

Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 18, 2018



New Religious Education Shed

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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.

Sacraments

Confessions: 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.

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 Extraordinary Form (Latin Mass)
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.

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Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
- Mark 13:31

ENCOURAGEMENT

This Sunday's Gospel is our final selection from Mark for this liturgical year. It is taken from the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem immediately preceding the account of his arrest and passion. In it Jesus gives his disciples hope to sustain them through his passion and death and any persecution or suffering that they would encounter after his resurrection.

The words from the book of Daniel also provided hope and encouragement to the people of Daniel's time. The encouragement in these scriptures is meant for us as well, for none of us will escape tribulation in our lives. Followers of Jesus will be able to endure suffering with joyful hope, knowing that Christ's love will lead us along the way of discipleship and give us eternal life with God.

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**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!**
MASS - 9AM
(NO 6:30AM MASS)

The Church Office and Religious Education office will be closed at noon on Wednesday, November 21, and closed on Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Parish Financial Status

In-pew Offertory - November 11 \$ 13,673
2nd Collection - Retirement Fund for Religious \$ 3,204

Parish Giving Offertory for October \$ 31,827

YEAR TO DATE \$ 391,107

This week's 2nd Collection - Campaign for Human Development
Next week's 2nd Collection - Parish Maintenance

This Week

Sun., Nov. 18 Adult Basketball 8:30pm
Mon., Nov. 19 Catholic Mom's Group 10am, Room 106
Tue., Nov. 20 No Catholic Social Justice Class
 No Women's Faith Ministry
 NO RCIA
Wed., Nov. 21 SoulStitch 9:30am Parish Hall
 No Catholic Social Justice Class
 No TMIY 7pm, Room 202
 No Bible Study
Sat., Nov. 24 No TMIY
 Compassionate Heart of Mary 10am, Parish Hall
Sun., Nov. 25 Adult Basketball 8:30pm

Masses for the Week

+ deceased

Saturday, Nov. 17

9:00 am

Saturday, Nov. 17

5:00 pm

Sunday, Nov. 18

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:00 pm

Monday, Nov. 19

9:00 am

Tuesday, Nov. 20

6:30 am

Wed., Nov. 21

9:00 am

Thursday, Nov. 22

9:00 am

Friday, Nov. 23

6:30 am

12:00 noon

Saturday, Nov. 24

9:00 am

Saturday, Nov. 24

5:00 pm

Sunday, Nov. 25

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:00 pm

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

+ Mary Meyrick

Vigil: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Andrea Todd

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deceased members of the Butts and D'Elia families

People of the Parish

+ Patrick Ryan

+ Margaret Nickel

Deceased members of the Kupka and Simmons families

Weekday

+ Richard Barkdoll

Weekday

The Pultro Family

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

+ Shelley Simpson

Saint Cecilia

Michael Szemborski and family

Weekday

Compassionate Heart of Mary

+ Jim Dueppen

Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

Maralan O'Neil

Vigil: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

+ Mary Breiding

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

+ Jim Dueppen

+ Nicola Arduini

People of the Parish

Father Escalante

Father Mullaney

Readings for the Week

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44

Thanksgiving Day—Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

Mass Celebrant Schedule

Saturday, November 17

5pm: Fr. Escalante

Sunday, November 18

7am: Fr. Escalante

8:30am: Fr. Escalante

10:30am: Fr. Mullaney

12:15pm: Fr. Mullaney

5pm: Fr. Mullaney

Saturday, November 24

5pm: Fr. Mullaney

Sunday, November 25

7am: Fr. Mullaney

8:30am: Fr. Mullaney

10:30am: Fr. Escalante

12:15pm: Fr. Escalante

5pm: Fr. Escalante



New Religious Education Storage

In case you're wondering what the nice new little barn-like structure on the other side of the parish education center, it's our new *Religious Education Storage Shed*. Since we don't have a lot of storage inside the parish center so we ordered this shed to house especially the props used for Vacation Bible School. The design of the shed fits the rustic look of the neighborhood barns and will help us clear the tight closets we've been keeping many of the religious education items.

