to God?

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## **Week 10 - TMIY is back this week!**

Dr. Bergsma's conversion story was incredible and he is back this week to launch us into a progressive mini-series into the following three questions:

**Why God?**

**Why Jesus Christ?**

**Why the Catholic Church?**



*See you there and bring a friend!*

Wednesday 7pm (in person)

Saturday 7am (in person); 8am (ZOOM)

All in person meetings will take place in the Parish Education Center. If you have never attended at all, or simply came to a couple of meetings, you can jump into this new content without any issue.

**Due to COVID-19 rules and regulations we ask new participants to RSVP at [SFDSMEN@GMAIL.com](mailto:SFDSMEN@GMAIL.com) so we can make appropriate preparations.**

## Parish Homeless Ministry

The Homeless Ministry will have delivered 2 carloads of homemade Sheperd's Pie Casseroles, frozen green beans, fresh rolls, desserts, 9 cases of bottled water, and many other requests to The Sister' of Charity in Anacostia by the time this is in print. Thank you to Christina Harrington of Catholic Charities Leesburg Food Pantry for a wonderful donation of two cases of coffee. We have also received a very substantial donation from an anonymous donor, (thank you!) as well as another very large one from Catholic Charities in Leesburg of baby formula. The Sister's of Charity will now again be welcoming Unwed Mothers to shelter and educate, as well as their expected babies, for approximately 2 months before and 2 months after birth. You can see that this will add not only to their already huge task of feeding the needy 150 meals six days per week, but they will now be cooking for these young mothers as well. The Sister's make requests sometimes after we have sent out the Signup Genius to you, which is why the Costco gift cards are requested. Even though we think we planned a healthy meal including green beans, the Sister's still requested fresh salad greens and tomatoes! Thank everyone for all you do each month.

\* In lieu of our November meal for Leesburg, as it falls on Thanksgiving Day, we are planning a Blessing Bagging event on Saturday, December 5 in Knights Hall (yes, the same day as Christmas Market). Look for our Sign up Genius request for donations for the bags.

\* Picture is of the last leaf raking event hosted by the teen group of Helping Heroes, formed last year to assist the Homeless Ministry. Noah Dize, the group leader has organized a group of students from local schools, and were in charge of the huge Christmas Extravaganza at the Leesburg Shelter last December. They also help with two Blessing Bagging events per year, and other projects when needed. They are a great group and we THANK them!



Any questions, suggestions or to join as a volunteer please contact:

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\*Tracy Ippoliti [tracy.ippoliti@gmail.com](mailto:tracy.ippoliti@gmail.com)



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Some families have not yet returned to regular Mass attendance. Younger Catholics may not be aware of the practice of making a spiritual communion. Now would be a good time to introduce this concept and explain it to a new generation of believers. Here is a possible version of a spiritual communion prayer - "My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen."

God has no limits and cannot be boxed in. We should not deprive ourselves of a deeper relationship with Our Lord and Savior because some of our traditional Catholic rites and rituals are temporarily changed. Some Catholics might not be aware of the practice of praying a novena, for nine days. This would be another good spiritual practice to teach during semi-isolation. A specific Saint may be chosen for novena prayers for health care workers, or another intention of your choice.

How are you challenging yourself to grow spiritually as an individual or a family during these lifestyle limitations? Think about people with physical or mental handicaps who rise above difficult hurdles, to reach new goals. Many of them surpass goals which even healthy people do not reach, as seen in Special Olympic Games. They derive their strength, determination and persistence from an inner core of good values and a hard work ethic, and primarily from the grace of God.

The daily habits and routines which hold us in good stead over a lifetime are especially important during unexpected disruptions. Our precious freedoms may be curtailed at present, but we will find freedom in our increased communication and spiritual communion with God. Let our lessons learned from love and loss during this health care crisis be meaningful and lasting. What will be your new lessons learned during this unprecedented shutdown, whether on-line at home, or spiritually "on-line" with God?

