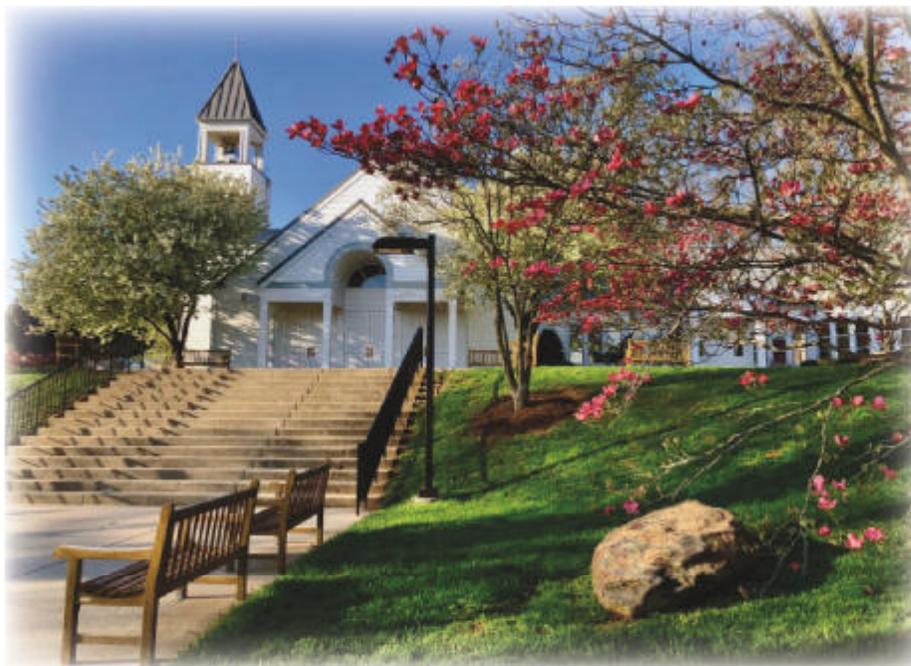


# Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

5th SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 21, 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.

## 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 7pm - Weekly Parish Holy Hour

## Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil - 5pm  
Sunday - 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:15pm,  
2pm (masks required)  
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

## 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 last Friday of the month at 7pm. Call the office for details.

Anointing of the Sick: We are privileged to bring Holy Communion and administer the Holy Anointing to the sick and homebound upon request. Please call the office to let us know your needs.

## 5th SUNDAY OF LENT

March 21, 2021

"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified."

- John 12:23

## Confessions in Lent

Monday through Friday - 8pm  
in addition to regularly scheduled Confessions

## Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7:30pm

**Fridays in Lent** are obligatory days of abstinence for Catholics. Every person 14 years of age or older must **abstain** from meat (and items made with meat).

We are hoping to find any parishioners who might recall St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church during the 1940's-'60's. prior to the establishment of the parish in 1967. Please email. [j.rees@saintfrancispark.org](mailto:j.rees@saintfrancispark.org) if you have anything to share. Thank you!

## This Week

- Tue., March 23 Legion of Mary 7pm, Library  
RCIA 7pm - ZOOM
- Wed., March 24 Charismatic Prayer Group 7pm, Chapel  
TMIY 7pm, Parish Education Center  
Weekly Parish Holy Hour - 7pm
- Thu., March 25 Junior Legion of Mary 3:45pm, Knights Hall
- Fri., March 26 SFDS Mom's Group 9-11am, OLVH
- Sat., March 27 TMIY 7am, Parish Education Center  
Women's Prayer Group 8am, Knights Hall  
Compassionate Heart of Mary 10am, Knights Hall

### A Lenten Tradition: Veiling the Cross for Passiontide

Towards the end of Lent you may notice purple cloths draped over the crucifixes, statues, and saint images at your parish.

This old custom of veiling religious images is a way of focusing on the penitential aspect of this liturgical season. It reminds us in a visual way that our faith in all its glory is made possible only through the work of Christ in his suffering and death on the cross. When we cover these holy and sacred images that we are so accustomed to, we are starkly confronted and reminded in a poignant way of all that Christ has won for us.

The tradition is often practiced during the last two weeks before Easter, starting on Passion Sunday (now called the fifth Sunday of Lent) and ending on Good Friday.

