

Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 11, 2018



Have a great Lent in 2018

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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.

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
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.

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.

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Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God.
- 1 Corinthians 10:31



Ash Wednesday

Mass 6:30am - Fr. Escalante
Mass 9am - Children's Choir - Fr. Mullaney
Mass 5pm - Cantor Led - Fr. Escalante
Mass 7pm - Parish Choir - Fr. Mullaney

Fridays in Lent

Stations of the Cross 7:30pm

First Friday Stations of the Cross follow the 7pm Mass

Fast & Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and **Good Friday** are obligatory days of **fasting** and **abstinence** for Catholics. Every person 14 years of age or older must **abstain** from meat (and items made with meat) on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent.

The norms on **fasting** are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

This Week

Sun., Feb. 11 Adult Basketball 8:30pm
Mon., Feb. 12 Epic Bible Study 7:30pm, Room 113
Tue., Feb. 13 No Adult Ed
WWP Opening Your Heart 7:30pm
WWP Touching the Divine 7:30pm
RCLIA 7:30pm, Rm 107
Wed., Feb. 14 SoulStitch 9:30am, Parish Hall
No Adult Ed
TMIY 7pm
No Bible Timeline
WWP Touching the Divine 7:30pm
Thu., Feb. 15 WWP Touching the Divine 10am
Rosary Group 7pm, Church
WWP Opening Your Heart 7:30pm
WWP Touching the Divine 7:30pm
Sat., Feb. 17 TMIY 6:30am, Our Lady of Victory

Readings for the Week

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Masses for the Week

+ deceased

Saturday, Feb. 10

9:00 am

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5:00 am

Sunday, Feb. 11

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:00 pm

Monday, Feb. 12

9:00 am

Tuesday, Feb. 13

6:30 am

Wed., Feb. 14

6:30 am

9:00 am

5:00 pm

7:00 pm

Thursday, Feb. 15

6:30 am

Friday, Feb. 16

6:30 am

12:00 noon

Saturday, Feb. 17

9:00 am

Saturday, Feb. 17

5:00 am

Sunday, Feb. 18

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:00 pm

Saint Scholastica

+ Patricia Pizano

Vigil: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

+ Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Oliveri

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+ Neal Brown

People of the Parish

+ Audrey Donnelly

Danielle Orender and family

Mary Ann Sacripanti and family

Weekday

Paula Bischoff

Weekday

+ Ernesto Salcido

Ash Wednesday

Mary Lou Mahnke

+ Giovanna Sacripanti Patterson

+ Giovanna Sacripanti Patterson

+ Giovanna Sacripanti Patterson

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

+ Oscar San Miguel

Friday after Ash Wednesday

+ Stephen D'Elia

+ Stanley Szemborski

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

+ Frederick Richm

Vigil: 1st Sunday of Lent

+ Ellen and Pierce Bragg

1st Sunday of Lent

Deceased members of the Butts and D'Elia families

Stephen Stuphin

People of the Parish

Don and Nancy Baker and family

Kelly Wakefield and family

Mass Celebrant Schedule

Saturday, February 10

5pm: Fr. Mullaney

Sunday, February 11

7am: Fr. Mullaney

8:30am: Fr. Mullaney

10:30am: Fr. Escalante

12:15pm: Fr. Escalante

5pm: Fr. Escalante

Saturday, February 17

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Sunday, February 18

7am: Fr. Escalante

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Parish Financial Status

In-pew Offertory - February 4	\$ 12,066
2nd Collection - Arlington Herald	\$ 1,350
YEAR TO DATE	\$ 755,665
Parish Giving for January	
Offertory	\$ 84,558
Building Funds	\$ 6,493



Lent is here...we have big plans!

We begin another *exciting* new season of Lent this coming Ash Wednesday. Although it's not a holy day of obligation, Catholics are encouraged to attend Mass that day and we have four Masses scheduled (6:30am, 9am, 5pm & 7pm). Remember, we only distribute the blessed ashes during Mass to mark our participation in the Lenten season. So make sure that you get *your ash* in church at one of the four Masses.

Why is this year's Lent *exciting*? That's because our new parish evangelization team has really worked hard in assembling a very spiritually active Lenten season. I strongly urge everyone to participate in the parish mission that will be conducted by *Father James McCormack* from the Marians of the Immaculate Conception order from February 25-28 (7-8pm). Every parish activity during these evenings is halted to allow maximum participation. You will miss out a lot spiritually if you miss this golden opportunity that we're offering during this Lenten season. We'll use the chapel and downstairs hall (as we did last Christmas) to accommodate the large crowd we expect to have. The mission is open to adults and youth.

