

# Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD MARCH 31, 2024



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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)

## Sunday Mass

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

## Daily Mass

Monday through Thursday - 6:30am and 8:30am  
Friday - 6:30am and 12noon  
Saturday - 9am

## Benediction/Adoration

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

Wednesday Holy Hour at 7pm

## Sacraments

### Confessions:

Friday 11am  
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 Friday before the 3rd Sunday of the month 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 home-bound upon request. Please call the office to let us know your needs.

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE  
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

**March 31, 2024**

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.  
- John 20:8



The Divine Mercy Novena continues this week. The Novena, offered at St. Francis De Sales, will be prayed every day at 3pm in the church, or If you cannot make it to the church, please take a moment to say the prayers where ever you are at 3pm. You can also watch on livestream video, [saintfrancisp parish.org/livestreammass/](http://saintfrancisp parish.org/livestreammass/). The Novena will conclude during a Holy Hour in the church from 3-4pm on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7. Father Gould will lead us in praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Holy Rosary.

**The Parish and Religious Education Offices  
are closed Easter Monday, April 1st.**

**This Week**

Sun., Mar. 31 Men's Basketball 8:30PM, OLVH  
 Mon., Apr. 1 No The Gospel of John Adult Study  
 Tue. April 2 Legion of Mary 7pm, Library  
 Wed., April 3 SoulStitch 9:30am, Knights Hall  
No Catholic Biblical School  
Young at Heart Luncheon 12noon, Knights  
Holy Hour for Miraculous Medal 7pm, Church  
That Man is You 7pm Room 202  
 Fri., April 5 Women's Prayer Group 7am, Chapel  
 Sat., April 6 That Man is You 6:30am, Knights Hall  
Joy of Life Dinner 6pm OLVH  
Charismatic Prayer Group 7pm, Church

**Masses for the Week**

+ deceased  
Sat., Mar. 30

8:30 pm

Sun., Mar. 31

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:30 pm

Mon., April 1

6:30 am

8:30 am

Tue., April 2

6:30 am

8:30 am

Wed., April 3

6:30 am

8:30 am

Thu., April 4

6:30 am

8:30 am

Fri., April 5

6:30 am

8:30 am

Sat., April 6

9:00 am

Sat., April 6

5:00 pm

Sun., April 7

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:30 pm

**Vigil: Easter Sunday of the  
Resurrection of the Lord**

The Newly Initiated

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of  
the Lord**

Ann Jones

Prohaska Family

People of the Parish

+ Deceased members of the Frank  
McCaffrey Family

+ Kevin Miller

**Monday within the Octave of Easter**

+ Susan Losinski

Dolores and Mark Flessner

**Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**

+ Kenneth Daniel

Magin Family

**Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**

+ Msgr. John Sweeny

John and Jane Marie Davis

**Thursday within the Octave of Easter**

+ Frank Hebard

+ Tom Welker

**Friday within the Octave of Easter**

+ Minnie Yahner

Jean Burden

**Saturday within the Octave of Easter**

+ Elaine Marshall

**Vigil: Sunday of Divine Mercy**

Celeste Brown

**Sunday of Divine Mercy**

First Responders

Mai Sylvester

Holy Souls in Purgatory

People of the Parish

Manning, Mallen and Badowski  
Families

**Readings for the Week**

Sun: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23  
 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk  
 16:1-7  
 Mon: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10,  
 11/Mt 28:8-15  
 Tue: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn  
 20:11-18  
 Wed: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35  
 Thu: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48  
 Fri: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn  
 21:1-14  
 Sat: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-  
 21/Mk 16:9-1

Dear Folks,

Please remember in your prayers Mrs. Marianne Hammell, wife of our Deacon Larry. At this time it seems her funeral will take place at St. Francis De Sales on Thursday, April 11 at 11am More details will go out in a parish letter when they come in. Please remember a priest who served at St. Francis a number of years ago, Fr. Richard Menatsi, from South Africa, died of cancer the other day. Let us remember him in our prayers as well as all the good African priests who have been part of our life in Purcellville. God is good all the time. All the time God is good.



Though this letter is composed over a week before Easter we do wish to extend our great gratitude and encouragement to the people of the parish. The season of Lent is a time of prayer, penance, and almsgiving and is settled in some of the most beautiful testimonies of Christ and His Church.

The consistent theme of the readings at Mass have all been about the identity of Christ before the pious unbelievers, if such a group can be found... and they can. Christ expresses His awareness of His identity, His relation to the Father, and His identity with the Father as Yahweh ("I am Who Am"). I salute the many parishioners who have joined us for the daily Masses and frequented the lines of the "Box," and been so generous to the parish collection and Bishop's Lenten Appeal. They all set the standards of our identity with the Lord and service to His lovely ones in Northern Loudoun County.

