

# Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

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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 Masses

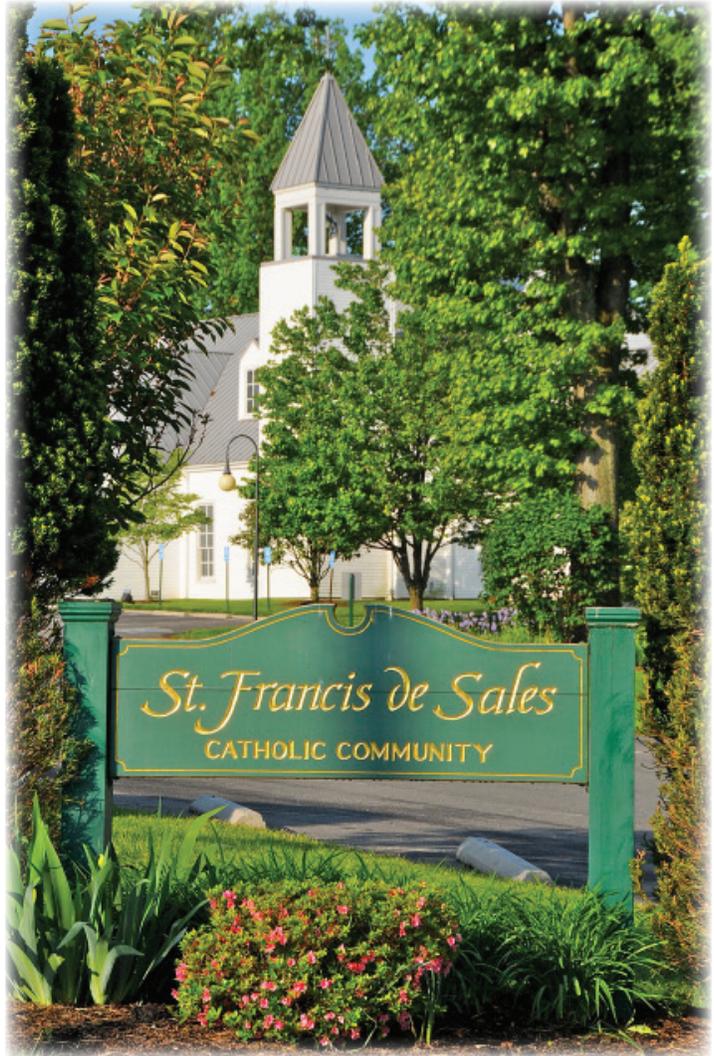
Saturday Vigil - 5pm  
Sunday - 7am, 8:30am, 10am, 12:15pm,  
5:30pm (Mass with contemporary music)

## Daily Masses

Monday through Thursday - 6:30am and 8:30am  
Friday - 6:30am and 12noon  
Saturday - 9am  
Check the bulletin for Holy Days of Obligation

## 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 10:30am; 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.

**25th Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**SEPTEMBER 26, 2021**

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart. - *Psalm 19*



**crux gloria**  
 GIFT SHOP

Catholic gifts for all occasions

OUR CENTENNIAL  
 BOOK IS AVAILABLE!



Purchases support our  
 Parish Debt Reduction.

**PLEASE STOP BY**

**SATURDAYS:** During Confession and  
 after the Saturday evening mass.

**SUNDAYS:** After the 7:00, 8:30,  
 10:30 and 12:15 mass

**Pre-orders** can be picked up during  
 our scheduled hours on Saturday  
 and Sunday or by appointment.

**Questions?** text to Robin Mentzer@  
 703-431-1564



**St. Francis de Sales  
 Centennial Commemorative  
 Christmas Ornament**

This custom 3D ornament is a  
 beautiful illustration of our parish  
 church. These ornaments will be  
 sold at our gift shop. All donations  
 support the Parish Center Debt Re-  
 duction. Ornaments are sold at our  
 gift shop each weekend throughout  
 September.

**This Week**

- Mon., Sep. 27 Adult Bible Study 10am, Room 206  
RCIA 7pm, Room 107
- Tue., Sep. 28 Women's Bible Study 7pm, Room 206
- Wed., Sep. 29 Young at Heart Luncheon 12noon, OLVH  
Charismatic Prayer Group 7pm, Chapel
- Thu., Sep. 30 Hispanic Legion of Mary 7:15pm, Library
- Fri., Oct. 1 Women's Prayer Group 7-8am,  
 Knights Hall

OLVH = Our Lady of Victory Hall (gym) Parish Education Ctr.

