

Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

1st SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 21, 2021



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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.

Adoration/Benediction

Friday - Adoration is held every Friday following the 12noon Mass through the evening and overnight until Saturday morning before the 9am Mass

Wednesday 7pm - Weekly Parish Holy Hour

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil - 5pm
Sunday - 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:15pm,
2pm (masks required)
5:30pm (Mass with contemporary music)

Daily Masses

Monday through Thursday - 6:30am and 8:30am
Friday - 6:30am and 12noon
Saturday - 9am
Check the bulletin for Holy Days of Obligation

Sacraments

Confessions:

Friday 10:30am; 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 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.

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 21, 2021

Repent, and believe in the Gospel. - *Mark 1:15*

Confessions in Lent

Monday through Friday - 8pm
in addition to regularly scheduled Confesisons

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7:30pm

Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of abstinence for Catholics. Every person 14 years of age or older must **abstain** from meat (and items made with meat).

(No Friday Nite Fish Fry due to COVID)

This Week

Mon., Tue. 22	Vatican II Reflection 7pm, Gym
Tue., Feb. 23	Legion of Mary 7pm, Library RCIA 7pm - ZOOM
Wed., Feb. 24	Charismatic Prayer Group 7pm, Chapel TMIY 7pm, Parish Education Center Weekly Parish Holy Hour - 7pm
Thu., Feb. 25	Junior Legion of Mary 3:45pm, Knights Hall
Fri. Feb. 26	Mom's Group Playdate 9am-11am, Gym
Sat., Feb. 27	TMIY 6:30am, Parish Education Ctr. Women's Prayer Group 8am, Knights Hall Compassionate Heart of Mary 10am



Encourage
ONE ANOTHER
BY WORD AND DEED

**Encourage One Another in Word and Deed:
Donate to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) today!**

Three methods of donating:

- Pick-up a commitment card in the narthex
- Text "BLA" to 703-260-9800 and receive a link to the BLA giving page and enter your pledge/donation
- Scan the QR code found on the commitment card OR posters hanging on the sanctuary doors

Thank you for your generosity!

Masses for the Week

+ *deceased*

Saturday, February 20

9:00 am

Saturday, February 20

5:00 pm

Sunday, February 21

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

2:00 pm

5:30 pm

Monday, February 22

6:30 am

8:30 am

Tuesday, February 23

6:30 am

8:30 am

Wed., February 24

6:30 am

8:30 am

Thursday, February 25

6:30 am

8:30 am

Friday, February 26

6:30 am

12:00 pm

Saturday, February 27

9:00 am

Saturday, February 27

5:00 pm

Sunday, February 28

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

2:00 pm

5:30 pm

Weekday

+ Dwight Bowers

Vigil: 1st Sunday of Lent

+ George Turrone

1st Sunday of Lent

People of the Parish

J.V. Ortman

+ Richard and Agnes Surak

Baby William Grogg

Richard and Patricia Manzo

Robert and Anne Balicher

The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

+ George Surak

+ Judy Donnelly

Lenten Weekday

+ Mary Ellen and Joseph Roberts

Maralan O'Neil

Lenten Weekday

+ Shelby Decker

Sophia Livelsberger

Lenten Weekday

+ Betty Lees

+ Irene Coan

Lenten Weekday

+ Mark Johnson

+ Stephen Willard

Lenten Weekday

Carol Fisher

Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Lent

+ James Bryant

2nd Sunday of Lent

Robert Decker

People of the Parish

Bob Holzbach

+ William Surak

+ Maria Ezelina Pires de Avila

+ Baltazar and Chito Samoy

Readings for the Week

SUN 2/21	Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
MON 2/22	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
TUE 2/23	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15
WED 2/24	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32
THR 2/25	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
FRI 2/26	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26
SAT 2/27	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
SUN 2/28	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Dear Folks,

Many thanks for the many who joined us for the recent, annual, parish Forty Hours. Fr. Jordan Willard, favored son of the parish, directed the devotions each night. He did a wonderful job. In the first night he exemplified the many times in Sacred Scripture where the Lord sought out people, Jews and Gentiles alike. He applied the examples to each of us. In the second night he addressed our need to seek out the Lord in the many facets of the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church, and Her angels and saints. The meaning of the devout life.



