

Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 5, 2018



Andrew Levandowski with his parents on his last day (Aug. 1) at the parish before starting seminary for the Marians of the Immaculate Conception. Please keep Andrew in your prayers!

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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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Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life.

- John 6:27a

GOD'S WORK

We are so busy! Most of us have more than one job to do, and we never seem to have enough time. We are workers, volunteers, parents, friends, and most of us are more than one thing at a time. But which of these is the work of God?

We seldom view our ordinary work as being the work of God. We may think that we have to be ministers or priests, missionaries or charity workers, engaged full-time in works formally identified as being "God's work." But everything we do with a faithful heart and with love for others is God's work. We each have our own role to fill in the world, and many gifts are necessary. We cannot always see the direct connection of our daily work to the plan of God. But we trust and we believe that God leads us to do what is needed, where it is needed. What is "God's work?" "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent" (John 6:29).

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10
 Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
 Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
 Thursday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23
 Friday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
 Saturday: Hb 1:12 — 2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20
 Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30 — 5:2; Jn 6:41-51

This Week

Sun., August 5 Adult Basketball 8:30pm
 Mon., August 6 Women's Council 7pm, Parish Hall
 Tue., August 7 Mary, Queen of Heaven 10am, Library
 Wed., August 8 Mary, Queen of Heaven 7pm, Library
 Thu., August 9 Rosary Group 7pm, Church
 Sun., August 12 Adult Basketball 8:30pm

Masses for the Week

+ deceased

Saturday, August 4
9:00 am

Saturday, August 4
5:00 pm

Sunday, August 5
7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:00 pm

Monday, August 6
9:00 am

Tuesday, August 7
6:30 am

Wed., August 8
9:00 am

Thursday, August 9
6:30 am

Friday, August 10
6:30 am

12:00 noon

Saturday, August 11
9:00 am

Saturday, August 11
5:00 pm

Sunday, August 12
7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:00 pm

Weekday

+ Gabriel Stocks

Vigil: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

+ Ellen and Pierce Bragg

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

+ Neal Brown

People of the Parish

+ Emilio and Beatrice Salcido

Fr. Buckley F.S.S.P.

+ Philippe Lafitte-Smith

The Transfiguration of the Lord

+ Sebastian Cramaro

Weekday

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saint Dominic

+ Angela R. Lyons

Weekday

+ Coleman James Kane

Saint Lawrence

Persecuted Christians

Dick and Sharon Austin

Saint Clare

+ Noemi Isidro

Vigil: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

+ Frank Bartlett

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deceased members of the Butts and D'Elia Families

+ James Schlack

People of the Parish

Paula Bischoff

+ Sebastian DelDuca

Parish Financial Status

In-pew Offertory - July 29 \$ 10,595

2nd Collection - Parish Maintenance \$ 2,369

YEAR TO DATE \$ 33,055

No 2nd Collection this week

Next week's 2nd Collection - For the Needy

Mass Celebrant Schedule

Saturday, August 4

5pm: Fr. Escalante

Sunday, August 5

7am: Fr. Escalante

8:30am: Fr. Escalante

10:30am: Fr. Mullaney

12:15pm: Fr. Mullaney

5pm: Fr. Mullaney

Saturday, August 11

5pm: Fr. Mullaney

Sunday, August 12

7am: Fr. Mullaney

8:30am: Fr. Mullaney

10:30am: Fr. Escalante

12:15pm: Fr. Escalante

5pm: Fr. Escalante



SAD & SHOCKING DISCOVERY:

Sacrilege committed against the Eucharist at our church!!!

Before the start of the 5 PM Saturday night Mass (July 28), a parishioner picked up a *Saint Michael Hymnal* from his pew rack and was shocked to find the Holy Eucharist stuck on the back cover. It looked like it had been taken out of one's mouth after communion and "pasted" on the hardback cover of the hymnal (see inset photos). Father Mullaney and I presumed that this happened on Sunday, July 22 possibly at the 12:15 PM or 5 PM Mass since it wasn't discovered until a week later (*Saint Michael* hymnals aren't used during the weekdays and on 5 PM Sundays). Even if this was "innocently" done by a child who may not have been feeling well, which we are hoping for and not deliberately done by a "disgruntled" Mass attendee, it is still an unintended desecration that needs to be addressed. A consecrated host at a Catholic Mass is *THE BODY & BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST* and this abominable act is not to be taken lightly!