**Masses for the Week**

+ *deceased*

- Saturday, Sep. 25 *Weekday*  
 9:00 am Tony and Joan Jasinski
- Saturday, Sep. 25  
 5:00 pm **Vigil: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 + Gladys Vito
- Sunday, Sep. 26 **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 7:00 am Tony and Joan Jasinski's Anniversary  
 8:30 am People of the Parish  
 10:30 am Laffitte Family  
 12:15 pm + Aline Hoey  
 5:30 pm + Robert Madey
- Monday, Sep. 27 **Saint Vincent de Paul**  
 6:30 am + Analica Chung  
 8:30 am + Mary Sue Couser
- Tuesday, Sep. 28 *Weekday*  
 6:30 am Celeste Brown  
 8:30 am Yanez and Ramos Families
- Wed., Sep. 29 *Weekday*  
 6:30 am Celeste Brown  
 8:30 am Jackie Kavookjian
- Thursday, Sep. 30 *Weekday*  
 6:30 am + Kaitlyn King  
 8:30 am Joan Zolak
- Friday, Oct. 1 *Weekday*  
 6:30 am + Analicia Chung  
 12:00 noon Christian Kavookjian
- Saturday, Oct. 2 *Weekday*  
 9:00 am Chris Kavookjian
- Saturday, Oct. 3 **Vigil: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 5:00 pm + Neal Brown
- Sunday, Oct. 3 **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 7:00 am Deceased members of the D'Elia and  
 Butts families  
 8:30 am + Maria C. Taffuri  
 10:30 am People of the Parish  
 12:15 pm Fr. John Heisler  
 5:30 pm + Neda "Ginger" Grimard

**This weekend's 2nd Collection will be for the many  
 Catholic church properties, as well as personal homes and  
 business of the many people affected by Hurricane Ida.**

**Readings for the Week**

- Sunday:** Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [Eb]/Jas 3:16-4:3/  
 Mk 9:30-37
- Monday:** Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
- Wednesday:** Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befgh, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday:** Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9
- Friday:** Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday:** Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/  
 Lk 9:43b-45
- Next Sunday:** Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/  
 Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Dear Folks,

Tis the third day after the great picnic/celebration of our 100th anniversary as a mission in our little corner of God's green acre in Loudoun County. It was a marvelous time for one and all. I will put a parish letter with greater details on the events and those volunteers who made it all happen. One of my guardian angels assessed there were between six and seven hundred folks who



joined us for the hearty cooking of the Knights, the wonderful treats by the many cooks in the parish, the pony rides, little train running about and the great moon bounces. The beer and ice cream trucks were very popular. All celebrations to the tunes of the great band playing out in front of the Church. They gave a certain zest to the party. It was all so well done.

And now a note of thanks to the dignitaries who joined us on Saturday. Mayor Quasi Fraser joined us at the party. He was recently elected to his fourth term as Mayor this past June. And in meeting him you can understand his great charisma in leadership. Mr. Tip Stinnette, member of the Town Council was here representing the honored leadership in the town council of Purcellville. He was very kind to all he met at the picnic.

At the picnic we offered the Our Father with our parishioners and friends from the local Protestant Churches. At the recommendation of Kenny Jenkins we got all the Trail Life Boys, American Heritage Girls and Boys Scouts/ Girl Scouts to lead us in the pledge of the allegiance for our First Responders.

Captain Bill McGann, a great man, serving as Fire Captain of the Professional and Career fire fighters in Purcellville. He brought the entire crew and two fire trucks for the event. It was so cute seeing the fireman standing at the back of the gym, loaded down with bundles of various deserts, gifts from the parishioners. They deserve it.

We were also honored to have Mr. Brad Quin, president of the Purcellville Volunteer Fire Department, Company 2. He represented Volunteer Fire Chief Scott Maple who was away at an EMT training course.

Police Lieutenant Barry Dufek brought a bunch of the police officers from Purcellville. He was representing Police Chief Cynthia McAlister who was away for the weekend. Too bad, she is the best, and a wonderful leader in the community. Others from the police department and Sheriffs Office bounced in and out to join us when they were allowed a break from their work schedule.

To his great credit, Fr. Heisler did a great job in helping to set us our forty foot flag pole in honor of the first responders. They are all terrific. We are blessed to have them.

And the liveliest part of the honoring of guests was offered by Mrs. Kassie Kingsley, who came to our parish in 1950 when she was seven years old. She told the story how her relative helped to bring electricity to the town. I really liked her story about the icehouse that was established in town. There was a problem of people falling prey to diphtheria because they cut the ice out of their ponds to save for the warmer months. It was a safety hazard. She reminded us that we are a people with a great heritage from the past and promise of hope for the future.