That said, we want to express my great gratitude to the Parish Choir for their wonderful efforts in the season of Lent, Triduum, and the coming of Easter. We do very much enjoy listening to them practice while, "dusting the wings in the Box." If you know what I mean. God bless the many, especially the big fish, who have come for confession. And is so many ways we are humbled by the facets of humility, honesty, and courage expressed in the Box.

Again, many thanks to the Knights and Women's Council for the great gathering at St. Patrick's Day. The meal was a masterpiece and the music and dancing just right for a happy occasion in the middle of Lent. They could not done better.

Happy Easter to the teachers in our CCD program as well as CHRSM and Good shepherd. It is nice to be able to see the future of the Church and set is on its firm foundation in the stormy sea of the world we live. The same can be said of the members of the Women's Prayer Group, Biblical Studies Class, the Legion of Mary, The scripture studies group, That Man is You Program, and now revival of the Charismatic Prayer Group. God bless one and all. God is good all the time. All the time God is good.

On the darker side with sparkle of light at the end of a very dark tunnel. Many people all through Lent have talked about stresses in both the Church and the world at large. With features of schism among some Catholics in Europe and terrors of war waging in the Middle East and Eastern Europe some are questioning if we are coming to the end of the world. Not likely, but it always helps to be prepared. Let us be reminded of the Lord's call to prayer, penance, and almsgiving. Lent will always be with us and Lent will always provide a Resurrection and new life if we continue our prayers, devotions, and attachment to the sacraments. Let us pray for one another.

Of course, on the lighter side. You may enjoy a visit down You Tube Lane, listening to raucous jokes of President Ronald Reagan. [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wuvo5PSvXEg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wuvo5PSvXEg). When you think of our current times with the upheaval in politics and church affairs please be reminded that Reagan stepped into a world every bit as volatile as our own and led us with the midwestern wit that was his own. It was a time when we weren't blind nor were we afraid. The same should be said of us today. God bless one and all.

Congratulations to our new brothers and sisters in Christ who celebrated Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Thank you for your witness that renews the faith of your parish family



We joyfully welcome **Troy Mayer** and **Andrew Sylvester**, who have joined our parish family by entering into our Catholic Faith through the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

We joyfully receive into full communion with the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation **Brittany David, Caleb Knox, Dawn and Jeff Wingo, Garrett Osborn, Hope Rawlson, Joseph Donnelly, Marc Pahl, and Michael Brill.**

### Live-in Helper Needed

Looking for a live-in caregiver for two elderly adults. If interested, reach out to Mary at 757-650-0268.

A snippet from one of Fr. Richard's Menatsi's homilies ...

*We are surrounded by information  
but we are strangers to wisdom.  
We are preoccupied with our bodies  
but careless with our souls.  
We are attentive to gossip  
but deaf to the Word.  
We talk religion  
but show little of it in our lives.  
So take up the challenge  
to look to and follow Jesus ...*

Rest in peace dear Father Richard!

### Write your Dedication on a Brick

You have an opportunity to place your permanent dedication etched on a brick on the church property in front of the parish center. Think of honoring someone for their upcoming Sacrament! [saintfrancisparish.org/commemorative-brick-campaign/](http://saintfrancisparish.org/commemorative-brick-campaign/)

### FOUND! MEN'S RING

Irish Coat of Arms, Sweeney  
Found in Our Lady of Victory Hall  
contact [j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org)

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## St. Francis de Sales Religious Education

### Attention Confirmation II Students: The Retreat is 2 Weeks Away!!

A retreat for all confirmation II students:

When? Saturday, April 13, 2024

Where? St Francis de Sales Education Building

Time? 3-10pm - Please arrive 5 minutes early for check-in

Dinner will be provided.

Get ready for a night of contemplation and forming bonds with friends. Bonfire, pizza, and games! [Check your email for details.](#)

### Important Dates for Spring Sacraments:

**Confirmation** Thursday, April 25, at 7pm

Proper dress attire: All confirmandi will wear a robe provided by the parish. If you have not provided your height, email Janice ASAP! [j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org)

Girls wear a knee-length dress with sleeves (no spaghetti straps), closed-toe shoes (no flip flops).