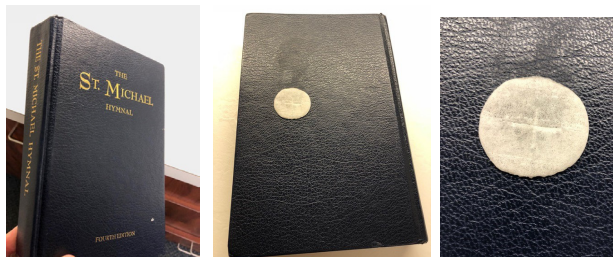
Please be informed that if you're not well, it's perfectly fine to refrain from receiving Holy Communion. If you had to spit out or vomit the Eucharist because you are sick, please let the priests, Eucharistic Ministers, or ushers know and we'll gladly retrieve the host and properly take of it. No one will get mad at you. But NEVER hide or throw away the Eucharist because that would be sacrilegious!

We asked the parents to please share this important instruction with your children. If this had been done by an adult, I cannot stress how gravely sinful to commit this act of desecration. Any Catholic who knowingly desecrates the Holy Eucharist incurs automatic excommunication. Canon 1367 states, "One who throws away the consecrated species or, for a sacrilegious purpose, takes them away or keeps them, incurs a 'latae sententiae' (automatic) excommunication reserved to the Apostolic See."

Join the 54-Day Rosary Novena (Part 1)

The *Philothea Guild* and the *Evangelization Committee* recently informed me of this amazing nationwide **54-Day Rosary Novena** that every Catholic is encouraged to participate. It starts August 15, the *Solemnity of Our Lady's Assumption*, and ends on the *Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary* on October 7. On that concluding day, everyone is encouraged to participate in some form to pray the Rosary at 4 PM (Eastern Time) at the designated gathering area (Washington DC Capitol for area) or wherever you can do it. We plan on having the Rosary Rally at 4 PM right here on the parish grounds just before the 5 PM Sunday night Mass. The organizers' goal is to place our nation under the protection of Our Blessed Mother as we wage through the spiritual battle against the evil forces and turn the country back towards God. The Rosary is one of the most powerful prayer in the history of the world and this is what will be used as the main spiritual weapon during the centennial year of *Our Lady of Fatima*. More specifics next week how we will pray the 54-Day Rosary Novena. Read about this at www.novenaformation.com. Several cardinals, bishops and priests have given their full endorsement and promotion of this most important nationwide call to prayer. [See also www.rosarycoasttocoast.com]

Your shepherd in Christ,
Father Escalante



Ask the Priest

Q. Despite what the Bible says, did God really create us in His image or is it more likely we depict God based on ourselves? Also, does "image" refer to our physical form or something else?
--Anonymous

A. We're made in the image of God by having some of the following "Godlike" qualities but in a limited manner including: immortal life (live forever), intellect (power to know), will (power to decide freely what to do), memory (power to remember things), ability to love, and the ability to create new ideas/things. The Son of God, Jesus, took on human nature so our bodies at the resurrection (if we make it to heaven) will resemble even more the image and likeness of the Son of God in both soul and body. Due to original sin, our current imperfect bodies do not quite yet resemble the glorified image of Christ. Due to our imperfections, we often have difficulty recognizing that we truly have been made in the image and likeness of God since the time of our conception.

Q. Was there death for the animals, plants and other living things prior to the fall of Adam and Eve? If so, how can that be? If not, were all living things that were created meant to live for eternity? Thank you. --Anonymous

A. God only intended the lives of angels and humans to live forever. All other living things were made for the benefit of mankind. They were not intended to live forever. For example, when Adam and Eve ate the colorful and tasty fruits from the living plants of the Garden of Eden, they entered as food in their mouths and exited as dead byproducts through their "other ends". Of all the living things God created here on Earth, only humans were made in the image and likeness of God and have immortal life. That's the reason why Jesus came down from heaven to redeem us from our sins. Jesus wanted to save our immortal souls from falling into the hands of the devil in hell for all eternity.

Q. Why do we sometimes sing the Our Father at Mass? I prefer to just recite it. Just wondering.
--Anonymous

A. The Church permits both singing and reciting certain prayers during Mass. If anything, the Church prefers, if possible, that parishes provide full liturgical music at all the Masses (at least on Sundays). If you really don't want to hear the singing of the Our Father, come to the unofficially designated "silent Mass" at 7 AM on Sundays where there's no music or singing at all. (Try singing at this Mass and you'll get the biggest church stare in your life!)