Tom Fernandez joined us as well. You may remember him ... as the artist of the *Crux Gloria* standing in the cul-de-sac adjacent to the rectory. The project started with a personal dream and permission by the pastor at the time.

And, the best for last. Mr. Eugene Scheel, author of the book on the history of the Catholic Church in Loudoun County and the 100 year history of St. Francis de Sales. The book is very well done and should be in every home of the parish. You will find them on sale in the parish gift store, located in the front foyer of the Church each Sunday morning. As they say in the South, "Ya'll come back now." Let us pray for one another.

Coming Events:

- The parish will sponsor the Exhibition for Blessed Carlo Acutis, "Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibition." The exhibit will take place at St. Francis De Sales October 1st, 2nd, and 3rd at the parish education Center. The exhibit is the result of three years of research, compilation, and design by Blessed Carlo. He died in October 2006 and was later declared Blessed in 2020.
- October 4th. Feast of St. Francis with the blessing of the animals. It will take place at 4pm, on the church steps. Bring all the beasts and the children.
- October 10th. The annual national rosary rally on Washington DC. Please stay tuned.



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

**Neda "Ginger" Grimard**  
d. September 13, 2021

**Steve Van Briggie**  
d. August, 2021

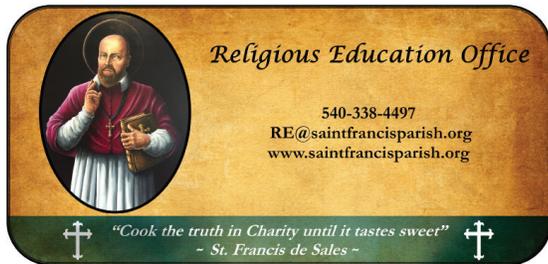
### ***Our thoughts and prayers are with ...***



**Our Military Members:** SGT Peter Audi, PFC Stephen Beard, MAJ Andrew Cahan, SGT Ernesto Castro, LCpl Paul Cotter, LT Scott Cypher, CPT Patrick Godfrey, CPT Ryan Patrick Grady, 2LT Patrick Gutierrez, CPT Jamie (Jovene) Lid-dle; SSG Joshua Jovene, 1LT Rachel Jovene, CPT Vincent Jovene, MAJ Chuck Marshall; SSG Tim Marshall, CPT Ross Mentzer; Lcpl John Owen Patterson; PFC Jorge Pedroza, GY Sgt Jose Pedroza; Joe Pultro, 1Lt Matthew Ryan, LCpl Frankie Thyson, 1LT Jared Willard

**The Sick:** Dominic Corcoran, Jack Lehtonen, Mary Jane Arens, Mike O'Brien, Sarah Nolan, Liz Keller; Joanne Harrington, Charles Williams, Patricia Naomi Alvarenga, Joe Graber, Timothea Rainey, Rodney and Christina Huth, Candace Daly, Nancy Eastman, Melissa Jewel, Peggy Johnson, Frederick Campos, Stephen Van Briggie

**The Deceased:** David Esquerra, Nick Hallam, Tom Dudek, Hugh 'Andy' Williams, Bill Wieliczko, Joan Monastero, Deacon Jack Vassallo, Patrick Michael Walsh, David O'Konski, Marty McMichael, Shelby Decker, Estela Fitzgerald, Robert Cote, Thomas McGorry, Mary Sue Couser, Baraka James, Ames Smith, Anna Marlene Berry, Susan Muth, Steve Van Briggie



## Religious Education Classes Now in Session!

### Meeting for Homeschooling Families: Wednesday, September 29

5:00-5:45 Homeschooling Parents of Grades 1-7  
 5:45-6:15 Homeschooling Parents of Confirmation Class/  
 Grade 8

If you missed registration and the first two weeks of classes, late registrations continue through the first week of October. (Note: No registrations accepted after the first three weeks of class without special permission from the Director of Religious Education.)

This year we plan to have special tables set up in the gym during all class sessions for parents. Please feel free to take this opportunity to relax, have a cup of coffee or tea, chat with one another, or just catch up after your workday.

