

Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time January 28, 2018



Saint Francis de Sales March for Life Bus

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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.

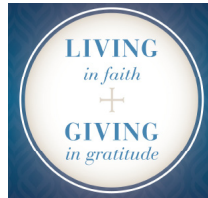
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January 28, 2018**

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the Lord who made us.

- Psalm 95:6

**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.



This Week

Sun., Jan. 28	<u>Adult Basketball</u> 8:30pm
Mon., Jan. 29	<u>Epic Bible Study</u> 7:30pm, Room 113
Tue., Jan. 30	<u>Senior Luncheon</u> 12noon, Parish Hall <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. 31	<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., Feb. 1	<u>WWP Touching the Divine</u> 10am <u>VBS Meeting</u> 7pm, Library <u>Rosary Group</u> 7pm, Church <u>WWP Opening Your Heart</u> 7:30pm <u>WWP Touching the Divine</u> 7:30pm
Sat., Feb. 3	<u>TMIY</u> 6:30am, Our Lady of Victory <u>Compassionate Heart of Mary</u> 10am Parish Hall
Sun. Feb. 4	<u>Women's Council</u> 12pm, Parish Hall <u>Adult Basketball</u> 8:30pm

Readings for the Week

Monday:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Masses for the Week

+ deceased

Saturday, Jan. 27

9:00 am

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5:00 am

Sunday, Jan. 28

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:00 pm

Monday, Jan. 29

9:00 am

Tuesday, Jan. 30

6:30 am

Wed., Jan. 31

9:00 am

Thursday, Feb. 1

6:30 am

Friday, Feb. 2

12:00 noon

7:00 pm

Saturday, Feb. 3

9:00 am

Saturday, Feb. 3

5:00 am

Sunday, Feb. 4

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:00 pm

Weekday

+ Patricia Pizano

Vigil: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

+ Ann Fowler

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. George Limmer

People of the Parish

+ Nicole Arduini

+ Oliviero Ianni

Julia Drazhal

Weekday

+ Amy Berger

Weekday

+ Bruno Akner

Saint John Bosco

Liz Keller

Weekday

+ Jim Fritz

The Presentation of the Lord; First Friday

+ Rosemary McCormick

+ Martina Diaz

Weekday; First Saturday

+ John Acham

Vigil: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

+ Lea Sonia Biscardi

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

People of the Parish

+ Kate Ovelman

Hildegard and Robert Schindler

+ Oliviero Ianni

Amy Harrison

Mass Celebrant Schedule

Saturday, January 27

5pm: Fr. Mullaney

Sunday, January 28

7am: Fr. Mullaney

8:30am: Fr. Mullaney

10:30am: Fr. Escalante

12:15pm: Fr. Escalante

5pm: Fr. Escalante

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Parish Financial Status

In-pew Offertory - January 21	\$ 11,458
2nd Collection - maintenance fund	\$ 2,624
YEAR TO DATE	\$ 645,933
Parish Giving for December	
Offertory	\$ 47,441
Building Funds	\$ 4,504



New Lenten Fish Fry “Head Fryer”

Joe Schryz generously volunteered to run our annual *Lenten Friday Fish Fry* which is less than three weeks away. *Tim & Joyce Sparbanie* have heroically run the Fish Fry the past seven years and we're very thankful for their leadership. They have been working with Joe to get him up to speed for the February 16 opening day but Joe could use a few more adult volunteers. This is a very nice apostolate to serve your parishioners during the Fridays of Lent. You could make this your Lenten promise to Our Lord and it is also a good way to meet really nice parishioners. Please contact Joe directly if you are available to help: joeschray@icloud.com

Thank you, “March for Life” participants!

A big “Thank You” to *Kelly Wakefield* for organizing the *March for Life* bus for the first time. Everything went very well and without a hitch. Great job, Kelly! And I want to thank all of you who filled the bus for the trip to be a voice for the defenseless unborn children by praying and marching for them in Washington, DC. It is very sad that the *Women's March* the following day was still a lot about promoting the rights of women to have abortion on demand to legally murder their unborn children and calling it their “reproductive rights.” True children of God in this world know that what they really mean is “infanticide (or termination) rights” because they are fighting to maintain their legal right to kill the life of their baby while still in the womb. It is really tragic that some Catholics, including a few of our “parishioners” support and participate at this rally. No one in their right mind could imagine that Our Blessed Mother would ever march on a rally of this nature so why should we. Jesus would never join them either because He says, “*Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them*” (Matthew 18:20). With all the foul and vulgar language, indecent signs and symbols mixed in with their immoral stance on the unborn life and sexual morality, Jesus would never approve of them and definitely would not be in their midst. In that case, who do you think is in their midst if it's not the Son of God? Regardless, we continue to pray for them that they too will have a change of heart and find true happiness with God and with themselves.