Boys wear dress slacks, button-down shirt, tie, and dress shoes (no flip flops, no sneakers, no jacket)

**Rehearsal** Wednesday, April 24 at 6pm; Bring your sponsor.

**First Holy Communion** Saturday, May 11

10:30am Mass – Monday RE classes; Good Shepherd School; Atrium

1:30pm Mass – Sunday and Wednesday RE classes

**Rehearsal** – Friday, May 10 – please note new times

5pm – Monday RE classes; Good Shepherd School; other

6:30pm – Sunday and Wednesday RE classes

Proper dress attire:

Girls: White dress (preferably not a long dress), white shoes, veil is optional. NO gloves or purse.

Boys: Solid color dress pants (navy, tan, or black), dress shirt with tie, jacket, dress shoes (no sandals or sneakers).

**May Crowning: Sunday, May 5 at the 10:30 Mass.** Children are invited to participate in the crowning. Details coming. Please contact Diane Taylor if you are interested. [D.taylor@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:D.taylor@saintfrancisparish.org).

### Catechist Openings for 2024-2025:

Monday Classes: 2nd Grade; RCIT



**Our parish has a FORMED subscription!**

Check out the many resources on FORMED.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL July 15-19 9am-12noon

All Youth volunteer opportunities have been filled  
Please contact [j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org)  
to get on waitlist.

We have Adult slots open, go to  
[saintfrancisparish.org/vacation-bible-school](http://saintfrancisparish.org/vacation-bible-school)  
Registration for campers will begin May 1

### VBS Drama Seeking Creative Help

Do you like being creative? Were you part of the theater when you were in high school?

Vacation Bible School is looking for volunteers to help with the drama department. The theme for this year is **ROME: Paul and the Underground Church.**

The following roles need to be filled.

- Stage Director – help direct the actors (kids) on stage
  - Set Designer – create a beautiful set \*\*
- Audio Visual Director – manage the sound and lighting  
Time requirement: 2 to 3 meetings in June and early July, and VBS (July 15-19)

\* \*\*The Church already has the scenery for the set. The set designer will organize how it is arranged, and will oversee building the set.

Please join us for a meeting **Thursday, April 11 at 4pm** in the library to find out more.

Contact: Chris Bongiovanni, 917.301.3287 or  
[cbongiovanni@goodshepherdschoolva.com](mailto:cbongiovanni@goodshepherdschoolva.com)



## Religious Education Calendar

**WEEK OF MARCH 31 - NO CLASSES**

### WEEK OF APRIL 7

Sunday Pre-K - 8th Grades -9-10:15am

RCIT - 11-1:15pm

9th - 12th Grades (Fr. Gould) - 4-5pm

11th-12th Grades (Fr. Heisler) - 4-5pm

Monday K - 8th Grades 5-6:15pm

Catholicism 101 Adult Class - 5-6:15pm

Wed Pre-K-5th - 3:30-4:45pm



Lindsay Glass  
 Director of Youth Ministry  
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[l.glass@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:l.glass@saintfrancisparish.org)

## High School

**SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT:** ALL high schoolers are invited to Youth Nights most Sundays from **6:30-8:00pm** in room 213. Deepen your relationship with God, learn more about Jesus, and grow your desire for life-long discipleship with Him. Friends are welcome at all our Youth events! There is **NO YOUTH NIGHT** on March 31st- Happy Easter- or April 7th due to Spring Retreat.

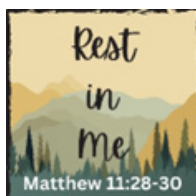


We are in need of **4 more Contractors** to assist at WorkCamp. Contractors are handy with tools and can patiently lead teens and adults through basic projects. They will work Monday-Thursday from 8am-4pm and may stay overnight or commute.

Read more at [www.arlingtondiocese.org/workcamp/](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/workcamp/) and **reach out to me ASAP!**

Our next Formation Meeting is Sunday, April 28th from 6:30-8:00pm in the gym. Formation Meetings are mandatory for teen campers and Adult Crew Leaders.

**SPRING RETREAT** All high school teens are invited to retreat to the mountains at the NOVA 4-H Center in Front Royal, VA **April 5-7th**. Jesus invites us to "Remain in Me". We'll play, talk, pray, sing, worship, eat, laugh, and learn how we can be still, be nourished, and be fruitful disciples of Christ.



PERMISSION FORM (see website) and payment (\$110) must be returned to the Youth or Parish Office by April 1st.



### SHELTER COOKING & SERVING

**Monday, April 8th** from 5-6:30pm - Meet in the kitchen to cook for the Loudoun County Homeless Shelter. Let me know if you can make it!

**Tuesday, April 9th** from 5:15-7pm - Meet at the Loudoun County Homeless Shelter to serve dinner to the guests. A PERMISSION FORM is required. Print from our website, and let me know if you can make it!

