

Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 5, 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, 0am, 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

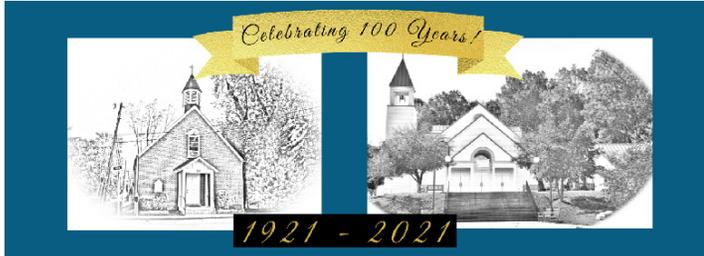
Matrimony: Parish couples planning to be married must make arrangements with the Office at least six months prior to the intended date of marriage.

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.

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

Praise the Lord, my soul - *Psalm 146*



CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
 Saturday, September 18
 12noon to 4pm

The entire parish and Purcellville community are invited!
 Join us for a traditional picnic with great food,
 additional treats, games, memorabilia, vendors, activities,
 and entertainment for all to enjoy.
 We hope to see all of you there!

UNBOUND

Next weekend, please welcome Fr. John Gillespie who will be with us to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 19 developing countries. To learn more, call (800) 875-6564 or visit Unbound online at www.unbound.org.



Saint Francis de Sales Centennial Commemorative Christmas Ornament This custom brass 3D ornament is a beautiful rendition of our parish church. The quantities are limited. We will sell Our centennial ornament at our gift shop, Crux Gloria and at our centennial celebration, Saturday, September 18 from 12 to 4 PM.

This Week

Wed., Sep. 8 Charismatic Prayer Group 7pm, Chapel
 Thu., Sep. 9 Hispanic Legion of Mary 7:15pm, Library
 Fri., Sep. 10 Women's Prayer Group 7-8am, Knights Hall

Masses for the Week

+ *deceased*

Saturday, Sep. 4 *Weekday*
 9:00 am Chris Kavookjian

Saturday, Sep. 4 *Vigil: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 5:00 pm Declan King

Sunday, Sep. 5 *23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 7:00 am Deceased members of the D'Elia and Butts families
 8:30 am John and Missy Krebs
 10:30 am + Anthony and Maria Taffuri
 12:15 pm People of the Parish
 5:30 pm + Declan Pierce Todd

Monday, Sep. 6 *Weekday*
 6:30 am + Gregory Francis Breen
 8:30 am Pat Miller

Tuesday, Sep. 7 *Weekday*
 6:30 am + Neal Brown
 8:30 am + Mable McCane

Wed., Sep. 8 *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
 6:30 am Danny Kreitzer
 8:30 am + Joan Monastero

Thursday, Sep. 9 *Saint Peter Claver*
 6:30 am Carlos Alberto Jimenez
 8:30 am Peter and Kristi Larsen

Friday, Sep. 10 *Weekday*
 6:30 am Terry and Rick Barbato
 12:00 noon Timothy Scanlon

Saturday, Sep. 11 *Weekday*
 9:00 am + Parents of Billy and Beth Ann McRoberts

Saturday, Sep. 11 *Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 5:00 pm + Declan Pierce Todd

Sunday, Sep. 12 *24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 7:00 am + Bobbie Wilhelm
 8:30 am Creighton Family
 10:30 am Nancy Eastman
 12:15 pm Tracy and Mary Beglau
 5:30 pm People of the Parish

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Dear Folks,

Today, as I compose this letter on August 31st, the world enters a new phase. The longest war in American history, in Afghanistan, has ended. And, sadly, like all wars, the atrocities continue. Such is the demonic influence in the close of war. Let us pray for the Americans left behind as well as those who have escaped from what was their homeland and have come to America.



Today marks the beginning of a new school year for the wonderful people in the Chrsm Program. May they rise to be a shining light for those involved in the formation program in the Loudoun County School Board. I am sure they have much to learn on Christian Anthropology. Let the teachers be true believers and credible examples in the synthesizing the academic, social, and spiritual designs of life.

Today the public schools continue their early days of the school year. Let the kids enjoy strong and healthy sports programs where their shouts of revelry all over town, including the front patio of St. Francis De Sales Rectory. They offer a good noise that measures the sound of life. Let them all have a good year.