Beware of the panhandling scammers

For two weekends earlier this month, there were panhandlers who showed up outside our church asking parishioners for monetary support. They were here a couple of years ago and I found out that they were “gypsies” scamming churchgoers and shoppers at store lots. They were in the news and in numerous places in the country. The one I encountered turned out to be of Romanian descent and his driver's license home address near Silver Spring, MD turned out to be a real nice house! The news reported that these phony beggars are raking in tons of tax free money from good-hearted people. There is a “No Soliciting” sign on our church property so they can be arrested if they violate that. Let us know the moment you see them. Please don't give them money but instead give yours to a reputable charity or our Poor Box in the narthex.

Your shepherd in Christ,
Father Escalante

Ask the Priest

Q. Since saints are usually dead and buried for several years before being canonized, how are relics of the bodies obtained? Are their bodies exhumed and cut up (and who gets to perform this task)? Or, are body parts of the deceased removed and stored before burial just in case he or she is canonized? —*Chris G.*

A. In Catholic burials, everyone is buried in entirety. If someone is considered for canonization, the body is exhumed. The Vatican's *Congregation for the Causes of the Saints* regulates all the protocols for the approval of the person being considered for canonization including permission to exhume the body and remove certain body parts for relics. Cloistered monasteries often handle the cutting and placing of the relics in individual reliquaries. Each relic must be documented by this same Vatican congregation before it can be distributed. Today, the rule calls for a letter from one's bishop to obtain a relic. That's how we were able to add Saint Faustina to the other donated relics (*Saint Leo the Great, Saint Agnes of Rome, Saint Martin de Porres & Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton*) that are now inside our new marble altar that Bishop Burbidge consecrated last September.

Q. How long should confession take? Should I be prepared to discuss each in detail? —*Anonymous*

A. Regular confession should *not* take very long. A penitent who prays and makes a good examination of conscience beforehand generally takes an average of 3 minutes (or less), including praying the *Act of Contrition*, to complete a good confession. A brief identification of the sin and how often committed is sufficient. One should avoid the “drama” of describing in detail how each sin was committed. For example, if one is confessing the sin of gossip, just tell the priest that you gossiped but spare him the storyline. Or the sin of extramarital nature, you can skip the part describing the 4-star, 5-course dinner you had prior to heading to a luxury 5-star hotel with a BR ceiling mirror, then the yada yada yada...etc. Just confess with true sorrow that you committed adultery (and make sure the affair is over before you go to confession or else the confession is invalid). Sometimes a penitent may need more time if he or she has questions to ask or seek advice on overcoming particular weaknesses and that would be all right. On a few occasions, a priest may ask questions to get a better read on the gravity of the sin. Always feel free to ask the priest questions or advice if needed. There really is no set time how long each confession should be. If you expect you'll need a lot of time with the priest for confession, it would be more appropriate to schedule a private confession. But be assured that your priests are always glad to hear that you're going to confession. We only ask that you show up promptly on the scheduled time so that we can hear everyone's confession before Mass.

Q. What does Jesus want for Christmas? —*Anonymous*

A. Your soul, my friend. Just your soul. So love Jesus and follow Him every day!

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.



*Compassionate
Heart of Mary*
Bereavement Support Group
Saturday, February 3
10-11:30am

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, Bev at 540-882-9707 or Laura at 703-727-7117.

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*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, Rita Hockenbury




*** **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 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 \$56,484 out of \$60k needed]**—This is your once in a lifetime chance to be a part of the *“Donors of the Last 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.saintfrancispish.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.saintfrancispish.org and click on Rosary Campaign or just go directly to 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, 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!
 - Eight new girls were trained to join the JAS ministry on January 7! Thank you, young ladies, for your great liturgical service!
 - 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

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

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 July 9-13.

BLESSING BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS

Everyone is invited to be a participate in this project for our new Homeless Ministry! Let's try to make 500 hundred bags! The bulk of the bags will be given to the homeless organizations we are in contact with as part of our new ministry. We encourage you take bags to keep in your car and give to the needy people you may run into. Think about what you would want if you were broke and living on the streets ... These are suggestions, bring whatever you can:

- Gallon size Ziplock bags • chapstick • packages of tissues
- rain poncho • toothbrush and toothpaste • comb • trail mix
- peanut butter crackers • granola bars • packs of gum
- beef sticks/beef jerky • bandaids • hand sanitizer • baby wipes
- Hand and feet warmer packets • thermal socks and gloves
- Fast food, Starbucks gift cards
- and anything else you can think might be good to add!

