

# Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 2, 2018



*New nun from Purcellville: Sister Anna Marie of Jesus (Nicole Robertson)*



*More from Purcellville: Father Escalante, Sister Catherine Murphy, Justin Steeg (seminarian)*

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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-4:30pm  
(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.

## Sacraments

**Reconciliation:** Friday 10:30am  
Saturday 8am and 3:30pm; and anytime by appointment  
Confessions are heard in Rooms 107 & 113 in Catholic Ed. Center

**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:** The Sacrament is celebrated each month on the second and third Sunday 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.

## Sunday Masses

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

## Daily Masses

Monday and Wednesday - 9am;  
Tuesday and Thursday - 6:30am  
Friday - 6:30am & 12 noon;  
First Friday - 12 noon & 7pm Extraordinary Form (Latin Mass)  
Saturday - 9am  
Check the bulletin for Holy Days of Obligation

## Adoration/Benediction

**Friday** - Adoration is held every Friday following the 12 noon Mass until 5pm. The Rosary is prayed at 12:30pm and the Divine Mercy Chaplet is at 3pm.

**First Friday** - Adoration follows the 12noon Mass and the 7pm Mass, and ends with Benediction at 8:45am on Saturday.

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September 2, 2018**

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you  
and is able to save your souls.  
- James 1:21b

next week is

**Share  
Sunday**



St. Francis De Sales parishioners working with  
the Knights of Columbus to help our hungry neighbors

We serve  
Catholic Charities

**Please take a bag  
and fill it with  
non-perishable  
food items.  
Thank you!**



Save the Date!

**PARISH PICNIC**

**Sunday, September 16, Noon-4:45pm**



*Readings for the Week*

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911  
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37  
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44  
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11  
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39  
Saturday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]  
Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

*This Week*

Sun., Sep. 2 Adult Basketball 8:30pm  
Mon., Sep. 3 Catholic Mom's Group 10am, Room 106  
Tue., Sep. 4 Catholic Social Justice Class 7pm, Room 206  
Wed., Sep. 5 SoulStitch 10am, Parish Hall  
Catholic Social Justice Class 10am, Room 206  
Thu., Sep. 6 Rosary Group 7pm, Church  
Sun., Sep. 9 Adult Basketball 8:30pm

*Masses for the Week*

+ deceased

Saturday, Sep. 1

5:00 pm

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5:00 pm

Sunday, Sep. 2

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:00 pm

Monday, Sep. 3

9:00 am

Tuesday, Sep. 4

6:30 am

Wed., Sep. 5

9:00 am

Thursday, Sep. 6

6:30 am

Friday, Sep. 7

12:00 noon

7:00 pm

Saturday, Sep. 8

5:00 pm

Saturday, Sep. 8

5:00 pm

Sunday, Sep. 9

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:00 pm

**Weekday; First Saturday**

+ Nancy Anderson

**Vigil: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

+ Mary Breiding

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

People of the Parish

+ Jack McNulty

The Fitzgerald Family

CHRISM

+ Roscoe Bills

**Saint Gregory the Great**

Liz Keller

**Weekday**

Helen Beth

**Weekday**

Steve Bresnahan

**Weekday**

+ Angela R. Lyons

**Weekday; First Friday**

+ Audrey Horn

+ Agnes Cammack

**The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Deceased members of the Slivonik family

**Vigil: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mary Ortlieb

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

+ Neal Brown

People of the Parish

+ William Harman, Jr.

Tracy and Mary Beglau

Peter and Kristi Larson

*Parish Financial Status*

In-pew Offertory - August 26	\$ 11,355
2nd Collection - Parish Maintenance	\$ 2,154
Parish Giving Offertory for July	\$ 43,454
<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>	<b>\$ 148,697</b>

This week's 2nd Collection - Catholic University of America  
Next week's 2nd Collection - Religious Education

*Mass Celebrant Schedule*

<b>Saturday, September 1</b> 5pm: Fr. Escalante	<b>Saturday, September 8</b> 5pm: Fr. Fr. Mullaney
<b>Sunday, September 2</b> 7am: Fr. Escalante	<b>Sunday, September 9</b> 7am: Fr. Fr. Mullaney
8:30am: Fr. Escalante	8:30am: Fr. Fr. Mullaney
10:30am: Fr. Mullaney	10:30am: Fr. Fr. Escalante
12:15pm: Fr. Mullaney	12:15pm: Fr. Fr. Escalante
5pm: Fr. Mullaney	5pm: Fr. Fr. Escalante



