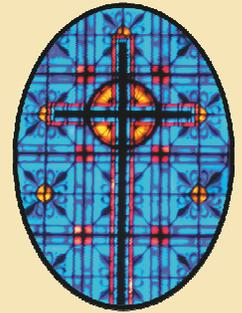


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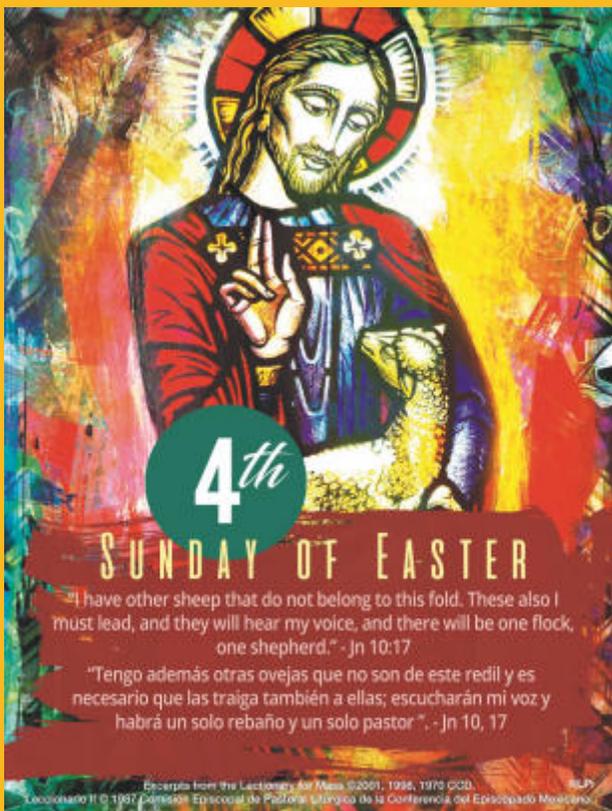
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To receive the sacrament of anointing of the sick, please make arrangements through the parish office. Persons interested in celebrating the sacrament of baptism, confirmation, marriage or holy orders are invited to contact the parish office for information on preparation programs. The sacrament of reconciliation is available at St. Francis de Sales Church Saturday's at 9:00 a.m., at Holy Redeemer Church at 3:00 p.m. or by appointment.

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday 7:00 a.m. - church

Wednesday 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. - church

Friday 7:00 a.m. - church

Tuesday 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - church

Thursday 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - church

Saturday 8:30 a.m. - church

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesday 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. - church

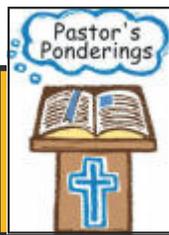
Weekend Mass Schedule

St. Francis de Sales Church: Saturday 5:30 p.m., Sunday 7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 noon bilingual Spanish

Holy Redeemer: Saturday 4:00 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m.

The information and activities listed in this parish bulletin are provided to enable you to become more actively involved in our community's worship, education, outreach and social events.

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Pastor's Ponderings

Father/Padre Chris LaBarge



Reflecciones del Parroco

The Tap of the Good Shepherd's Staff

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd. We are the sheep for whom he has laid down his life. He put everything aside for our sake -- his human desire for an easy life, the security and familiarity of a home of his own, his time, his sleep, his tiredness, and his natural preference to avoid persecution, torture and death. We are the sheep who recognize our Shepherd's voice and willingly follow him to better pastures. We *want* him to be our Good Shepherd. We want his protection, his guidance, and his love. However, sometimes we forget to listen for his voice. This usually happens when life doesn't go as planned, the way *we* want it to. In frustration and fear, we assume that Jesus has left the sheepfold. We think he's gone after the lost sheep and left us behind to fend for ourselves, and -- oh no! -- this is surely when the wolves attack! Doesn't he realize that? How could he do this to us if he really cares as much about us as he says he does? Why is he more concerned about the sheep who strayed than he is about us who are good sheep? However, no matter how busy Jesus gets and no matter how far he has to go to rescue lost sheep, he never leaves our side. He is always with us. When the path of life takes us to dead ends or dangerous cliffs, it's not because he's abandoned us. The pain we feel is his shepherd's staff tapping and prodding us to get us to move in a different direction, and we just haven't understood. We don't want to go in that other direction. We like the familiarity of this old pasture. We're getting annoyed at the tap-tap-tapping of the staff on our heads. And we won't discover the blessing of this discipline until we turn again to Jesus with eyes of trust and ears that are attentive to everything he says, even if at first, we don't like what he's saying. © 2018 Terry Modica, Catholic Digital Resources, www.catholicdr.com. Printed by permission.