We're also excited that *Friday Fish Fry* will continue this year because we have a new volunteer manager: *Joe Schray!* Come on over on Fridays of Lent and enjoy a fish fry meal along with other non-meat selections on the menu. A big THANK YOU to Joe for taking the helm this year to keep this wonderful Lenten parish service that is also a great venue for parish social gathering.

On Fridays of Lent we'll also have Rosary/Divine Mercy Chaplet recitation at 7pm before the 7:30pm *Stations of the Cross*. Come and experience meditating on our beautiful new stations. On First Friday, March 2nd we'll have 7pm Mass followed by Stations of the Cross. There will also be an all-night Adoration that evening leading to the March 3rd Lenten talk to be delivered by world-renowned scripture scholar and lecturer, *Dr. Scott Hahn*. More than half of the tickets have been sold already so make sure to go online to get yours: stpaulcenter.com/product/miracles-of-mercy/ or see the bulletin and website for details.

During the Wednesdays of Lent (except *Ash Wednesday*), we'll also have *The Light Is On* evening confessions starting at 6:30pm. If you have not gone to confession in a while, now is the time to find true peace in your life by seeking forgiveness from God through the sacrament of reconciliation.

Our *Bishop's Lenten Appeal* goal this year has been increased to \$162,000. Please continue to generously support the bishop's programs especially in support of educating our 40+ seminarians and our very active *Catholic Charities*.

God's blessings to you and have a great season of Lent!

Your shepherd in Christ,
Father Escalante

Ask the Priest

Q. Why did the new Stations of the Cross switch directions? It used to go right to left but now it's going from left to right?—*Melanie*

A. Good observation! While researching where to get a new set of *Stations of the Cross*, the *Philothea Guild* (parish volunteers in charge of the renovation) learned that traditionally the stations start from the same side where the Gospel is read. Since the *Ambo* (pulpit) where we read the Gospel is on the left side, we installed the stations starting near the *Ambo*.

Q. What is something that would be appreciated to receive as a gift for the priests?—*Anonymous*

A. Having a Mass offered for a priest is the most precious gift one could give to a priest because the graces received has amazing *eternal* benefits in heaven. If you really want to make any pastor very happy, the gift of regularly volunteering to help in the parish is tremendously appreciated as the best gift you can give to the priests and the parish. Volunteering in a parish will also reap for yourself abundant graces that you will enjoy for all eternity in heaven. But a priest is most grateful for any gift received because the real value of that generous act is a sign of the parishioners' love and appreciation for the priest's service. [I have to admit that one of the most enjoyable material gifts I received recently from a lovely family in the parish was *Amazon's ECHO DOT*. It's like having an instant volunteer at *my command*! I like it so much that I'm considering getting another unit for my study room!]

Q. If nothing is impossible with God, can He bring someone from hell to heaven?—*Kelly*

A. Yes, God can do that if He wants to. However, God does not want to force anyone to go to heaven. That is a free will choice of each individual. God does not send people to hell. Every person or fallen angel (demon) is in hell because they rejected God and want nothing to do with God. Those who do not live a life desiring to follow God here on Earth now are the ones who will likely never see God unless they repent and change their way of living. The eternal choice to be with God forever or not is made at the person's last dying breath.



Please join us in praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet this Lent at 3pm each day! These bands (made by the Youth Group) are a simple, but effective reminder, and will be given out at the Ash Wednesday Masses until they run out. "*Those who sincerely say 'Jesus, I trust in You' will find comfort in all their anxieties and fears.*" (Pope John Paul II, Shrine of Divine Mercy in Cracow, Poland on June 7, 1997)

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS - FEBRUARY 2018

Universal: Say "No" to Corruption

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption

The Light is ON for You

Each Catholic parish in the Diocese of Arlington will have Confessions available every Wednesday evening from 6:30pm-8pm, *beginning the week after Ash Wednesday*. If you have been reluctant to come to the Sacrament or have been away for some time, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ and His Church. Learn more at www.the-light-is-on.org.



