

Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

Baptism of the Lord January 12, 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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A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."
— Matthew 3:17



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!

Parish Financial Status

In-Pew Offertory - December 22	\$ 13,922
2nd Collection - Needy People's Assistance	\$ 3,220
In-Pew Offertory - December 29	\$ 21,499
In-Pew Offertory - Solemnity of Mary	\$ 5,258
In-Pew Offertory - January 5	\$ 11,303
2nd Collection - Parish Ctr Debt Reduction	\$ 3,047
Parish Giving - October	\$ 27,065
Parish Giving - November	\$ 27,853
YEAR TO DATE	\$ 378,762

No 2nd Collection this week
Next week's 2nd Collection - Maintenance Fund

This Week

Sun., Jan. 12	<u>New Parishioner Meet and Greet</u> 1:30pm, Parish Hall <u>Adult Basketball</u> 8:30pm
Mon., Jan. 13	<u>Knights of Columbus</u> 7:30pm, Parish Hall
Tue., Jan. 14	<u>RCIA</u> 7pm, Room 107
Wed., Jan. 15	<u>SoulStitch</u> 9:30am, Parish Hall <u>TMIY</u> 7pm, Catholic Education Ctr.
Thu., Jan. 16	<u>Rosary Group</u> 7pm, Church
Fri., Jan. 17	<u>Children's Rosary</u> 10am, Church <u>Padre Pio Cenacle</u> - after 12noon Mass
Sat., Jan. 18	<u>TMIY</u> 6:30am, Catholic Education Ctr. <u>Swing Dance</u> 7:30pm, Our Lady of Victory Hall

Masses for the Week

+ deceased

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

Monday, Jan. 13

6:30 am

9:00 am

Tuesday, Jan. 14

6:30 am

Wed., Jan. 15

6:30 am

9:00 am

Thursday, Jan. 16

6:30 am

Friday, Jan. 17

6:30 am

12:00 pm

Saturday, Jan. 18

9:00 am

Saturday, Jan. 18

5:00 pm

Sunday, Jan. 19

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:00 pm

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

Weekday

+ Danielle Krill

M. Patricia Manning

Weekday

Jennifer Wycoff

Weekday

Special Intention

Chris and Tricia McKenna

Weekday

+ Florence Jacqueline Gretscky

Saint Anthony

Liz Keller

+ Ann Fowler

Weekday

John and Mary White

Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fred Broadwater

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tom Dueppen

Deceased members of the D'Elia

and Butts families

People of the Parish

+ Richard McCarthy

Tina Lovingood

The Parish office will be closed

Monday, January 14, Tuesday, January 15 and

Wednesday, January 16 for administrative reasons.

**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 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:	Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Dear Folks,

Fr. Heisler was chatting at dinner the other night about the wonderful event that took place before my arrival to the parish. It was the Bella Note party which is a fundraiser for the parish. This year the folks promoting the festival raised over nineteen thousand dollars for the parish. For the donation we should all be eternally grateful to the many who made it all happen. God bless the workers who set it all up and took it all down. There is an added gift to the parish and that is the affect it brings to the morale of all of us. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. I will be their next year and promise to add an auction prize where I will take a group fly fishing for a day. We can try half the time at a local pond and half the time in the Shenandoah river. Stay tuned.



Last night we had a delightful dinner for the 80 Confirmandi (Eighth graders to be Confirmed on the coming April 25th.) The dinner involved the young ones and their sponsors. Each student gave a brief testimony why they selected their sponsor. It was quite nice in its presentation. Well done. I also enjoyed asking the kids about their Confirmation names. One, with a bundle of joy, said she picked the name, Felicity. Why, you might ask, because the name refers to "happiness." I stopped her short of going on in order to ask the sponsor if she was a happy kid. He enthusiastically concurred. The young lady next to her offered the story of why she selected, "Elizabeth of Hungary." And she did a great job of it with added enthusiasm. I am not surprised with the lengthy preparation time for Confirmation. The kids have over a year to work with the name of choices. It was quite a different experience with my classmates where Sr. Ann Laura, OP gave us the lunch period to come up with a name. I picked, "Paul," figuring if it was good enough for the Pope at the time it would be good enough for me. Not so with the good Sister... I was listed for St. Paul the Apostle. Who was I to argue... after lunch?