**Leesburg Life Chain on Respect Life Sunday** Please join fellow Pro-Lifers on October 3 for a joyful 90 minutes as we defend and celebrate a Culture of Life. Our priest at Mass that day will bid us farewell at the end of the service by instructing us to spread the Good News. This is an opportunity to share our Catholic faith beyond the pews. At 2 PM on the 3rd we will line King Street from St. John the Apostle down to the Courthouse, but to stretch that far we need you and whomever you bring. Bring a pro-life sign or use one provided. For those with trouble standing for that period, please bring a lawn chair. Park in the church lot and then come around to the other side of the church on King Street. There are perhaps 1800 concurrent Life Chains across the country; ours is along a busy street with slow moving traffic and lots of sidewalk area; it is ideal for spending some time together and be heartened as we stand for Life. Questions? Matt Zolbe at 646-271-5094 or [matt.zolbe@gmail.com](mailto:matt.zolbe@gmail.com)



Emily Glass  
 Director of Youth Ministry  
 540-338-6381 or  
[e.glass@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:e.glass@saintfrancisparish.org)

**YOUTH NIGHT** – All high schoolers are invited to join us every Sunday evening for Youth Night! We meet 6:30-8:00 PM in Room 213 of the Education Center. Come ready to meet other teens, dive deeper into your faith, and grow closer to Jesus. ALL are welcome, bring your friends!

**RALLY** – The Diocesan youth RALLY is on Sunday, October 24th at Bishop O’Connell High School, 12pm – 8pm. RALLY is a day filled with talks, breakout sessions, inflatable obstacle courses, Adoration, ice cream trucks, music, Mass with the Bishop, and so much more, all for the high school teens of the Arlington Diocese. Sign-up info coming in the fall.

**FALL RETREAT** – The 2021 Fall Retreat is November 12th – 14th at Brethren Woods Retreat Center in Keezletown, VA. All high schoolers are invited to step away from the craziness of life to join us for a weekend in the mountains. Come grow closer to Jesus while hanging out with friends, playing games and sports, hiking, canoeing, praying, and having the best weekend ever! Sign-up info coming in the fall.

**YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Sign up to receive free Remind.com text message updates, reminders, and upcoming virtual meetings. Text @sfdsteens to the number 81010. Also, follow the Youth Ministry Instagram account St.FrancisYouth for event updates and announcements.

Middle Schoolers Acting for Christ  
 Prayer Action Charity....

## PIZZA ON THE PATIO **MAC-PAC**

Sunday, September 26  
 6:30 - 8pm



(Outside, weather-permitting. Masks are required indoors)

We'll play games, have pizza, and share ideas for the upcoming year. Spread the word and bring a friend!

For more information, contact Dan or Lindsay Glass at  
[lindsay.a.glass@gmail.com](mailto:lindsay.a.glass@gmail.com)

MAC-PAC is for 6th, 7th and 8th graders  
 MAC-PAC's 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

## Religious Education Calendar

**CLASSES WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26 AND OCTOBER 3**

Sunday	<u>K - 8th Grades</u> -9-10:15am
	<u>9th - 12th Grades</u> - 4-5pm
Monday	<u>K - 8th Grades, 11th&amp;12th, RCIT</u> - 5-6:15pm
Wednesday	<u>PRE-K-5th</u> - 3:30-4:45pm

## St. Francis Council 11136 News



### NEXT OFFICER'S PLANNING MEETING -

**ROOM 107** The Officer's Planning Meeting will take place on September 27. The rosary starts at 7 pm in the chapel and the meeting in Room 107 in the Parish Education Center, at 7:30 pm. All Knights are welcome. We will be focusing on the FAITH IN ACTION Program.

### PARISH PICNIC: St. Francis de Sales 100th Anniversary

Thank you to all our Knights who participated with other parish groups in this great celebration this past weekend. The celebration was a resounding success.

**CEREMONIAL** The first live Knights' induction ceremony in over a year was held last Thursday in the Church. Welcome!!! If you are interested in becoming a Knight, please contact Chris Miller at the email address below

### MASS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

Please mark your calendar, as the Knights of Columbus and the Joy of Life Apostolate will be hosting a dedicated Votive Mass for People with Special Needs on Monday, October 25th, 2021, at 7pm. A special reception will follow. Because our brothers and sisters with special needs are most vulnerable, PLEASE wear a mask attending the mass and reception.