La Palmadita del Cayado del Buen Pastor

En la lectura del Evangelio de este domingo, Jesús se identifica a sí mismo como el Buen Pastor. Somos las ovejas por las que ha dado su vida. Puso todo a un lado por nuestro bien-- su deseo humano de una vida fácil, la seguridad y la familiaridad de su propia casa, su tiempo, su sueño, su cansancio y su preferencia natural por evitar la persecución, la tortura y la muerte. Somos las ovejas que reconocen la voz de su pastor y voluntariamente lo siguen a mejores pastos. Nosotros *queremos* que sea nuestro Buen Pastor. Queremos su protección, su orientación y su amor. Sin embargo, a veces nos olvidamos de escuchar su voz. Esto suele suceder cuando la vida no sale según lo planeado, de la manera en que *nosotros* queremos. Por frustración y temor, asumimos que Jesús ha dejado la manada. Creemos que ha ido tras la oveja perdida y nos dejó atrás para valernos por nosotros mismos y -- ¡oh no! -- ¡ahora es sin duda cuando los lobos atacan! ¿No se da cuenta de eso? ¿Cómo pudo hacernos esto si realmente se preocupa tanto por nosotros como dice que lo hace? ¿Por qué le preocupa más la oveja descarriada que nosotros que somos buenas ovejas? No obstante, no importa cuán ocupado esté Jesús y qué tan lejos tenga que ir a rescatar a las ovejas perdidas, nunca se aleja de nuestro lado. Está siempre con nosotros. Cuando el camino de la vida nos lleva a callejones sin salida o peligrosos acantilados, no es porque nos ha abandonado. El dolor que sentimos es su cayado de pastor insistiéndonos y pinchándonos para que nos movamos en una dirección diferente, pero simplemente no hemos entendido. No queremos ir en esa otra dirección. Nos gusta la familiaridad de este pasto viejo. Nos enfadamos con el golpeteo toc-toc del cayado en nuestras cabezas. Y no descubrimos la bendición de esta disciplina hasta que nos volvemos nuevamente a Jesús con ojos de confianza y oídos atentos a todo lo que dice, aunque al principio no nos guste lo que está diciendo. @2020 Terry Modica, Catholic Digital Resources, www.catholicdr.com.

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¿Es el Evangelio de San Marcos solamente una versión reducida de la vida de Jesús? ¿Qué nos ofrece este, el más corto de todos los evangelios, que Mateo, Lucas o Juan no ofrecen? Acompaña a Luis Soto en esta serie de 10 episodios, totalmente en español, para profundizar en el conocimiento del Evangelio de San Marcos, como nunca antes lo habías hecho.

Serving in Love...

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture
4th Sunday of Easter

Any builder worth his or her salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone.

Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the safe and proper pasture.

A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are fashioned and loved into existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of self-discovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true. It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures.

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Please Pray for Priests

This coming week we will celebrate the anniversary of death of three priests who served the Diocese of Wilmington: James Lutz (died in 1976); John Bolen (died in 1958) and James Farley (died in 1895). *None of these priests were assigned to St. Francis de Sales.*



Thoughts from the Principal

Debbie Traum

Financial Aid Program to Attend Nonpublic Schools Now in Sixth Year

The Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today (BOOST) Program, entering its sixth year, will provide scholarships for students who are eligible for the free or reduced-price lunch program. The BOOST program was the result of a bipartisan compromise during the 2016 session of the Maryland General Assembly, and received widespread support from legislators in both parties.