We were blessed to have our parish seminarian, Andrew Lewendowski, home for his Christmas break from Mt. St. Mary's Seminary. He most enthusiastic in speaking to the parish Youth Group about the upcoming Mount 2000 gathering, slated for the coming February 8th. Fr. Heisler and I would like to sneak up for that program if only for a few hours. Please watch for notes from Miss Emily Glass, our parish Youth Director.

The Confessional Project is moving along quite well and Peter Edivan has been hard at it with his drawings. I will ask Mrs. Janice Rees to put them on the parish website for your review. At this point we hope to have them in place by mid-Lent. Please stay tuned.

The angel wall is still collecting names of the children from the parish who have died in their youth. Please let me know if you have names you may wish to add to the wall. The name tags should be formed like, Suzie Smith, Smith Child, or Child of God. Many of the Child of God tags pertain to abortions. If you would like to submit such a tag with anonymity you need only drop me an unsigned note in the mail.

Please note in your calendars that we are not far from the Annual Pro-Life March. The parish will have transportation arranged to go to the Morning Mass with the Bishop at George Mason University Arena. From there the transportation will go to the March on the Mall. It will quite a day.

Heads up, Fr. Heisler will lead an Altar Boy Training Seminary on Saturday February 1st from 9:30am to 10:30am. He will host a back up Training program on Monday February 3rd from 6pm to 7pm. God bless the kids.

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance to you in questions about annulments. You can reach me at frgould@gmail.com. You can also receive some insights from the Arlington Diocesan Tribunal Website. www.arlingtondiocese.org/canonical-affairs-and-tribunal/office-of-the-tribunal/ I am very sorry for the great sufferings that come to all caught up in the experiences that may lead to the annulment process. Let us truly pray for one another.

In closing I want to encourage the men of the parish to join the Knights of Columbus and share in the great fraternity offered in the program. It is a good movement with a sound sacramental foundation with zeal for the Catholic apostolate. They have wonderful auxiliary for the wives of the knights. God bless them all.

There is another program for the men that gets little notice but bears some spiritual benefit for the hearty souls. Every morning at 6:30am... did you get that, "6:30AM", and Wednesday evening at 7pm, the men gather at the Our Lady of Victory Hall for the That Man is You Program. It involves a video on some aspect of evangelization that allows for follow up discussions. I have been most impressed with the past few occasions when I have joined the men.

Collegiate Answer: The two rivers the Commonwealth of Virginia that flow North are: The New River, in the Southern part of the Shenandoah Valley that flows to the Gulf of Mexico. And, the Shenandoah that flows past our parish boundaries to the Chesapeake Bay.

Collegiate Question. In this past week the Church celebrated the feast day for a Canadian Monk, who is remembered for his devotion to St. Joseph. What he is not remembered for is that he is the first saint, as neophyte driver, caused his own car accident. What is his name? And how did happen?



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

Carolyn Grace Woodland

d. Sunday, January 5

Mass of Christian Burial at St. Francis de Sales

Friday, January 10 at 10am

*Our thoughts and prayers
are with ...*

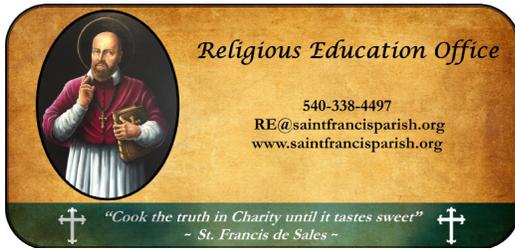


Our Military Members:

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

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

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



1ST RECONCILIATION RETREAT

Sat., January 18 9am-12noon - Sunday Classes
Sat., January 25 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.

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 the Religious Education building 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 Religious Education building no later than Wednesday, January 15, 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.





Middle Schoolers **A**cting for **C**hrist
Prayer **A**ction **C**harity

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

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

Inclement Weather Cancellations

Weekday: When Loudoun County schools are closed or have early dismissal, or cancel after-school activities due to inclement weather, Youth and Adult Religious ed and classes are cancelled.

Sunday Classes: Sunday morning cancellations will be posted on the website www.saintfrancisparish.org/, and emailed to families by 6:45am Sunday morning.



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.

HOMELESS SHELTER – High schoolers are invited to come cook for the homeless shelter on Monday, 1/13 in the Education Center kitchen from 4:30-6pm. We will serve the dinner on Tuesday, 1/14 from 4:45-7pm. Meet in the Education Center

YOUTH NIGHT – Join us on Sundays from 6-8pm in room 213 for fellowship, food, and fun. Bring a friend!! All high schoolers are welcome! Come to grow in friendship with Christ and one another. 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.