### CONFIRMATION RETREAT DINNER

Spend time with the Confirmation Candidates at their retreat on Saturday, April 13th!



**3-4:30pm** – Share your personal Confirmation experience and how you live out the Faith in high school (4 teens)

**5-6pm** – Mass (all welcome)

**6-7pm** – Enjoy dinner with the candidates and invite them to be part of Youth Ministry in high school! (8-10 teens)

**Your presence and encouragement are so influential!**

**LET ME KNOW** if you can make it!

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**SOCIAL MEDIA**  
 @sfdsyouthministry  
 @sfdsyouthministry

WEBPAGE: [saintfrancisparish.org/teen-faith-youth-group/](http://saintfrancisparish.org/teen-faith-youth-group/)  
 REMIND: [remind.com/join/a4d636](https://remind.com/join/a4d636) or text @a4d636 to 81010 for text reminders and event updates.



**PARISH 5K & FUN RUN** All parishioners and friends are invited to our Parish 5K & Fun Run on April 14th at 2:15pm to support WorkCamp!

Help spread the word to our neighboring communities! WorkCamp teens and adults, see our website to sign-up and help make this race a success! Yes, you can volunteer and still run the race!

St. Francis de Sales  
**5K & Fun Run**  
 to benefit WorkCamp  
**Sunday, April 14th at 2:15pm**

**Register TODAY!** 

	Before Race Day	On Race Day
	\$15/person	\$20/person
	\$30/family	\$40/family

Registration forms are on our website, in the Education building, and in the church narthex.



**MAY 4TH – BASH!** (for middle schoolers)

**MAY 5TH – PANCAKE BREAKFAST** (for WorkCamp teens and ACLs)

**JUNE 6TH – SENIOR BACCALAUREATE**

**JUNE 9TH – PARISH CAR WASH**



**Middle Schoolers ...**

**Spread the word and bring a friend!!!**

**Sunday, April 21st from 6:30 – 8pm**  
 in the **gym**. Dinner will be served.

Adults, if you feel called to inspire our youth, email Lindsay Glass at [l.glass@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:l.glass@saintfrancisparish.org)

## St. Francis Council 11136

### APRIL MEMBERS BUSINESS MEETING

The next council Members Business Meeting will be on Monday, 08 April in the Knights Hall at 7:30 pm. Please join us after for some refreshments and fellowship following the meeting.



**ROSARY PROGRAM** Come join the Knights in praying the Rosary in the small chapel on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 7 pm. Next Rosary will be Monday, 08 April. Everyone and anyone is welcome to pray the Rosary with the Knights!

**ANNUAL DUES** Council 2024 dues notices were emailed on 12/19/23 and 1/31/24. If you have not paid, please mail in your dues or drop off, see below. Your current year dues owed (unless you were notified that you owned past dues) are \$32 or \$35.65 for a penny a day per Knight to support vocations in Virginia. Please make your dues check out to "St Francis Council 11136" with "2024 dues" on the memo line. You can also drop off your check in the metal box on the wall located by the stairs to Knights Hall or mail to: St Francis Council 11136, PO Box 1274, Purcellville, VA 20134 This year you now have the option to pay your annual dues digitally using Zelle; send payments to the email address: [11136treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:11136treasurer@gmail.com)

**Interested in becoming a Knight?** All Catholic men 18 years of age or older are eligible to become a Knight, and it is easier than ever to submit an application for membership - go to <https://kofc.org/join> and with just a few entries you will be a member of the Knights of Columbus!

Richard Vale, Grand Knight


St. Francis Council #11136. [Knights11136@gmail.com](mailto:Knights11136@gmail.com)  
[www.kofc11136.org](http://www.kofc11136.org)



### Special Event

#### Community Mass for Special Needs

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church and the Joy of Life Apostolate in coordination with the Knights of Columbus Council will be hosting a Mass for People with Special Needs on **Saturday, April 6 at the 5pm Mass.** People with special needs resulting from physical, emotional, mental, or cognitive conditions are all around us, whether at school, at work, or in our families. It can be challenging for these important members of our community to participate in church services due to physical and social barriers, or even family member anxiety. As such, the Joy of Life Apostolate and the Knights of Columbus Council at St. Francis have designated the April 6, 5pm Mass for people with special needs and their families with a special dinner reception to follow. Everyone is welcome to support our brothers and sisters. If you can attend, let us know the number of people attending with you and if you need any special assistance so we can plan accordingly. After the 5pm Mass, there will be a dinner in the gym. The main dish will be catered, but we'd love the rest to be potluck style. To RSVP, go to [JoyofLifesfds@gmail.com](mailto:JoyofLifesfds@gmail.com). Please invite friends and families with loved ones with disabilities and also invite our advocates in the community!