I can not speak of the final night, with Eucharistic procession, because it hasn't happened yet. Forty Hours draws us to a quiet moment of the year when we can reassess who we are and where we "need" to go. The very image of the Church takes on various symbolic meanings. For some it is hospital for the sick and infirmed who look for a restoration to a happy, healthy, and holy life. For others She is a sports team with the eternal coach and we with many athletes set with the common goal of victory in the Gates of Heaven. And yet others see Her as a branch of the military who a collective bravado against oppositional forces of evil. Others may find Her to be a majestic university that offers all the answers to the world problem. And finally, with the beautiful monstrance set upon the altar... She is a lighthouse for all to sail safely through the stormy seas. A light house with a booming horn that reaches our cognitive capability to hear, if not always to understand.

In our prayers for the needs of our parish and fellow parishioners we stand on the shore and reach to those lost and fearful. It reminds me of a great song I used to sing with my little godchild, Mary Baskerville. "Home from the Sea." Angels of mercy answer our plea and bring them safely home, home from the sea. (see at right). www.youtube.com/watch?v=MoO4WfSMOPg

Let us pray for one another.

Collegiate Answer: The non-Catholic sports hero who shows up at St. Rita Church, New Orleans, to pray, on his knees, I might add, each morning at 6:30 and leaves just before the 7:00 Mass in none other than Drew Brees, Quarterback of the New Orleans Saints.

Monstrance of Silver and Gold

*Before the monstrance this night, in prayer, I sat all alone.
As next to a palm tree on the road to Egypt, in a desert shown
It was cold and dark with a silence wrenched by a scream.
Twas a child on an ass proclaiming to a world in need of a seam.*

*Before the monstrance this night, among strangers, I sat all alone.
As next to a dock beyond Capernaum, with dangers yet bestown.
It was warm and bright with the smell of the salt that gives purity to
the sea.
A man on foot with a call to "Come and See," in Persona Christi,
our destiny*

*Before the monstrance this night, by the great city wall, I sat all alone.
As next to a Gate among the cheers, the Messiah coming to be known.
It was early and shouts filled the sky for the earth and heavens to hear.
Twas the Anointed come to His Castle, like a bold king, devoid of all fear.*

*Before the monstrance this night, in an upper room, I sat all alone.
Next to a window, where the curtains, drawn, with a sense of doom.
With an air of concern, there were rebels before me and all about.
The Highest Priest, said, "Eat my Flesh and Drink My Blood," and
then, go out.*

*Before the monstrance this night, among hatred and jeers, I sat all alone.
Next to a centurion, where heads were turned, to a bloody deed yet shown.
It was hot and dry, with the thirst for a Rebel nailed, clothed only
with a stench.
Twas God abused by man, for the false privilege, to design his own
life to wrench.*

*Before the monstrance this night, among the blessed of a small chapel,
I sat all alone.
Next to the Lord, not recognized, a whisper of gratitude for a devotion
openly sewn.
The moment of Avum where time and space, are gifts from above, and
can't be sold.
Twas Jesus: child, man, messiah, priest, and God set on his throne, of
silver and gold.*

Collegiate Question: In honor of an old friend, Mr. Kenneth Beatrice, famed radio announcer on WMAL Sports Call... "Your Next." What is the meaning of the emblem on the uniform of the New Orleans Saints?

Vatican Council II with Fr. Heisler - AD GENTES

Fr. Heisler is providing an opportunity to read and reflect on the documents of the Second Vatican Council, beginning with the mission of the church as presented in the conciliar document - *Ad Gentes*.

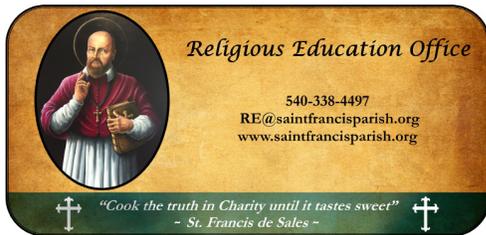
We will meet on Mondays during Lent beginning this Monday, February 22 at 7pm in the gym of the Education Center. The document is available on the Vatican website. It will be livestreamed. Please check the parish website for more information and for the link to the Vatican document.

