

# Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 17, 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)

## 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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Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

### BIBLICAL SCHOOL HAS BEGUN!

Biblical School has begun here at St. Francis de Sales on Wednesdays at 9:30am and 6:30pm and it's not too late to join! Encounter the Jesus through the prayerful study of Scripture. Remember what St. Jerome said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ!" If you're still on the fence about enrolling, attend the first few weeks of class and see for yourself! For more information visit [CatholicBiblicalSchoolVA.org](http://CatholicBiblicalSchoolVA.org) or call 540.808.2736 (ext. 406).

### OCIA (formerly RCIA)

#### Invite your non-Catholic friends!

Dear parishioners, do you know someone who is not Catholic, but might have a heart open to the Gospel? Encourage them to come to RCIA this September! Whether they are a nonbeliever seeking the truth, or a Protestant wondering whether something is missing, YOUR INVITATION may be all they need to begin a journey into the fulness of the Catholic faith! There will be no pressure—only answers to the greatest questions of life. We will meet at 7pm in the Religious Education building room 206 every Monday beginning September 11. Please email Vladimir Rudenko at [vladimirudenko@gmail.com](mailto:vladimirudenko@gmail.com) for more info.

**Gift shop will be open on Sunday, October 1  
after the 8:30, 10:30, and 12:15 masses.**

**Start thinking of Christmas gifts!**

## This Week

Sun., Sep. 17	<u>Men's Basketball</u> 8:30, OLVH
Mon., Sep. 18	<u>Adult Study Class</u> 10am, Rm. 113 <u>OCIA</u> 7pm, Room 206 <u>Pilgrimage to Italy Info Mtg.</u> 7:30pm, Rm 107
Tue., Sep. 19	<u>Legion of Mary</u> 7pm, Library <u>Men's Basketball</u> 8:30, OLVH
Wed., Sep. 20	<u>SoulStitch</u> 9:30am, Knights Hall <u>Catholic Biblical School</u> - 9:30am / 6:30pm <u>Holy Hour for Miraculous Medal</u> 7pm, Church
Fri., Sep. 22	<u>Women's Prayer Group</u> 7am, Chapel <u>Adult Study Class</u> 10am, Rm 113
Sat., Sep. 23	<u>Joy of Life Dinner</u> 6pm, OLVH

## Masses for the Week

+ deceased

Sat., Sep. 16

9:00 am

Sat., Sep. 16

5:00 pm

Sun., Sep. 17

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:30 pm

Mon., Sep. 18

6:30 am

8:30 am

Tue., Sep. 19

6:30 am

8:30 am

Wed., Sep. 20

6:30 am

8:30 am

Thu., Sep. 21

6:30 am

8:30 am

Fri., Sep. 22

6:30 am

12:00 noon

Sat., Sep. 23

9:00 am

Sat., Sep. 23

5:00 pm

Sun., Sep. 24

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:30 pm

### **Saints Cornelius and Cyprian**

Ross and Brianna Mentzer

### **Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Terry and Rick Barbato

### **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

+ Joanna Derby

Lily Rose Torrijos

+ Michael F. Konopa

+ Kaitlyn Dante

People of the Parish

### **Weekday**

+ James and Rose Lippert

Eleanor Staler

### **Weekday**

Dennis and Tina Evans

+ Salvatore Biscardi

### **Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul**

### **Chong Ha-sang and Companions**

Charlie and Mark Hendrikson

Betty Sutherland

### **Saint Matthew**

+ Rose Lippert

+ Fernando Salcedo

### **Weekday**

Isabel Pultro

Bree Scanlon

### **Saint Pius of Pietrelcina**

In thanksgiving for prayers answered

### **Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Maralan O'Neil

### **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

People of the Parish

Addison Acham

+ Gil Whitson

Jamie Thompson

+ Ludivina Tamandong

### **Knights of Columbus Rosary Program**

2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 7pm in the Chapel. Next gathering is Monday, September 25.