Welcome to the Family!
The following new parishioners were baptized during the month of January

Bridget Anne Magin
daughter of Tim & Katie Magin

Rohan Justin Miller and Henry John Miller
sons of Justin & Courtney Miller

WELCOME

We warmly welcome new parishioners who have joined St. Francis de Sales during the month of January

Round Hill

Stewart & Ronda **Davis**, Phillip, Stewart III, Summer
Kathleen **Sealy**

Purcellville

Brendan & Maja **Costello**, Lilia, Liam, Moyra
Arthur & Sheila **Ceigersmidt**, Colleen
John & Caridad **Losinski**, Michael, Isabel, Kylie

Our thoughts and prayers are with ...



Our Military Members:

Capt. 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, LTJG Scott Cypher, Cap. Vincent Jovene, 1st Lt. Jamie (Jovene) Liddle, A1C Joshua Jovene, 1LT Jared Willard, Joe Pultro, COL Greg Cannata, 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

The Sick: Dominic Corcoran, Jack Lehtonen, Mary von Bergen, Mary Jane Arens, Zach Miller, Phyllis Heller, Madeline Gonzalez, Joyce Sparbanie, Mike O'Brien

The Deceased: Sharon Liddicoatt, Nina Ogden, Liam Doherty, Mary Garvis, Lisa Dugan, Richard Ralph, Jon Hink, Lewis Daniel Miller, Rudy Bartoldus, Mona Bakke, Sophie and Pedro Macaraeg, Rita Hockenbury, Kim Castellano, David Young

*** PASTOR'S WISH LIST ***

- **New Fish Fry Volunteers needed**—Our new Fish Fry volunteer manager, Joe Schray, could use adult help (and their kids too!) in the kitchen. If you can help us, please email Joe at: joeschray@icloud.com.
- **New Ministry for the Homeless**—“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me” (Matthew 25:35). Would you like to work with others in our parish to offer comfort and hope to our homeless brothers and sisters? Let's work together to live the Gospel and show our love for God and neighbor! For more information, contact Meghan Christian at MeghanChristian1212@yahoo.com.
- **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 February 6, 2018, we have received \$14,800. (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 \$45,310. We now owe just \$72,390 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.
- **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. 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 Narthex, left of the glass doors, 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.]
- **Parish Rosary Challenge continues** If you missed September 2015's pledge drive, you can still sign up online. Everyone in the parish is asked to make a pledge to pray the Rosary at least once a week. Go to our website www.saintfrancisparish.org and click on Rosary Campaign or just go directly to www.rosarygraces.com for more info.


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!

- We have a new Lenten Fish Fry Friday volunteer manager: *Joe Schray!* He has been working with *Joyce Sparbanie* to transition the duties and if you're interested in volunteering please email him at: joeschray@icloud.com. Thank you, Joe, for taking on this important parish service!
- Received \$50k for the Holy Altar Circle & \$60k donations for the Ark of the Covenant Tabernacle (just this past week!) to close out these donations for the sanctuary. Thank you very much for your amazing generosity! We are now working on getting donors for The Book of Life Circle (Ambo/Pulpit).
- 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 68% mark (68,046 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!

Religious Education Office

James Blankenship, DRE
Janice Rees, CRE



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✠ "Cook the truth in Charity until it tastes sweet" ~ St. Francis de Sales ~ ✠



TODAY
after 5pm Mass

All Middle school kids are invited! Our MAC PAC leaders, Danielle & Pat Orender, are looking forward to seeing you and enjoying fun MAC PAC activities.

1ST RECONCILIATION

Time slots for 1st Reconciliation being held on Tuesday, February 13 and 20 were emailed to all parents with children receiving the Sacrament. If you did not get your email, please contact the RE office.

We do our very best to ensure delivery of emails regarding registration, upcoming meetings, important Sacrament info, etc. Email filters will often block these messages due to the large volume of emails we send out, or perhaps we have an outdated email address. Please check your email, especially if you have a child preparing for a Sacrament. If you are not getting email notifications you need to let us know.

Inclement Weather Cancellations

Weekday: When Loudoun County schools are closed or have early dismissal, or cancel after-school activities due to inclement weather, Youth and Adult Religious ed and classes are cancelled.
Sunday Classes: Sunday morning cancellations will be posted on the website www.saintfrancisparish.org/, and emailed to families by 6:45am Sunday morning.


