

# Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD    MAY 21, 2023

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## Welcome!

Please register and become part of our parish community. You may fill out a registration form in the parish office during business hours.

**Office Hours** - M-F 8:30am-4pm  
(Office closed between 12noon and 1:15pm daily)

**Moving?** If you are leaving the parish, please let us know by calling or dropping a note.

## 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 homebound upon request. Please call the office to let us know your needs.



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"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."  
Mt 28:18b-19

**Gift shop open Sunday, May 28 after  
the 8:30, 10:30, and 12:15 Masses  
Come see our new items!  
Shop for Dads and Grads!**



### REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!!

Go to [saintfrancisparish.org/vacation-bible-school](http://saintfrancisparish.org/vacation-bible-school)  
to download registration form

We have a great need for people to help build the sets in the gym. The sets are already created, we just need the manpower to put them together. If you have simple building skills, please consider lending us a hand in the days before the start of VBS

Are you a tech person?!?

We need someone to be on-hand 8:30am-noon to help with the audio-visual aspect of the Drama Station.

Please contact [j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org)

## This Week

Sun., May 21 Men's Basketball 8:30pm OLVH  
Mon., May 22 KofC Council Mtg. 7:30pm, Knights Hall  
Tue., May 23 Men's Basketball 8:30pm OLVH  
Wed., May 24 Holy Hour for Miraculous Medal 7pm, Church  
Fri., May 26 Women's Prayer Group 7am, Chapel

## Masses for the Week

+ deceased

Sat., May 20

9:00 am

Sat., May 20

5:00 pm

Sun., May 21

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:30 pm

Mon., May 22

6:30 am

8:30 am

Tue., May 23

6:30 am

8:30 am

Wed., May 24

6:30 am

8:30 am

Thu., May 25

6:30 am

8:30 am

Fri., May 26

6:30 am

12:00 noon

Sat., May 27

9:00 am

Sat., May 27

5:00 pm

Sun., May 28

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:30 pm

### Easter Weekday

+ Rev. Michael Kelly

**Vigil: The Ascension of the Lord**

Special Intention

**The Ascension of the Lord**

Hilbold Family

+ Robert Alls

People of the Parish

Donna Manzer

+ Ray Anderson

### Easter Weekday

+ Bernardo Alvarez Lagomasino

+ Jose Saliva

### Easter Weekday

+ Kathleen Sweeney

Maralan O'Neil

### Easter Weekday

+ Burke and Dorothy Hertz

+ Bernardo Alvarez Lagomasino

### Easter Weekday

+ Donald and Ruth Heying

+ Jeanne Regan

### Saint Philip Neri

Rev. Ryan Mattingly

Azelie Magin

### Easter Weekday

Michael Shields

### Vigil: Pentecost Sunday

+ Anthony Savettiere

### Pentecost Sunday

+ Jennifer Leigh Otis

+ Rev. Gerard Ramotso

+ Deceased members of the Bischoff family

People of the Parish

+ Tom and Barbara Sullivan

## BLESSING OF THE MOTORCYCLES Today at 2pm

## Readings for the Week

Mon: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33  
Tue: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a  
Wed: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19  
Thu: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26  
Fri: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19  
Sat: Morning Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25  
Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Dear Folks,

Many thanks to all who supported such a beautiful weekend for the First Communion Class. The teachers and administrators of classes were exceptional in their organization for the young ones making their First Holy Communion. God bless our Parish DRE, Diane Taylor, and her assistant, Janice Rees. God bless the teachers: Nan Gingras, Kati Pultro, Danielle Oreder, Joanna Willard, and Lea Ann Kennedy. They have been tremendous gifts/compliments to the parents of the children.



Allow an announcement. We are going to bring back our Pilgrim Virgin Visitations, where the statue of Mary is placed in a home for seven days, promoting family devotions to our Blessed Mother. Let us remember, "If you remember the Blessed Mother, the Blessed Mother will remember you. We should start in July. More announcements will follow and a Sign Up Genius will be posted.

Speaking of the Blessed Mother, The Diocese of Arlington is half way through the devotional year honoring the Blessed Mother anticipating the 50th anniversary of the diocese. I will write more on that in a coming "Parish Letter." The Young at Heart, seniors group, is accepting the encouragement of Bishop Burbidge to visit the eleven parishes of the diocese named for the Blessed Mother. This past week the group, in its first inner diocese pilgrimage, went to St. Mary's Basilica in Old Town Alexandria.

Please start saving your nickels and dimes for a pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, and Florence, Italy. Janice Rees is setting up the pilgrimage. It is currently slated to take place the week after Thanksgiving. More information will be coming in future bulletins. Please stay tuned.