## Take a break and hear this local good news

While Catholic Church news in the media is dominated by the negative news from the sexual abuse scandals, what is happening to many parishes including ours is totally the opposite. Yes, we're very upset and hurt by the failures of our church leaders to protect young children from clergy predators from a few years ago. We also cannot ignore that we now have effective safety measures to prevent the mistakes of the past from reoccurring. Our parish has a very good track record in maintaining child protection measures and we have not had any issues in my nearly ten years here. All you have to do is look around and see that our weekly family churchgoers' kids are excited to go to church every Sunday and that has not changed! They know very well that we have so many programs for the kids and look forward to keep coming back. Every year for the past decade we've set the record for the number of participants in the *Vacation Bible School*. Our middle school *MAC-PAC* easily attract 40-50 kids in their monthly events. Our high school Youth Group also continues to maintain 30-40+ on any given Sunday night and are very happy to be with each other. They don't feel threatened by the presence of their priests nor by any adult volunteers. The current staff has also been very good in meticulously monitoring the status of staff and volunteers in their *VIRTUS* (child protection training) and criminal background checks. We've turned down contractors and volunteers who would have contacts with the parish children but weren't willing to comply with the *VIRTUS* training and police background check.

### Here's something great to cheer about!

While some Catholics may be troubled by the scandal news and hesitant to work in the Catholic Church, that's not true in the case of many parishes especially ours. Our active weekly church-going parishioners continue to come regularly as before. And they will help us pray for the healing and care of all the victims. So I want to commend you all for staying. I also want to share with you great news about the visit I made last week to our parishioner who entered the Dominican convent three years ago. *Sister Anna Marie of Jesus* (baptized Nicole Robertson) made her 1st profession of vows as a nun at *Our Lady of the Rosary Monastery* (Buffalo). It was an incredible blessing to personally be there as her former pastor and spiritual director. It is rare to see a nun these days so having one of ours become one is very special. Sr. Anna Marie converted from Episcopalian to Catholic thru our RCIA program in 2008 and briefly helped us in music ministry. She graduated from *George Mason U.* with a physics degree and was the organist at the local Episcopal Church. After the ceremony, I learned that her mother had also converted to the Catholic Church and very happy to be a part of her daughter's church and receive Holy Communion. The fun vocation story didn't end there.

There were two guests I recognized at Sr. Anna Marie's who used to be at our parish. *Sister Catherine Murphy* who joined her religious congregation back in 2010 (*Spiritual Family, The Work*) also made it to the Mass and ceremony. She was a member of our Finance Council before leaving for her congregation. Sr. Catherine and I also worked in bringing the original image of Jesus' Divine Mercy. It was so nice to see the two "Sisters" who entered the convent during my time at Saint Francis de Sales Parish stand next to each other.

But there's another one I've forgotten to mention in my recent vocation stories. Back in 2008, one of the students from *Patrick Henry College, Justin Steeg*, attended our weekly RCIA class to become Catholic. He was in the same RCIA program as Nicole (now Sr. Anna Marie) and they converted together on Easter Vigil. About four years ago he became a seminarian for the Diocese of Buffalo and will be ordained a transitional deacon on September 15 and a priest the following June. He came to support Sr. Anna Marie so there were four of us from St. Francis de Sales that day in the same room for a very holy occasion! (See bulletin front picture.) Here's a little update of the special vocations' story from our parish in the past five years: 1) former parish Finance Council member *Sr. Catherine Murphy* made her final consecration for the *Spiritual Family, The Work* congregation in 2013; 2) former altar boy *David Kieran* entered the seminary for the Diocese of Alexandria in 2016; 3) former altar boy *Fr. Jordan Willard* ordained as 1st Arlington Diocese from SFDS in 2017; 4) former multi-active parishioner, choir & *Philothea Guild* member *Andrew Lewandowski* entered the seminary for the *Marians of the Immaculate Conception* in 2018; 5) and former RCIA 2008 convert *Justin Steeg* will be ordained transitional deacon in September 2018 (and priest in June 2019). As you can see, in the midst of church undergoing a heavy trial, our parish continues to flourish and have something to ponder joyfully. I attribute the success of our parish to the multiple parishioners praying Our Lady's rosary, honoring Our Lord's *Divine Mercy*, and the Eucharistic Adorations. Simple spiritual formulae that really work!