New car raffle volunteers

We're very thankful to *Tracy Beglau* and *Pete Sacripanti* from the Knights of Columbus for volunteering to manage the annual multi-parish car raffle. This is a big fundraiser for us and we're always wishing for one of the parishioners to win one of the cars. Last year one of ours won a large cash prize. And we thank *Jim Marsan* for all the years of hard work he did running the car raffle. His efforts raised a lot of money for the parish and the *Knights of Columbus*.

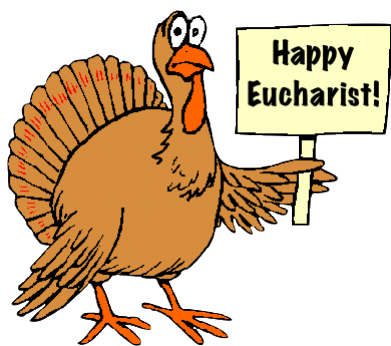
Hefty food collection

The *SHARE SUNDAY* crew reported receiving 2,340 pounds of food in November for the *Catholic Charities* food pantry. Thank you all for your generous giving!

Happy Thanksgiving!

May you all have a wonderful and *Happy Thanksgiving!* I hope you can get your day off to a great start by celebrating 9am Mass with the parish on Thanksgiving Day. God's blessings to all of you and have a great time with your loved ones!

Your shepherd in Christ,
Father Escalante



Keep CHRIST In Christmas

Evangelize this year with wonderful religious Christmas cards available in the Narthex after Sunday Masses beginning the weekend before Thanksgiving (Nov. 17 & 18). Buy then when purchases of \$30 or more will receive a free KCIC car magnet (value of \$4) while supplies last. To see a list of available cards go to: www.ChristisCHRISTmas.com. For more information contact Steve DeVita at sdevita@aol.com.

Ask the Priest

Q. If you are mortally wounded for the sake of Jesus Christ, and you die a couple of days later, are you still considered a martyr? –D.R.S.

A. Yes. There is no time limit to when you die as martyr. As long as you died for Jesus you are a true martyr.

Q. Who came up with the idea of illustrating angels as humans with wings? –Celine Willard

A. The earliest depiction of an angel with wings date back between 379 and 395 AD when it was found on a sarcophagus in *Sariguzel, Turkey* (near Istanbul). Since this discovery, many artists have been drawing pictures of angels with wings added and sometimes to the human form.

Q. How long will we keep praying the "Faith in Action" prayer before the end of Mass? –Anonymous

A. We added this prayer when we first built the new parish education center with the intention of praying it until we've paid off the parish debt of \$8.5M we incurred in 2014. We've lowered the debt to just below \$3M by 2017 but the recent church renovation added another \$1.5M to raise the debt back up to \$4.5M. However, due to the generosity of our parishioners, we've lowered our total debt back down to \$3.5M in just one year. In summary, we plan on ending the prayer as soon as we've paid off our debt. Without prayers, I don't know how we would have been able to make our loan payments. Our Lord has certainly been hearing our prayers so let's keep it up!

Q. Where did you get the golf cart that you're driving around the parish? –Anonymous

A. The golf cart was donated by parishioners back in February 12, 2015 to help me get around the parish when I was experiencing leg pains. The golf cart sat in their garage unused for about a decade before passing it on to me. Our maintenance crew also uses it to haul things around.

COURAGE a group that assists individuals with same-sex attractions to live chaste lives according to the teachings of the Catholic Church, meets in the Diocese of Arlington. Meetings are for men and women and strict confidentiality is maintained. For more info: courage@arlingtondiocese.org and www.couragerc.net

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS - NOVEMBER

Universal – In Service of Peace
That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.



*Compassionate
Heart of Mary*
Bereavement Support
Group
Saturday, November 24
10am, Parish Hall

If you are grieving a spouse, family member, or friend, whether recently or some time ago, or you know someone who is grieving, please call us for more information, Bev at 540-882-9707 or Laura at 703-727-7117.

SENIOR LUNCHEON

Because of the upcoming holidays, there will not be a Senior Luncheon on Tuesday, November 27 or Tuesday, December 28. The next Luncheon will be **Tuesday, December 4**, and we will return to our regular schedule on the last Tuesday of the month in January.