*"Prayer can truly change your life. For it turns your attention away from yourself and directs your mind and heart toward the Lord." - Saint John Paul II*

## Readings for the Week

Sun:	Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
Mon:	1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10
Tue:	1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17
Wed:	1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35
Thu:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
Fri:	1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
Sat:	1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

Dear Folks,

Just a note of thanks to all the good folks who have joined the CCD program as teachers and assistants. God bless one and all for the difference you make in the lives of the students and their families... and ultimately the life of the parish. We are now off to the races in our academic program with a great apostolate that affects the world we live.



Speaking of apostolates. Tonight, Monday, the parish begins the annual OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults). It is the church inquiry program formerly known as the RCIA, (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). Such confusion in the change of a letter. A rose is a rose, is a rose... to the poet but not to the cynic. The modification of a single letter identifying the valuable program should require a new generation of pamphlets and books to explain the academic, social, spiritual, and sacramental encounter with Christ. The annual program is offered to all interested in becoming Catholics or would like to learn more about their Faith. I am delighted with the leadership offered by Mr. Vladimir Rudenko. He is one of the best apologists I have ever seen in the RCIA/OCIA programs and I highly recommend his thoughts and insights. The group will meet each Monday night at 7 PM. If you are interested in joining the Monday night gathering, please contact Mrs. Janice Rees in the religious education office: 540-338-4497, [j.rees@saintfrancisparrish.org](mailto:j.rees@saintfrancisparrish.org)

Please don't miss the opportunity to join the new scripture program offered by Mr. Nick Lebish, from the Augustine Institute. He offers a three-year scripture program filled with many insights for your thoughts and prayers. I highly recommend the program the meets on Wednesday morning in the gym, as well as Wednesday night for those unable to come in the morning.

Please remember an Ave for our music director, Michael Lance Armstrong Galdo, who was hurt when a car cut him off while biking on a cross-county road trip last week. In a flash before an act of contrition could be uttered he was left with broken clavicle, broken shoulder, all the ribs on his right side broken, punctured lung, and ankle turned awkwardly to the side his leg. I was awed by the story... in addition to the bodily effects mentioned above... he reached down and readjusted his foot/ankle back to normal position. Who does that? God bless him. He was in surgery today removing bone splinters in his shoulder. Who does that? Let us offer a prayer of thanksgiving he survived the event and a prayer of petition for his recovery. And, lastly, please pray for the poor soul that cut him off... I am sure they will carry that memory to the grave.

During recent months there have been suggestions of an unexpected and unexplained number of people dying. Enclosed is a world view suggested by Dr. John Campbell RN, Phd. From England. [www.youtube.com/watch?v=naopp\\_KF678](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=naopp_KF678) Very strange and worth watching.

During recent months death has been no stranger to our parish and what stands out especially the responses of the loved ones. I have anointed many people in difficult health situations but in some I have actually been available to people for the "Prayers of the Dying" when a large cadre of relatives are with me. In all cases the gatherings, like those

**PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY w/ Fr. Gould**  
**Sun., November 26 - Tues., December 5**

Please visit [JMJtours.com/Italy](http://JMJtours.com/Italy) for details.  
Come to an information meeting on  
Monday, September 18 @ 7:30pm  
in Room 107

involving the deaths of teenagers, have all been quite moving. I leave all of you with the final prayers, after the litany of saints has been offered. They are quite beautiful.

*"Go forth, Christian soul, from this world in the name of God the almighty Father, who created you, in the name of Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who suffered for you, in the name of the Holy Spirit, who was poured out upon you, go forth, faithful Christian.*

*May you live in peace this day, may your home be with God in Zion, with Mary, the virgin Mother of God, with Joseph, and all the angels and saints."*

Let us pray for one another.



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

**Larry Small**  
d. September 10, 2023

**Martin Hamberger**  
d. September 1, 2023

*Our thoughts and  
prayers are with ...*

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

**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, Patrick Whipp, Barney Smith, Corinne McHugh, Pam Austrich B.J. Szemborski, Bobby Decker, Alexander McMinn, Maureen Sengpiehl, Jerry Franks

**The Deceased:** Mary Kay Madigan Ledue, Joan Jasinski, Heather Miles, Salome Torrijos, Jack Burden, James Lippert, Jack Spisak, Rose Lippert. Rodney Huth, Elaine Marshall, William Stark, Kevin Malone, Betsyanne Black, Roberto Costantino, John Sharockman, Camille Munday, Larry Small, Martin Hamberger





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Dear Parents, thank you for making our first week run smoothly. As a reminder, please have your child to class on time. Sunday classes begin at 9 am, Monday classes begin at 5 pm, and Wednesday classes begin at 3:30 pm.