Your shepherd in Christ,  
Father Escalante

## Ask the Priest

**Q. Why can't the people go in the altar area where the priest prays the consecration during Mass?** —*Holly Tuman*

A. The raised area in the church marked by the altar rails is called the *sanctuary* and is reserved only for those who have a special liturgical function during Mass. That area in sacred rituals (in practically every religion) has traditionally never been intended for the general public to be up close. At Mass, those allowed in the sanctuary include priests, deacons, altar servers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, cantors and, on special occasions, a Master of Ceremony. Baptized couples may also be seated in the sanctuary if there's room for them because they are the ministers to each other in the sacrament of Holy Matrimony. The true meaning of the *altar* is a place where a living sacrifice is offered and *killed* for God. In the celebration of the Mass, the priest offers the true sacrifice of the life of Jesus (His original suffering, death, resurrection and ascension is *re-played* through the liturgical actions of the priest). You can also parallel the Mass to any other important celebrations where the general public is sectioned off from the central celebration (e.g., graduation ceremony stage, musical concert stage whether it is an orchestra or rock band, stage plays, presidential inauguration, etc.).

**Q. When the youth help out during Mass, why are the boys and the girls not mixed together as the altar boys are separately kept from the JAS (Junior Altar Women Society)?** —*Anonymous*

A. They have distinctly different but equally important roles in making sure that the liturgy flows properly when the priest celebrates the Mass. They are a separate ministry because it is highly doubtful that a boy would want to become a member of the *Junior Altar Women Society*. You can liken it to parenthood where both mother and father have equal dignity in raising their children but there are obvious role differences that God placed place in there. One clear example is that dad does not get to "carry" the pregnancy in his belly and nurse the baby after birth. It certainly doesn't make dad less of a parent because God gave the birthing and nursing duties to the mom. The *JAS* and altar boys work similarly at Mass and they're both great at what they do!



**The Parish Office and Religious Education offices will be closed Monday, September 3 in observance of Labor Day.**

*Below are the names of people along with the date of their burial from our parish since the time Saint 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:*

- Lillian Risceck, September 28, 2015
- Carolyn Watson, September 3, 2014
- Christine Orlando, September, 2014
- June Young, September 12, 2013
- Mary Sierzega, September 16, 2012
- Patricia Spates, September 11, 2011
- Robert Foldenauer, September 23, 2010
- Consuelo Furr, September 7, 2010
- Aurilino Arellano, September 17, 2009
- Thomas J. Hunt, September 7, 2007
- Mildred Hutchins, September 23, 2006
- Skipp Hayes, September 9, 2006
- Esther Rice, September 11, 2004
- Kathleen McGovern, Sept. 7, 2002
- Joe Davitt
- George Shannon, September 19, 1997
- Thelma May Connors, Sept. 2, 1997
- Earle Bradshaw, September 14, 1996
- Ruth Bradshaw, September 20, 1996
- Mary Magdelene Stanis, Sept. 20, 1994

*Our thoughts and prayers are with ...*



**Our Military Members:**

Major Chuck Marshall; Lcpl John Owen Patterson; Sgt. Tim Marshall; 2nd Lt. Patrick Gutierrez, Capt. Andrew Cahan; 1st Lt Matthew Ryan, Capt. Patrick Godfrey, Cpl Zachary Gingras, LT Scott Cypher, Cap. Vincent Jovene, 1st Lt. Jamie (Jovene) Liddle, A1C Joshua Jovene, 1LT Jared Willard, Joe Pultro, LCpl Paul Cotter, 2dLt Rachel Jovene, GySgt Jose O Ruiz Pedroza, PFC Jorge A Lara Pedroza, LT Ross Mentzer, 2nd LT Ryan Patrick Grady; PFC Stephen G. Beard, Sgt. Ernesto G. Castro

**The Sick:** Dominic Corcoran, Jack Lehtonen, Mary Jane Arens, Zach Miller, Phyllis Heller, Madeline Gonzalez, Mike O'Brien, Bill and Valerie Wieliczko, Bud and Sarah Nolan

**The Deceased:** Lewis Daniel Miller, Rudy and Cathy Bartoldus, Mona Bakke, Sophie and Pedro Macaraeg, Rita Hockenbury, Kim Castellano, David Young, Philippe Laffitte-Smith, Shannon Stodlar, Edward Versprille, Nancy Anderson, Arthur Busher, Jim Dueppen

**\*\*\* PASTOR'S WISH LIST \*\*\***

• **Sign up for the 54-Day Rosary Novena**—It started August 15 thru October 7, 2018. Please see this weekend's Shepherd's Notes for more details.

