

# Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 14, 2018



*Junior Altar Women Society 2018 Ranking Ceremony*

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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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Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.  
*1 Corinthians 6:19a*



### The Face of Mercy

Join us for a Family Movie Night!  
**Friday January 12th**

Featured Movie: **The Face of Mercy**  
6:30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Church  
7pm Movie in Our Lady of Victory Hall

Bring snacks for your family; drinks will be provided.  
We will have door prizes and small giveaways for the kids.

#### *The Face of Mercy*

The Face of Mercy explores the history and relevance of Divine Mercy in our turbulent times. Watch its story unfold, from an unpretentious Polish nun who experienced powerful visions of a merciful God, to her countryman Pope John Paul II who propelled the message of Divine Mercy onto the world stage. This stirring film creates a remarkable tapestry of what constitutes the face of mercy in our modern world.

### This Week

Sun., Jan. 14	<u>Adult Basketball</u> 8:30pm
Mon., Jan. 15	<u>No Epic Bible Study</u>
Tue., Jan. 16	<u>Adult Ed - Sacred Liturgy</u> 7pm, Rm 206 <u>WWP Opening Your Heart</u> 7:30pm <u>WWP Touching the Divine</u> 7:30pm <u>RCIA</u> 7:30pm, Rm 107
Wed., Jan. 17	<u>SoulStitch</u> 9:30am, parish hall <u>Adult Ed - Sacred Liturgy</u> 10am, Rm 206 <u>TMIY</u> 7pm <u>Bible Timeline</u> 7:30pm, Rm 113 <u>WWP Touching the Divine</u> 7:30pm
Thu., Jan. 18	<u>WWP Touching the Divine</u> 10am <u>Rosary Group</u> 7pm, Church <u>WWP Opening Your Heart</u> 7:30pm <u>WWP Touching the Divine</u> 7:30pm
Fri., Jan. 19	<u>Padre Pio Cenacle</u> - after 12noon Mass
Sat., Jan. 20	<u>TMIY</u> 6:30am, Our Lady of Victory Hall

### Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday:	Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

## Masses for the Week

+ deceased

Saturday, Jan. 13

9:00 am

Saturday, Jan. 13

5:00 am

Sunday, Jan. 14

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:00 pm

Monday, Jan. 15

9:00 am

Tuesday, Jan. 16

6:30 am

Wed., Jan. 17

9:00 am

Thursday, Jan. 18

6:30 am

Friday, Jan. 19

6:30 am

12:00 noon

Saturday, Jan. 20

9:00 am

Saturday, Jan. 20

5:00 am

Sunday, Jan. 21

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:00 pm

#### Weekday

Henry Misik

#### Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

+ Leon and Gisela Henneberry

#### 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deceased members of the Butts and D'Elia families

+ Doris Brown

+ Richard Ralph

People of the Parish

+ Jack Gardiner

#### Weekday

+ Ann Fowler

#### Weekday

Laura Burgess

#### Saint Anthony

+ Faith Naughton

#### Weekday

+ Mary Hunt

#### Weekday

Compassionate Heart of Mary

Fred Broadwater

#### Weekday

Leo Phillips

#### Vigil: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

+ Richard McCarthy

#### 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

+ Landen Warren

+ Taffie Healey

+ Gina Judith

+ Oliviero Lanni

People of the Parish

### Mass Celebrant Schedule

#### Saturday, January 13

**5pm:** Fr. Mullaney

#### Sunday, January 14

**7am:** Fr. Mullaney

**8:30am:** Fr. Mullaney

**10:30am:** Fr. Escalante

**12:15pm:** Fr. Escalante

**5pm:** Fr. Escalante

#### Saturday, January 20

**5pm:** Fr. Escalante

#### Sunday, January 21

**7am:** Fr. Escalante

**8:30am:** Fr. Escalante

**10:30am:** Fr. Mullaney

**12:15pm:** Fr. Mullaney

**5pm:** Fr. Mullaney

### Parish Financial Status

In-pew Offertory - January 7	\$ 14,643
2nd Collection - debt reduction	\$ 4,032
<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>	<b>\$ 620,945</b>
Parish Giving for December	
Offertory	\$ 47,441
Building Funds	\$ 4,504



## JAS on its 8th year...and still growing strong!

We are now in the 8th year of the *Junior Altar Women Society (JAS)*. Since we launched the program in 2011, we've had a total of 48 girls participate in the program and loved the opportunity to learn about the Mass and the many liturgical components to prepare for it. The most important testimony the girls have given was that being a JAS member has helped them get closer to God. To be so close to Jesus around the tabernacle and around the altar has given them a better appreciation for the sacredness of the Mass. The girls love their liturgical duties and see themselves on equal par of importance with the altar boys. In a way, it is very similar to how priests and nuns work in harmony in a parish. The JAS have a very complex job setting up for Mass and more detailed than serving at the altar during Mass where the altar servers pretty much just memorize movements. JAS also have to know how to set up the liturgical books for the particular Mass and now they also set up the chapel for the "satellite" Mass.