Religious Education Calendar

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11

- Sun. Gr. 1st-8th Session 1 - 8:45am
- Gr. K-8th Session 2 - 10:30am
- Mon. Gr. K-8th - 4:45pm
- RCIT, High School - 7pm
- Wed. **NO CLASS - ASH WEDNESDAY**

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18

- Sun. **NO CLASS**
- Mon. **NO CLASS**
- Wed. Pre-School, Gr. 1st-8th - 4:45pm



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

SOUPER BOWL THANK YOU! - Huge thank you to the whole parish for donating to our Souper Bowl Collection last weekend. We raised enough funds to provide monthly meals for the Loudoun County Emergency Homeless Shelter for the rest of the year! Your generous contributions will make it possible for us to serve warm, fresh, delicious meals to our homeless brothers and sisters in their time of need. Each month, our teens cook for about 40 homeless individuals, then serve the dinner and eat with the residents. Through this ministry, our teens learn and experience what it means to love like Christ, without boundaries or reservations, and our homeless brothers and sisters are gifted with the nutrition, companionship, and compassion that we all desire and deserve. Again, THANK YOU to all who donated because we wouldn't be able to do this work without your support!

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.

NO YOUTH NIGHT - There will be no youth night on 2/11 (Mount2000.) See you at the Workcamp meeting on 2/18!

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

GUYS BIBLE STUDY - Mr. Michael Galdo will be leading a Lenten Bible Study for high school guys starting Thursday, February 15 at 7:30 AM in the Education Center.

HOMELESS SHELTER - On Monday, 2/12, we will cook for the homeless shelter from 4:30-6pm in the Education Center kitchen. We will serve the food on Tuesday, 2/13, from 4:45-7pm.

TEEN WORKCAMP MEETING - Our next Workcamp 2018 meeting will be on Sunday, February 18 in the old parish hall after the 5pm Mass. Workcamp meetings are mandatory for all teens who would like to come to Workcamp; lots of important information and details are discussed! All non-refundable \$150 deposits are due at this meeting.

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS - If you would like to receive text message announcements about time changes, event cancellations, etc., you can go to this link: remind.com/join/eglass16 and enter your information to be added to the recipient list! Also, follow the Youth Ministry Instagram account St.FrancisYouth for event updates and announcements.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP - MAC-PAC (Middle Schoolers Acting in Christ - Prayer, Action, Charity) meets for a social activity on the 2nd Sunday of each month after the 5PM Mass. MAC-PAC is for 6th, 7th and 8th graders. The goal is to inspire, to grow our love for God and neighbor, and to provide fellowship for the Middle School youth of St. Francis De Sales. Watch this page for announcements of upcoming meetings.



ST. FRANCIS COUNCIL 11136 NEWS



Next Business Meeting - February 12, Church Hall at 7:30. Rosary in the chapel at 7:05. Join us, shall you? Meetings average an hour now, so that's one less reason not to come.

Next Pancake Breakfast - March 4

Why Are You A Knight? - Be more than a Knight in name only. We help in the parish, community, and world. Contact GK Ben Cox, and tell me what would it take for you to come help your church and community. Be active again.

Submit Your Prayer Requests - I want to send a weekly email digest of prayer requests to share to our families. Send all requests to grandknight11136@gmail.com.

Have You Ever Considered Becoming a Knight and Helping Others in Your Parish and Community? If so, contact Chancellor Forest Selby (forestselby@gmail.com), DGK Greg Cannata (armybrat.cannata@gmail.com), or just look for anyone wearing a KofC badge. The needs are many, but the laborers are few.

Have a great, big beautiful week!

Ben Cox, Grand Knight; St. Francis Council #11136
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Women's Council of ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Embracing Hope: A Lenten Day of Reflection for Women - February 24th - San Damiano Spiritual Life Center, White Post, VA - Visit www.futurewithhopewomen.com to register for this event. This is your opportunity to get away from the rush and noise . . . and encounter God in the quiet and your sisters in Christ.

The Arlington Diocese 2018 Women's Conference: From Darkness Into Light - March 10th - REGISTRATION STILL OPEN! Visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/women/ to register for this event. We'll have a carpool going so let us know if you're attending.

Are you a woman that comes to our church? If yes, then you are part of the Women's Council and we need your input and your help!! Feel free to e-mail us with questions or suggestions at womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com

Thank You from the Knights of Columbus to Our Parishioners for attending the pancake breakfast last Sunday, don't forget to mark your calendars for our next breakfast March 4th.

SCOTT HAHN

MIRACLES OF MERCY

SATURDAY
MARCH 3
9:30AM-12:30PM

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DE SALES PARISH
OUR LADY OF VICTORY HALL

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Join Us for Two Talks About the Mercy of Our Faith

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THE MIRACLE OF MERCY IN MARRIAGE

THE FOURTH CUP
THE MIRACLE OF MERCY IN THE EUCHARIST

TICKETS
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SOFTBALL SEASON APPROACHING!