**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](mailto:BMcRoberts13@gmail.com) or text to 703.727.9613.

A cell phone was found in the Parish Education Center last week. Please call Leslie Sheldon 540-338-6381 or stop by the Parish Admin Office to claim it.

## WIN A CAR or CASH

The Knights of Columbus will have a table set up in the Narthex to sell additional car raffle tickets and collect tickets prior to and following all the Masses for the following weekends

**April 6/7, April 13/14**

The Knights will not sell or collect car raffle tickets Easter Weekend. If you have any questions, you can contact Tracy Beglau at [tracywbeglau@aol.com](mailto:tracywbeglau@aol.com). Thank you.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

All women of the parish are invited to join the Catholic women's book club hosted by the SFDS Mom's Group! Meetings are 9:30 - 11am one Friday per month in Our Lady of Victory Hall room 107. Childcare is provided in room 106.

April 26th: Mother Culture by Karen Andreola

## Homeless Ministry

The homeless ministry is thankful for all the volunteers who have given time and talent to help the hungry and homeless.



- **Missionary Sisters of Charity in Anacostia** – Serve between 60 and 100 meals.
  - o We prepare and serve meals every 2nd Saturday of the month. All donated items are due to Knights Hall the preceding Thursday by 2pm.
  - o Items due, April 11th; meal delivered and served April 13.
- **Loudoun Homeless Shelter** – Serve between 40 and 80 meals.
  - o We prepare and serve meals every 4th Thursday of the month. All items are due to the Knights Hall the preceding Wednesday by 5pm.
  - o Items due, April 24; meal delivered and served April 25

Join us in works of charity by signing up to purchase items, prepare the main dish, bake cookies and cakes, or to transport meals and supplies.

Contact one of us, and we will direct you to the Signup Genius lists:

- Fran Beebe [franbeebe7@gmail.com](mailto:franbeebe7@gmail.com)
- Carie Losinski: [skigators@me.com](mailto:skigators@me.com)

## Women's Council Corner

When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." Matthew 1:24



### Next Social Event - Karaoke Night

Monday, April 1st 7pm, Room 113  
Bring a snack to share and join us for a fun evening of karaoke.



### Next Planning Meeting - Monday, April 15th

6:30pm, Parish Education Center, Library  
All women are invited to our business meeting where we plan our spectacular socials & special events and discuss current news. We welcome your ideas. Join us and Fr. Gould for the Rosary for Ukraine in the Church after the meeting.

**Call for Communications Chair** - We are looking for a Communication Chair to join our board. The Communications Chair sends emails to the Women's Council distribution and sets up registration surveys for our monthly events. The board will help you get up to speed! If you are interested in finding out more, please come to our next business meeting or email us at [womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com](mailto:womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com).

Please check our website for more details on each event. Also visit our website for a list of useful spiritual references. [saintfrancisparish.org/womens-council](http://saintfrancisparish.org/womens-council)



New to the parish or not getting our emails? Email us at [womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com](mailto:womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com) to be added to our directory.

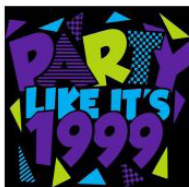
## ADULT CONFIRMATIONS

If you are a baptized Catholic adult, have received First Communion, but have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Church welcomes you to take part in this grace-filled Sacrament. Individuals who desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation should contact Diane Taylor at [d.taylor@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:d.taylor@saintfrancisparish.org).

## Fr. Heisler's 25th Anniversary of Ordination

**Pentecost Sunday**  
May 19th  
After 12:15pm Mass  
Our Lady of Victory Hall

Celebrate with us!



It's going to be  
out of this world!



St. Bridget Catholic Church  
Berryville  
for more info & to register  
[stbridgetberryville.org](http://stbridgetberryville.org)

**Full of Faith**  
YOUR MARRIAGE IS HALLOWED GROUND

A ONE-DAY EVENT FOR ALL MARRIED COUPLES  
featuring Soren and Ever Johnson

SATURDAY  
APRIL 13, 2024  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

## Catholic Lending Library

In the narthex there is set up a new Catholic lending library. The goal is simple: to get good Catholic resources into the hands and homes of our parishioners. If you see a book you like, take it. If you have a book you want to share, leave it. All books are free and there is no check out system. Read on!