Please email us at [sfds11136@yahoo.com](mailto:sfds11136@yahoo.com) if you can attend and if you need any special assistance so we can plan accordingly. Everyone is welcome to support our brothers and sisters

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE PILGRIMAGE** - please see below

**BECOME ACTIVE AS A KNIGHT** In this new Fraternal Year, we ask all Knights to step up and volunteer for activities which we will sponsor or participate in. Our Council will be focusing on the Knights of Columbus Program "Faith in Action" in the new Fraternal Year, namely, in program areas of FAITH, COMMUNITY, FAMILY and LIFE. Please contact Chris Miller, Grand Knight, for more information at [Knights11136@gmail.com](mailto:Knights11136@gmail.com).

Chris Miller, Grand Knight  
St. Francis Council #11136

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## Diocesan Pilgrimage

Bishop Burbidge invites you to join him to mark this "Year of St. Joseph" at the diocesan Marian pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, October 30 from 9:30am- 2:30pm. This beautiful family event is free and there is no need to register. For complete schedule and details, visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/2021/marian-pilgrimage](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/2021/marian-pilgrimage). **Your Knights of Columbus Council at St Francis de Sales is organizing a bus trip to the Basilica for the Pilgrimage!!!** There is no charge however a free will offering will be collected for a bus driver tip. Pilgrims will need to bring lunch and we will have coolers on the bus to store soda and water. **THIS WILL BE A "MASK" WEARING EVENT, AS REQUIRED IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.** Bus will leave SFDS at 7:30am on the day of Pilgrimage and we will leave the Basilica at 3pm. First come, first serve for seats on the bus. Please send email to [knights11136@gmail.com](mailto:knights11136@gmail.com) (Attention to: Past Grand Knight Scott Grimard) to reserve seats or if you have questions. You also have the option to drive on your own as many from other Parishes are doing.

## Altar Flower Dedication

*Altar flowers this weekend are in Honor of the Servicemen and Women who gave their lives in Kabul, Afghanistan donated by Susie Twetten*



Thank you to our parishioner Sheila Cowling, a veteran, proprietor of Jerry's Florist in Leesburg for preparing the Altar Flowers arrangements each week. Would you like to donate an altar flower arrangement in someone's memory or to honor a loved one? Contact Amy Harrison, email [a.harrison@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:a.harrison@saintfrancisparish.org) or call the parish

## SPECIAL EVENT

### **Community Mass for People with Special Needs**

The Knights of Columbus and the Joy of Life Apostolate will be hosting a dedicated Votive Mass for People with Special Needs on Monday, October 25th, at 7pm. 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 Knights of Columbus Council here at St. Francis de Sales has organized a special Mass for people with special needs and their families with a special reception to follow. Everyone is welcome to support our brothers and sisters.

Because our brothers and sisters with special needs are most vulnerable, PLEASE wear a mask attending the mass and reception.

Please email us at [sfds11136@yahoo.com](mailto:sfds11136@yahoo.com) if you can attend and if you need any special assistance so we can plan accordingly.

## *Thank You Very Much....*

The Women's Council would like to thank Fr. Gould for asking us to coordinate The Centennial Celebration and his confidence in us to get the job done. We would especially like to thank the Holy Spirit for His intercession in giving us the strength and perseverance to do the job well, and for the beautiful sunny day.

A great big thank you goes to all the parishioners, adults and teens, who willingly gave of their time and muscle to help set up and break down on Friday and Saturday. And of course many thanks go to the volunteers on Saturday who helped make The 100th Anniversary of St. Francis de Sales Parish a wonderful, fun filled beautiful celebration!

God Bless you all,

Hershey, Becci, Jaclyn, Chris, & Sandy



Hospitality crew - Glenn Willard, Betty Ringeisen, Joe Schray



Ed Mautner, big winner of the 50-50 raffle

Thank you to our Women's Council for putting on a great celebration for our 100th Anniversary, a wonderful day for our parish!  
More photos will be posted on our website shortly [saintfrancisparish.org/centennial-celebration/](http://saintfrancisparish.org/centennial-celebration/)



Thank you parishioners Corcoran Vineyards and Dirt Farm Brewing



Purcellville Mayor Quasi Fraser and Brad Quin, Purcellville Volunteer Fire Dept.



Longest living parishioner, Kassie Kingsley



Loudoun Historian Eugene Scheel, author of our Centennial book



Women's Council Hershey Youngblood and husband Daniel. Thanks Hershey and your amazing co-crew!!!



Artist and builder of our Crux Gloria, Tomas Fernandez



Trail Life and American Heritage Girls gather to lead Pledge of Allegiance



Purcellville's Finest

## Parish Homeless Ministry

"And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' He said to them in reply, 'Whoever has two tunics should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.'" (Luke 3:10,11)



• Please look for the Signup Genius email for the October delivery to the Missionaries of Charity, Anacostia (DC). The Sisters are now accepting baby items, and their list of needed supplies has expanded.