NEW WORKCAMPER MEETING – Thursday, 1/23 at 7:00 PM in room 213 of the Education Center. An information meeting for teens and their parents who are new to Workcamp and interested in joining us June 21 – 27, 2020. All current 8th – 12th graders are eligible! Come learn about Workcamp, what to expect, how we fundraise, and how we prepare.

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

Religious Education Calendar

WEEK OF JANUARY 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

INTO THE DEEP

Finding Peace
through the
Presence of God
in Prayer

Join Dan Burke as he reveals the wisdom of the saints from his latest book INTO THE DEEP: Finding Peace through Prayer. In this dynamic series of talks, Dan will reveal the call and path to ever deepening union with God and unpack the secrets of the saints revealing concrete steps to progress in prayer and lasting peace.

Dan's contagious love for Jesus and His Church led him to establish the Avila Foundation which reaches millions in more than 190 countries through the most widely read blog on the topic of authentic Catholic spirituality, SpiritualDirection.com. The Avila Foundation has served over 1250 students in over 70 countries through the Avila Institute for Spiritual Formation. Dan can be heard weekly on Divine Intimacy Radio, broadcast worldwide through EWTN. Dan has authored/edited 14 books on Catholic mystical tradition and has been featured on many television shows and radio programs around the world.

DAN BURKE

Founder of
the Avila Foundation,
SpiritualDirection.com,
the Avila Institute and
Divine Intimacy Radio

President and COO of
EWTN News, Inc.

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Saturday, February 15, 2020 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

9:00 AM Mass in the Church

\$20 per Person

Each participant will be guaranteed a bag of materials including one of Dan's books and a voucher for a free mini-course on prayer, if they register before January 25, 2020.

The mini-retreat will be held in the church after Mass and a light lunch will be provided after the mini-retreat.

To register, go to Avila-Institute.org/Events

Register by January 25, 2020 to receive the \$20 early bird discount. Tickets are \$25 after January 25th and \$30 at the door. Questions? Email Kristin@MyAvila.com



Are you longing to
GROW DEEPER in **UNION**
with **CHRIST**?

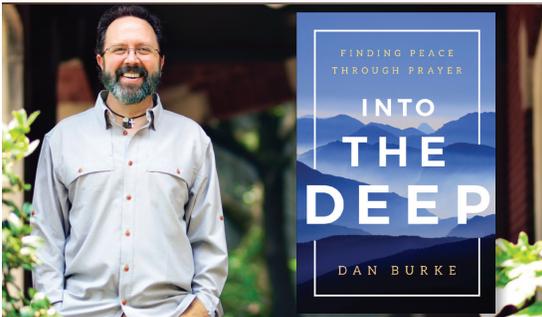
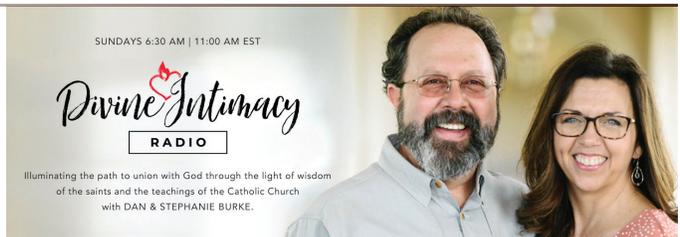


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Do you want to transform your prayer life? Host an event at your parish with speaker and author Dan Burke! During this mini-retreat, Dan provides three powerful talks on the secrets of the saints regarding how to deepen your prayer life. Email KPriola@MyAvila.com or call (833) 772-8452 Ext. 3 for more information.

The Avila Institute provides the most comprehensive formation on the spiritual life available around the world. We serve priests, religious, and laity every day in over 75 countries giving them the wisdom and strength they need to deepen their faith and serve others in their God-given missions in life.



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A NOTE OF THANKS!!

Sheila and I want to extend a huge THANK YOU to everyone that volunteered and took part in the 2019 Christmas Market Village. We couldn't have done it without all of your hard work.

The teen support was wonderful! They helped with set up and break down. They also helped with decorating the trees. We even had several younger siblings step up and do a remarkable job.