Compassionate Heart of Mary

Bereavement Support Group
Saturday, February 27 @ 10am
Knights of Columbus Hall



If you are grieving a spouse, family member, or friend, whether recently or some time ago, or you know someone who is grieving, please call us for more information, Laura Burgess at 703-727-7117.



Parents of Children Preparing for First Penance and Holy Communion: First Holy Communion is scheduled for May 8, 2021.

Parents of 7th Grade Confirmation Candidates the originally scheduled 7th grade parent meeting for Feb. 1 will be re-scheduled for Sunday, February 21, 10:30-11am and Monday February 22, 4:30-5pm.

Parents of 8th Grade Confirmation Candidates: There will be three Confirmation Masses at our parish ... Friday, April 16 at 7pm and Saturday, April 17 at 11am and 2pm. A SignUp Genius has been emailed to all families. **Please be sure to sign up soon to get the Mass of your choice, each Mass is limited to 28 families.**

If you have not done so, please email your child's sponsor information to the religious education office, RE@saintfrancisparish.org. The Sponsor Interview Assignment was due January 6. The Sponsor Eligibility Form (signed and sealed) was due February 1. The Letter to the Pastor was due February 19.

Signups for homeschooling candidates to take the confirmation exam and for the interviews with Father Gould (for all candidates) were sent to parents. If you did not receive this information or have questions about any confirmation details, please call or email our office.

Please remember to check your email and this weekly bulletin for important updates.

Homeschooling Parents: If you've chosen to work with your children at home this year, please let our office know if you are having any difficulty using the *My Catholic Faith Delivered* learning platform. **As in year's past, all children are expected to successfully complete their grade-level curriculum by the end of May, 2021.**

Religious Education Calendar

CLASSES WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21 & 28

Sunday	K thru 8th Grades - 10:30am 9th - 12th Grades w/ Fr. Gould - 4pm
Monday	K thru 8th Grades - 4:45pm 9th - 12th Grades w/ Fr. Gould - 5pm 11th - 12th Grades w/ Fr. Heisler - 5pm RCIT - 6:15pm
Wednesday	8th Grade - 4:45pm



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

ZOOM YOUTH NIGHTS! – Join us on Zoom! Come learn more about our faith as we grow closer to Jesus together through discussion, reflection, and prayer.

For ALL high schoolers: Sundays at 7-8 PM
 ** Please note that Youth Nights will be entirely virtual until further notice. Praying that we can be together again soon!

Zoom meeting access information is sent out the hour before each gathering via the Remind.com text messaging service. Every meeting has a different access code and password so please see directions below on how to sign up for the texts. See you on Zoom!

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS – Sign up to receive free Remind.com text message updates, reminders, and upcoming meetings. Text [@sfdsteens](https://www.instagram.com/sfdsteens) to the number 81010. Also, follow the Youth Ministry Instagram account *St.FrancisYouth* for event updates and announcements.

CHRSM

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Homeschool Resource and Support Ministry

Teachers Needed

CHRSM is in need of a several teachers for the 2021-2022 school year. We are interested in talking to potential teachers at all grade levels, but are specifically looking for a High School Lit and History teacher, and a Pre-Algebra and/or Algebra I teacher. Please contact Stacey Tuman at sfchrsm@gmail.com if interested.

Calling all homeschool families. Our devoutlife Yahoo group no longer exist. A new devoutlife Google group has been created to keep us connected as a St Francis de Sales homeschooling community. Please contact Andrea Reeves at andreareeves@gmail.com to be added to the devoutlife Google group. This is the same devoutlife group that was at yahoo just moved to Google.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER

INTENTIONS - FEBRUARY 2021

Violence Against Women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

St. Francis Council 11136 News



NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: will be Monday March 14th at 7:30 pm. The Knights have recently revised its Meeting Structure to streamline the meeting process and get more involvement from other Ministries. With prior approval, non-Knights may attend the meeting. If you, or your Ministry are interested in joining us to discuss ways to work together, please let me know.