• We are planning another parish-wide Blessing Bag event around All Saints Day. Please see upcoming bulletins and emails for details.

**Ministry Prayer Request:** Pray for those displaced because of harsh treatment, loss, or sorrow.

Please join us in prayer or in works of charity by signing up to purchase items, make casseroles, 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)

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

## The Art of Evangelization through Apologetics CATHOLIC DISTANCE UNIVERSITY October 4th - 25th

Fall is a great time to enroll in an online seminar at Catholic Distance University. Popular instructor Allan F. Wright will share the good news of Jesus Christ whose teachings entrusted to the Church encompass truth, beauty, and goodness. Learn to communicate to others a faith that is both relevant and foundational for one's life. Gain the confidence to share the Gospel in an engaging and natural way and appreciate why being a credible believer is the most effective apologetic tool. Thanks to CDU's partnership with the diocese, any parishioner can enroll in the seminar for just \$45 by using this promotion code at checkout: **CDU15ARLINGTON**. To access the registration site, scan the QR code below with your smartphone.



## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Please remind your little creatures of God that we will have the blessing of animals on Monday October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. We will meet in front of the Church on the steps at 4pm. All are welcome. Please invite the neighbors too. Bring beasts of all kinds, great and small alike, for the annual blessing.

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)

*CatholicVote*  
**Virginia Families First Rally**  
Protect Life, Faith, and Families.  
Please join us for a rally featuring special guests  
Former Attorney General of VA Ken Cuccinelli  
CV President Brian Burch  
SATURDAY, OCT. 2 AT 2PM ET  
In the public space outside of the  
Loudoun County Board of Supervisors Building  
1 Harrison St. SE  
Leesburg, VA 20175

**NATIONAL ROSARY RALLY**  
Washington DC  
Sunday Oct 10, 2021

Join 1000's Nationwide and Come Pray for Our Nation's Conversion at Our Nation's Capitol

**ROSAIRES COAST TO COAST**  
October 10, 2021

"I wholeheartedly endorse the Novena for Our Nation and the Rosary Rally... I urge as many as are able to participate in these great spiritual works for the sake of our entire nation."  
Cardinal Raymond Burke

"May there arise a new movement of people who courageously will pray the Rosary in public places. May 'Rosary Coast to Coast' bring to all citizens of the United States, to the people with governmental responsibilities, to all faithful Catholics, to priests and bishops a spiritual grace-filled rain of roses."  
Bishop Athanasius Schneider

"I am 100% supportive of the Rosary Coast to Coast movement! Our world is in major trouble and we need to turn to the prayer that Our Lady has most insistently asked us to pray in all of her recent approved apparitions: the holy rosary."  
Fr. Donald Calloway MIC, Author, Champions of the Rosary: The History and Heroes of a Spiritual Weapon

"This 54 day Novena and the Rosary Rally are all part of the effort we need to end unborn child killing and attacks on marriage and the family."  
Fr. Richard Heilman, President of the Holy League

Sponsored by The Holy League

 Bishop Joseph L. Coffey Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of the Military Services, USA	 Sr. Deirdre Byrne Missionary sister for Little Works of the Sacred Hearts and family doctor and general surgeon	 Fr. Chris Alar, MIC Director of the Association of Marian Helpers, born on EWTN and best selling author on EWTN blogs	 Msgr. Charles Pope Nationally and world known writer and speaker through Catholic media	 Fr. Stephen Imbarrato A pro-life activist, has made regular appearances on EWTN, Catholic TV.	 Fr. Richard Heilman President of Holy League, Founder of United States Grace Force	 Doug Barry Founder of Bartle Ready, Co-host of United States Grace Force Podcast
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For more information about the rally visit  
**RosaryCoastToCoast.com**

If anyone is interested in arranging transportation, please email Stacey Tuman at [vatuman7@yahoo.com](mailto:vatuman7@yahoo.com)

## Holy Father Prayer Intentions September 2021

**An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle**  
We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

**State Farm**  
**John Goldsmith**  
 540-751-0833  
 Providing Insurance and  
 Financial Services  
 610 E. Main St. • Purcellville

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 ■ Pre-Planning    ■ On-site Cremation Services    ■ Monument Sales & Installation

158 Catocctin Circle, SE, Leesburg ■ 703-777-6000 ■ [www.loudounfuneralchapel.com](http://www.loudounfuneralchapel.com)

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