Diocesan policy is for each child to receive a minimum of 30 hours of religious education every year. Please help us to maintain that. Late arrivals and early dismissals that result less than 30 hours could impact your child from advancing to the next grade level. Individual circumstances must be discussed directly with the DRE and supplemental homework assignments will be expected.

*"Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established."* Proverbs 16:3

**Starting this week!** Classes will meet to pray the rosary. Parents are welcome to join us!

**Sunday classes** begin at 9am and will end with praying the rosary in the gym. Parents will pick up their child in the gym at 10:15 am.

**Monday classes** will begin with the rosary in the church promptly at 5 pm. Parents will pick up their child in the gym at 6:15 pm.

**Wednesday classes** will begin with the rosary in the church promptly at 3:30 pm. Parents will pick up their child in the gym at 4:45 pm.



This week on FORMED:

Hildegard's Gift

The Reluctant Saint- The Story of St. Joseph of Cupertino

Lead Kindly Light: The Life and Message of Saint John

Henry Newman

The Calling of Matthew

Padre Pio: Miracle Man

FORMED Now! St. Joseph of Cupertino; Feast of St.

Matthew

FORMED is available at no cost for parishioners.

## Religious Education Calendar

### WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17 and 24

Sunday	Pre-K - 8th Grades - 9-10:15am RCIT - 11-1:15pm 9th - 12th Grades (Fr. Gould) - 4-5pm 11th-12th Grades (Fr. Heisler) - 4-5pm
Monday	K - 8th Grades 5-6:15pm Catholicism 101 Adult Class - 5-6:15pm
Wed	Pre-K-5th - 3:30-4:45pm



Lindsay Glass  
Director of Youth Ministry  
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## High School

**SUNDAY YOUTH NIGHT** ALL high schoolers are invited to Youth Nights most Sundays from 6:30-8:00pm in room 213. Deepen your relationship with God, learn more about Jesus, and grow your desire for life-long discipleship with Him. Newcomers and friends are always welcome! Our next Youth Night is **Sunday, September 17th**.

**LIFE CHAIN** - Make a public, prayerful, and peaceful stand for life on **Sunday, October 1st at 1:30pm**. SFDS teens and families are invited to join St. John the Apostle Church in Leesburg and line King Street with signs in support of life. Let me know if you plan to attend and if you need a ride! Read more about Life Chain at [lifechain.org](http://lifechain.org).

**OKTOBERFEST** Help make the SFDS Oktoberfest even better by donating your time at the Cake & Pie Auction on October 14th! Let me know if you can lend Mrs. McRoberts a hand for an hour between 3-9pm.

**"FISHERS OF MEN" T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST** Get creative and submit your best design reflecting the theme from Matthew 4:19 "Come after Me, and I will make you fishers of men!" T-shirts with the winning design will be awarded whenever a teen brings someone new to Youth Nights and special events. Submit your designs to Mrs. G at Youth Night on Sunday, October 15th. We'll vote that night, and the winner will be announced at Youth RALLY on 10/22!

**RALLY** ALL high schoolers are invited to Diocesan Youth Rally Sunday, **October 22nd from 12-8pm** at Bishop O'Connell HS. Registration opens soon! Read more about it at [www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth-ministry/](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth-ministry/) under RALLY.

### REMIND

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



**FALL FUN RUN – November 5**  
**FALL RETREAT – November 10-12**

## Middle School



**Sunday, September 24th**

6:30-8pm in the gym

**"Renewed"**

We'll play games, enjoy dinner, and read and discuss Scripture! Spread the word and bring a friend!

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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.