St. Francis de Sales parish plays in a multi-denominational co-ed league. The season runs from May thru June, games are mainly on Monday evenings. Practices begin on Sundays in April. All parishioners are invited to register to play. Please call Bill Buxton at (703) 431-2590 or email at william_buxton@hotmail.com for more info.



It's that time of year again....you guessed it, FRIDAY NITE LENTEN FISH FRY!!!

Friday, February 16 will mark SFDS 8th Annual Lenten Fish Fry.

Fish Fry-days are as follows:

February 16
February 23
March 2
March 9
March 16
March 23



We need volunteers! If you'd like to join the fun, please call or email Joe Schray at ajoeschray@icloud.com

FIAT Day of Recollection for High School Girls

Are you a high school girl who has thought about being a religious sister? Attend the FIAT Day of Recollection on February 17 and grow in your knowledge of Christ, yourself, religious life and St. John Paul II. Led by the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. There will be Mass, talks, Holy Hour, opportunities for confession, Q&A with Sisters, as well as a self-portrait workshop. Space is limited! Registration and payment due February 9, 2018. Learn more and register: www.arlingtondiocese.org/FIAT; email vocations@arlingtondiocese.org, or call 703-841-2514.

THE MINISTRY OF PRAISE

St. Francis de Sales' group of dedicated people of prayer, is on its third decade of service. The faithful team of seniors and the homebound pray fervently for the needs of our parish with amazing results. We are currently inviting anyone interested in joining our team to contact Angela at the St. Francis de Sales office (please designate Ministry of Praise on e-mail). Those who wish to have concerns prayed for may write their prayers and slip them into the Ministry of Praise box attached to the wall in the Narthax. You can also visit our webpage at www.saintfrancisparish.org/prayer-requests/ and fill out the form and send the request on-line.

ESL Classes At St. John The Apostle

It's that time of year again! St. John the Apostle ESL classes will resume the week of February 20th to the week of May 22nd. Class schedules will be Tuesday and Thursday morning from 10 – 11:30am. Evening classes will be Tuesday and Wednesday 7 – 8:30pm. Classes and books cost \$60, returning students are free. We offer beginner, intermediate and advance level classes. Please call Nancy at 703-777-1317 x for a registration form.

¡Es esa época del año otra vez! Las clases de ESL de St. John the Apostle se reanudarán la semana del 20 de febrero a la semana del 22 de mayo. Los horarios de clase serán los martes y jueves por la mañana de 10 a 11:30 a.m. Las clases nocturnas serán los martes y miércoles de 7 a 8:30 PM. Las clases y libros cuestan \$ 60, los estudiantes que regresan son gratis. Ofrecemos clases de nivel principiante, intermedio y avanzado. Llame a Nancy al 703-777-1317 x para obtener un formulario de registro.

Parish Homeless Ministry

Last Call for Blanket Donations:

Our parish is hosting a blanket drive for the homeless and destitute in our diocese. All donated blankets should be new, and we are collecting both regular blankets as well as emergency/rescue blankets. Please place all blanket donations in the Homeless Ministry box located in the narthex by Sunday, Feb. 11. Thank you for your charity and generosity!



Upcoming Events:

On Monday and Tuesday, February 19 and 20, there are volunteer opportunities with the Diocese of Arlington's Catholic Charities to load donated items onto the Mobile Response Center Vehicle and deliver donations to those in need. Volunteers will be able to provide direct assistance to those living in the very remote and poorest areas of our diocese. Contact Meghan Christian (e-mail below) if you are interested.

On Saturday, March 24, from 8:30 to 11:15am, we will be serving breakfast and lunch to the homeless alongside the Missionaries of Charity in their DC soup kitchen. Our group will also be providing the meals. Contact Meghan Christian to sign up for serving meals, donating food, and/or preparing dishes for the homeless guests.

Please continue to pray for the homeless and the success of our ministry! If you would like information about the Homeless Ministry's upcoming events and projects to be e-mailed directly to you, or if you have any questions, please send a note to MeghanChristian1212@yahoo.com

"Go to the poor: you will find God." - St. Vincent de Paul

“Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties.”

Let us learn to calm our anxieties about our spouses by exploring each other during a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend. The next weekends are: Mar 2-4, 2018 in Herndon, VA and Sep 21-23, 2018 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: RenewMarriage-VANorth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or 703-646-1521.



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