Our team of helpers during the event was outstanding, to say the least! The kitchen team was remarkable in preparing and serving our community. The elf room was full of awesome helpers keeping the little elves entertained and comfortable while spending time either watching a movie, being crafty, or even making a popcorn run for the elves. The runners and adult volunteers kept things organized and were on top of what needed to be taken care of when asked and where necessary. They made our day very enjoyable and able to meet and greet.

I want to especially thank the people who always seem to stop and take time in their busy day to help Sheila and me when we especially needed it this year. My son, Luke, who was there by my side as much as he could give and the amazing backdrop he built to make the event a beautiful picture. To Renee & Hershey, you guys were not only there when we needed you but made sure we ate something. Sebastian, Julian, Laura, Grace, Hannah, Clare, Nathan, Bill T., Janice, Amy, Antonio, and Maria. These people are always there to help lend a hand whether it be preparing and set up, helping move furniture, sending emails, running copies, lending supplies, unlocking doors, collecting contracts or just answering questions that we needed answered right away. You all are remarkable and patient from the time we start until the last item is packed up.

Lastly, Thank you to Fr. Gould for making the announcement that we needed help with breakdown after 5pm mass that Saturday. WOW...those volunteers were amazing!! Sheila and I were able to leave before 8 pm...Thank you all again!

Many thanks to Duncan Donuts & Dominos for the generous donations of coffee, donuts, and pizza. What wonderful community support!

Many Blessings for the New Year!

Cheryl & Sheila

Christmas Market Village Hosts

Parish Homeless Ministry

Please feel free to reach out to any of us
Jennifer Dize jdize@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

Annual Men's Conference

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

Annual Women's Conference

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

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.

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.



Session 16 - The Prodigal Son

But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him" (Luke 15:20).

This week we take an in-depth look at one of the most famous of all of Jesus' parables, the Prodigal Son. Although, it could be argued that this story should be called the "Prodigal Father".

Prodigal - having or giving something on an extravagant or lavish scale. The Father pours out His love infinitely without discrimination: sinner or saint, rich or poor. God IS love!

No matter where you are in your spiritual life AND no matter how you got there, the Father wants to encounter you right there and embrace you. He looks on us with compassion. "We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures, we are the sum of the Father's love for us" (St. John Paul II).

This week, Paco will share wisdom and insights into this classic teaching from Christ Himself. To embrace Divine sonship = Gamechanger!

Knowing who you are changes everything!

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are Sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the spirit of sonship. - Romans 8:14-15

We meet in the Catholic Education Center on Wednesday from 7pm-8:45pm OR Saturday from 6:30am-8:15am. Each TMIY session stands on its own so you can join us at any time. Walk-ins are always welcome or you can register at SFDSMEN@GMAIL.COM Register for the 2020 Men's Conference at arlingtondiocese.org/men. March 7, 2020 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Herndon, VA.

SHARE SUNDAY (ANOTHER OPTION TO DONATE)

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

Angel Wall

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

UPCOMING LADIES AUXILIARY EVENTS:

Sunday January 12th Join us for a New Parishioner Meet and Greet. We will be hosting a gathering at 1:30pm in the Our Lady of Victory Hall. Light refreshments and snacks will be served. We look forward to meeting you and your families!



Thank you to Maggie Grevas for speaking about a parish missionary trip to Mexico City.

Thank you to all who attended the Women's Self Defense class!

There will not be a social meeting this month. Our next meeting will be on Monday February 3rd. Rosary at 7pm in the Chapel and the business meeting will begin at 7:30pm in the Library.

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

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)



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

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

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.

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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST JANUARY 12TH: Come join us for fellowship and a chance to assist your Knights Council in providing programs, events and projects that benefit the Parish and community through your generous good will offerings!!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR KCIC POSTER CONTEST WINNERS: Each winning a \$25 Gift card and moving onto the District contest for a chance to compete at the State Contest!!!

RIGHT TO LIFE EVENTS: See blurb in Bulletin for March for Life and look for Knights event in coming weeks

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

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!

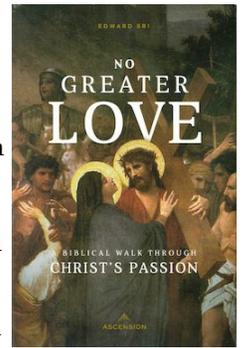
Scott Grimard, Grand Knight
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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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.

