

# Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER    APRIL 30, 2023

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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 Mass

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

## Daily Mass

Monday through Thursday - 6:30am and 8:30am  
Friday - 6:30am and 12noon  
Saturday - 9am

## Benediction/Adoration

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



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## Sacraments

### Confessions:

Friday 11am  
Saturday 8am and 3:30pm; Wednesday 8pm;  
One-half hour before Mass on Sunday.  
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 held on Sundays at 1:30pm. Baptism class is the Friday before the 3rd Sunday of the month 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.

## 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 30, 2023

"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3



## Masses for the Week

+ deceased

Sat., April 29

9:00 am

Sat., April 29

5:00 pm

Sun., April 30

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:30 pm

Mon., May 1

6:30 am

8:30 am

Tue., May 2

6:30 am

8:30 am

Wed., May 3

6:30 am

8:30 am

Thu., May 4

6:30 am

8:30 am

Fri., May 5

6:30 am

12:00 noon

Sat., May 6

9:00 am

Sat., May 6

5:00 pm

Sun., May 7

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:30 pm

**Saint Catherine of Siena**

Justin and Kristina Mentzer

**Vigil: 4th Sunday of Easter**

Blaine Larson

**4th Sunday of Easter**

Joseph K. Pultro

Elizabeth Miller

+ Madeline Pettenati

Danielle Orender

People of the Parish

**Easter Weekday**

In thanksgiving for prayers answered

+Ray McDonald

**Saint Athanasius**

+ Lydia Hertz

Aileen Corcoran

**Saints Philip and James**

+ Bernardo Alvarez Lagomasino

+ Jack Burden

**Easter Weekday**

+ Bernardo Alvarez Lagomasino

+ Jack Burden

**Easter Weekday; First Friday**

+ Bernardo Alvarez Lagomasino

+ Mary Hugel

**Easter Weekday; First Saturday**

+ Bernardo Alvarez Lagomasino

**Vigil: 5th Sunday of Easter**

+ Walter Shearrow, Sr.

**5th Sunday of Easter**

People of the Parish

+ Steve Brooks

Hans and Odile Seeger

+ Emilie Lenhart

+ Tom and Barbara Sullivan

## St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church Blood Drive

Sponsored by St. Francis Council 11136



### WHEN:

Sunday, May 7, 2023

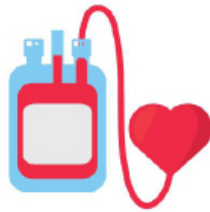
7 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

### WHERE:

37730 St. Francis Ct.

Purcellville, VA

Inova Blood Donor Services will be in the  
Knights of Columbus Hall.



**Every Drop Counts.  
Donate Blood.**

### Book Your Appointment Today

•Visit <https://bit.ly/SFDSCC2023>

•Call 1(866) 256-6372, use Sponsor Code 3026

•Contact Mark Furman - [furmanma@outlook.com](mailto:furmanma@outlook.com)



Blood Donor Services

[inovablood.org](http://inovablood.org)

Photo ID Required. Masking is optional for all donors. Allow one hour for your donation.



Gift shop open on Sunday, April 30 after the  
7:00, 8:30, 10:30 and 12:15 Masses.

**Come shop for 1st Communion  
and Mother's Day!!**

## This Week

Mon. May 1  
Wed., May 3

Catholicism 101 5pm Knights Hall

SoulStitch 9:30am, Knights Hall

TMIY 7pm, Room 202

Thu., May 4

Holy Hour for Miraculous Medal 7pm, Church

Fri., May 5

Women's Prayer Group 7am, Chapel

Sat., May 6

TMIY 6:30am, OLVH

Joy of Life Dinner 5:30pm OLVH

## Readings for the Week

Sun: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/1  
Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10  
Mon: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18  
Tue: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30  
Wed: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14  
Thu: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn  
13:16-20  
Fri: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6  
Sat: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14