## Our thoughts and prayers are with . . .

**Our Military Members:** SGT Peter Audi, PFC Stephen G. Beard, 2nd LT Aleksandr Bissell, MAJ Andrew Cahan, Mary Elizabeth Castaneda, SGT Ernesto G. Castro, LCpl Paul Cotter, LT Scott Cypher, CPT Ryan Patrick Godfrey, 1LT Alexandra Goodnow, Captain Ryan Patrick Grady, 2LT Patrick Gutierrez, PO2 Robin Hunt, Christopher Largent (Army), CPT Jamie (Jovene) Liddle, SSG Joshua Jovene, PFC Joseph Jovene, CPT Vincent Jovene, USAF Mary Catherine Kuegler, CPT Rachel (Jovene) Malletts, MAJ Chuck Marshall, SSG Tim Marshall, Blaise Mason (Army), Sam A. Mason (Army), 1st LT Caleb Magowan, PFC Brian McWilliams, SPC Kenneth Kyle McWilliams (Army Reserve National Guard), CPT Ross Mentzer, Kyle Minogue (Air Force), Marine Nate Nelms, Kristin Ober (Air Force), Marine Anthony Oliverio, 2LT Jonathan Owen, Lcpl John Owen Patterson, PFC Jorge Pedroza, Gy Sgt Jose O. Ruiz Pedroza, Army John Pileulsley, CPT Brendan Print-up, Joe Pultro, CWO Jason Runner, 1LT Matthew Ryan, LT Michael Tappe, LCpl Frankie Thyson, Shahin Uddin (Army), SSG Marnie Wickman, A1C Joshua Wilk, 1LT Jared Willard, Col. Theodore White, Andrew Yevoli (Air Force), LT Colin Conahue; Seaman Ryan Knowles, COL Therese Kreutzberg, Seth R. McRoberts (Army)

**The Sick:** Dominic Corcoran, Mike O'Brien, Sarah Nolan, Liz Keller; Joanne Harrington, Charles Williams, Patricia Naomi Alvarenga, Joe Graber, Christina Huth, Candace Daly, Melissa Jewel, Peggy Johnson, Frederick Campos, Grace Costello, Daniel Ramirez, Cynthia Ramirez, Silvia Vizcarra, Olga Howard, Diane Shirley, Richard King, Patrick Whipp, Barney Smith, Corinne McHugh, Pam Austrich, Bobby Decker, Alexander McMinn, Maureen Sengpiehl, Jerry Franks, Anthony Gianino, Maria Madigan. Charles Appel, Arthur Ceiger-smidt, Martha Ruiz

**The Deceased:** William Stark, Kevin Malone, Betsy-anne Black, Roberto Costantino, John Sharockman, Camille Munday, Larry Small, Martin Hamberger, William Maykrantz, MaryMargaret Progen, Evelyn Lloyd, John Protopoulos, Gabriel Holz, Kathleen Dragoo



May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**Marianne Hammell**  
d. March 20, 2024

**Fr. Richard Menatsi**  
d. March 19, 2024



Welcome to the Family!  
The following new parishioner was baptized during the month of March

**Christian Michael**  
son of Vincent and Angela Rienzi

## MINISTRY OF PRAISE

Did you know that we have a group of very spiritual people in our parish who would love to take whatever petition(s) you may have for yourself and/or others and offer prayers for 30 straight days? The prayer group has been at St. Francis de Sales since 1994 and they are called the "Ministry of Praise." Their founder was our longtime parishioner for over 40 years, Dottie Gessner.

We are inviting anyone interested in joining our team of pray-ers to contact Leslie Sheldon at the parish office [Lsheldon@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:Lsheldon@saintfrancisparish.org) (please designate Ministry of Praise on email). Original membership included the sick, the handicapped, the homebound and senior citizens, but all interested pray-ers are now welcome to join!

If you would like to place a prayer request for the group, all you have to do is fill out the prayer intention form found in the white box on the wall labeled, "Ministry of Praise." Its location is on the right wall of the narthex, by the hallway. You may not have noticed it before because there are no neon signs pointing to it. It is inconspicuously hanging there and anxiously waiting for your prayer petitions. You can also send the request on-line. Visit our webpage at [www.saintfrancisparish.org/prayer-requests/](http://www.saintfrancisparish.org/prayer-requests/) to fill out the form.

Many will attest that great things happened after this wonderful silent spiritual force of God's heavenly army on earth have prayed for them. We know that Our Lord Jesus loves this group very much for he says, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Saint James the apostle also writes, "The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful" (James 5:16b).