Garrett Osborn & Leah Perdue
September 29

Julie Hormes & Michael Rush
October 27

Kimberly Rudd & Michael McHugh
November 3

*Our thoughts and
prayers are with ...*



Our Military Members:

Major 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, LT Scott Cypher, Cap. Vincent Jovene, 1st Lt. Jamie (Jovene) Liddle, A1C Joshua Jovene, 1LT Jared Willard, Joe Pultro, LCpl Paul Cotter, 2dLt Rachel Jovene, GySgt Jose O Ruiz Pedroza, PFC Jorge A Lara Pedroza, LT Ross Mentzer, 2nd LT Ryan Patrick Grady; PFC Stephen G. Beard, Sgt. Ernesto G. Castro

The Sick: Dominic Corcoran, Jack Lehtonen, Mary Jane Arens, Zach Miller, Phyllis Heller, Madeline Gonzalez, Mike O'Brien, Bill and Valerie Wieliczko, Bud and Sarah Nolan, Liz Keller

The Deceased: Sophie and Pedro Macaraeg, Rita Hockenbury, Kim Castellano, David Young, Philippe Laffitte-Smith, Shannon Stodar, Edward Versprille, Nancy Anderson, Arthur Busher, Jim Dueppen, Dorothy Gessner, Ellen Delaney, Daniel Duggan

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

• **New Altar Guild members needed**—The *Altar Guild* volunteer crew prepares our beautiful new sanctuary ready for the Sunday & Holy Day Masses. No experience necessary and Altar Guild coordinator, *Laura Burgess*, will gladly train new members. The Saturday morning duty includes flower arrangements and light spot cleaning to prepare the altar and the sanctuary for the celebration of the Mass. Please contact Laura Burgess to volunteer for this very important duty and care for Our Lord's sacred house of worship: llburgess@verizon.net

• **Boxing Team for Boys being formed in the parish!**—There are at least three parishes in the diocese this year that have a boys' boxing team so we are now forming our own Saint Francis de Sales Boys' Boxing Team! No boxing experience is necessary and I now have at least two trainers who are willing to teach the kids the art of boxing. Gloves and headgear will be used during sparring. If interested in participating, including adult boxing trainers and monitors, please contact me directly. To comply with child safe and protection I will need a few adult monitors on hand. Monitors don't need to have boxing experience.

• **Oberammergau/Divine Mercy European Pilgrimage in 2020** -- There is a *Passion Play* that's held in a German town of *Oberammergau* once every ten years for nearly 400 years that pilgrims have been attending. Our parish trip is set for August 11-22, 2020. Included in this 11-day package is a visit to the *Divine Mercy Shrine* in Krakow, *Black Madonna* in Czestochowa, Prague, Salzburg, Vienna and Munich. *Nauvas International* customized our Oberammergau/Eastern Europe trip and offered us the early-bird discount rate of \$4699 per person (we depart from Dulles). So far **28** have signed up for the trip and if you're interested in joining us please return the bottom portion of the flyer to parish or contact me directly. To get the special rate I need your \$200 deposit. I've seen comparable rates costing nearly \$7k!

• **Looking for Ushers for the "New Ushering Ministry"**—*Pat Orender* is heading the new ushering ministry and we're looking for new ushers to serve the parish community to help the worshipers who come to Mass. This will be a great opportunity to volunteer in the parish. We need more adult volunteers but we also welcome *Junior Ushers* (young kids) to serve with the adults. Contact Pat to sign up: theoenders@gmail.com

• **Donate to our new Ambo (Pulpit)** I'm inviting you to donate any amount for the new Ambo (Pulpit) and be a part of the "Book of Life Circle." Donations of \$1k or more will give you the option to add a dedication to our future Memorial Wall to be displayed in the narthex. We need \$35k for this important part of the sanctuary where we hear the Word of God proclaimed. As of November 2, 2018, we have received \$23,000. (See July 30, 2017 Shepherd's Notes re the Ambo.)

• **Pipe Organ" donation**—Please help us pay for the church organ that will be installed in April. To date we have received \$48,810. We now owe just \$68,890 for this incredible organ!