The other night I had the good fortune to stop in the Parish CCD Office and catch Mrs. Janice Rees struggling through the final phases of Mr. Gene Scheel's book on the *History of St. Francis De Sales Parish*. She has been hard at it and pushing for the completion of the book before the 100th anniversary of the parish is to be celebrated at the coming parish picnic on Saturday September 18th.

And, while I was chatting with Janice the kids from the parish youth group came bouncing by the door. With their great enthusiasm they offer a great hope for the future. God bless Miss Emily Glass and her adult volunteers for the youth group.

The following day I stopped back to the religious ed office to see Mrs. Kim Livaudais as she and her many assistants and volunteers prepare for the coming CCD Program, starting on Sunday September 19th. The poor woman looked exhausted in a job that is like herding cats. This year she has a new program for high school students, involving a one-year option program where students must test into the program. The four quarters involve Catholic: music, art, literature, and philosophy. And the class will have road trips to the Kennedy Center, Art Galleries in DC.

The high school program will be back in action and the grades K-8th will be in full force, including a special program for kids who joining the Catholic Church. The programs preparing the kids in Communion and Confirmation will also be up and running. All of which means the CCD office, plus extraordinary teachers and assistants must gather all the personal information on the kids/families and program the information to the parish records.

On leaving the building I met up with the ladies in the parish Women's Council, preparing for the coming parish picnic.

They with the Knights of Columbus are setting plans for the celebration of the 100th anniversary. You should have seen the organization efforts of the ladies. Fifteen of them gathered in the library at a table filled with plans and designer charts. They are planning for the T-Shirts, ponies, train, and moon bounces. And a hearty sound of voices. Oh yes, God bless the Ladies and the Knights. It is going to be a great time. I am hoping my mother can join us for the big event. We shall see. They are planning for the T-Shirts, ponies, train, and moon bounces. And a hearty sound of voices. Oh yes, God bless the Ladies and the Knights. It is going to be a great time. I am hoping my mother can join us for the big event. We shall see.

In closing, the great news of the day... the folks in our Crux Gloria Giftshop have arranged a special Christmas ornament for the 100th anniversary. They will be available at the gift shop table, in the front foyer of the church, each Sunday. Let us pray for one another.

Collegiate Answer: There are thirteen saints that claim heritage in Afghanistan: Theodore, Lucilla, Flora, Eugene, Seraphina, Antony, Hermocrates, Hermippus, Hyacinth, Victor of Merida, Sigolena of Trocar, Capito, Syntyche.

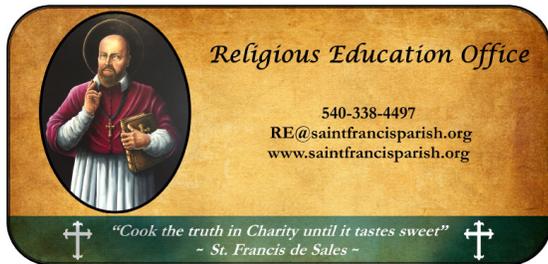
Collegiate Question: What religion was in Afghanistan before Islam?

Did you notice something at St. Francis de Sales that needs 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 or give him a call at the parish office (540) 338-6381, x133.

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) Liddle; 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: Dick Austin, Jim Mark Gallagher, Phyllis Heller, Vito Pappano, 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



CLASS SCHEDULE FOR 2021-2022 School Year

Sunday, 9:00 to 10:15 am

(Mass begins at 10:30, for families who would like to attend)

*children attend Mass with their family
 Kindergarten through 8th grade, RCIC

Sunday, 4th grade (FULL)

Sunday, 6th grade (FULL)

Sunday, 8th grade (FULL)

Sunday, 4:00 to 5:00 pm

High school classes:

History of the Church (for 9th-10th graders)
 and

High School Enrichment Class for 10th-12th graders:

Catholic Music/Art/Philosophy/Literature*

taught by specialists in each field

*admission contingent upon successful completion of brief
 catechism exam.

Please call the RE office if interested, 540-338-4497

Monday, 5:00 to 6:15 pm

Kindergarten through 8th, RCIC/RCIT,
 High School (11th-12th graders only/no 9th-10th class on
 Monday),
 Moral Life in Christ

Wednesday, 3:30 to 4:45pm

Preschool through 5th grade
 (No 6th through 8th grade classes on Wednesday)

REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER IS ON-GOING

Registration forms are available on the parish website and in the
 narthex of the church, and saintfrancisparish.org/youth-religious-education/

We appreciate receiving your registrations as soon as possible; it helps us organize all administrative details, and especially helps the volunteer catechists who are eager to begin planning for the fall.