“Our administration is committed to ensuring that every single child in Maryland has the chance to get a world-class education, regardless of what neighborhood they happen to grow up in,” said Governor Larry Hogan. “This innovative program, forged through bipartisan cooperation with the support of the legislature, offers expanded options and opportunities for Maryland families and students.”

Scholarships range from \$1,400 to \$4,400 each, with the highest award amount going to students who qualify for the Free Meal Program and attended a public school the previous year. The BOOST program is available for students either already attending or hoping to attend a nonpublic participating school. Students must be enrolled in – or have applied to – a potential participating school before completing the BOOST application.

All applications will be reviewed by MSDE to ensure completion and income eligibility. MSDE will compile a list of applicants that ranks eligible students by family income expressed as a percent of the most recent federal poverty levels. MSDE will then provide a count of eligible students by category to the BOOST Advisory Board. The categories reflect whether the student attended a public or private school the prior year and whether the student qualifies for Free Meals or Reduced Meals. Also, the BOOST law governing the 2021-22 awards specifies that some funds are reserved for students with disabilities.

The BOOST Advisory Board will determine how the scholarship funds are allocated among the categories. Students who received a BOOST Scholarship in the 2020-21 school year and who still meet the eligibility criteria must complete an application to receive an award in 2021-22.

The application deadline has been extended to May 17th, 2021 this school year. The electronic application and a list of potential participating schools is available at <http://marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/boost/index.aspx>.



Growing in Faith...

Annual Catholic Appeal

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us, *"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep."*

Everyone is welcomed to the flock by Jesus. We, too, must act faithfully to reach out to all individuals, especially those who feel neglected or abandoned. As Jesus committed His life to being the "one shepherd" we too must commit ourselves as Catholics, to providing service to all.

There are several diocesan ministries and programs that offer help for those who feel estranged and marginalized by society. As baptized Christians, it is our shared responsibility to respond to Jesus' command to love and serve one another. The Annual Catholic Appeal provides financial support for a wide range of spiritual, pastoral, and educational services that assist not only the poor and suffering, but anyone who seeks assistance regardless of age, race of social class.

Many thanks to those who have responded to the 2021 Catholic Appeal; your generosity is deeply appreciated. If you have not yet participated you can contribute to the Appeal by using the pledge card and return envelope mailed to your home, by accessing the Appeal website at www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal and clicking "How to Donate" or by completing a pledge card found in the vestibules of the churches. It is never too late to help someone in need.

Thank You!



Jackie Seldon, Executive Director of The Eastern Shore Pregnancy Center, sends a huge, large, gigantic THANK YOU! Donations that you made to the *Lenten Crib Project* will provide necessities to many moms and dads who seek support from the Center. Not pictured, because there was not enough

space in the room, were the large items like car seats and highchairs.

Our Parish App Stay Connected!



Our app is available to give you information about our parish community at your fingertips. The parish calendar, bulletin, sacrament information, daily readings, Sunday prayer intentions and last-minute changes in the schedule are all accessible on our app! To download, go to your app store and search *WeConnect Parish App*. Once the app is downloaded you will need to select our parish by typing in *Salisbury*. If you would like help with this, please contact the parish office. The app is a great way to stay connected to what is happening in our parish.



KNIGHTWATCH!

As usual, the footer beneath this column provides information on the location and time of our Council's regular business meetings. We draw attention to it in this writing because, as we ease our way back from what in essence was a COVID-19 cessation of normal activity, and from remote-only meetings, we are resuming actual in-person meetings, not in the traditional location on Emerson Avenue but in the St. Francis de Sales Church Hall (not the Parish Center). As we emerge from what has been an unprecedented interruption to our normal *modus operandi*, our hope is that this venue, in the very heart of our parish, may prove itself to be a more convenient one for attendance, and that perhaps brother Knights who have not been doing so may, at least occasionally, now attend! For us Catholics, May is the month of Mary – with *two* of her feasts occurring, Our Lady of Fatima on May 13, and the Visitation on May 31. Mary, also Queen of the Knights, pray for us!