## St. Francis Council 11136 News



### SEPTEMBER MEMBERS BUSINESS

**MEETING.** The next council Officers Planning Meeting will be on Monday 25 September in the Knights Hall at 7:30 pm. All members of the council are welcome to attend. Following the business meeting we will gather around the big screen to watch the Monday Night Football game. Refreshments will be served.

**ROSARY PROGRAM.** Come join the Knights in praying the Rosary in the small chapel on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 7 pm. Next Rosary will be Monday, 25 September.

**LOVETTSVILLE OKTOBERFEST FUNDRAISER.** We are again supporting the setup and take down of the vendors at this year's Lovettsville Oktoberfest. We will need volunteers to help from 21 September through 23 September, times are available in the sign-up genius [www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BAFAB23A2F4C34-vendor](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BAFAB23A2F4C34-vendor) This is another fundraiser for our council; fundraising events like this provide the resources needed for the council's many activities supporting charitable causes, Faith building activities, and community events. All members of the parish are welcome to volunteer.

**FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION CEREMONY:** The next 4th Degree Exemplification Ceremony is on Saturday, September 30th in Newport News, Virginia. More information will be provided in future bulletin announcements. Please contact the Worthy Chancellor ([lacham@comcast.net](mailto:lacham@comcast.net)) or the Grand Knight (see below) if interested in attending.

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A KNIGHT?** All Catholic men 18 years of age or older are eligible to become a Knight, and it is easier than ever to submit an application for membership - go to [kofc.org/join](http://kofc.org/join) and with just a few entries you will be a member of the Knights of Columbus!

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



Please note: Entrants may compete in only on local competition The Soccer Challenge is designed for players to demonstrate their shooting accuracy with the penalty kick. Each player will be allowed 15 shots at the goal. The Goal will be divided into a series of five scoring zones with more points awarded for scoring in the upper and lower corners compared to the center of the goal. Eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of September 1, 2023. Entry forms can be picked up in person from Janice Rees in the Religious Education office. A copy of your child's birth certificate must be submitted with the completed entry form. Drop off the form and birth certificate copy with Janice Rees in the RE office no later than Thursday September 28, 2023.

## Boys and Girls Ages 9-14

Sponsored by St. Francis de Sales  
Knights of Columbus #11136  
October 1 @ 2pm  
St. Theresa Catholic Church, Ashburn  
Contact: LeeJay Acham  
[lacham@comcast.net](mailto:lacham@comcast.net)  
571-271-8845



SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 14,  
3-9PM

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**We need YOU to help make this Oktoberfest an amazing event! Please visit our website to volunteer for one of the many slots available. FYI- Every volunteer will receive a beautiful tee shirt with our Oktoberfest logo. Sign up NOW.**

### A Great Day of

#### Food, Fellowship and Fun for all ages!

- Moon Bounces • Kidz Zone • Hayrides
- Oompah Band • Delicious Food
- 50-50 Raffle • Beer Garden • Photo Ops
- Silent Auction • Bavarian Costume Contest
- Pie & Cake Auction • Corn Hole Tournament

### The Silent Auction needs your help.

#### Would you be willing to donate an Experience?

- A Vacation rental to share
- Tickets to the Nationals, Commanders, or Caps
- A Day of Golf • Are you a chef? Would you like to create a feast for a small group?
- Are you a baker? Would you like to create a custom cake?

#### Or a Service?

- Tutoring • Lawn Service
- Cleaning Service • Car Detailing

Please contact Megan Hamberger at 571-220-6129 or [mmhamberger@gmail.com](mailto:mmhamberger@gmail.com).  
THANK YOU for your generosity and mark your calendar to join us.  
Visit the parish website for more exciting information



## Women's Catholic Book Club

With childcare, Hosted by the moms group  
9:30am-11am

**Friday, Sep. 29th** - The Four Loves by CS Lewis

**Friday, October 13th & 27th** - Witness to Hope: The Biography of Pope John Paul II by George Weigel

**Friday, November 17th** - Just Open the Door: How One Invitation Can Change a Generation by Jen Schmidt

**Friday, December 15th** - Dark Night of the Soul by Saint John of the Cross

We meet in room 107. Kids are in room 106.