Dear Folks,

It is currently Monday night when I compose this letter. I have just returned to the rectory from the evening rosary for peace in the Ukraine. Prior to that I had the most enjoyable dinner with those folks who entered the Church this past Easter. Wonderful testimonies were offered by those involved in the leadership of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) and the members of the program. They spoke of the impact of their grandparents, parents, and school mates. They hit the topics of Faith, Family, and Friends along with the facets of the Church offered in the academic, social, and spiritual facets. It was a lovely gathering and I was happy to see Mrs. Diane Taylor speak of the religious education program. Lee Jay Acham spoke of the Knights of Columbus and Hershey Youngblood invited the ladies to join the Womens Council. God bless Vladimir Rudenko and Travis Moger who touched a lot of hearts and souls by their wonderful apostolate.



Speaking of wonderful, please remind your families and friends we will host the annual blessing of motorcycles on Sunday May 21st at 2pm. We will meet at the bottom of the church steps. May all the Harley riders do what they do best... break out the toothbrushes and start cleaning their two wheeled wonders. Everyone else, including Beemers, need only show up for the blessings. May the angels watch over all the riders and companions and help them to stay on the high side.

Speaking of motorcyclists. One of the great mysteries of the human spirit is found in Monastics, like our local Trappists, who can be set ablaze with great altruism for those living in the proverbial fast lane while motorcyclists can have an almost Zen quality for solitude in their riding. Let both worlds come to meet in our weekly adoration hours. Friday, following the Noon Mass up to Saturday morning before the 9am Mass. In all hours, morning and night, in great hope, let us pray for one another.

Many thanks to all of the parishioners reaching out to assist the Youth Group in the coming Diocesan Work Camp. During the past few weeks the leadership associated with the Summer program have been seeking the help of other adults with constructive competencies. It is marvelous week for three different but related groups. They are the kids, the adult volunteers, and those lovely souls touched by the generosity and hard work of the first two groups. Again well done. God bless one and all.

In closing I would love to offer my heartfelt thanks to the many teachers and assistants in our CCD program. Catholic Education is one of the greatest gift we can offer the next generation, setting and new Axial Age. The first Axial age took place around 800 BC where the great intellectual, philosophical and religious systems arose to develop the future cultural identities in the known world. With the help of our CCD staff the hearts, minds, and souls of the kids will impact those same systems in the world we live. Their work in supporting and promoting Catholic education on all levels will continue to enhance the life of this parish as a collective and the many souls who in their quiet souls daily reach out to touch the face of God.

We need two more adult tradesmen to serve as "contractors" for WorkCamp. There are all kinds of jobs - flooring, roofing, decking, and especially plumbing and electrical work - so if you think you can help, jump on in! We also need two more adults to volunteer five hours on June 21 to keep an eye on things around the WorkCamp while the other adults shower and have their dinner. And be on the lookout for requests in the bulletin and emails about requests for tools, supplies, lunch items, and other such things the dear WorkCampers will need. Let us pray for them, one and all.

**Collegiate question:** The following question is offered in honor of our parishioners serving in the United States Air Force... In my childhood I would join my father for breakfast each morning, at 5:30am, before he went off to work. When the TV Station came alive on the hour of 6am it would play the Star Spangled Banner, sing a song for the US Air Force and offer a poem on "touching the face of God." What was the 1957 song for the Air Force and what who offered the poem on "touching the face of God?" Fly high our silver angels.

US Air Force Blue (1957) [www.youtube.com/watch?v=pos1BzW\\_t2A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pos1BzW_t2A) played by the Mitch Miller orchestra.

Poem: High Flight

BY John Gillespie Magee Jr.

## LIVE ROSARY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

Join Fr. Gould each night at 9pm as he leads the rosary and pray for peace in Ukraine. You can participate in person or on video - go to [saintfrancispark.org](https://saintfrancispark.org) and click on Live Video Streams.