There are currently 27 active JAS members and three of them are in their 8th year of service. One of them is senior *Abby Taylor* who will be graduating from high school this year. She received her "8 Years Achievement Award" and holds the record with two high school juniors for the longest serving JAS. What's great about Abby's service is that she mostly served the 7am Sunday Mass! We are most thankful to Abby for her years of faithful service. The JAS program is intended to foster active participation by the young ladies to continue when they become adults and also to be open to the calling to the consecrated or religious life.

## Success of the Altar Boy program

History shows that many of the men who remain active in their Catholic faith and volunteer their time in church were one time altar boys. And every year about 80% of the newly-ordained priests in the U.S. come from the altar boy program. We were blessed that one of the altar boys from my 9-year stint here in the parish became the 1st priest ordained last June for our own diocese (*Father Jordan Willard*). A 2nd altar boy entered the seminary last Fall, David Kieran, and is now studying for the *Alexandria Diocese* where his family relocated. Here's some more good news how our altar boy program has successfully inspired our young men not only to appreciate the Mass but also to possibly look into a calling to the priesthood.

Bishop Burbidge asked all pastors to identify young men who are high school Junior age and up who are open to the priesthood and invite them to a special dinner with him along with their respective pastor. The dinner is scheduled for April 18 from 5-8pm. Can you guess how many high school students have enthusiastically said "yes" to the dinner? *Nine!!!* Six of the nine boys are currently altar boys. They are very much looking forward to the evening with Bishop Burbidge (and so am I!).

If anyone else in the parish even beyond high school age, who feels a possible calling to the priesthood, please contact me to join this distinguished group. Don't worry, this is not a sign up for the seminary night. It's just a vocation "exploration" so don't feel intimidated that you need to decide to become a seminarian to come to this dinner. Right now, we also have one adult parishioner who will be joining the high school boys for the dinner to bring our total to ten attendees. He plans to enter the seminary this summer (name withheld till it's all official—aside from the seal of confession, priests are keepers of many secrets!). Many are still surprised why unlike most other dioceses there is NO SHORTAGE of priests and seminarians in the Arlington Diocese. It is really no secret: *Many of our diocesan parishes, including ours, have a large altar boy program. In our parish alone we have close to 60 altar boys and a few more boys have signed up for mid-year training!*

Your shepherd in Christ,  
Father Escalante

## Ask the Priest

**Q. My brother purchased a pair of socks picturing Mary surrounded by flowers. He got them at a skate shop with other socks featuring famous paintings. Is it sacrilegious to wear socks depicting the Virgin Mary? I'm asking this for my dad. —Anonymous**

**A.** Tell your dad not to worry. The pair of Virgin Mary socks are okay to wear. The description sounds so intriguing so I looked up the socks online. I thought my black *Scooby Doo* socks were pretty cool until I found several pairs with *Our Lady of Guadalupe* image on them and I thought they looked really nice and pretty good idea to wear!

**Q. Before Jesus died on the cross, could people go straight to hell? —Anonymous**

**A.** Most likely, yes. Only the good people who died were mentioned as going to a lower place of rest ("sheol" or "netherworld") to wait for the Messiah (Jesus). When we pray the *Apostles Creed* or *Nicene Creed*, Jesus descending into "hell" was a reference to this netherworld where the dead good people have been waiting for the Savior of the world to reopen the gates of heaven for them.

**Q. Why were there no Christmas trees in church this year? —Anonymous**

**A.** We did have a beautiful nine-foot *Fraser Fir* Christmas tree donated to us and it was prominently displayed in the narthex. They were not placed in the sanctuary for two reasons: 1) there was no room for it, and 2) it is not liturgically correct to place them in the sanctuary [we weren't aware of this previously!].

**Q. Why are there no female altar boys in most parishes in the Arlington Diocese? —Anonymous**

**A.** Your question is quite timely as I just wrote a special column in this weekend's *Shepherd's Notes* (1.14.2018) how the *Junior Altar Women Society* and *Altar Boys* programs are flourishing in our parish. It should address your question and you may find the answer quite surprising! [I presume you meant to write "female altar servers?"]