• **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. Go to our website: www.saintfrancisparish.org.

• **Hosting the Pilgrim Virgin statue sign up**—You can now schedule to sign up for hosting the *Pilgrim Virgin* in your home. Go to saintfrancisparish.org/hosting-the-pilgrim-virgin/ and pick a date. Then just sign up at j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org and pick up the statue in the chapel 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!

• **Look up our parish on Facebook**—Search for: *St. Francis de Sales, Purcellville...and "Like" us.*

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!

• A big Thank You to *Tracy Beglau & Pete Sacripanti* for taking over Jim Marsan to run next year's multi-parish car raffle. This is one of our biggest fundraisers!

• We reached our 3-year 100k goal for the *Rosary Challenge!* On **10.13.2018**, we have surpassed the **100k** goal of rpsaries prayed when we received the final tally of **104,885!** Thank you so much for your participation and keep praying the rosary daily, faithful children of Our Lady. You and the parish will truly be blessed!

Religious Education Office

James Blankenship, DRE
Janice Rees, CRE



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“Cook the truth in Charity until it tastes sweet”
- St. Francis de Sales -

This is part of ongoing catechesis about the Extraordinary Form of the Mass, which is often times called the Traditional Latin Mass. Excerpt takes from EXPLANATION OF THE PRAYERS AND CEREMONIES OF HOLY MASS by Dom Gueranger. (www.liturgicalatina.org/benedictine/holymass.htm#pref)

Gloria in excelsis Deo! et in terra, pax hominibus bonae voluntatis:
Glory be to God in the highest heavens; and peace on earth to men of good will; to men that are beloved of God. These are the words of the Angels: to God, be glory; to men, who, heretofore, were all children of wrath, the peace and blessing of God. In this the opening of the Hymn, it speaks to God, without distinction of Persons; and holy Mother Church, after the example of the Angels, takes up, at first, the same tone; and thus continues: *Laudamus te:* We praise Thee; for praise is due to Thee, and we offer it unto Thee. *Benedicimus te:* We bless Thee; that is to say, we offer Thee thanksgiving, in return for thy benefits. *Adoramus te:* We adore Thee, O Infinite Majesty! *Glorificamus te:* We give glory to Thee, for that Thou hast created and redeemed us. The bare addressing these several expressions to God, with the intention of praising Him, thanking Him, adoring Him, and glorifying Him, is a perfect prayer and praise; such is the intention of the Church; let it be ours, and we shall not need to go in search of any higher meaning to our words.

Euro-American Student Alliance, a local cultural exchange organization, is seeking host families for a group of Austrian and French teens who will be visiting Purcellville from March 30-April 8, 2019. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Francesca Contento, program coordinator, at 240-575-4898 or francesca@euro-ameri-can.net.

Follow Bishop Burbidge

Bishop Burbidge has over 12,200 followers on Twitter! His daily reflections and posts are popular and insightful. Follow him @BishopBurbidge. Want to hear relevant, pastoral inspiration from our Shepherd? Selected homilies of Bishop Burbidge are posted on our YouTube page. Please visit youtube.com/arlingtondiocese.

Religious Education Calendar

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 18

Sunday [Grades 1st-8th Session 1](#) - 8:45am
[Grades K-8th Session 2](#) - 10:30am
Monday [Grades K-8th](#) - 4:45pm
Wednesday **NO CLASS**

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 25

Sunday **NO CLASS**
Monday [Grades K-8th](#) - 4:45pm
Wednesday [Grades K-8th](#) - 4:45pm



Emily Glass Director of Youth Ministry
540-338-6381 or e.glass@saintfrancisparish.org
[@saintfrancisparish.org](https://www.instagram.com/saintfrancisparish.org)

MOUNT2000 – Sign ups are now open for Mount2000! February 8-10, 2019, hosted by Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. Three days of nationally-renowned, teen-oriented Catholic speakers, Mass, Adoration, opportunities for Confession, getting to know seminarians, vocation exploration, awesome music and worship, and SO much fun! \$85 before 11/30, and \$90 after 11/30. E-mail e.glass@saintfrancisparish.org to sign up or get more info!