**Calling all Seniors**  
**Baccalaureate Worship Service and Reception**  
For graduating seniors, family and friends  
**Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**NEEDED: Seniors to READ, SING, or PLAY an INSTRUMENT**

Contact Beth Ann McRoberts at 703.727.9613 or [BMcRoberts13@gmail.com](mailto:BMcRoberts13@gmail.com)

**The Names of The Deceased** will be remain until the first anniversary of their death. Thereafter the deceased will be remembered on the first Sunday of the monthly anniversary of their death in a special column.

**Names of The Sick** are included **only at the request of the individual or family**. If you would like to publish the name of a loved one who is sick, contact [j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org). **Please email when you would like the name to come off the list.**

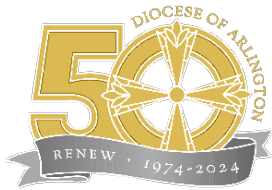
**Our Military Members** Please let us know if there are names of active military members to add to our list, or any changes to military rank. Contact Team McRoberts at [bmcroberts13@gmail.com](mailto:bmcroberts13@gmail.com)

## SFDS MOM'S GROUP

Are you a mom with young kids looking to connect with other women in the parish? You are invited to join the Saint Francis de Sales Moms Group! We meet regularly for playdates, confession, and to study the Catholic faith together. Email Elise Daniel at [eliseamyx@gmail.com](mailto:eliseamyx@gmail.com) to get on the email list or for more info.



## around the Diocese . . .



Join Bishop Burbidge as we journey through a two-year preparatory period of remembering our past and rejoicing in all that God has gifted this wonderful diocese, culminating in our

### **Golden Jubilee — our 50th anniversary**

during which we will be renewed to go out and evangelize in the name of Our Lord.

[JUBILEE.ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG](http://JUBILEE.ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG)

### **A Spiritual Date Night**

Looking to strengthen your marriage and your relationship with Christ? Please join us for A Spiritual Date Night on **Saturday, April 13**, from 7:30-9 pm. Come join other Catholic couples for dessert, fellowship, spiritual talk, and reflection. There will also be the opportunity for Confession. The event will be held at Divine Mercy University, 45154 Underwood Drive, Sterling. For more information or to register, contact Charlie and Leslie McCullough at [cwmccfamily@gmail.com](mailto:cwmccfamily@gmail.com)

### **SIGN UP FOR THE DIOCESAN E-NEWSLETTER**

Receive special video messages from our bishop, learn about unique opportunities to get involved, and be the first to know the news about our Diocese - straight to your inbox. Sign up here: [arlingtondiocese.org/email](http://arlingtondiocese.org/email).

### **Entering Canaan Days of Prayer & Healing For Women Who Have Experienced Abortion Will be held April 6, June 1 and September 28, 2024**

**After Abortion Retreats:** The next Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be on Saturday, April 6. These group healing events are held in a private and peaceful setting, in English and Spanish, based on the Entering Canaan model (2 separate retreats, 1 location). There will be an opportunity to hear from a past participant and others who have found healing. You are not alone. Take the first step. For confidential inquiries and registration, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: (703) 841-2504 or [info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.org).

**Project Rachel Post Abortion Healing Ministry:**  
888-456-HOPE or visit:  
[www.helpafterabortion.org](http://www.helpafterabortion.org).

**Gabriel Project Pregnancy Assistance Ministry:**  
866-444-3553 or  
[info@helpforpregnantwomen.org](mailto:info@helpforpregnantwomen.org)



Bishop Burbidge invites you to the Diocesan Jubilee Fest at Warren County Fairgrounds in Front Royal, on **Saturday, June 8, 2024!** Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Diocese of Arlington with your

parish family and thousands of faithful from across northern Virginia. Kick off the festival giving thanks to God with the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, celebrated by Bishop Burbidge. Following Mass, enjoy live music by headliner Celtic rock band, Scythian. Head to [arlingtondiocese.org/jubilee-fest](http://arlingtondiocese.org/jubilee-fest) for a preview of events. Registration coming soon!

People in need can find help on our website [www.cdda.net/](http://www.cdda.net/) with food, housing, medical care, counseling, legal assistance, and other services, click on 'Need Help'. Visitors will find opportunities to serve the poor under 'Give Help' or donate by clicking on 'Support Us.' This website features compelling images, resources, current events and news, and described Catholic Charities' more than 20 programs and locations, as well as the Catholic principles that inform its work.