Below are the names of people along with the date of death from our parish since the time St. 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:

- Marion Shonder, August 31, 2014
- Patty Stickman, August 28, 2014
- Megan Elaine Gruneisen, August 17, 2014
- Marilyn Snyder Moffett, August 4, 2012
- Richard Lynch, August 21, 2011
- Sadie Grade Ablard, August 9, 2011
- Frances Nelson, August 5, 2011
- Judith Ann Lapple, August 10, 2010
- Jennie Karsh, August 11, 2010
- Elizabeth Ely – August 24, 2009
- Joyce Summers – August 11, 2009
- Michael Wild – August 2, 2009
- John Castellano – August 14, 2005
- Muriel O'Brien – August 15, 2005
- Barbara Hoye – August 9, 1996
- Kyle Kenefick – August 15, 1992
- Todd Bohrer – August 14, 1991
- Flavilla Fox – August 22, 1991
- John Haske – August 22, 1990
- Anne McCracken Felton – Aug. 25, 1989
- Gerard Rogers – August 19, 1989
- Sean Williams – August 20, 1989
- Joseph Kiley, Jr. – August 15, 1985
- Philip Hilbert – August 30, 1983
- Mary Watson – August 14, 1980
- Roland Marchand – August 16, 1980
- Virginia Noonan – August 18, 1978
- Raymond Noonan – August 22, 1978

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, Joyce Sparbanic, Mike O'Brien, Bill and Valerie Wieliczko, Bud and Sarah Nolan, Jim Dueppen, Paul Young

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 Stotlar,

*** PASTOR'S WISH LIST ***

• **Airport ride needed for visiting Missionary Speaker-Priest**—Father Ron Mrozinski from Cross Catholic Mission is preaching at all the Masses on the weekend of August 25-26 and needs someone to pick him up & take him back to the airport. If you can help please contact me or Angela at the parish. Here's Father Ron's flight itinerary: [Arrive: **Saturday, August 25**, Delta #1160 from Atlanta at **11:40am**. Depart: **Monday, August 27**, Delta #2018 to Atlanta at **9:45am**].

• **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 almost 75,000. 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. As you have seen, great things have happened to our parish since our Rosary Campaign of 2015 so let's keep it going! Send your rosary numbers prayed (simple number, e.g., "5 rosaries" will do) to this email: 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: theorenders@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 *Navas International* pilgrimage tour. So far there are 18 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.

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

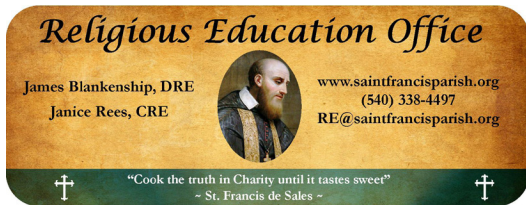
You may contact me directly for your response by phone (540-338-6381 ext. 102), by email countryparishpriest@gmail.com, by "snail mail" or in person

Got 'em!

• Thank you, *Josh Roach* and HS Volunteer Crew, for holding a most successful MAC-PAC Middle School Summer Camp! All the participants were inspired by your leadership and for leading them closer to Jesus & our Catholic faith.

• Thank you to all the Vacation Bible School volunteers for a job well done!

• 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 74% mark (74,723 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 many nice blessings lately as a parish and we can only expect more!



CCD Registration

Registration for 2018-2019 Religious Education school year in 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/. 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. For any questions about registration please contact the Religious Education office at RE@saintfrancisparish.org.

Please note new rates on Registration Forms

CATECHIST'S NEEDED!!

Sunday, 10:45am - 4th Grade

Monday, 4:45pm - 8th Grade


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.



Please take the time to look at the photo montage of VBS 2018 on our website www.saintfrancisparish.org/vacationbible-school/. Thank you to Bob and Sheila Cowling for creating this memory of a happy week. You will enjoy seeing all the drama settings and our Babylon market stalls and how much fun we all had!

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS - AUGUST 2018

Universal – The Treasure of Families that any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.



Emily Glass Director of Youth Ministry
540-338-6381 or e.glass@saintfrancisparish.org

HOMELESS SHELTER – We will cook for the homeless shelter on Monday, August 13 from 4:30-6:00 PM in the Education Center kitchen. We will serve the food on Tuesday, August 14 from 4:45-7:00 PM.

5:00 PM MASS – Every Sunday at 5:00 PM, 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 6:00-8:00 PM 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 5-6 PM 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 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.

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/

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!

Hunt has prepared Virginia students for the SAT since 1976. The Hunt Course is Virginia's oldest independently operated preparation program for SAT.

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.

ST. FRANCIS COUNCIL 11136

Next Council Meeting: Our next council business meeting will be on Monday, August 13, at 7:30pm. We will pray our Rosary in the chapel beginning at 7:00 pm. Any parishioner is welcomed to join our Rosary!