• **Keep praying the rosary & report the number of times you've prayed!**—We're trying to reach our goal of 100,000 rosaries prayed since September 12, 2015 and we're up to **92,254!** This year is *Our Lady of Lourdes'* 160th anniversary of appearance to *Saint Bernadette* (1858-2018) and it is our hope to reach 100,000 before the end of 2018. With the current *54-Day Rosary Novena*, we are within reach of 100k by October 7, the **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary!** Great things have happened to our parish since our Rosary Campaign 2015 so let's keep it going! Send your rosary numbers prayed to this email: [rosarychallenge@yahoo.com](mailto:rosarychallenge@yahoo.com). Our parishioner, *Meghan Christian*, generously volunteered to do the tabulating. I send my number every week but you can do it bi-weekly or even monthly if you wish.

• **Looking for Ushers for the "New Ushering Ministry"**—*Pat Orender* is heading the new ushering ministry and we're looking for new ushers to serve the parish community to help the worshipers who come to Mass. This will be a great opportunity to volunteer in the parish. We need more adult volunteers but we also welcome *Junior Ushers* (young kids) to serve with the adults. Contact Pat to sign up: [theoenders@gmail.com](mailto:theoenders@gmail.com)

• **Oberammergau/Divine Mercy European Pilgrimage in 2020** -- There is a *Passion Play* that's held in a German town of *Oberammergau* once every ten years for nearly 400 years that pilgrims have been attending. We have a chance to go in August 2020 if we start planning soon. Included in this 11-day package is a visit to the *Divine Mercy Shrine* in Krakow, Prague, Salzburg, Vienna and Munich. It is a long journey to cover Oberammergau and Eastern Europe and the estimate cost is between \$4.5k-\$5k per person through *Nanus International* pilgrimage tour. So far there are 25 signed up for the trip and let me know if you're interested in joining us. The trip is definitely on!

• **Donate to our new Ambo (Pulpit)** I'm inviting you to donate any amount for the new *Ambo (Pulpit)* and be a part of the **"Book of Life Circle."** Donations of \$1k or more will give you the option to add a dedication to our future Memorial Wall to be displayed in the narthex. We need \$35k for this important part of the sanctuary where we hear the Word of God is proclaimed. As of May 14, 2018, we have received \$21,000. (See the July 30, 2017 *Shepherd's Notes* to read more about the *Ambo*.)

• **Pipe Organ" donation**—Please help us pay for the church organ that was installed in April. To date we have received \$46,810. We now owe just \$70,890 for this incredible organ! [See *Shepherd's Notes* column (2/26/2017 issue) for organ details.]

• **Write your dedication on a brick...on church property!**—You now have an opportunity to place your permanent dedication etched on a brick on the church property: in front of the new parish center. Proceeds go directly to pay our center's mortgage. See enclosed flyer for details or go to our website: [www.saintfrancisparish.org](http://www.saintfrancisparish.org)

• **Hosting the Pilgrim Virgin statue sign up**—You can now schedule to sign up for hosting the Pilgrim Virgin in your home. Email our coordinator, *Diane Waller*, at [dianewaller@msn.com](mailto:dianewaller@msn.com). Go to our parish website and click under *Pilgrim Virgin Statue* and pick a date. Then just sign up and pick up the statue in the chapel 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! [Note: No need to wait 6 months to repeat reserving the *Pilgrim Virgin anymore*.]

• **Look up our parish on Facebook**—Search for: *St. Francis de Sales, Purcellville...and "Like" us.*

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*You may contact me directly for your response by phone (540-338-6381 ext. 102), by email [countryparishpriest@gmail.com](mailto:countryparishpriest@gmail.com), by "snail mail" or in person*

**Got 'em!**

• We received over 1,500 written pledges from the *Rosary Challenge* drive to pray a minimum of one rosary a week. As of this writing we have reached the 89% mark (**95,254** total reported) of our goal (100,000) of the rosaries that have been reportedly prayed at our website since September 12, 2015. Keep it up, faithful children of Mary. We've been getting ny nice blessings lately as a parish and we can only expect more!