The **Knights of Columbus, St. Francis de Sales Council #3489**. We meet at 7:30 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month in the St. Francis de Sales Church Hall, down the steps from the church parking lot. As a COVID-19 virus precaution, these meetings may also be accessed remotely via ZOOM. To request ZOOM access, please contact Ernie Matthews at: ernie29@comcast.net. Additionally, general information on joining the Knights may be found on the internet at www.kofc.org. There you may conveniently complete a membership application form at "Join Us". Thank you!

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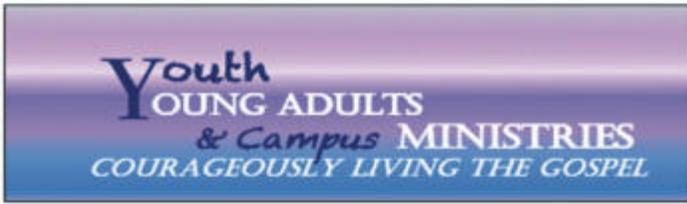
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Our Parish Celebrations

Mark your calendar and save the date for these celebrations in our community:

May 2	Confirmation
May 16	Boy Scout Drive-Thru Spaghetti Dinner

Caring for One Another...



Contact Liza, lalvarado@visitstfrancis.org

YOUTH MINISTRIES Grades 7-12

Stay connected on Social Media for updates at SFDS CYM Facebook & Instagram. For the Appalachia Service Project stay connected at SFdS ASP Facebook & Instagram.

Youth Gathering Outside, Wednesday, May 19th 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Parish Center Grounds. Bring a chair and wear a mask.

YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adults – May activity location TBD. To receive our email updates or find out more information: Catholicyoungpeople@visitstfrancis.org

Young Parents – Do you want to connect with other young adults starting families? Contact Elaina at eiosue@live.com.

CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

Facebook: [Salisbury University Catholic Campus Ministry](#)

Sunday Masses 5:00 p.m. at Scarborough. Confessions heard on the first Sundays, from 4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Faith talks on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. Last Mass and Graduate Blessing, Sunday, May 2nd at 5:00 p.m.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASSES

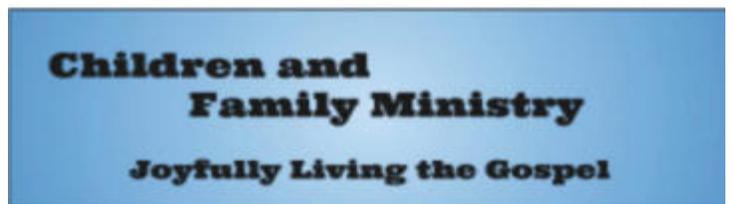
Sacrament of Confirmation will be received on Sunday, May 2nd. Rehearsal is on Friday, April 30th 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the church. (Sponsors should be present.) Please submit or email your outstanding paperwork to the parish office.



Fr. Chris shares his journey to the priesthood at the Pastoral Retreat.



Another amazing ramp build by the Appalachia Service Project Team!



Janet Hastings, jhastings@visitstfrancis.org

This weekend's gospel uses the image of the Good Shepherd for Jesus. As a teacher, this is an easy one for me to understand. The time and energy that goes into teaching the youth about our faith and the love of God is very much like the time that Jesus spends with us. He is always tending to our relationship, even if we are not. This weekend we will be focusing on games and crafts that teach about Jesus the Good Shepherd.



First Reconciliation and Eucharist

Congratulations to all our students for receiving their First Communion! Thank you to all the families for sharing time with me this year to prepare for this very special occasion!

Do you know a student in kindergarten or older who needs to prepare for Reconciliation and Eucharist? Please have them register for next year's religious education program through the parish or the parish school. Doing this ensures they are ready to prepare for sacraments by second grade or in two years. If you are interested in preparing for sacraments please email Janet Hastings or call the parish office, 410-742-6443. Thank you!

2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Annual Catholic Appeal?

Since 1976, the Annual Catholic Appeal has been a unified effort in which all parishioners are asked to provide critical, financial support to more than thirty diocesan ministries running more effectively at the diocesan level than at the individual parishes. Appeal funds are the major financial source available to underwrite operating costs of these ministries.

Why is it important for me to support the Annual Catholic Appeal?