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your great generosity to the annual Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). Our Goal was, \$205,000 and we raised \$241,116.35. Hmm, wonder who gave 35 cents. Allow the old Irish adage to stand up for all of us... "When you are good to those in need, you will one day find, in your need, folks will be good to you." In this world and the next. God bless you for your great kindness.

Many thanks to all who participated in this year's Parish Talent Show. After weeks of advertising it took place last night. This is one of my favorite events of the year. Where folks from the pews stand up and sing out like candidates on, "America's Got Talent." God bless them, they have more courage than I do. What a great time.

In the closing of this letter, in typical Irish Shanty form, I want to offer my heart felt apologies for the presentation of the May Crowning Devotion yesterday. It was not so much an "afterthought." It was a "non-thought" on my part. I forgot to inform/invite the parish staff for the devotions. The priest who had the Mass wasn't informed, and we share the same rectory. The choir went home as did most of the parishioners at the 12:15 Mass. The Knights of Columbus, the standards of excellence in Pro-Life and Devotions to Mary, were not informed. The Women's Council, very much the heart and soul of the parish, never got a call. The Young at Heart were also left out. And the parish CCD families and youth group were left out.

When I reviewed the recording on the Vimeo camera, I found the priest walking off after the final blessing. The choir went dormant with the completion of the final hymn. The pews emptied out as folks went home. The altar servers and sacristans snuffed the candles and cleared the altar. Many thanks to Mrs. Danielle Oreder and Mrs. Diane Taylor who ushered ten kids, each carrying a rose, up to the statue of Mary. One young lady climbed the steps of a ladder to place the wreath of flowers on the statue of Our Lady, while the organist provided a soft melody for "Immaculate Mary." Thank you to Mrs. Sheila Cowling of

Jerry's Flowers in Leesburg for the beautiful wreath of flowers. Parents rushed up for a group picture and all departed as the lights went out. It was truly my saddest moment at St. Francis De Sales Parish. My apologies to you wonderful parishioners. You, and the Blessed Mother deserve better. I promise to do a better job next year.

We are looking forward to our annual Vacation Bible School, July 10-14. Get your kids registered before the deadline! We kindly ask for adults to help our Drama Team leaders Sheila Cowling and Cheryl Rider, by coming out the days before to help build the settings for Joseph's Egypt.

Let us all pray for one another.

## LIVE ROSARY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

Join Fr. Gould each night at 9pm as he leads the rosary and pray for peace in Ukraine. You can participate in person or on video - go to [saintfrancispark.org](http://saintfrancispark.org) and click on Live Video Streams.

### *Our thoughts and prayers are with ...*



**Our Military Members:** SGT Peter Audi, PFC Stephen G. Beard, 2nd LT Aleksandra Bissell, MAJ Andrew Cahon, USAF Mary Elizabeth Castaneda, SGT Ernesto G. Castro, LCpl Paul Cotter, LT Scott Cypher, CPT Ryan Patrick Godfrey, 2LT Alexandra Goodnow, Captain Ryan Patrick Grady, 2LT Patrick Gutierrez, PO2 Robin Hunt, Christopher Largent, 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, Sam A. Mason, PV2 Brian McWilliams, 1st LT Caleb Magowan, Kenneth Kyle McWilliams, CPT Ross Mentzer, Kyle Minogue, Marine Nate Nelms, Kristin Ober, Marine Anthony Oliverio, Lcpl John Owen Patterson, PFC Jorge Pedroza, Gy Sgt Jose O. Ruiz Pedroza, John Pileulsley, Joe Pultro, CWO Jason Runner, 1LT Matthew Ryan, LT Michael Tappe, LCpl Frankie Thyson, Shahin Uddin, SSgt Marnie Wickman, A1C Joshua Wilk, 1LT Jared Willard, Col. Theodore White

**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, Brooke Cheney, Richard King

**The Deceased:** Susan Keelor, Bob Zurschmeide, Jean Pelkey, Jeanne Sweet, Michael Craig, Edward Konchan, Patrick Gaine, Judith Miller, Jean Young, Colette Baine, Ellen Sullivan, Nicholas Misiti, Timotha Rainey, Mary Kay Madigan Ledue, Joan Jasinski, Heather Miles, Salome Torrijos, Jack Burden, James Lippert, Jack Spisak, Rose Lippert, Rodney Huth, Elaine Marshall



Diane Taylor, DRE  
[d.taylor@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:d.taylor@saintfrancisparish.org)



St. Francis de Sales Religious Education

*Thank you to all the Catechists, helpers, hall monitors, and parents who helped get their children to religious education. What a fantastic year we had! Please keep an eye open for registrations for next year.*

*Have a healthy, happy, and holy summer! Don't forget to say your prayers.*

*God bless you all,  
- Diane and Janice*

**Registration for 2023-2024 School Year:** Registration for the next school year will begin in late May. All children are expected to successfully complete their current grade-level curriculum before registering for the upcoming school year.