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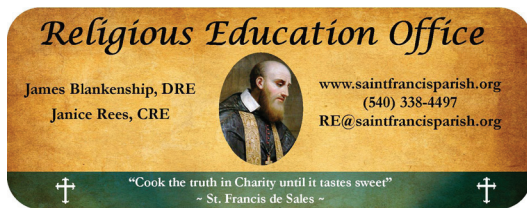
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## Religious Education Classes Begin Sunday, September 16

**We are still missing 300 children!!! Please get your registrations in now and help facilitate our registration process.**

Registration for 2018-2019 Religious Education school year is on-going! You can get a copy of the Registration form at the parish office, Religious Education office, or by downloading it from the St. Francis website [www.saintfrancisparish.org/youth-religious-education/](http://www.saintfrancisparish.org/youth-religious-education/). Classes are on a first come, first served basis. Get your registration forms in quickly and receive the early registration discount.

Please help us form our classes by registering asap.

## PRE-SCHOOL CATECHIST AND AIDE NEEDED!! WEDNESDAY, 4:45PM

Please consider volunteering your time to teach the children of the parish about Jesus Christ. Requirements for teaching are a passion and love for the Lord. To volunteer please contact James Blankenship at [j.blankenship@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:j.blankenship@saintfrancisparish.org).

## RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: A Walk through the RCIA Process

How does our parish attract inquirers each year who consider becoming Catholic?

The short answer is you! When any parish has many inquirers year after year, it is the fruit of the Holy Spirit as parish members open their hearts to welcome others. Members of a welcoming and evangelizing community take seriously their call to share the Divine message of salvation. It happens in parish families, in the workplace, in gatherings with friends and neighbors, and in daily contacts. Give thanks to God as he continuously strengthens each of us who seek to do his will in offering a gentle, humble, and clear welcome to the Catholic faith. “Go out into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.” (Mark 16:15). For more information, contact James Blankenship at [j.blankenship@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:j.blankenship@saintfrancisparish.org)

## HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS - SEPTEMBER 2018

### Universal – Young People in Africa

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

Emily Glass Director of Youth Ministry  
540-338-6381 or [e.glass@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:e.glass@saintfrancisparish.org)

**NO YOUTH NIGHT** – There is no Youth Night on Sunday, September 2nd. Enjoy Labor Day with your families.

**HIGH SCHOOL GUYS BIBLE STUDY LEADER** – Any men (over 21) have a passion for Scripture and guiding young people in the faith? We are seeking someone to lead a weekly high school guys Bible Study. Please contact [e.glass@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:e.glass@saintfrancisparish.org) if you are interested!

**KICK-OFF – Save the date!!** September 9th is the Youth Ministry Kick-Off for the 2018-2019 school year. Come to the patio after the 5pm Mass for dinner, a bonfire, games, and to learn about what we have planned for the year. Come to meet new people, reunite with old friends, and get pumped for a new year of youth ministry.

**HOMELESS SHELTER** – We will cook for the homeless shelter in the Education Center kitchen on Monday, September 10th from 4:30-6:00 PM. Meet at St. Francis de Sales on Tuesday, September 11th to serve the food from 4:45-7:00 PM.

**ROSARY GROUP** – During the school year, meet in the chapel at 8am on Tuesday morning to pray a teen-led Rosary before school!

**5PM MASS** – Every Sunday at 5pm, join us in the front 4 left rows to celebrate Mass together. All high school students are welcome!

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

**BIBLE STUDY FOR HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS** – Join us at Market St. Coffee on Wednesdays from 5-6pm for Bible study.

**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](http://remind.com/join/eglass16) and enter your information to be added to the recipient list! Also, follow the Youth Ministry Instagram account [St.FrancisYouth](https://www.instagram.com/St.FrancisYouth) for event updates and announcements.

## RCIA for TEENS

Mondays, 7-8:15pm . The RCIA for Teens (RCIT) is a class for all high school students who have not yet received the Sacraments of Baptism, Penance, First Holy Communion, and/or Confirmation. Students are required to attend class regularly, attend parent/child meetings, complete student assignments, and participate in a retreat. For more information contact the RE Office or visit us online at [www.saintfrancisparish.org/religious-education/sacramental-prep/rcit/](http://www.saintfrancisparish.org/religious-education/sacramental-prep/rcit/)



## ST. FRANCIS COUNCIL 11136 NEWS



**Next Council Meeting:** Our next council business meeting will be on Monday, September 10, at 7pm. The meeting will be abbreviated as we will have an Admission (1st) Degree Ceremony. We will pray our Rosary in the chapel beginning at 6:30pm. Any parishioner is welcomed to join our Rosary!