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), 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

Catholic Mom's Group

Are you a Mom with young children interested in getting to know other Moms? St. Francis de Sales is starting a Catholic Mom's Group! Beginning August 20, we will meet on Mondays in Room 106 at 10am. Crying babies and toddlers are most welcome. For more information, contact Kayla at sfdscatholicmoms@gmail.com

Save the Date
October 27th 2018
for a
Masquerade Ball
at
Our 4th 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

What's New for the Women of the Parish?

This coming **Monday, August 6** at 7pm - Parish Hall (church basement) we will have a meeting to discuss the future of the Women's Council.

- Should we have a group of women that is part of the Knights of Columbus?
- Should we have a group of women that is part of Opus Dei or some other Catholic group?

What do you think we need as women of the parish?
Come to the meeting to give your input.

Mercy & Mary Retreat with Father Michael Gaitley, author of *33 Days to Morning Glory* STILL HAS SPOTS FOR YOU TO REGISTER

August 24 & 25 - We will be carpooling from the church on Friday evening and on Saturday morning to Gainesville, VA

Visit to register: events.marianmissionaries.org/events/mercy-mary-retreat-arlington-va/

Once you've registered, please e-mail womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com or call Hershey Youngblood at 571-278-6700 in order to get details on the carpool.



Women's Council of
ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

The Catholic Homeschool Ministry (CHRSM)

is pleased to announce that there are still spots available for the following classes for the upcoming school year. Class offerings are available for homeschool families with children ages infant through high school! Courses are held on Tuesdays and Fridays (and some Thursdays for upper level students).

- Infant-Pre-K/K: Joyful for Jesus Music & Movement (infant/toddler), Kingdom Kids (ages 3-4)
- Elementary: Spanish I, Art, Early Church History, Classically Catholic Memory, IEW Writing/Geography, PE
- Middle: Latin, Early Church History, General Science, Physical Science, Art, PE
- High: Latin, Spanish IV, Early Church History, Biology w/ Lab, Theology (Apologetics), Early American/English Lit, Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Precalculus

Please email sfchrsm@gmail.com for more information on how to register.

Celebrating A Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary This Year?

The annual Marriage Jubilee Mass in the Diocese is a chance for jubilarian 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.

Adult Education Class Beginning September

Join Fr. Mullaney for his next adult education class, Catholic Social Justice. A core teaching of the Catholic Church, it is often misunderstood or reduced to simplistic terms, losing the fullness of the teaching. A core tenant of the Church from the beginning, and clearly enumerated in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Fr. Mullaney will cover the topic comprehensively.

Based on the truth that society is to provide the conditions that allow associations or individuals to obtain what is their due, according to their nature and their vocation. Social justice is linked to the common good and the exercise of authority. Social Justice expects respect for the human person, recognizes equality and differences among men, and seeks human solidarity. It presupposes respect for the fundamental rights that flow from the dignity intrinsic of the person. The differences among persons belong to God's plan, who wills that we should need one another. These differences should encourage charity. Solidarity is an eminently Christian virtue. It practices the sharing of spiritual goods even more than material ones.

Exploring the concept with real world situations, the fullness of this Church teaching will be explored. Too many secular sources try to use social justice as a springboard for modernist ideas. As always, the Catholic Church has provided a proper charitable solution for all human situations

Classes will begin September 4.

Wine & Wisdom

Summer Lecture Series for Women



Tuesday, August 21 - Ordinary Time, Ordinary Life:
Living Supernatural Grace in Everyday Life, by Laura Accettullo
Fellowship begins at 6:30pm, talk begins at 7:15pm at Bluemont Vineyard
18755 Foggy Bottom Road, Bluemont

All women are invited to attend
For more information sfdswineandwisdom@gmail.com

Saints & Suds

Summer Lecture Series for Men



Tuesday August 14
The Church of Nice: Combating Sentimentality with Masculine Virtue
by Fr. Christopher Christensen
Fellowship begins at 6:30pm, talk begins at 7:15pm at Dirt Farm Brewery.
18701 Foggy Bottom Road, Bluemont

Sponsored by the St. Francis TMIY Men's Group
j.blankenship@saintfrancisparish.org

Parish Homeless Ministry

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



If you would like information about the Homeless Ministry to be e-mailed directly to you, send a note to MeghanChristian1212@yahoo.com

"Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need; the remainder is needed by others."
- St. Augustine

MEALS REQUEST

Recently Parish member Shirley Balding suffered a broken hip, though healing at home is she is limited in her mobility. There is a need for an evening meal for two senior adults who enjoy all foods, though low in sodium, fats, and carbohydrates is preferred. As always, Prayers especially the Rosary are welcome. Please visit the Take Them a Meal website <https://takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=EVSM2008&v=da3a10622e>



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)

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