Graduating Senior  
*Abby Taylor*,  
8th Year JAS service



Welcome to the Family! The following new parishioners were baptized during the months of November and December

**Patrick Lincoln Ogden**

son of Matthew & Meghan Ogden

**Camden Boyce Setser**

son of James & Stacy Setser

**Maddox Avery Tootell**

daughter of Jason & Rhoda Tootell

**Emily Marie Davis**

daughter of Tom & Carly Davis

**Vivian Rosamund Royals**

daughter of Tom & Cathleen Royals

**Colton Brooks Donnally**

son of Ryan & Amanda Donnally

**Isabel Adalina Pultro**

daughter of Joseph & Kathryn Pultro

**Giuliana Emma McKeon**

daughter of Kevin & Donna McKeon

*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

**The Sick:** Dominic Corcoran, Jack Lehtonen, Mary von Bergen, Mary Jane Arens, Zach Miller, Phyllis Heller, Madeline Gonzalez, Joyce Sparbanie, Kim Castellano

**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



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

• **March for Life Bus**—We still have room for the annual March for Life to Washington, DC on January 19. Contact the parish office to sign up.

• **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! The 1st trip to DC to work with the homeless is on January 13, 2018. For more information, contact Meghan Christian at [MeghanChristian1212@yahoo.com](mailto:MeghanChristian1212@yahoo.com).

• **Altar Boys training coming up**—Rising 4th Grade boys and up (who attend Mass every Sunday) are invited to register for the upcoming Altar Boys’ training. Younger boys who feel ready to serve may also attend. Contact Father Mullaney, me or call the parish office to register (540.338.6381). The training date will be in church on **Wednesday, January 17 @ 6pm and Sunday, January 21 @ 1:45pm.**

• **Donate to our new Ambo (Pulpit)**—I’m inviting you to donate any amount for our new *Ambo (Pulpit)* and be a part of the **“Book of Life Circle.”** Donations of \$1k or more will get the option to add a dedication to our Memorial Wall. See the July 30, 2017 *Shepherd’s Notes* for more details.

• **Ark of the Covenant Benefactors [Received \$49,984 out of \$60k needed]**—This is your once in a lifetime chance to be a part of the *“Donors of the Lost Ark.”* For a mere \$1k you can be one of only 60 donors to sponsor the new *Ark of the Covenant tabernacle* and *Altar of Repose* to house Jesus in the Eucharist in our church. Contact the office or me directly to donate or go directly to the Parish Giving website under “Ark of the Covenant Benefactors.” See May 5 & 14, 2017 *Shepherd’s Notes* for more details.

• **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](http://www.saintfrancisparish.org).

• **Hosting the Pilgrim Virgin statue sign up** You can now schedule to sign up for hosting the *Pilgrim Virgin* in your home. Email our coordinator, Diane Waller, at [dianewaller@msn.com](mailto:dianewaller@msn.com). Go to our parish website and click under *Pilgrim Virgin Statue* and pick a date. Then just sign up and pick up the statue in the 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](http://www.saintfrancisparish.org) and click on Rosary Campaign or just go directly to [www.rosarygraces.com](http://www.rosarygraces.com) for more info.

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

**Got ‘em!**

- Eight new girls were trained to join the JAS ministry on January 7!
- Received all 50 donors for the *Holy Altar Circle*. Thank you very much for your amazing generosity! We only need two more \$1k donors for the 60k needed for the tabernacle (Ark of the Covenant Benefactors) & many more for The Book of Life Circle (Ambo).
- 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 -



**MAC-PAC TONIGHT!!!**  
Middle school kids are invited to the MAC-PAC after the 5pm Mass

Our MAC PAC leaders, Danielle & Pat Orender, are looking forward to seeing you and enjoying fun MAC PAC activities.



Mrs. Tonya Roach's 4th Grade Epiphany party

## Religious Education Calendar

WEEK OF JANUARY 14  
**NO CLASSES**

WEEK OF JANUARY 21

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. Pre-School, Gr. 1st-8th - 4:45pm



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

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

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

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

**ROSARY GROUP** - On Tuesday mornings, we will meet as a youth group in the chapel at 8am to pray the Rosary together before school. Awesome way to start your week! Come pray with friends for the graces to help you through the school week. We will have extra rosaries, as well as pamphlets on how to pray the Rosary. All high schoolers welcome! We do not meet on Tuesdays when Loudoun County is off school.