**Our Share Sunday Results from August:** On Saturday evening, August 11 and Sunday, August 12, the Knights collected 1,097 pounds of food which was delivered to Catholic Charities in Leesburg. Thank you to all the parishioners who participated.

**Why Are You A Knight?:** Be more than a Knight in name only. We help in the parish, the community and the world. Contact GK Tracy Beglau 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 Tracy Beglau or Chancellor Scott Grimard ([Grimster845@gmail.com](mailto:Grimster845@gmail.com)), or look for any man wearing a Knights of Columbus name badge. The needs are many, but the laborers are few.

May God bless you!

Tracy Beglau, Grand Knight  
St. Francis Council #11136  
[Grandknight11136@gmail.com](mailto:Grandknight11136@gmail.com)

## Celebrating A Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary This Year?

The annual Marriage Jubilee Mass in the Diocese is a chance for jubilant anniversary couples (those celebrating 25 and 50 wedding anniversaries) to meet our Bishop and receive a blessing from him. The next one is scheduled for Sunday, October 14. This year the Mass will be at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More. Check your bulletins for information closer to the date. If you are unable to attend or your spouse has recently passed away you may receive a certificate and program by registering through the parish.

## Sat Prep Classes Now Forming At St. Francis

Hunt Test Preparation will offer their SAT Prep Course beginning Saturday, October 13th!

**Class dates are:** Saturday and Sunday, October 13, 14, 20, 21 and 28 **From:** 9am to 12 noon (Saturday) and 1pm to 4pm (Sunday) **For a total of five three-hour classes!**

St. Francis students will receive a tuition discount on a first-come first-served basis. Seating will be limited. Please call 703-425-7656 for registration info. Early registration is strongly suggested.

## What's New for the Women of the Parish?

Monday, September 10 - Women's Council meeting 7pm in the Parish Hall



Join the **Women's Faith Ministry** as we ponder the mysteries of the Rosary together this year. **Tuesday Nights from 7:30 – 9pm.** We will study one mystery a week and familiarize ourselves with our Bibles. Our hope is that as the months progress, each bead will become its own precious, personal symbol for you- forevermore reminding you of how you encountered Jesus in His Word when you studied that mystery. The resource we will be using is **Take Up & Read's PONDER, which is available on Amazon.**

There will be time for fellowship, prayer intentions, and to pray that decade of the Rosary together. We will begin with the Joyful Mysteries on September 18th. To sign up email [katiemagin@gmail.com](mailto:katiemagin@gmail.com) or [jen@thehouses.us](mailto:jen@thehouses.us) or call 571-271-2515.

*"The ordinary acts we practice every day at home are of more importance to the soul than their simplicity might suggest."* — St. Thomas More



## St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church Blood Drive

Sunday, September 23  
7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Purcellville Fire Station

500 North Maple Avenue, Purcellville, VA

Inova Blood Donor Services will be in the Fire Station Training Room.

## Make your lifesaving appointment today!

Visit <http://bit.ly/StFrancisdeSales0904> to schedule your appointment or call us at 1-866-BLOODSAVES (1-866-256-6372) and use Sponsor Code 3026 or contact Charlie Baldi at (540) 751-1907 or [charliebaldi77@gmail.com](mailto:charliebaldi77@gmail.com)



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Photo ID required. Allow one hour for your whole blood or double red cell donation.

### Blood Donor Preparation:

- At least one week before donating, eat nutritious meals that include iron-rich foods and increase your non-caffeinated fluid intake.
- The day before donation, drink plenty of non-caffeinated fluids and get a good night's sleep.
- The day of donation, drink plenty of water or juice and do not skip any meals.

For more information visit [inova.org/donateblood](http://inova.org/donateblood) or call 1-866-BLOODSAVES (1-866-256-6372).

\* While Supplies Last. Donors must complete screening process during the event to receive the giveaway.





Save the Date  
 October 27<sup>th</sup> 2018  
 for a  
 Masquerade Ball  
 at  
 Our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual  
 Bella Notte



The Parish is seeking the donations of quality and/or like new items for the silent/live auctions to be held during this year's Bella Notte fundraising gala on October 27 in the Parish Center. This event is the largest fundraiser of the year for our Parish and is vital toward ensuring that we are able to meet the financial obligations associated with the construction of the Parish Center. Please consider making a donation. Of course, all donations are tax deductible. Please contact Lynne Borneman for inquiries: [bornel@aol.com](mailto:bornel@aol.com)

### ST. THERESA JOB VACANCIES

St. Theresa School in Ashburn is looking for individuals to supplement the substitute teacher workforce. Ideal candidates will enjoy work flexibility, as well as the fulfillment that comes from educating the Catholic leaders of tomorrow.