FREE ONLINE MEMBERSHIP: Free Membership Promotion Extended through June 30! Interested in joining the K of C? We are offering one year of FREE online membership to men who join before the fraternal year's end. Just use the code MCGIVNEY2020 when signing up at www.kofc.org/join Act now – this offer expires June 30, 2021.

MEMBER DUES: The second round of Membership dues for 2021 were mailed out in Late January. We are updating our membership files so please read the enclosed letter for requests and pertinent info.

Why Are You A Knight? Be more than a Knight in name only. We help in the parish, the community and the world. Our Council will be focusing on the Knights of Columbus Program "Faith in Action". We will be focusing and looking for volunteers in these four main program types: FAITH, COMMUNITY, FAMILY and LIFE. Contact GK Bob Craig 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 Bob Craig or Chancellor John Losinski (skigators@icloud.com), or look for any man wearing a Knights of Columbus name badge. Let your Light Shine!

May God bless you!

Bob Craig, Grand Knight
St. Francis Council #11136 Knights11136@gmail.com
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SFDS Trail Life Troop VA-0611

Christians today face an uncertain, complicated world that strives to remove parents from the process of raising our children and to allow a society that does not share our beliefs/morals to stand in. Enter Trail Life at St. Francis, a scouting program designed to help parents raise their boys as courageous young men who will stand by their faith, be respectful of life, and speak truth to a fallen society through both their words and actions. Faith, values, and life skills are all part of our focus. We must raise our boys as Ephesians 6:11 states, to "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." We invite you to come and experience this with us. The troop is always accepting applications for boys between grades kindergarten and 8th. We meet on 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month, with weekend activities as well, at 6pm in the Parish Center.



American Heritage Girls Troop VA0962

"Building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country." American Heritage Girls is the premier national character development organization for young women that embraces Christian values and encourages family involvement. We welcome girls ages 5-17. Please email troopva0962@gmail.com for more information.

ANNUAL MEN'S CONFERENCE 2021

Saturday, March 6, 2021

Victory Christian Ministries International,
Woodbridge - 8:30am-12:30pm

Featuring: Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers & Dr. Edward Sri

In a world where the Kingship of Christ is no longer recognized both in the public and private spheres of life, the Church calls on her children to courageously raise the banner of the One King and Ruler of all, to fight for His rights, and to restore all things-individual hearts, families and nations-back to His most gentle rule (Collect, Feast of Christ the King). This can only come about if Catholics, men in particular, are willing to surrender everything to Christ, beginning with themselves. Register at arlingtondiocese.org/men

Military Tribute and Prayers



Please help us expand our Saint Francis de Sales parish tribute to our military by sending us your prayer requests for active military members – send in name and branch of service.

In addition, we are so blessed with many military veterans at SFDS and we want to honor them as well – send us your name and branch to Team McRoberts at BMcRoberts13@gmail.com or text to 703.727.9613.

Parish Homeless Ministry

Our parish homeless ministry, which serves Saint Teresa's Sisters of Charity and Leesburg Transitional Housing, continues to grow by God's grace! We have plans to deliver our usual meal to Leesburg on Thursday February 25th. Please consider signing up to cook, buy, or deliver food to these needy people. We want them to know we care.



We are very appreciative and proud of the Trail Life Boys, lead by Michael Shields, for assembling 60 plus Blessing Bags! These were delivered to Mobile Hope in Leesburg last week, thank you all.

We also want to again welcome our new Leadership Team, they are:

- Fran Beebe - Sign Up Genius, Sister's of Charity
- Ellen Bratud - Sign Up Genius, Sister's of Charity
- Carie Losinski - Sign Up Genius, Leesburg
- Linda Hall - Food Coordinator, Anacostia
- Kathy Borowski - Food Coordinator, Leesburg
- Michelle Curtis - Bulletin and Website content

If you have any questions, suggestions, or would like to join this special ministry, please contact:

*Mark Ippoliti mark.ippoliti@gmail.com

*Tracy Ippoliti tracy.ippoliti@gmail.com

Living Nazareth High School is a private co-educational high school in Berryville with a strong Catholic identity employing a contemplative model to cultivate the interior life while offering a rigorous classical education entirely faithful to the Magisterium. Regular spiritual direction, daily Mass, an academic year structured around the Liturgical Calendar, and a family-centered weekly schedule, and donation based tuition are simply a few of the distinguishing features of our model. We invite families, and all interested in supporting this new apostolate in Catholic education, to visit our website, www.LivingNazareth.org, to learn more.