**TEEN WORKCAMP MEETING** - Our first Workcamp 2018 meeting will be on Sunday, January 21 in the old parish hall after the 5pm Mass. This is for all current 8th-12th graders who are interested in coming to Workcamp this summer! \$150 deposits can be paid at this meeting to guarantee a spot at Workcamp 2018. Deposits are due at the February Workcamp 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](https://remind.com/join/eglass16) and enter your information to be added to the recipient list! Also, follow the Youth Ministry Instagram account [St.FrancisYouth](https://www.instagram.com/St.FrancisYouth) for event updates and announcements.

## 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/](http://www.saintfrancisparish.org/), and emailed to families by 6:45am Sunday morning.



St. Theresa's, St. John's, and us at the Epiphany Throwdown at St. Theresa's

## ST. FRANCIS COUNCIL 11136 NEWS



Happy New Year!

**Next Business Meeting** - January 8, 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 January 7** - To sign up, check the latest email from the council, or just come on out and help.

**Sweats for Vets 2018** - A huge thank you to Seth McRoberts for spearheading this year's effort to support the John Paul II assembly. He collected 70+ sweats that will be delivered to the VA hospital in Martinsburg! The council sends its deepest and most heartfelt thanks. I also thank you, amazing job!

**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), or just look for anyone wearing a KofC badge. The needs are many, but the laborers are few.

Have a great, big beautiful week!

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Ben Cox, Grand Knight, St. Francis Council #11136  
grandknight11136@gmail.com

## Psychological Counseling At SFDS

Struggling with issues of depression, anxiety or an unhappy family life? It may be that, in addition to the consolations of prayer and grace, psychological counseling can help. Counseling and assessment, consistent with the Catholic faith, is now available at St. Francis through Catholic Charities. Dr. Antony Bond, a licensed clinical psychologist, will work from a parish room on Monday in the afternoon/early evenings. Dr. Bond is a practicing Catholic who has worked in hospitals, schools and even a seminary. He sees adults, children and families for many difficulties, such as anger management, eating disorders, scruples, marital problems, grief and struggles with pornography and compulsive sexual behaviors. The counseling will be confidential and appointments are made in advance via Catholic Charities Intake line (703 841 2531). These services are supported via many insurance plans as well as at reduced rates according to need and ability to pay. For further info please call 703 841 2531.

## HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS - JANUARY 2018

### Evangelization: Religious Minorities in Asia

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

## Women's Council of ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

**The Arlington Diocese 2018 Women's Conference** - From Darkness Into Light is on 3/10/18 - REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 3RD AT 9AM!! We'll have a carpool going so let us know if you're attending.

**January Meeting of the Women's Council** - MEETING POSTPONED - NOTE NEW DATE  
January Meeting of the Women's Council - Elections Must Be Held For New Officers - **Sunday, January 14th** at 12pm in the Parish Hall - church basement. All women in the parish are urged to attend!

Are you a woman that comes to our church? If yes, then you are part of the Women's Council!! Feel free to e-mail us with questions or suggestions at [womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com](mailto:womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com)

## 2018 Bishop's Lenten Appeal Begins!

This month many of us will receive a mailing from Bishop Burbidge regarding the 2018 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). The theme for the 2018 BLA is "**Living in Faith~Giving in Gratitude.**" After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge to this important appeal that funds many programs and ministries that serve the people in our diocese. Together, through the BLA, let us renew our personal commitment to the Lord's work in our diocese.

## 2018 MEN'S CONFERENCE

ALL MEN are invited to the 2018 Men's Conference "**Marked Men: Made For Greatness**" on March 3 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Herndon. The conference will feature one of the most celebrated Catholic speakers in the world of social media: Fr. Mike Schmitz, who will be joined by Bishop Burbidge and Billy Atwell, Chief Communications Officer of the Diocese. Continental breakfast and lunch will be served. To REGISTER, go to [www.arlingtondiocese.org/men](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/men). Registration is open. Ticket price is \$55 through Feb. 1; \$65 after. Make sure to register ASAP as slots get filled quite easily!

**Women's Conference**  
FROM DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

Featuring:  
Diane Foley, mother of slain Journalist, James Foley  
& Sr. Grace Dominic, writer and national speaker

3.10.18

ST. JOSEPH'S  
750 PEACHTREE ST., HERNDON, VA

**REGISTER**

[www.arlingtondiocese.org/women](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/women)  
\$55 before February 1; \$65 after

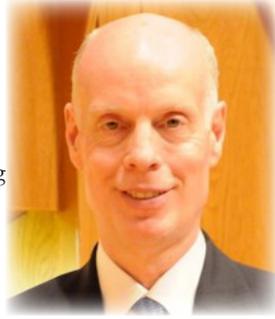
8:45 am to 2:15 pm

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& THE ARLINGTON DIOCESAN COUNCIL FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN

For inquiries, please call: (703) 841-2550

## Organ Dedication Concert Friday, January 26 at 7:30pm

Come celebrate the new Viscount Organ with organist Paul Skevington. Paul will present a program of works by J. S. Bach, Samuel Barber, Dan Locklair, and others. It will be exciting to hear the organ played to its fullest range of sounds in a concert setting. During the concert we will also formally bless the organ, and join in song to celebrate this momentous occasion.