Bring your items to the Our Lady of Victory Hall on **Saturday, February 3** at 10am for a "Group Stuffing"! We'll keep working until all the bags are filled.

7th and 8th graders can earn service hours by accumulating these items. You can still participate if you can't be here on the 3rd by making your own bags at home and bringing them when you come to class, or dropping off loose items by the 3rd.



CCD ADVENT SERVICE PROJECT

It's not too late to turn in your baby bottles for Birthright!!

Religious Education Calendar

WEEK OF JANUARY 28 and FEBRUARY 4

- 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.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY - After all Masses during the weekend of February 3-4, we will be collecting donations to fund the meals that we prepare for the homeless shelter in Leesburg. Teen volunteers needed for just a few minutes after each Mass that weekend!

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.

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.

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 - February 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 (forestsely@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
grandknight11136@gmail.com

Women's Council of ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

February Meeting of the Women's Council - Sunday, February 4th at 12pm in the Parish Hall - church basement. Elections Must Be Held For New Officers - All women in the parish are urged to attend! THE FUTURE OF THE WOMEN'S COUNCIL IS IN YOUR HANDS!

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

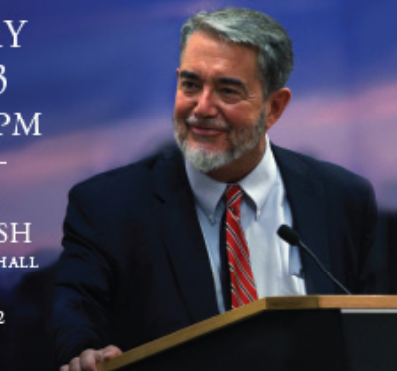
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MIRACLES OF MERCY

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

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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.

Separated? Divorced? Widowed??? The Rebuilding Program sponsored by the Diocese of Arlington Office for Family Life helps people of all faiths who are separated, divorced, or widowed and want to move on with their lives. The nine week program starts Sunday, February 25th and meets Sunday evenings 5:30-8:30pm at the St. Martin De Porres Center in Alexandria. Topics include adaptation, grief, anger, self-worth, openness, love, and relatedness. For more information email facilitator@copingrebuilding.com, visit us on the web at www.copingrebuilding.com or call us at 703-596-2673.

2018 Diocesan Young Adult Retreat

Registration is now open. This year we are blessed to have Fr. Eric de la Pena, OFM Conv. leading the weekend. The retreat, titled, "Conversing with God," will be partially silent, similar to last year's retreat. The retreat is taking place the weekend of February 23-25th, and costs \$150 for a Double Occupancy room, and \$200 for a Single. For more details and to sign up, check out www.arlingtondiocese.org/youngadultretreat/. Contact Brendan Gotta, Young Adult Ministry Coordinator at B.Gotta@arlingtondiocese.org if you have any questions.

“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.

St. Therese Society Morning of Reflection On the Eve of World Day for Consecrated Life

St. Therese was known for praying for priests and her desire to be “an apostle to apostles.” She inspires us to join together in prayer and sacrifice for the men and women of our diocese who are preparing for the priesthood and consecrated religious life.



Join us to pray in her name on the weekend of
World Day for Consecrated Life.
Saturday, February 3, 9am-12noon
Speaker: Fr. Anthony Pinizzotto
St. Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean

A continental breakfast will be provided after 9am Mass.
All are welcome!

There is no cost, but please RSVP by Monday, January 29:
(703) 841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org

The St. Thérèse Vocation Society was formed to foster and encourage vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, as well as pray for, support, and affirm those already committed to the consecrated life and priesthood.

ArlingtonVocations.org

ADULT CONFIRMATIONS

One confirmation will be held at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More on Sunday, May 20 at 2:30 p.m., and the other will be held at Saint Andrew the Apostle on Sunday, June 10 at 2:30 p.m. There will be receptions for both of these events, as we have for the Rite of Elections. Contact James Blankenship at j.blankenship@saintfrancisparish.org if you would like to learn more.

Meeting Fr. Jordan Willard at the March for Life:



In front of the Supreme Court:



In front of the U.S. Capitol:



Parish Homeless Ministry

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!



Call for 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. 11th. Thank you for your charity and generosity!

Upcoming Events:

On Saturday, Feb. 10th, and Saturday, March 24th, from 8:30 to 11:15am, we will be serving breakfast and lunch to the homeless alongside St. Teresa of Calcutta's Missionaries of Charity in their DC soup kitchen (3310 Wheeler Rd SE). Our group will also be providing the meals. Contact Meghan Christian (MeghanChristian1212@yahoo.com) 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

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.