"The contemplative model employed by Living Nazareth High School places necessary emphasis on the interior life of the young person as a keystone of the formation process. Without such life, nurtured and sustained by dedicated times of prayer, spiritual direction, and the Sacraments, any other efforts on behalf of human life are impossible." -Fr. Shenan Boquet, President of Human Life International

Cooke Tavern Soups

American Heritage Girls Soup Sales

Our American Heritage Girls VA Troop 0962 will be selling delicious Cooke Tavern Soups after all Masses on Feb. 20th, 21st, 27th, 28th in the Narthex. The soup mixes are preservative-free, salt-free, and non-GMO, and are made from all natural ingredients. Many of them are gluten free as well. They are wonderful to have on hand during Lent, and make great gifts! Prices are \$8 each, or consider purchasing a cost saving bundle of 4 for \$30. Cash or Checks are accepted after Masses. You may also place orders through individual Troop members. Contact vicetroop0962@gmail.com with any additional questions. Thanks for supporting our Troop, and our Parish!

SFDS MOM'S GROUP

Our new Mom's Group meets on the last Friday of the month in Our Lady of Victory Hall. Join us for our next playdate on Friday, February 26, 9-11am.

Interested in connecting with other moms in the parish? Email Elise Daniel at eliseamylx@gmail.com for information on playdates and other social events.

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 now be reached for teletherapy or for a free consultation.* If you are interested in scheduling a consultation, please contact her at 703-772-4022.

2nd Banns of Marriage

Jason Mercado and Isabel Sprockel
Exchange of Vows March 6, 2021

Our thoughts and prayers are with ...



Our Military Members: MAJ Chuck Marshall; Lcpl John Owen Patterson; SSgt. Tim Marshall; 2nd Lt. Patrick Gutierrez, MAJ Andrew Cahan; 1st Lt Matthew Ryan, Capt. Patrick Godfrey, LT Scott Cypher, Capt. Vincent Jovene, Capt. Jamie (Jovene) Liddle, SSgt. Joshua Jovene, 1LT Jared Willard, Joe Pultro, LCpl Paul Cotter, 1stLt Rachel Jovene, GySgt Jose O Ruiz Pedroza, PFC Jorge A Lara Pedroza, Capt.. Ross Mentzer, 2nd LT Ryan Patrick Grady; PFC Stephen G. Beard, Sgt. Ernesto G. Castro, LCpl Frankie Thyson, Sgt. Peter Audi
The Sick: Dominic Corcoran, Jack Lehtonen, Mary Jane Arens, Madeline Gonzalez, Mike O'Brien, Sarah Nolan, Liz Keller; Bob Cote, Jerry Pollard, Joanne Harrington, Rebecca Alvarez, Charles Williams, Patricia Naomi Alvarenga, Joe Graber, Timothea Rainey, Rodney and Christina Huth, Candace Daly, George Darnell

The Deceased: Mary Owen Lyon Chatfield-Taylor, Martha Ann Harlow, Ann Vaudry Williams, Steven Domine, Dick Austin, Jim Mark Gallagher, Phyllis Heller, Vito Pappano, David Esquerra, Nick Hallam, Tom Dudek, Hugh 'Andy' Williams, Bill Wieliczko, Joan Monastero, Deacon Jack Vassallo, Patrick Michael Walsh, David O'Konski, Marty McMichael, Shelby Decker

The Legion of Mary

Our Lady of Victory: ages 18 and over, Tuesdays at 7pm in the library.

Our Lady of the Lake: ages 7-17, Thursdays at 3:45 in Knights Hall.

February prayers are for the children of the parish. Please take a rosary from the basket in the narthex.