We are still in need of assistants across all grade levels, so please prayerfully consider helping us while your children are in class. Catechists and assistants receive free tuition for their children. **We look forward to receiving registrations from everyone very soon!** Please make sure to check the weekly parish bulletin and your email and saintfrancisparish.org for updates about our programs and summer happenings at St. Francis.

Our regular office hours are Monday through Thursday, 10:30 to 4:30. If it's more convenient, feel free to drop off paperwork in the black mail slot outside the Education Center (no checks in the mail slot, please).



Emily Glass
 Director of Youth Ministry
 540-338-6381 or
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! No Youth Night on Sunday, September 5

2021 KICK-OFF! – All high schoolers are invited to the Kick-Off on Sunday, September 12th, 6:30 – 8:00 PM in the gym, as we kick off a new school year of youth ministry. Come meet new friends, win some prizes, hear about upcoming events and activities, and tell us what YOU want to do this year.

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.

Parents who homeschooled for the 2020-21 school year:

Please make sure your child has completed all online work for their grade level before registering for next year's classes. Registration for the 2021-2022 school year has begun. The online platform will still be available through the summer, for those who need more time. All children are expected to successfully complete their current grade-level curriculum before registering for the upcoming school year. If your child was not registered for either the in-class or homeschool options last year, please call our office to determine which grade level is most appropriate for your child.

Homeschool option is available for all grade levels 1-8 for 2021-2022

Registration for 2021-2022 Confirmation Preparation:

Students who would like to begin the first year of Confirmation preparation (usually in the 7th grade) must understand material covered on the 6th grade assessment. The 6th grade exam covers the basic truths proclaimed in the Creed (taught in 5th grade *Faith and Life* textbook), and the Ten Commandments (from 6th grade *Faith and Life* textbook). The 6th grade assessment is available on the parish website, under Religious Education, Parent Resources.

Please contact Kim Livaudais, Director of Religious Education with questions about preparation for Confirmation.

St. Francis Council 11136 News



NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: ROOM 107 OUR LADY OF VICTORY HALL The members meeting will take place on September 13, with rosary at 7 pm in the chapel and the meeting to commence at 7:30 pm. Due to work commencing on the Knights' Hall, we will meet in Room 107 in Our Lady of Victory Hall

NEXT OFFICER'S PLANNING MEETING - ROOM 107 The Officer's Planning Meeting will take place on September 27, with rosary at 7 pm in the chapel and planning meeting in Room 107 of Our Lady of Victory Hall, at 7:30 pm. All Knights are welcome. We will be focusing on the FAITH IN ACTION Program for this fraternal year.

COFFEE AND DONUTS The Knights sponsored a successful our coffee and donuts event this past weekend, the last such program of the summer. The pancake breakfast program will return in October, so look for the announcement for time and place.

SHARE SUNDAY Knights will pass out blue bags at each Mass this weekend for Share Sunday, or they will be available in the Narthex. Please take home a bag and bring it back the second weekend of September as we continue our donations to the Catholic Charities Food donation program. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE PILGRIMAGE! The St. Francis de Sales diocesan pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception takes place on October 30, 2021. More information soon.

KNIGHTS HALL RENOVATION WORK AND VOLUNTEERS With the Knights' Hall ready for renovation, work has begun this week. The schedule for painting is September 8, 9, and 10. Notice will be sent to Knights soon, so please sign up. The schedule each day is from 3-7 pm each day. Please help us!!!

PARISH PICNIC: St. Francis de Sales 100th Anniversary The Knights will be participating with other parish groups in this great celebration on September 18, 2021. The Ladies Group has sent out a Sign-Up Genius, and will continue to send it prior to the event. Please check the SUG for grilling opportunities, set up, tear down and clean up.

MISSING EMAILS? Please contact the Knights email listed below if you believe you are not receiving our emails.

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.

Chris Miller, Grand Knight
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SHARE SUNDAY

Knights will be collecting for the Share Sunday food collection next weekend. Please pick up your blue bags at any Mass this weekend. Please return your full bag next weekend.. PPLEASE NO JUICE BOXES, PERISHABLES, FRUIT OR PASTRIES. Thank you!