## Our thoughts and prayers are with ...



### Our Military Members:

SGT Peter Audi, MAJ Andrew Cahan, SGT Ernesto Castro, LCpl Paul Cotter, LT Scott Cypher, CPT Patrick Godfrey, CPT Ryan Patrick Grady, 2LT Patrick Gutierrez, CPT Jamie (Jovene) Liddle; SSG Joshua Jovene, CPT Rachel (Jovene) Mallets, CPT Vincent Jovene, MAJ Chuck Marshall; SSG Tim Marshall, CPT Ross Mentzer; Lcpl John Owen Paterson; PFC Jorge Pedroza, GY Sgt Jose Pedroza; Joe Pultro, 1LT Matthew Ryan, LCpl Frankie Thyson, 1LT Jared Willard, PFC Joseph Jovene, A1C Joshua Wilk, 2LT Alexandra Goodnow; 1LT Caleb McGowan

**The Sick:** Dominic Corcoran, Mike O'Brien, Sarah Nolan, Liz Keller; Joanne Harrington, Charles Williams, Patricia Naomi Alvarenga, Joe Graber, Christina Huth, Candace Daly, Melissa Jewel, Peggy Johnson, Frederick Campos, Grace Costello, Daniel Ramirez, Cynthia Ramirez, Silvia Vizcarra, Elaine Marshall, Olga Howard, Diane Shirley, Brooke Cheney

**The Deceased:** Susan Keelor, Bob Zurschmeide, Jean Pelkey, Jeanne Sweet, Michael Craig, Edward Konchan, Patrick Gaine, Judith Miller, Jean Young, Colette Baine, Ellen Sullivan, Nicholas Misiti, Timothea Rainey, Mary Kay Madigan Ledue, Joan Jasinski, Heather Miles, Salome Torrijos, Jack Burden, James Lippert, Jack Spisak, Rose Lippert. Rodney Huth, Elaine Marshall



## St. Francis de Sales Religious Education

Dear Families,

*There are just a handful of classes left in this academic year. Please help our youngsters finish strong in their faith formation. Final day of class is May 10, 14, and 15. God Bless,  
Diane*

**First Holy Communion** Saturday, May 13, at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm; Rehearsal Friday, May 12 at 5 and 6:30 pm

On Sunday, May 14 all First Holy Communicants are encouraged to wear their First Communion finery and participate in the May Crowning.

### **May Crowning Mother's Day Sunday, May 14**

Immediately following the 12:15 Mass

Children will be called to the back of the church at the end of Mass to participate in this beautiful procession to honor our Blessed Mother.

**Registration for 2023-2024 School Year:** Registration for the next school year will begin in May. All children are expected to successfully complete their current grade-level curriculum before registering for the upcoming school year.

**SPRED** is coming to St. Francis de Sales this September! SPRED, Special Religious Development is a program, established in 1966 in the Archdiocese of Chicago, and inspired by Vivre, "welcomes children with disabilities into a group where they would become prepared to participate in the liturgical life of their parish" through developing a relationship with Jesus and providing Sacramental Instruction. We need many willing spirits to volunteer for this program. The 13 classes will be held Saturday mornings throughout the '23-'24 school year. Please prayerfully consider joining the SPRED team. All lessons are provided! Contact the RE office for more information

### **Parents Prepared - A Parent Seminar to Prepare Parents who have High School Seniors Transitioning to College:**

The college campus is vying for the souls of our Catholic young people. Come learn about the current situation on college campuses all across the country, and how you as a parent can prepare now to help your child faithfully live out their next 4 years of college.

For the Parents of Junior and Senior High Schoolers May 2, 2023 @ 7PM, to be held at Basilica of St. Mary Lyceum (313 Duke St.), Alexandria

To attend for free, please register at: [www.asjb.org/parents-prepared](http://www.asjb.org/parents-prepared)



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

## High School

**SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT:** ALL high schoolers are invited to Youth Nights most Sundays after 5:30pm Mass in room 213. Deepen your relationship with God, learn more about Jesus, and grow your desire for life-long discipleship with Him. New friends are always welcome! Our next meeting is **Sunday, May 7th**. (April 30th is a WorkCamp Formation meeting.)