Your participation helps those whose needs are the greatest - the poor, the vulnerable, those on the margins of our society. Your gift demonstrates your commitment to Catholic education and the fight of the unborn; it supports those who are ill, imprisoned and dying; and helps to strengthen struggling families as well as offers counseling to the grieving and the addicted enabling thousands of individuals and families throughout the diocese make positive changes to improve their lives.

How does my parish benefit from the Annual Catholic Appeal?

Every Appeal gift goes to support diocesan programs and ministries which in turn provide services that no one parish can offer on its own. Additionally at least 50 percent of contributions received beyond a parish's assigned target is returned to the parish and used to defray ministry and capital costs. Parishes operating or supporting a school receive 100 percent of over-target contributions.

How do I make a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal?

Parishioners have received information about the Annual Catholic Appeal through the mail from either Bishop Malooly or their respective pastor. The enclosed pledge card and return envelope can be used to make a contribution to the campaign. A contribution can also be made online at www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal, then click "Donate" or by contacting the diocesan development office at (302) 573-3120.

What methods of payment can be used to satisfy my Appeal contribution?

In addition to the issuance of personal checks, payments can be made by credit card, PayPal, online bill pay, gifts of securities, gifts through IRA's, as well as through corporate matching gift programs. When giving appreciated securities or closely held stock, telephone the development office at (302) 573-3120 or write dfols@cdow.org to obtain the necessary instructions.

I may be interested in participating in the Annual Catholic Appeal; however, I have more questions. Whom do I contact?

Please contact Deborah Fols, diocesan development director, at (302) 573-3121 or write her at dfols@cdow.org. She welcomes your call and the opportunity to answer your questions.

For more information about the Annual Catholic Appeal, the ministries supported and ways to donate, go to www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal.



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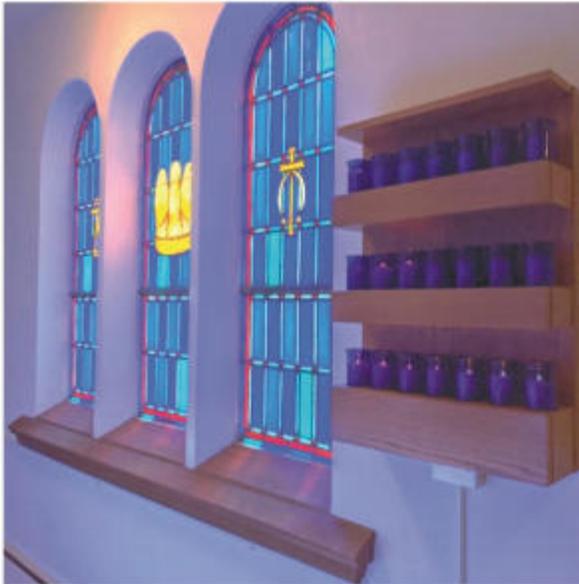
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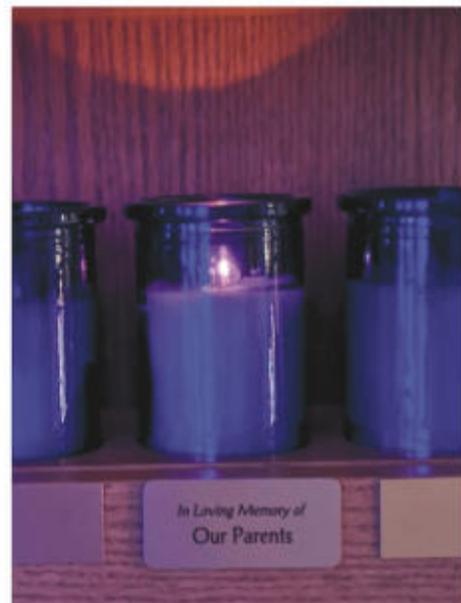
Light a candle for a year
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The memorial wall is located in the entrance way to our Chapel of the Saints off the main vestibule of our St. Francis de Sales Church.

Light a candle for one year and an engraved plaque will be placed on the candle with the name of your loved one.