Paul Skevington is in his 25th year as the Minister of Music and Liturgy at Saint Luke Catholic Church in McLean, Virginia. Under his direction, Saint Luke has become renowned as a superior site for concerts, with the Saint Luke Music in McLean concert series hosting 18 musical events per year. Known for his artistic skill in supporting choral voices, he has accompanied many of the major choruses in the Washington, D.C. area at venues such as The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the Music Center at Strathmore, the Washington National Cathedral, and the National Presbyterian Church. As a soloist, Paul has been a featured artist for the American Guild of Organists and the National Association of Pastoral Musicians. He has recorded five compact discs under the Naxos, Summit, and Gothic labels.

**GIVE BLOOD..**  
*it's safe, it's easy, and it saves lives!*

**Sunday, January 21, 7am to 12:30pm**

St. Francis de Sales Blood Donor Program Blood Drive  
@ Purcellville Fire and Rescue Station  
500 North Maple Avenue

Please register at [inova.org/donateblood](http://inova.org/donateblood)  
Use Sponsor Code #3026

All blood collected is used locally  
Walk-ins welcome but appointments are preferred.

## VBS Kick-Off Meeting

Please come to the a meeting in the Catholic Education Center Library on Thursday, February 1 at 7pm if you are interested in learning about or participating in this summer's VBS. If you cannot come to the meeting, but are still interested, please call or email the RE office. This year's theme is **Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity**, to be held week of July 9-13.

## Help Give The Church A New Storage Shed

My name is Matt Lanzer, a prospective Eagle Scout. My Eagle project is to build a new storage shed as the old one was in dire need of a refresh. The plan is to build a larger shed (approx. 14'x16') to house maintenance tools and future snow removal equipment. I will be available after each Mass on Sunday December 17th to answer questions and to receive any donations to help fund my project. I will also be looking for volunteers to help in any way. Donations are tax deductible and payable to Saint Francis de Sales Church. Any questions, contact me at [matt.lanzer1300@comcast.net](mailto:matt.lanzer1300@comcast.net). Thank you and God bless!

## New Parish Homeless Ministry

*"For I was hungry, and you gave me to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me to drink; I was a stranger, and you took me in; naked, and you covered me..."* — Matthew 25:35-36



Join us in helping our homeless brothers and sisters in the DC Metro Area! The Homeless Ministry is open to everyone in the parish. Our ministry will concentrate on collecting comfort items, preparing and serving food, and working directly with the homeless. There are ways to serve for all ages!

**Blanket Drive:** 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. 11th. Thank you for your charity and generosity!

**Upcoming Event:** Volunteer at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Reston during its Hypothermia Prevention Week. The parish hosts homeless guests from Sunday, Jan. 14th, through Sunday, Jan. 21st, and still needs volunteers for a number of positions. Contact [sinhypo@gmail.com](mailto:sinhypo@gmail.com) for details.

*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 contact Meghan Christian at [MeghanChristian1212@yahoo.com](mailto:MeghanChristian1212@yahoo.com)*

## PRISON MINISTRY

Deacon Larry is in need of several more parishioners who would assist in ministering to Inmates at the Loudoun County jail in Leesburg. This would be only a once a month commitment to assist Inmates as they reflect on the Sunday Readings that we use at Mass. As the number of cellblocks increases at the jail, we need a few more spiritually strong people to help the Inmates. Please contact Deacon Larry at [lmhammel@verizon.net](mailto:lmhammel@verizon.net) or by phone: 703-421-5815.



Friday January 19, Sign up starts now! The bus will leave from St. Francis around 11 am that morning and will proceed directly to DC for the March. There will be a Subway Lunch on the bus. How do I sign up? Please submit your name, email, and phone with a check for \$8 to Angela Baker at the parish office. Make checks payable to St. Francis de Sales. Teens can give their sign up to Emily Glass at Youth Group nights. Let us be powerful witnesses to the value of life. If you have any questions direct them to Kelly Wakefield at [kewake@yahoo.com](mailto:kewake@yahoo.com) or 703-975-0070.