**Regarding registration for the first year of the Confirmation program (usually in the 7th grade):** All students must understand all material presented on 6th grade curriculum assessments (available on the parish website), know the basic parts of the Bible and how to look up Bible passages, and know basic prayers (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Act of Contrition, Apostles Creed) before beginning Confirmation preparation. Please contact Diane Taylor, Director of Religious Education, with questions about preparation for Confirmation.

**Substitutes, Catechists, Classroom Assistants, and Hall Monitors needed for next year:**

We are looking to add to our list of substitutes, catechists, classroom assistants, and hall monitors for the next school year. If you are interested in becoming a part of the religious education team, please contact the RE office. We would love to have you! We are also looking for a few more adults to help with the SPRED program. Please consider volunteering for this amazing program.

**Vacation Bible School-** July 10-14 "Joseph, Prison to Palace"

Registration is open! Please get your paperwork to Janice as soon as possible.

**May is the Month of Mary**

Did you know there are eleven churches in the Diocese of Arlington which are named for Our Lady? During this second year of preparation for the Golden Jubilee of the Diocese in 2024, we are all encouraged to focus upon Mary and her role in pointing us to Jesus. To this end, Bishop Burbidge has invited all of us to visit as many of those 11 churches as possible and spend time in prayer at each! Visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubileejourney/](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubileejourney/) for more information about this Jubilee Journey with Mary! We hope that this initiative encourages you to grow in your understanding of Mary and your devotion to her!



High School

**SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT**

ALL high schoolers are invited to Youth Nights most Sundays after 5:30pm Mass in room 213. Deepen your relationship with God, learn more about Jesus, and grow your desire for life-long discipleship with Him. Newcomers and friends are always welcome! Our next meeting is **Sunday, May 21st from 6:30-8pm**. There is no Youth Night on May 28th due to Memorial Day weekend.

**BACCALAUREATE FOR SENIORS**

Seniors, families, and friends in our community and neighboring churches are invited to attend a worship service on **Friday, June 2nd at 7pm** to celebrate their accomplishments and thank God for His amazing power and work in our lives. We'll come together in prayer and fellowship with music, Scripture, reflections, and speakers.

Seniors are encouraged to participate by reading, singing, or playing a musical instrument alongside our talented musician, Kevin Bills. Contact Beth Ann McRoberts to be part of this great event: [bm-mcroberts13@gmail.com](mailto:bm-mcroberts13@gmail.com) or 703-727-9613.



**WORKCAMP JUNE 17-23 IN FREDERICK COUNTY, VA**

Our next Formation Meeting is Sunday, May 21st from 6:30-8pm in OLOV. This month's preparation is focused on "What do I wear? What do I bring? How do I pack?" If you have questions or would like to help (we can still volunteers in ANY capacity), please email Shahin or Maggie ([famillyuddin@gmail.com](mailto:famillyuddin@gmail.com)). Come bring your gift to the altar!

**REMIND**

High schoolers and parents, go to <https://remind.com/join/a4d636> or text @a4d636 to 81010 to receive text reminders and event updates.

**SAVE THE DATES:**

WORKCAMP TOOL TRAINING - June 4, 8-2pm  
PARISH CAR WASH DURING ALL MASSES - Sunday, June 11th  
COLLEGE NIGHT at ST. MARK'S (seniors only) - Wednesday, June 28th  
GOD SQUAD HS SUMMER CAMP (rising 9th-12th) - July 19th-21st

Middle School

ALL middle schoolers are invited to  
**"Outdoor Games Night"**

Sunday, May 21st from 6:30-8pm

Spread the word and bring a friend!

Parents, let me know if you'd like to help out.



Registration details coming soon!

## St. Francis Council 11136 News

**COUNCIL OFFICER MEETING:** Our next Council meeting is Monday 22 May at 7:30 in the Knights Hall. We will begin the transition of the council officer team, please join us to help plan events for the 2023-2024 fraternal year.