Please contact the parish office for more information.
410-742-6443



Special Prayer Intentions

These are the people for whom we will be praying at Masses the week beginning April 26th:

	Sanctuary Sanctuary	Candle SFdS Candle HR	Charlie Nichols
Monday	April 26	7:00 a.m.	Catherine Haggerty
Tuesday	April 27	7:00 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Etim
		11:00 a.m.	For an Increase in Vocations
Wednesday	April 28	8:30 a.m.	Fr. Eugene Hackert
		5:30 p.m.	Fr. William Lawler
Thursday	April 29	7:00 a.m.	Sarah Diemel
		11:00 a.m.	For an Increase in Vocations
Friday	April 30	7:00 a.m.	Jeanette Thomas
Saturday	May 1	8:30 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory
		4:00 p.m.	Pauline Barga
		5:30 p.m.	Donald Pantalone
Sunday	May 2	7:30 a.m.	Theresa Dvorak
		9:00 a.m.	Special Intention
		10:30 a.m.	Marion Snee
		12:00 p.m.	For the People of our Parish and our Sister Parish

Calendar Items

Sunday, April 25	9:00 a.m.	Religious Education Classes	SFdS School/Parish Center
	10:30 a.m.	Baptism Class in Spanish	Mercy House
	11:30 a.m.	Young Adult Meet and Greet	Parish Grounds
	4:00 p.m.	Haitian Community Prayer Group	Mercy House
Monday, April 26	No Meetings		
Tuesday, April 27	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts	Parish Grounds
Wednesday, April 28	9:00 a.m.	Adoration	SFdS Church
	12:00 p.m.	Finance Council	Rectory Dining Room
	5:30 p.m.	ASP Board Meeting	Rectory Dining Room
	6:00 p.m.	Baptism Class in Spanish	Mercy House
Thursday, April 29	5:30 p.m.	Bear & Wolf Pack	Scout House
	6:00 p.m.	Webelos	Scout House
Friday, April 30	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Rehearsal	SFdS Church
Saturday, May 1	9:00 a.m.	Stitches of Faith	Mercy House
	11:00 a.m.	Sacramental Prep in Spanish	Mercy House
	5:30 p.m.	ASP Group Meeting	Parish Center
	7:00 p.m.	Marriage Prep in Spanish	Mercy House
Sunday, May 2	9:00 a.m.	Religious Education Classes	SFdS School/Parish Center
	10:30 a.m.	Baptism Class in Spanish	Mercy House
	2:30 p.m.	Confirmation	SFdS Church
	4:00 p.m.	Haitian Community Prayer Group	Mercy House
	7:00 p.m.	Young Adult Gathering	Parish Grounds





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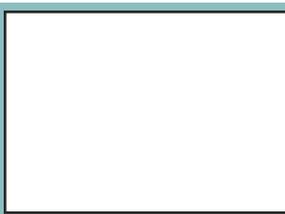
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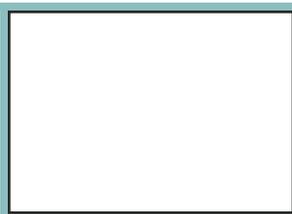


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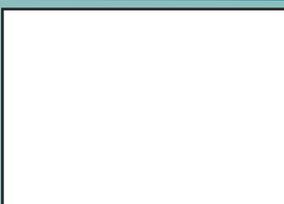
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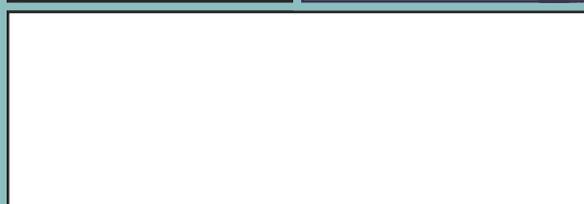
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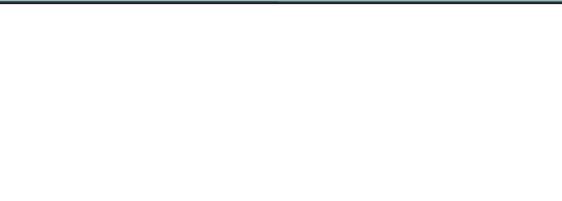
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