*'All good and all transformative love comes from the cross. We thought it was the best way to convey the ongoing and never-ending love of Christ that animates Catholic Charities and our Church.'* - Former President and CEO Art Bennett

### **Holy Hour for Encounter Every First Thursday**

All you who are burdened by sin, grief, loneliness, shame, addiction, self-hatred, abortion, or any other wound, come and place all your cares on the Heart of the Eucharistic Lord who desires to free you and restore you to new life. The Holy Hour, **every first Thursday at 7pm** at St. Thomas à Becket in Reston, will include a Eucharistic Procession, opportunities for confession, as well as worship music led by a different musician each month. The celebrant will be Fr. Rich Dyer, Pastor, St. Thomas à Becket. If you have questions, contact us at (703) 841-2550.

### **Holy Father Prayer Intentions for March**

#### **For the new martyrs**

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

## We invite you to get involved in our Parish Apostolates

### SPIRITUAL LIFE

<b>Adoration/Benediction</b>	Emily Lauderback	sfd.adoration@gmail.com
<b>Adult Faith Studies</b>	Jeanne Lamana	jeannelamana@gmail.com
<b>Homebound Visitation</b>	Michael Galdo	m.galdo@saintfrancisparish.org
<b>Legion of Mary</b>	Mary Waldron	LegionofMarySFDS@gmail.com
<b>Ministry of Praise</b>	Vicki Stark	victoria.stark@gmail.com
<b>Women's Prayer Group</b>	Jean Stanley	jeanmariestanley@gmail.com
<b>Teams of Our Lady</b>	Scott and Maryann Harrison	harrison.tool.loudounsc@gmail.com
<b>That Man is You (TMIY)</b>	Rae Edmonson	sfdsmen@gmail.com

### SOCIAL OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY GROWTH

<b>Blood Drive</b>	Mark Furman	furmanma@outlook.com
<b>Compassionate Heart of Mary Bereavement</b>	Laura Burgess	llburgess@verizon.net
<b>Gabriel Project Pregnancy Support</b>	Beth McKenna	mckennau@gmail.com
<b>Giving Tree Social Justice</b>	Erin Bucci	buccierin@comcast.net
<b>Homeless Ministry</b>	Fran Beebe	franbeebe7@gmail.com
<b>Mother Teresa's Garden</b>	Mary Ann Winner	mawinner@gmail.com
<b>Project Rachel After Abortion Help</b>	Amy Grady	pajsc05@hotmail.com
<b>Respect Life</b>	Carie Losinski	skigators@icloud.com
<b>Share Sunday</b>	Michael Corrigan	Knights11136@gmail.com

### WORSHIP / LITURGY

<b>Altar Servers</b>	Elizabeth Boyko	eboyko01@yahoo.com
<b>Junior Altar Womens Society (JAS) Sacristan/Mass Coordinator</b>	Laura Burgess	llburgess@verizon.net
<b>Ushers</b>	Pat Orender	SFDS.ushers@gmail.com
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Michael Galdo	m.galdo@saintfrancisparish.org
<b>Funerals</b>		
<b>Lectors</b>		
<b>Music</b>		
<b>Weddings</b>		

### PARISH LIFE

<b>American Heritage Girls</b>	Heather Frakes	heather@frakesmont.com
<b>CHRSM Catholic Homeschool Ministry</b>	Amy Grady Emily Lauderback Molly Smith Holly Smith	sfchrsm@gmail.com
<b>Communications</b>	Janice Rees	j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org
<b>Joy of Life</b>	Monica Seeley	joyoflifeflds@gmail.com
<b>Knights of Columbus</b>	Richard Vale	knights11136@gmail.com
<b>Loaves and Fishes Friday Lent Fish Fry</b>	Joyce Sparbanie	loavesandfishesSFDS@gmail.com
<b>MAC-PAC Middle School Program</b>	Lindsay and Dan Glass	lindsay.a.glass@gmail.com
<b>Men's Group</b>	Rae Edmonson	sfdsmen@gmail.com
<b>Mom's Group</b>	Elise Daniels	eliseamyx@gmail.com
<b>SoulStitch</b>	Karen Gaylord	windingwoodsfarm@gmail.com
<b>Trail Life</b>	Michael Shields	mjcshields@gmail.com
<b>Women's Council</b>	Sandy Regan	womenscouncil.sfdsgmail.com
<b>Young Adult Group</b>	Clare King	Clare.mjk@gmail.com
<b>Young at Heart for Seniors</b>	Leslie Sheldon	l.sheldon@saintfrancisparish.org

Learn more about Saint Francis de Sales Parish Apostolates at [saintfrancisparish.org](http://saintfrancisparish.org) click on 'Sacraments/Apostolates'