**NEW COUNCIL OFFICERS:** We elected our new council officers for the 2023-2024 fraternal year. We are proud to congratulate the following members on their upcoming officer positions:

Grand Knight- Br Richard Vale  
Deputy Grand Knight- Br Mike Carducci  
Chancellor- Br Leejay Acham  
Warden- Br Richard Jacobs  
Treasurer- Br Michael Corrigan  
Recorder- Br Shaun Maher  
Advocate- Br Dennis Godfrey  
Inside Guard- Br Pat Orender  
Outside Guard- Br Kevin Sweeney  
Financial Secretary- Br Rae Edmonson  
1st Year Trustee- Br Jay Hallam  
2nd Year Trustee- Br Chris Miller  
3rd Year Trustee- Br Tracy Beglau

**JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** It is easier than ever to process 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.

Jay Hallam, Grand Knight  
St. Francis Council #11136. [Knights11136@gmail.com](mailto:Knights11136@gmail.com);  
[www.facebook.com/knights11136/](https://www.facebook.com/knights11136/)

### Looking for a way to help support Women who Choose Life?

Birthright of Loudoun, a crisis pregnancy center in Leesburg, maintains an Amazon Gift Registry with a wish list of reasonably priced items most wanted by new moms in need. Access the registry at [www.amazon.com/registries/custom/JIJ2X48CEMTI/guest-view](https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/JIJ2X48CEMTI/guest-view) or by going to Amazon.com, "Find a Gift", "Custom Gift List" and entering "Birthright of Loudoun".

If you prefer, cash donations can be sent to:  
Birthright of Loudoun, 16 Royal St, SE, Leesburg, VA 20175



## DIOCESAN FAMILY FESTIVAL 2023

Rejoicing in One God, One Family

SATURDAY, JUNE 10 | 4-8:30 P.M.

MASS WITH BISHOP BURBIDGE AT 4 P.M.

FREE HOT DOGS  
& PUPUSAS\*

FACE PAINTING &  
VENDORS\*

GAMES, RIDES &  
INFLATABLES



LIVE MUSIC  
FEATURING  
**SCYTHIAN**

### FREE EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

To reserve your tickets visit  
[www.arlingtondiocese.org/familyfestival](https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/familyfestival)  
or scan the QR code



### WARREN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

26 Fairground Rd., Front Royal, VA 22630

Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating

\* DONATIONS FOR FOOD VENDORS GREATLY APPRECIATED

### Day of Prayer and Healing After Abortion Care for Women

After Abortion Retreats: A Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be on Saturday, July 29 and Saturday, September 30, 2023. These group healing events are held in a private and peaceful setting, in English and Spanish, based on the Entering Canaan model. 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, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: (703) 841-2504 or [info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.org).

### Pastoral Resources for Those Suffering After Miscarriage, Infertility & Infant Loss

For those who are suffering the cross of infertility and miscarriage, you are not alone. Visit the diocesan website for a list of resources to support you and your family during your most difficult days. [www.arlingtondiocese.org/find-support/miscarriage-and-infant-loss/](https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/find-support/miscarriage-and-infant-loss/)

Project Rachel Post Abortion  
Healing Ministry:

888-456-HOPE or visit: [www.helpafterabortion.org](https://www.helpafterabortion.org).

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

## Homeless Ministry

Brothers and sisters, today let us implore this grace: to love Jesus in his abandonment and to love Jesus in the abandoned all around us. Let us ask for the grace to see and acknowledge the Lord who continues to cry out in them. May we not allow his voice to go unheard amid the deafening silence of indifference. God has not left us alone; let us care, then, for those who feel alone and abandoned. Then, and only then, will we be of one mind and heart with the one who, for our sake, "emptied himself" (Phil 2:7). He emptied himself completely for us. – Pope Francis, Palm Sunday Homily, 2023



Thank you to all those who participated by donating diaper bags to the Missionary Sisters of Charity in May. Our St. Francis Community was able to donate 16 diaper bags, blessings bags, and special gifts to homeless mothers along with our regularly scheduled meal.

- **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.
    - Items due June 8th; meal delivered and served June 10th.
- **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.
    - Items due May 24th; meal delivered and served May 25th.

*"Keep the joy of loving God in your heart and share this joy with all you meet especially your family."* – Mother Teresa

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)
- Suzanne Robinson [suzannedrobinson@gmail.com](mailto:suzannedrobinson@gmail.com)

### Holy Father Prayer Intentions for May

#### For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

## Women's Council Corner

*"I give you thanks that I am fearfully, wonderfully made; wonderful are your works."*  
Psalm 139:14



### Funeral Reception Coordinator Wanted

We have a tremendous team to handle this very special task on short notice, but we need a team leader. If you could help we would be very appreciative! If interested, please email [womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com](mailto:womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com) so we can add you to our team!