Altar Flower Dedication

Altar flowers this weekend
are in Loving Memory of
Margie Folk and
Kenneth E. Nelson



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 or call the parish office (540) 338-6381, x104.

Below are the names of people along with the date of their September death from our parish since the time Saint Francis de Sales became a parish in 1967. Scripture tells us to pray for the living and the dead. Let us commend to the Lord's mercy the following:

Vito Pappano, September 7, 2020
Lillian Risceck, September 28, 2015
Carolyn Watson, September 3, 2014
Christine Orlando, September, 2014
June Young, September 12, 2013
Mary Sierzega, September 16, 2012
Patricia Spates, September 11, 2011
Robert Foldenauer, September 23, 2010
Consuelo Furr, September 7, 2010
Aurilino Arellano, September 17, 2009
Thomas J. Hunt, September 7, 2007
Mildred Hutchins, September 23, 2006
Skipp Hayes, September 9, 2006
Esther Rice, September 11, 2004
Kathleen McGovern, Sept. 7, 2002
Joe Davitt
George Shannon, September 19, 1997
Thelma May Connors, Sept. 2, 1997
Earle Bradshaw, September 14, 1996
Ruth Bradshaw, September 20, 1996
Mary Magdelene Stanis, Sept. 20, 1994
Rosanna Bowden, Sept. 30, 1994
Joseph Knortz, September 14, 1984

Project Rachel Post Abortion Healing Ministry:
888-456-HOPE or
visit: www.helpafterabortion.org.

Gabriel Project Pregnancy Assistance Ministry:
866-444-3553 or

Parish Homeless Ministry

"Do ordinary things with extraordinary Love."

"What I can do, you cannot. What you can do, I cannot. But together we can do something beautiful for God."

- Mother Teresa of Calcutta (Motherteresa.org)



• The Women's Council is asking Homeless Ministry Members to sign up to be servers at the Centennial Celebration on September 18th, in two-hour slots from 12-4pm. Please consider helping. Look for emails from the Women's Council.

• To all who made food, purchased needed items, and delivered donations to the Missionary Sisters of Charity in Anacostia this month—thank you! Stay tuned for date changes in September, due to construction in the Knight's Hall.

• We will take a break from providing meals to the Leesburg shelter in August and September. Many organizations want to help the shelter, so we will give others an opportunity to make meals while our ministry reorganizes.

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

* Suzanne Robinson suzannedrobinson@gmail.com

SFDS MOM'S GROUP

Interested in connecting with other moms in the parish? Join us for playdates and adult outings! Email Elise Daniel at eliseamyx@gmail.com for information on upcoming dates.

The SFDS Mom's Group is seeking someone to watch kids for about two hours every other Friday morning in the Catholic Education Center while the moms meet. If you are child protection compliant in Arlington Diocese and are Virtus trained and are interested in this paid position, please contact Elise Daniels at eliseamyx@gmail.com

2021 WORKCAMP FUNDRAISER

19th Annual Charity Golf Outing

MONDAY, SEPT. 20 @ 9am
@ Stoneleigh Golf Course

To sponsor a hole or to play in the tournament, please contact Jane Treado at 703-475-0873 or janedhs78@aol.com.
Bestball - great prizes!



Celebrate with the Choir

VESPERS - Friday, September 17 at 7pm

The choir will sing Vespers in anticipation of our 100 year Anniversary Celebration.

Desserts to follow.

Go to parish website saintfrancisparish.org

To signup online to contribute a dessert.

The St. Francis Children's Choir, for Grades 2 - 8, rehearses on Tuesdays throughout the school year at 3:30 pm. All choir members will rehearse together, beginner level students will be dismissed at 4:15



pm and advanced students will be dismissed at 4:45. The choir sings about twice a month at various weekend Masses as well as some of the big feast days such as Immaculate Conception, Christmas, and Easter. Auditions will be held on Tuesday, September 21 in the music office. Signups will be done online, Please visit the music ministry webpage for details and to sign up saintfrancisparish.org/music/. The first rehearsal is on Tuesday, September 28 in the church. Contact m.galdo@saintfrancisparish.org for more information or call the office 540-338-6381.



The Parish Choir has begun a new fall season. The choir is open to all who love to sing. It is open to high-school age students and adults. The choir enhances liturgy with a wide variety of music, from chant and polyphony to contemporary music. The choir will sing at the 8:30 am Mass every first and fourth Sunday of the month and at the 10:30 am Mass every 2nd and 3rd Sunday.