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST May 7th** is the WorkCamp Pancake Breakfast! Proceeds from this breakfast will go directly towards WorkCamp 2023, thanks to the Knights of Columbus! WorkCampers are expected to volunteer, but all teens are invited to lend a hand. LET ME KNOW if you can help!

**SHELTER COOKING:** Meet us in the kitchen **Monday, May 8th from 5:00-6:30pm** to cook for the Loudoun County Homeless Shelter. Let me know if you can make it!



**Baccalaureate Service  
and Reception**  
for graduating seniors, family  
and friends

**Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm**

**NEEDED:** Seniors to read, sing, and play instruments

Contact Beth Ann McRoberts for more information  
[bmcroberts13@gmail.com](mailto:bmcroberts13@gmail.com) or 703-727-9613

**WORKCAMP June 17th-23rd, 2023 in Frederick County, VA**  
Teens and Adult Crew Leaders, our next Formation Meeting is Sunday, April 30th from 6:30-8pm in OLOV! This month's preparation is focused on Spirituality & Confidentiality. Thank you to Andrew Gingras and Gringo Gordo for catering! And thank you to all who came out for the Parish 5K & Fun Run last week! Everyone had a blast and the WorkCampers appreciate your donations. If you have questions or would like to become a WorkCamp Volunteer, please email Shahin or Maggie ([familyuddin@gmail.com](mailto:familyuddin@gmail.com)). Come bring your gift to the altar!

### **SAVE THESE DATES:**

Parish Car Wash During All Masses - Sunday, June 11th  
College Night At St. Mark's (for seniors) - Wednesday, June 28th  
"God Squad" Hs Summer Camp For 9th-12th - July 19th-21st

## Middle School





## St. Francis Council 11136 News

**MAY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** We will hold our May council member meeting on Monday 8 May at 7:30 pm in the Knights Hall. Rosary at 7:00 pm in the church



**COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR 2023-2024-** If you are interested in making a difference in our Council, please consider becoming an officer in the 2023-2024 Fraternal Year. Please reach out to GK Jay Hallam if interested.

**MAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** Reminder the proceeds of our 7 May 2023 Pancake Breakfast will support the Work Camp Teens. Please volunteer to support the breakfast and bring a family and be very generous in your Free Will Offering. This Pancake Breakfast will be Br Dzung's last breakfast with us as he has recently moved.

**BLUE BAG HAND OUT:** We will be handing out Blue Food Bags after all masses next weekend. We will collect the filled bags after Masses the weekend of 13-14 May.

Jay Hallam, Grand Knight  
St. Francis Council #11136. Knights11136@gmail.com;  
[www.facebook.com/knights11136/](http://www.facebook.com/knights11136/)

## JOY OF LIFE FAMILY DINNER

The Joy of Life Apostolate provides support to children and adults with disabilities and their families. The monthly dinners are a wonderful way for families to meet and encourage one another in their walk with Christ. Mostly, however, we all learn from our "treasures of the Church" in how to trust in God's Providence and spread happiness and joy wherever we are. The next family dinner is Saturday, May 6 in the Parish Education Center gym at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church beginning at 5:30pm with dinner at 6pm. Come enjoy dinner and games for the entire family. Please visit the link below to RSVP and perhaps sign up to bring something to share for dinner/dessert, if you are able.

[www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FABA822A6F9C43-mayfamily](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FABA822A6F9C43-mayfamily)



*Middle School Diocesan BASH. Our kids had a blast!*

## ADULT CONFIRMATIONS

If you are a baptized Catholic adult, have received First Communion, but have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Church welcomes you to take part in this grace-filled Sacrament. Individuals who desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation should contact Diane Taylor at [d.taylor@saint-francisparish.org](mailto:d.taylor@saint-francisparish.org).