Project Rachel Post Abortion Healing Ministry:  
888-456-HOPE or  
visit: [www.helpafterabortion.org](http://www.helpafterabortion.org).

Gabriel Project Pregnancy Assistance Ministry:  
866-444-3553 or  
[info@helpforpregnantwomen.org](mailto:info@helpforpregnantwomen.org)

## Keep Christ In Christmas Cards On Sale

Get your religious Christmas cards this year on sale in the Narthex after the Masses during the weekends of November 14-15, November 21-22 and December 5-6. Help the Knights of Columbus spread the Good News: A Savior has been born! For advance sales, contact Steve DeVita at [sdevita@aol.com](mailto:sdevita@aol.com). Supplies limited.

## HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS - NOVEMBER 2020

### Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

## The Legion of Mary Our Lady of Victory

**Visit and Pray with the Legion of Mary!** All adults registered in the parish are invited to join us as a guest at our Tuesday night meetings at 7pm in the library. This month, we are praying for sick family members and their caregivers. Please take a rosary from the basket on the Legion of Mary table in the narthex under Our Lady of Guadalupe. All parishioners are invited to pray the Angelus at noon daily with the Legion of Mary for our parish and an increase in vocations from wherever you may be at that time. Cannot join us, say a Hail Mary ... or just be assured that we are praying for YOU!



**Calling for Auxiliary Members!** If you would like to be a praying member of the Legion of Mary please contact us for more information at [legionofmaryslds@gmail.com](mailto:legionofmaryslds@gmail.com)

The **Enthronement of the Sacred Heart** has been a great spiritual blessing to families as it preserves the sanctity of marriage and establishes Christ as King of the home. Please contact the Legion of Mary for more information and if you would like to schedule a first Friday Enthronement of your home. Images available from the Legion of Mary and blessed by Father Gould.

All are welcome to join the Legion of Mary for the **Five First Saturday** devotion after 9am morning mass on **November 7th**. Make reparation to the five offenses against the Immaculate Heart of Mary!

The **Junior Legion of Mary** continues to meet on Thursday afternoons at 3:30 in Knights Hall. All parish children, ages 8-17, are invited! We are focusing our spiritual works of mercy on the Catechesis of our families, the Miraculous Medal devotion, assisting the adult Legion with their spiritual works and making cards for the Homeless Ministry and homebound and elderly in the parish. Please arrive between 3:30-3:40 for a prompt 3:45 start to the meeting.

**Take the Pledge!** Please consider abstaining from alcohol for the month of November for the **Poor Souls in Purgatory**. For enrollment and to read more information about the **Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart**, please visit [www.pioneerassociation.ie/](http://www.pioneerassociation.ie/) The spirituality of the association is based on prayer, self denial and reparation.

We are praying for those fighting addictions and their families this month



St Francis de Sales Catholic Church  
Our Lady of Victory Hall

## Christmas Market Village

Saturday, December 5th  
9am-4pm

**Shop! Eat! Music! Fun for Kids!**

Vendors, please Contact Cheryl Rider  
[stchristmasmarket@gmail.com](mailto:stchristmasmarket@gmail.com) for more info

Our thoughts and prayers are with ...



**Our Military Members:** MAJ Chuck Marshall; Lcpl John Owen Patterson; SSgt. 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, Madeline Gonzalez, Mike O'Brien, Bill Wieliczko, Sarah Nolan, Liz Keller; Bob Cote, Jerry Pollard, Joanne Harrington, Rebecca Alvarez, Charles Williams, Patricia Naomi Alvarenga, Joe Graber, Timothea Rainey

**The Deceased:** Danielle Krill, Carolyn Woodland, Ryan Martin, Kimberly Merline, Valerie Wieliczko, Thomas Moorcones, Mary Owen Lyon Chatfield-Taylor, Martha Ann Harlow, Ann Vaudry Williams, Steven Domine, Dick Austin, Phyllis Heller, Vito Pappano, Nick Hallam, Tom Dudek

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in the Church Narthex

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