NO YOUTH NIGHT - There will be no Youth Night on November 25th, the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

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 5-6pm for Bible study.

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) 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. We usually meet the 2nd Sunday of the month. Watch this column for upcoming events!



Join us for Mount2000!!! Signups have started!

ST. FRANCIS COUNCIL 11136 NEWS



Next Council Meeting: Our next Council Business Meeting will be on Monday, December 10, at 7:30pm. We will pray our Rosary in the chapel beginning at 7pm. Any parishioner is welcomed to join our Rosary!

Congratulations to Our Newest 4th Degree Knights!

Congratulations to Rae Edmonson, Bob Holzbach and Robert Metz for going through the Exemplification Degree Ceremony on Saturday, October 27th and becoming 4th Degree Knights. Well done gentlemen!

Blood Drive at the Purcellville Volunteer Fire Station:

Blood Drive is this Sunday, November 18th from 7:30am to 12:30pm at the Purcellville Volunteer Fire Station. Please donate if you can. It is the last blood drive for 2018.

Keep Christ in Christmas Cards on Sale: The Keep Christ in Christmas Cards go on sale this Sunday, November 18th in the narthex of the church.

Have You Ever Considered Becoming a Knight and Helping Others in Your Parish and Community?: Find out how you can be a part of the largest Catholic men's organization in the world. With nearly 2 million members and growing, discover how the Knights can support you, your family, your faith and your community. Contact GK Tracy Beglau or Chancellor Scott Grimard (Grimster845@gmail.com), or look for any man wearing a Knights of Columbus name badge. The needs are many, but the laborers are few.

May God bless you!

Tracy Beglau, Grand Knight
St. Francis Council #11136

knightsforcolumbusfrancis11136@gmail.com

COAT DRIVE for KIDS

The Knights of Columbus are collecting Coats for Kids. Clean, gently used or new. Please deposit your items in the box located in the Narthex.

Thanksgiving Together

Hosted by TREE OF LIFE Community Kitchen

A FREE meal for Everyone! If you are alone, working or looking to share in the joy of coming together for a traditional meal, please join us for a Thanksgiving Feast. Families welcome! Meals can also be delivered to homebound individuals in Western Loudoun area.



THANKSGIVING DAY
12noon-2:30pm
St. Peter's Episcopal Church
37018 Glendale St, Purcellville

If you would like to donate or volunteer, visit
www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0444aba82fa46-thanksgiving2

The Ladies Auxiliary News



BINGO
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Join us for some fun and socializing as we play BINGO on Monday, November 19 at 7pm in room 202!

We'll discuss what the Ladies Auxiliary is all about and what ideas we have for 2019.

Email ladiesaux11136@gmail.com! if you have questions or comments!

COUNSELING OFFERED AT SFDS

Jennifer Barry, LCSW from Catholic Charities' Family Services will begin taking appointments offering Individual, Family or Couples Counseling on Wednesdays at St. Francis de Sales. Jennifer is a licensed clinical social worker who received her Master of Social Work (MSW) from the Catholic University of America. If you would like to schedule an appointment with her, please contact Family Services at 703-425-0109.

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: <http://bit.ly/CDASignup>

Please join our American Heritage Girls Troop 962 on December 15 to
REMEMBER the Fallen... HONOR those who Serve
... TEACH our children the value of Freedom



Our Troop has begun our annual drive to raise sponsorships for our fallen Veterans. You can go to our Troop VA0962 "*Wreaths Across America*" webpage at www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/va0107p to sponsor a Wreath. These wreaths will be laid at Winchester National Cemetery, located at 401 National Ave, Winchester. There are 5,561 graves to honor at this particular cemetery, and we appreciate your continued generosity in helping us strive for our goal to honor every grave.

Laying of wreaths will begin at 11am on Saturday, December 15th, with ceremony at 12pm. Everyone is welcome! Ceremonies around the world will be starting at the same moment, so please be on time. During wreath laying, please help ensure that all participants get the opportunity to place a wreath, and please follow the location coordinator's instructions on where and how to place wreaths. We look forward to seeing you there on December 15.

Questions? Contact Beth Creighton at creightonfa18@gmail.com, or 703-297-2895.