Rehearsals are Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Church. The choir usually accepts new members throughout the year, but we encourage new members to begin in September. Contact Music Director, Michael Galdo, m.galdo@saintfrancisparish.org to join.

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.

Have you been wondering how you can best serve your parish?

A Mass Coordinator is a beautiful way to be a part of the Liturgy. One who is serving in this ministry might well be called "a servant of the servants" because we work with those who are serving at Mass, both priests and lay ministers. If you have an interest or questions, contact Laura at llburgess@verizon.net

Bible Studies Beginning in September

Adult Bible Study: Have you been longing to love our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament? Did you know that the Eucharist is NOT a symbol but really is our Lord, Jesus Christ, who we receive each week? Quite conceivably, the last time you learned anything about the Eucharist you were 7 years old. Perhaps, your child is receiving communion this year and you would like to be better informed to help them understand this mysterious gift. "The Mystery Of The Eucharist" is an 8 week study beginning this fall on September 20th, Monday mornings from 10-11:30. Come meet and enjoy the company of other adults who desire the same strengthening of faith.

Women's Bible Study: The Book of Acts of the Apostles shows the work of Christ continuing beyond his ascension as He empowers believers with the Holy Spirit to do His work. They taught as Christ did. They perform miracles as He did. They faced secular forces, internal strife, hostile crowds, and despite this, they brought the Kingdom of God to a broken world and the love of God to the hearts of man. "Acts" will enrich your understanding of our faith and remind you all over again of God's great love for you. The women's Bible Study group is a great group of women who meet on Tuesday nights from 7-8:30. This study will meet for 10 weeks beginning on September 21. (The second half of the study will continue in the spring.)

Both Bible Studies are in Room 206 in the Catholic Education Center. Please contact Jeanne at jeannelamana@gmail.com to register and for any question..

A parishioner will be going on pilgrimage to Our Lady of Good Help the weekend of the September 18th. Email Leslie Sheldon at lsheldon@saintfrancisparish.org if you have a petition you would like left at the foot of Our Lady of Good Help.



Mary's House Catholic Homeschool Group

If you are homeschooling this year, join a fun, supportive group of Catholic homeschoolers in Loudoun and Fairfax counties as we joyfully live our faith! To join email Lee at shieldslf@gmail.com

Centennial Celebration Asks ...

We Need You!

- **PLEASE RSVP** by using the SignUpGenius link so we can plan for food! www.signupgenius.com/go/RSVP100years or call 571-278-6700 and leave a message with who is attending in your party and what side or dessert you're bringing. Last names of A thru L = sides, M thru Z = desserts for the potluck. The Knights of Columbus are providing all the meat!
- **Volunteers** - We Urgently Need Parishioner's Help by signing up to volunteer! Please use the link below to take a slot: www.signupgenius.com/go/volunteers100years or call 571-278-6700 if want to help but don't use the internet. Please leave a message with how you want to help.
- **Photos & Memorabilia Urgently Wanted** - photos of your wedding, baptism, first communion, confirmation, etc. in front of the church, the altar, with or without a priest - the older the better! We need them all for our historical video. Please email them ASAP to ladiesauxsfd@gmail.com or call 571-278-6700 to let us know that you have hard copies that need to be scanned. If you have lots to share, please save your images to an SD card, USB stick or give us access to them in the cloud. Drop them off at the church office and mark them for Women's Council. **Deadline to submit photos or memorabilia is September 5th!**



Women's Council



Saint Francis de Sales

COUNSELING OFFERED AT SFDS

Jennifer Barry, LCSW from Catholic Charities' Family Services will take appointments offering Individual, Family or Couples Counseling. Jennifer is a licensed clinical social worker who received her Master of Social Work (MSW) from the Catholic University of America. **Jennifer can now be reached for teletherapy or for a free consultation.** If you are interested in scheduling a consultation, please contact her at 703-772-4022.



Attention parents of boys in grades k-8! Trail Life is a Christ-centered scouting program for boys that combines service and outdoor adventure to develop them into godly and courageous leaders. Contact Michael Shields mjcshields@gmail.com or Chris McKenna vamckennas@gmail.com with questions and to learn how to sign up! To learn more about Trail Life USA, visit their website: www.traillifeusa.com.