Join us spiritually by saying the Angelus at noon daily for our parish and an increase in vocations.

TAKE THE PLEDGE: Join us in prayer, sacrifice, and reparation by abstaining from alcohol during Lent beginning on February 17th **and in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. See flyers in narthex for more information!**

To inquire about being an active or auxiliary (praying) member please email us at legionofmarysfd@gmail.com. For more information please visit saintfrancisparish.org/the-legion-of-mary/



TMIY! Session 22

The Triumph of Divine Mercy



TMIY is back for one more session with Steve Bollman.

Last week he said we have two options - collapse or convert.

No matter how far we've fallen individually or as a society at large, the merciful heart of the Father continues to pursue us with his unfailing love.

"The flames of mercy are burning me. I desire to pour them out upon human souls ... Tell aching mankind to snuggle close to My merciful Heart, and I will fill it with peace. Tell [all people], My daughter, that I am Love and Mercy itself. When a soul approaches Me with trust, I fill it with such an abundance of graces that it cannot contain them within itself, but radiates them to other souls."

- Jesus, Divine Mercy Apparitions

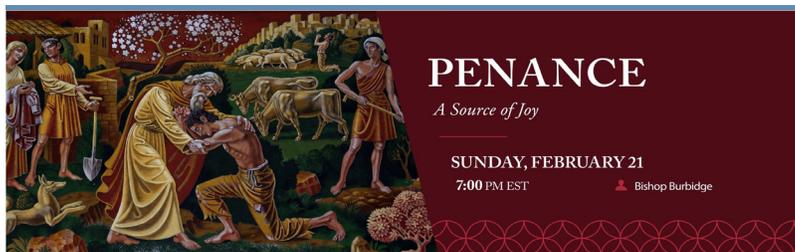
Jesus - We trust in You!

See you this week and bring a friend!

Wednesday 7pm (in person) *or*
Saturday 7am (in person); 8am (ZOOM)

All in person meetings will take place in the Parish Education Center.

Due to COVID-19 rules and regulations we ask new participants to RSVP at SFDSMEN@GMAIL.COM so we can make appropriate preparations.



Pre-Class discussion 6:30pm; Lecture 7pm

Registration is required. Please register by visiting www.instituteofcatholicculture.org or by using the following link: <https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/penance>

Each Lent we deepen and express our interior conversion of heart through works of penance, namely, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Their purpose is not to diminish our life or to make us feel or appear gloomy, but rather in them we find deep joy in the working of grace. Through acts of penance, our whole lives are radically turned to God and placed in the service of His Kingdom.

Come and Join Us

"Living a Life in the Spirit Seminar"

Saturday March 27 from 9am-4:30pm

One of the jewels of Vatican II is the renewed desire of everyday people to live Spirit filled lives. This hunger for contact with God the Holy Spirit fueled the Catholic Charismatic Movement. Come and join us as we together discover the wonder of meeting God the Holy Spirit. Your Life Won't Be The Same!

Just a few of the many questions that will be discussed:

- What is the Catholic Charismatic Movement and what does the Church teach about it?
- What role does the Holy Spirit play in my life?
- How to live a life of faith and Purpose?
- What are the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and how can they help me in my life?
- Can God use an ordinary person like me to do extraordinary things in life?
- Can the Pentecost Experience of the Bible be real in my life today in the year 2021?

The conference will be held live in the Chapel at St. Francis de Sales, or can be viewed from home via live stream. There is no cost, but a free will offering will be taken.

For more information and to Register, please contact Joseph Curto Email at: CFC.Content@gmail.com.



Stewardship: TimeTalentTreasure

We are looking for additional volunteers to help with the money counting ministry. This ministry aids the church staff by accurately counting and reporting the parish monetary contributions which support the church. Volunteers are assigned to one of four crews who meet between 2.5 to 3 hours per month.

Training is provided. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact Amy Harrison at a.harrison@saintfrancisparish.org for more information. Thank you.

Project Rachel Post Abortion Healing Ministry:
888-456-HOPE or
visit: www.helpafterabortion.org.

Gabriel Project Pregnancy Assistance Ministry:
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