For Catholics in Recovery

Calix is an association of Catholics in recovery and their family & friends also affected by addictions. Calix members maintain their sobriety through participation in 12-step recovery programs. Calix promotes the spiritual development of its members, and meetings serve as a source of inspiration & encouragement to each other.

How to Attend a Meeting

- In Leesburg, meetings are held on Saturdays – 10 to 11:15am – Club "12", 58 Sycolin Road SE, Leesburg. Contact Bruce G at Calix_NoVA@yahoo.com for details.
- Join online meetings "virtually" through videoconference or call-in on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 8-9pm. E-mail Ken at treasurer@calixsociety.org to be added to the e-mail distribution list.

If you have questions, please call Mike M at 703.362.3534 or e-mail at mfm2u2@gmail.com. Go to www.calixsociety.org for more information about Calix.

Come ponder the mysteries of the Rosary Tuesday Nights from 7:30 – 9pm. Join us for one or all of the Mysteries! The resource we are using is Take Up & Read's PONDER, which is available on Amazon.



We will begin with the Luminous Mysteries
 November 27th – The Preaching in the Kingdom
 December 4th – The Transfiguration
 December 11th – The Institution of the Eucharist
 To sign up email katiemagin@gmail.com or jen@thehouses.us

St. John's Preschool Open House Nov. 15th

St. John's Preschool will hold an Open House during Discover Catholic Schools Week on Thursday, November 15th from 7:00-8:30pm. The Open House will be at the Preschool, which is located in the Parish Center at 101 Oakcrest Manor Drive in Leesburg. Parents of two, three and four year old prospective students are welcome to tour the Preschool and meet with staff members and current parents. St. John's Preschool has three and four year old classes. Students who will be three or four by September 30, 2019 are eligible to enroll for next fall. Additional information is available on the St. John's web site, <http://www.saintjohnleesburg.org> under the drop down Education and Youth. Please call Director Jane Taylor at (703) 777-7873 for inquiries.

Sunday, November 18th from 7am – 12noon

BLOOD DRIVE

Purcellville Fire & Safety Station, Maple Avenue
 Please register at: inova.org/donateblood
 Use Sponsor code #3026

Walk-ins are welcome but appointments are preferred. Please remember that there is a critical need for certain blood types. There is no substitute for human blood and the shelf-life is short. All blood collected is used locally. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church and Inova Blood Services.



November is Feed the Hungry Month Share Sunday Fall Harvest Collection

Because of the ongoing urgent need for food, we are challenging each family of Saint Francis to do the most they can in terms of donating food. The "Fall Harvest" is a Diocesan-wide effort to come together as a diocese, as a community of faith, to fight hunger.



Parish Homeless Ministry

Call for Donations:

Our parish is hosting a linen donation drive for the Christ House men's shelter in Alexandria. We are collecting the following new items: twin sheets and twin comforters/blankets (preferably masculine), bed pillows, and towels. Please place all donations in the Homeless Ministry box located in the narthex by **Sunday, November 25**. Let's help our brothers in Christ have a warm, comfortable place to lay their heads this winter!



Upcoming Service Opportunities:

Many thanks to all of the new volunteers, husbands and teens alike, for their help at the St. Teresa of Calcutta D.C. Soup Kitchen on November 10. The guests were very appreciative of our healthy lunches, and the Sisters are most grateful for all we do. Our next serving will be on **Saturday, December 8** from 8:30 to 11:15am. There are several ways to help: you may prepare food in your home, casseroles, muffins, salads and rolls etc for us to take to the Soup Kitchen to serve; and or join us in the kitchen in DC to prepare and serve on site. We can carpool!" .

On **Saturday, December 8**, join the Archdiocese of Washington's Catholic Charities at the Cup of Joe Breakfast Bagging events in Landover, MD, assembling breakfast bags for the homeless from 9 to 11am. Without these bags, homeless guests at area shelters would have no morning meal. Enjoy working the fast-paced assembly line for a great cause! Register at www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteercalendar/cup-joe-breakfast-bagging/all/

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Vendors welcome! Contact Cheryl Rider at chercher4@gmail.com
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 visit: www.helpafterabortion.org.

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