Email Elise Daniel at [eliseamxx@gmail.com](mailto:eliseamxx@gmail.com) to register or for more details.

## Homeless Ministry

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



- **Missionary Sisters of Charity in Anacostia** – 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 October 12th; meal delivered and served October 14th.
- **Loudoun Homeless Shelter** – 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 September 27th; meal delivered and served September 28th.

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)

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

ALL young adults ages 19 to 35 (single and married) are invited to **CALLED: A Conference for Young Adults** on Saturday, September 23 from 2-9pm at the Sheraton Reston Hotel. Enjoy Mass with Bishop Burbidge, keynote speaker Sam Goodwin, breakout sessions, dinner, prayer, live music, vendors, ministry booths, and plenty of social time! Complimentary childcare offered. Invite your friends! Find more information and register at [www.arlingtondiocese.org/young-adult-ministry/called/](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/young-adult-ministry/called/).

## Women's Workshop:

### **Made for More: A Workshop for Women on the Journey of the Beloved**

All women are invited on Saturday, October 7th from 9am - 12:30pm in the St. Theresa Parish Center in Ashburn. ***Do you long for greater peace and joy? Do you ever feel like the promises of God just aren't for you?*** Join workshop leader & award-winning author Elizabeth Leon for a morning of prayer, hope, & restoration. Drawing from scripture and Catholic teaching, we will discover how our brokenness can lead to healing, claim God's promises, and identify barriers to letting ourselves receive Christ's love. Featured in the Arlington Catholic Herald! \$25 cost includes workshop materials and refreshments. Register at [www.JourneyoftheBeloved.com](http://www.JourneyoftheBeloved.com) Questions? Contact Elizabeth Leon 703-283-4053 or [onegratefulgirl@verizon.net](mailto:onegratefulgirl@verizon.net)

## Women's Council Corner

*"When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Behold your mother.'" John 19:26-27*



### **Next Planning Meeting - Monday, Sept 18th**

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.

### **Next Social Event - Murder Mystery**

Tuesday, October 3, 7:00pm  
Our Lady of Victory Hall @ St. Francis de Sales, Purcellville  
Join the Women's Council for a Murder Mystery. We will be celebrating Halloween with the employees of the Chamber of Screams Haunted House. Interested in playing a part in this Murder Mystery? Check our website for RSVP and character sign up info. Please bring a scary snack to share.

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.



## Duruflé Requiem in Purcellville

Singers needed

**Saturday Nov. 4, 7:30 pm**  
**St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church**

Rehearsals: Mondays, Sept. 11- Oct. 30, 7:00- 8:50 pm  
Optional Sectionals: Wednesdays, Sept. 13 – Oct. 4  
Times TBA based on section.  
Dress Rehearsal: Friday, Nov. 3, 7:00 – 8:50 pm

For more information or to join the choir, contact Michael Galdo at [m.galdo@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:m.galdo@saintfrancisparish.org), or call 540-338-6381 x117.

## JOY OF LIFE FAMILY DINNER

The Joy of Life Apostolate provides support to children and adults with disabilities and their families. The monthly dinners are a wonderful way for families to meet and encourage one another in their walk with Christ. Mostly, however, we all learn from our "treasures of the Church" in how to trust in God's Providence and spread happiness and joy wherever we are. The next family dinner is Saturday, **September 23, 6-8:30pm** in the Parish Education Center gym at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church. Come enjoy dinner and games for the entire family. Please bring something to share for dinner/dessert, if you are able.



## ADULT STUDY CLASSES TO BEGIN THIS WEEK

**Friday Mornings 10-11:30am**

**Eight classes start on September 22**

**Forgiven:** This study is for people interested in further developing their awareness of our Catholic faith.

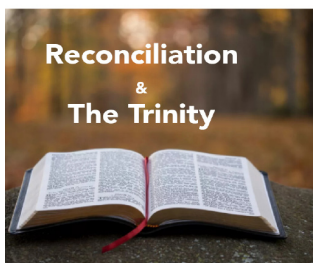
God is waiting for us to approach Him in the confessional. He waits because of His great love for us, not because he needs us, but because He knows how much we need Him! His is indeed, a merciful love.