### Next Social Event - Sip, Dip N' Paint -

Mon., June 5th, 6:30pm or Tue, June 6th, 10:00am  
Our Lady of Victory Hall

Join us for a painting class with our own talented Diane Waller! Because of high demand we have two dates to choose from. Bring a dip to share and we'll provide the drinks to sip! Sign up information is on the website.



### Next Planning Meeting - Monday, June 26th

6:30pm Rosary in the Chapel | 7pm Meeting in the 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.



Please check our website for more details on each event. [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.

Did you notice something at St. Francis de Sales that needs cleaning, repair or maintenance? Our staff is hard at work maintaining our beautiful property. If you would like to make a suggestion, please direct all repairs and maintenance requests to our Facilities Manager, Tim McGinn at [t.mcginns@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:t.mcginns@saintfrancisparish.org) or give him a call at the parish office (540) 338-6381, x133.

### St. Bridget of Ireland Church is Hiring

We are looking to hire for two positions.

The **Parish Coordinator** will be a full-time employee who will serve as a central hub for the life of the parish. Some of the responsibilities will include overseeing parish projects, implementing pastor's initiatives, and working with parish groups for events.

The **Maintenance Staff** will be a part-time employee and will be both custodial and maintenance work.

For both positions, please complete an employment application (found on our website) and submit that with a resume (for the Parish Coordinator position only) to the parish office. Please see our parish website for more detailed job descriptions.

[Stbridgetberryville.org](http://Stbridgetberryville.org).



### **Nine Seminarians to be Ordained Priests**

On June 3, 2023, Bishop Burbidge will ordain the seminarian deacons to the priesthood of Jesus Christ: Deacons Jonathan Bennett, Andrew Clark, Timothy Courtney, Zinjin Iglesia, Michael Nugent, Luke Poczatek, Charles Wilton and David Witherow. The Mass will be held at Holy Trinity Catholic Church at 11:00 a.m. and will also be livestreamed. Bishop Burbidge will ordain Deacon Elder Maldonado on May 27 in Rome. Visit [www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/Ordinations](http://www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/Ordinations) to learn more about these men, what led them to seminary, and about the ordination events. Pray for our future priests!

### **THE CALIX SOCIETY - Using our Catholic faith to enhance our 12-step recovery**

Calix is a national association of Catholics in recovery and their family and friends who are affected by addictions. Our participation in all other spiritual activities, such as the reception of the Sacraments, help us strive for the sanctification of each member. Meetings are held in Leesburg Saturdays 10-11:15am or online on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 8-9pm. Contact Bruce at [Calix\\_NoVA@yahoo.com](mailto:Calix_NoVA@yahoo.com)

**Do you ever doubt the promises of God?  
Do you long for greater peace & joy?**

*Made for More*

**A Workshop for Women on  
the Journey of the Beloved**

**JUNE 6, 2023**

**6:15 PM - 9:00 PM**

**ST. THERESA CHURCH**

**21370 ST. THERESA LANE  
ASHBURN, VA**

Discover how our brokenness can lead to healing. ♥ Claim God's promises & renounce common lies. ♥ Receive the invitation to draw closer to Christ.

To register, visit [www.JourneyoftheBeloved.com](http://www.JourneyoftheBeloved.com)

**\$25 cost includes workshop materials & refreshments.**

Questions? Contact Elizabeth Leon  
[onegratefulgirl@verizon.net](mailto:onegratefulgirl@verizon.net)

### **Special Religious Development (SPRED)**

A program designed to support and serve children with developmental disabilities and will be offered this fall at St. Francis de Sales Parish for the '23-'24 RE year.

The SPRED program invites those with disabilities to come together in a small faith community to discover God's presence in their lives and to receive the Sacraments of Initiation, based on individual levels of readiness. Children with Down Syndrome, Autism, and Learning Disabilities are welcome to join this group!

The program meets for 12 sessions on Saturday mornings (10 AM- 12 PM) throughout the year from September – April. During each session, the children, along with adult volunteers, participate in catechesis and joyful activities that include crafts, music, and spiritual lessons with connections to the Mass, scripture, and daily life. The ability to read is not a requirement as all projects and activities are designed to meet the needs of children at various levels of achievement.

The Religious Education Department is currently seeking volunteers to be Catechists (lead catechist, music catechist, arts and crafts catechist, meal/snack catechist), for SPRED. If you are over 18 years of age and interested in working with people with disabilities, please consider volunteering with the SPRED Program. You will receive far more than you can ever give! VIRTUS training is available this summer for anyone not yet trained.

Enrollment begins in May for elementary and middle school children, ages 6-12. For more information, please contact Diane Taylor, DRE, at (540)338-6381 or email at [d.taylor@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:d.taylor@saintfrancisparish.org).

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