## Church App at your Fingertips

"Oh! I didn't know that was tonight!" Says many of us....well.....Hallelujah, St. Francis de Sales has an App! Now you can easily find upcoming events, the most recent bulletins, Mass & confession times and more. You can even add the events to your own



calendar so you don't miss another important meeting. Download our easily found app on your phone, and please give us feedback so that we can make parish life easily accessible for you. Scan to access the app in the app store or simply search for St. Francis de Sales.

## Pastoral Resources for Those Suffering After Miscarriage, Infertility & Infant Loss

For those who are suffering the cross of infertility and miscarriage, you are not alone. Visit the diocesan website for a list of resources to support you and your family during your most difficult days. [www.arlingtondiocese.org/find-support/miscarriage-and-infant-loss/](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/find-support/miscarriage-and-infant-loss/)

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)

## Holy Father Prayer Intentions for April

**For a culture of peace and non-violence**  
We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

## Homeless Ministry

*"Never let anything so fill you with sorrow as to make you forget the joy of Christ risen." -Mother Teresa*



*Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!  
Happy Easter from the Homeless Ministry!  
Thank you for all your prayers and service to the  
homeless and hungry!*

- Missionary Sisters of Charity in Anacostia – Serve between 60 and 100 meals.
  - We prepare and serve meals every 2nd Saturday of the month. All donated items are due to Knights Hall the preceding Thursday by 2pm.
    - Items due May 11th; meal delivered and served May 13th.
- Loudoun Homeless Shelter – Serve between 40 and 80 meals.
  - We prepare and serve meals every 4th Thursday of the month. All items are due to the Knights Hall the preceding Wednesday by 5pm.
    - Items due May 24th; meal delivered and served May 25th.

Join us in works of charity by signing up to purchase items, prepare the main dish, bake cookies and cakes, or to transport meals and supplies.

*"The openness of our hearts and minds can be measured by how wide we draw the circle of what we call family."*

-Mother Teresa

Contact one of us, and we will direct you to the Signup Genius lists:

- Fran Beebe [franbeebe7@gmail.com](mailto:franbeebe7@gmail.com)
- Carie Losinski: [skigators@me.com](mailto:skigators@me.com)
- Suzanne Robinson [suzannedrobinson@gmail.com](mailto:suzannedrobinson@gmail.com)



The Mother Teresa's Garden is being moved closer to the Parish Education Center! We are seeking volunteers to help us with donating, volunteering & building a new garden fence. Do you have access to fence posts, wire or the ability to install it? Or are you able to help us financially with a donation to get these items? We need you! Please contact [Jaclyn.Jenkins@onedayfarm.com](mailto:Jaclyn.Jenkins@onedayfarm.com). All are welcome to PLANT A ROW at home. We will start collecting donated bounty on Sunday's in the late spring. More info coming soon.  
[saintfrancisparish.org/ministry/mother-teresas-garden/](http://saintfrancisparish.org/ministry/mother-teresas-garden/)

## Women's Council Corner



*"Bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do." Colossians 3:13*

### Funeral Reception Event Coordinator

The Women's Council is looking for one or two people women to be the Funeral Reception Event Coordinator(s). The leader(s) of this ministry would coordinate funeral receptions held at the parish hall by gathering, organizing, and distributing information to a team of people who host the receptions. If you are that special someone please contact us for more details at [womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com](mailto:womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com) as soon as you can.

### Next social- Executive Team Elections and Kentucky Derby Bingo Monday, May 1st 7pm Corcoran Vineyards and Cidery



Dress in your biggest, flashiest hat, sip on mint juleps, and have your chance at yelling "BINGO!" This is one of our biggest events of the year as we introduce our newest members of our Executive team.

### Next planning meeting-Monday, May 15th 6:30pm Rosary in the chapel | 7pm meeting in the Library.

All women are invited to our business meeting where we plan our spectacular socials & special events and discuss current news. We welcome your ideas.



Please check our website for more details on each event. [saintfrancisparish.org/womens-council](http://saintfrancisparish.org/womens-council)  
New to the parish or not getting our emails? Email us at [womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com](mailto:womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com) to be added to our directory.