**Monday Mornings 10-11:30 am**

**Ten classes starting on September 18**

**The Three Things are One:** The Holy Trinity is one of the greatest mysteries of our faith. This study is meant to make the difficult theology surrounding the blessed Trinity easier for us to understand. In His "Farewell Discourse", Jesus expressed His longing to His Father over and over what His desire for humanity was and still is, "...that they may all be one; even as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be in us." John 17:21

**Please contact Jeanne at [jeannelamana@gmail.com](mailto:jeannelamana@gmail.com) to register and for further information on either of these two adult studies. See our website for a fuller description.**



## LIFE CHAIN IS COMING

Our Annual Life Chain, where we join with 1800 locations in standing for Life, is October 1 from 2-3:30 PM in Leesburg. We will congregate adjacent to St John the Apostle on King Street and with your participation stretch from Ida Lee Park to the Courthouse. Please bring a loving Pro-Life sign or use one provided by organizers. Hundreds of us will stand as witnesses to the value of life from conception to natural death.

This is a family-friendly event and a fun way to express our faith and values. We get really nice feedback every year from participants who find it rewarding so please give it a shot.

Questions? Contact Matt Zolbe at [matt.zolbe@gmail.com](mailto:matt.zolbe@gmail.com) or text him at 646-271-5094. Park in the St John parking lot and walk into the church, straight through the Narthex and exit the other side of the church where you will see a table with signs and hopefully 300 other happy souls, Saint Francis' congregation has a reputation over at Saint John as really pro-Life so please muscle up for this one!



### Would you like to learn to knit or crochet?

At our regular SoulStitch meetings we will be teaching anyone who wishes to learn to knit or crochet. We will supply the yarn and we have some knitting needles or crochet hooks. However if you have your own please bring them. And if you already knit or crochet please join us in the Knights Hall/church basement. If you are unable to meet with us but are interested in making things to donate please contact us. September 20 @ 9:30am. For info contact Karen Gaylord [windingwoodsfarm@gmail.com](mailto:windingwoodsfarm@gmail.com)

### Holy Father Prayer Intentions for September

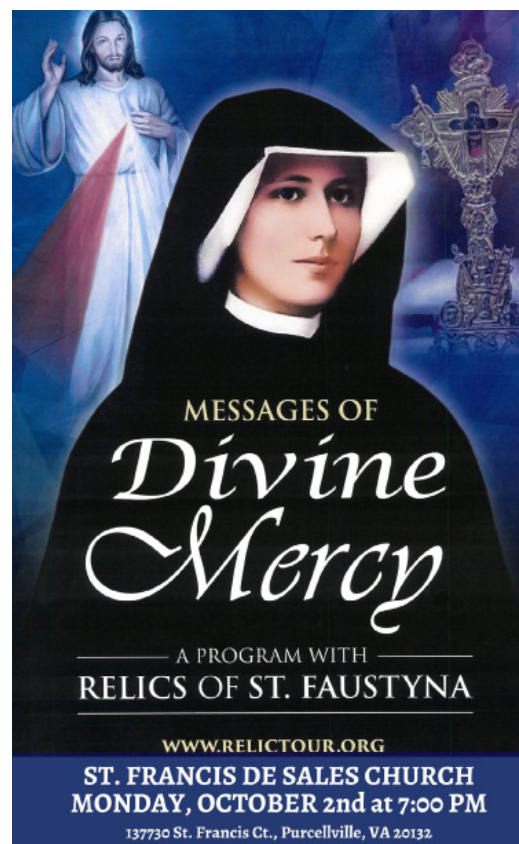
#### For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

*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:*

Ellen Sullivan, September 8, 2022  
Timotha Rainey, September 19, 2022  
Neda "Ginger" Grimard, September 13, 2021  
Joseph Alan Kerns, September 19, 2021  
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, September 7, 2002  
Joe Davitt, September  
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





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