Please contact us at 703-729-3577 or drop in at our Ashburn campus school office to complete an application packet and obtain further details. All serious inquiries will be welcomed.

### A Retreat for Persons Facing a Serious Illness

will be held at the San Damiano Spiritual Life Center in White Post, Virginia October 5-7. The retreat focuses on the Love of God and the peace and joy the Truth of His Love brings. The retreat begins Friday at 1:30 PM and ends on Sunday at 2:30 PM. Fr. Bob Cilinski and Fr. Jack O'hara will serve as Spiritual Directors along with a retreat team of doctors, nurses and helpers. The retreat is a ministry of Catholic Charities. The cost of the retreat is free for all retreatants. If you are facing a serious illness please consider attending! To register for the retreat and for more information, call Catholic Charities at 703 841-3830 or email [retreat@ccda.net](mailto:retreat@ccda.net)



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## Parish Homeless Ministry

Join us on the 2nd Saturday of each month as we serve breakfast and lunch to homeless guests alongside the Missionaries of Charity in their DC soup kitchen. Our next visits will be on **Saturday, September 8**, and **Saturday, October 13**, from 8:30 to 11:15am. Volunteer to serve and/or prepare food – this is a rewarding opportunity! Contact Meghan Christian (e-mail below) for details.



On **Saturday, October 13**, from 9 to 11:30am, volunteer with the Archdiocese of Washington's Catholic Charities at the Cup of Joe Breakfast Bagging event in Landover, MD, assembling breakfast bags for the homeless. Without these bags, homeless guests at area shelters would have no morning meal. Enjoy working the fast-paced assembly line for a great cause! Register at [www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer/calendar/cup-joe-breakfast-bagging/all/](http://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer/calendar/cup-joe-breakfast-bagging/all/)

If you would like info about the Homeless Ministry to be e-mailed directly to you, send a note to [MeghanChristian1212@yahoo.com](mailto:MeghanChristian1212@yahoo.com)

*"He alone loves the Creator perfectly who manifests a pure love for his neighbor."* - St. Bede the Venerable

### Elizabeth Keller, Head of Ministry of Praise Prayer Group, Needs Help

Liz has become totally disabled and is in severe pain because of deterioration of her hip. She will have hip replacement in the next two months. In the meantime, she needs help with activities of daily living: shopping, food prep, doctor appts, etc. We are helping her as we are able, but will be way on a pilgrimage to Lourdes and Fatima, September 17 to 28—12 days. We have help for her for 6 of those days, but need to cover Sept 18 and 19, 22 and 23, and 25 and 26. The time needed would be 2-3 hours 2:30-4:30 or so. If you would like to help, please call me. I am her neighbor. Kathleen McCuiston 540 338 8094

### The 26th International Week of Prayer and Fasting

coalition in collaboration with the Marians Fathers, Legion of Mary and Priests for Life, are asking for individuals, families, prayer groups and parishes to unite for nine days (Sept 29 – Oct 7, 2018) of prayer and fasting for the following goals: Conversion of all Peoples and Nations, to Build a Culture of Life, to Defend the Sanctity of Marriage and Family Life, to Pray for Peace and to Implore God's Mercy. Parishes are encouraged to host holy hours, recitation of the Rosary, Masses and some kind of sacrifice or penance during these nine days. For the opening day, on Saturday, September 29th, please join us at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. from 9 am – 4:30 pm for the International Day of Prayer. Registration is FREE, but please register online at [www.iwopf.org](http://www.iwopf.org) to receive a free prayer card at the Basilica event.

The Celebrant and Homilist for the noon mass is Bishop Roy Edward Campbell, Jr., Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.

Speakers to date include Father Francis J. Peffley, parochial vicar at St. Mary of Sorrows in Fairfax, Virginia and Colleen Willard, a prolific speaker on life and healing and Ted Flynn author, speaker, and film producer on Catholic issues. We are waiting to confirm other speakers.

For more information visit [www.iwopf.org](http://www.iwopf.org) or call 888-478-PRAY (7729).