## A Jubilee Journey with Mary

Did you know there are 11 churches in the Diocese of Arlington which are named for Our Lady? During this second year of preparation for the Golden Jubilee of the Diocese in 2024, we are all encouraged to focus upon Mary and her role in pointing us to Jesus. To this end, Bishop Burbidge has invited all of us to visit as many of those 11 churches as possible and spend time in prayer at each! Visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubileejourney/](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubileejourney/) for more information about this Jubilee Journey with Mary! We hope that this initiative encourages you to grow in your understanding of Mary and your devotion to her!

## SFDS MOM'S GROUP

Are you a mom with young kids looking to connect with other women in the parish? You are invited to join the Saint Francis de Sales Moms Group! We meet regularly for playdates, confession, and to study the Catholic faith together. Email Elise Daniel at [eliseamylx@gmail.com](mailto:eliseamylx@gmail.com) to get on the email list or for more info.





Go to [saintfrancisparish.org/vacation-bible-school](http://saintfrancisparish.org/vacation-bible-school) to download registration form starting May 1

We have a great need for people to help build the sets in the gym. The sets are already created, we just need the manpower to put them together. If you have simple building skills, please consider lending us a hand in the days before the start of VBS

Are you a tech person?!?

We someone to be on-hand 8:30am-noon to help with the audio-visual aspect of the Drama Station.

Please contact [j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org)

## OKTOBERFEST PLANNING MEETING

Tuesday, May 16th ~ 7pm in the Library

Mark your calendars...

The 2nd Annual SFdS Oktoberfest will be Saturday, October 14th!!!

**ALL ARE INVITED TO HELP PLAN for this festive event. Please come and share your ideas**



SoulStitch is a ministry that knits and crochets for those in need. Our members make whatever they would like and we find a place to donate what is made. Soul Stitch

meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 9:30 to 11:30am; and the second Wednesday of the month 12noon to 2pm (new date and time). Anyone who knits, crochets or would like to learn is welcome to join us. We provide the yarn. We have patterns or you can use your own. If you are unable to meet with us but are interested in making things to donate please contact us. For more information contact Karen Gaylord at [windingwoodsfarm@gmail.com](mailto:windingwoodsfarm@gmail.com)

## Save the date! TALENT SHOW

Saturday evening, May 20 in OLOV Hall

Performing is open to any parishioner age 18 and older. Entry forms will be available in late April.

Questions? Contact Chris Grande at [chris-w-g@comcast.net](mailto:chris-w-g@comcast.net) or 240-409-1641



**SCHOLARSHIP:** The Associates of St. John Bosco is offering scholarships to undergraduate students who have demonstrated an intense desire to live out their faith in college and who seek to serve the Church after graduation. There are three scholarships for \$4,000. A \$6,000 scholarship will also be awarded to a student who will be engaged in education or work with young adults. Go to [www.asjb.org](http://www.asjb.org) for more information. **DEADLINE IS MAY 22ND.**

**SUMMER JOBS:** Keep abreast of internship and job opportunities within the Catholic Diocese of Arlington: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/human-resources/](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/human-resources/)

## Help Parish Families with a Home-Cooked Meal

Are you available to occasionally bring a home-cooked meal to a family after the birth of a new baby, during medical recovery, or bereavement? Do you know of any expecting mothers or parishioners who could use a meal train? Please contact Kathryn Pultro at [kathryn.pultro@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.pultro@gmail.com) to sign up for the meal train email list or to set up a meal train for an individual or family in the parish.

## COUNSELING OFFERED AT SFDS

Jennifer Barry, LCSW from Catholic Charities' Family Services will take appointments offering Individual, Family or Couples Counseling. Jennifer is a licensed clinical social worker who received her Master of Social Work (MSW) from the Catholic University of America. Jennifer can be reached for teletherapy or for a free consultation. If you are interested in scheduling a consultation, please contact her at 703-454-1004.



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 Leesburg, VA 20175  
 703-777-6000

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