Then, as in a dramatic unveiling, the holy images are again revealed for the Easter Vigil to mark the end of the penitential season. The joy of the Easter season and the hope of the Resurrection then comes to the forefront. *excerpted from Catholic.org*

## Masses for the Week

+ *deceased*

### Saturday, March 20

9:00 am

### Saturday, March 20

5:00 pm

### Sunday, March 21

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

2:00 pm

5:30 pm

### Monday, March 22

6:30 am

8:30 am

### Tuesday, March 23

6:30 am

8:30 am

### Wed., March 24

6:30 am

8:30 am

### Thursday, March 25

6:30 am

8:30 am

### Friday, March 26

6:30 am

12:00 pm

### Saturday, March 27

9:00 am

### Saturday, March 27

5:00 pm

### Sunday, March 28

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

2:00 pm

5:30 pm

### Lenten Weekday

Rev. John Heisler

**Vigil: 5th Sunday of Lent**

Eddie and Rebecca Largent

**5th Sunday of Lent**

Zurschmeide Family

+ Nick Hallam

+ Jim Mark Gallagher

+ Steve Domine

Special Intention of the Putorti Family

People of the Parish

### Lenten Weekday

Chuck and MJ Gavelek

+ Jim Mark Gallagher

### Lenten Weekday

Matthew Foster

Maralan O'Neil

### Lenten Weekday

+ Joanne Iannito

+ Carol Ann Connell

### Annunciation of the Lord

+ Lucille McAuley

Thanksgiving to Our Lord and Our Lady

### Lenten Weekday

Carolyn Hamp

+ Richard Austin

### Lenten Weekday

+ Mary Ann Smith

**Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

Al Fields

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

People of the Parish

+ In memory of George

William McRoberts

Heekyu Choi and Soonhee Baek

The Domine family

Maria Taffuri

+ Carol Ann Connell

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 21, 2021

**SUN 3/21** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

**MON 3/22** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11

**TUE 3/23** Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30

**WED 3/24** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42

**THR 3/25** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

**FRI 3/26** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

**SAT 3/27** Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

**SUN 3/28** Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

Dear Folks,

In the coming weeks, steps to Calvary, let us reclaim our enthusiasm for our Lenten prayers, penances, and almsgiving. Sometimes in the current times we can be distracted from our devotional practices for Lent. The weather is getting nicer, the Pandemic with vaccines appears to be on the wane, the NCAA tournament quickly approaches and... it's time for baseball to open up. Oh God is good for the many benefits He grants to us... but sometimes the benefits can be distracting from our Lenten observances. Shucks!!



Let us pray for one another. Two things can happen in the penitential seasons of Lent and Advent. The added graces can revitalize our marriages and family life. They can impact the coldest hearts of the clergy who are reinvigorated by the sincere devotions of the Faithful. I have seen priests who defected from their vocations return in the season of Lent. It is like ordination day all over again. Let's not miss it.

On a separate tangent please know the devil works overtime in the penitential seasons. The temptations of lust can be overwhelming for the least of our brothers and sisters and all the way up to the pious frauds who inspire only themselves. Temptations of power and control, reflected of the contraceptive mentality, can pervade our culture, where we want others to look like ourselves or we simply kill them by isolation. Let's all be cautioned for the temptations to think we are in the final times and we are all going to Hell in a handbasket. Such apocalyptic scenarios work well with Bruce Willis movies and books on Nostradamus but can be a bore fest in real life. Let's all be very careful of the temptations of the devil are rampant where virtue looks like vice and vice dominates virtue. With the coming of Easter let us be reminded of Christ's victory over the devil. Let us pray for one another.

One of the great joys in the priesthood is found in the incredible humility and courage displayed in the "Box." For some who have been away for years we help them with the start, "Bless me father, for I have sinned it has been ... months since my last confession." For others we help them finish, "I am sorry for these and all the sins of my past life." I encourage one and all to be attentive to the sacrament of Penance. Not to worry if you can't remember the Act of Contrition. In the Confessional you will find a card with the prayer on it. Please come at least once a month as a good practice for families as well as individuals.

Happy closing weeks to Easter. Please know. There will be the blessing of Easter Baskets at Noon on Holy Saturday. I enclose a recipe below. Some of the lovely mothers are putting together an Easter Egg Hunt for the little ones. More details to follow. God bless one and all.

Each of the foods which traditionally makes up the Easter basket has a deep and symbolic meaning:

**Masło** (butter) This favourite dairy product is often shaped into a lamb (Baranek Wielkanocny) or a cross. This reminds us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things.

**Babka** (Easter bread) – A round loaf topped with a cross or a fish, symbolic of Jesus, who is our true Bread of Life.

**Chrzan** (horseradish often with grated red beets) –symbolic of the Passion of Christ still in our minds but sweetened with some sugar because of the Resurrection.

**Jajka** (eggs) – Eggs were always considered as a symbol of the resurrection, the emergence of a new life. At Easter our Saviour came forth from the tomb as the chick after breaking the shell at birth. Because of this special meaning, it is fitting that Easter eggs be coloured or decorated (often with the symbols of Easter, of life, of prosperity). They are the favoured object of our national art and are known to us as "pisanki."

**Kielbasa** (sausage) – A spicy sausage of pork products, indicative of God's favour and generosity.

**Szynka** (ham) – Symbolic of great joy and abundance. Some prefer lamb or veal. The lamb also reminds Catholics that the Risen Christ is the 'Lamb of God.'

**Słonina** (smoked bacon) – A symbol of the overabundance of God's mercy and generosity.

**Sól** (salt) – So necessary an element in our physical life, that Jesus used its symbolism: "You are the salt of the earth."

**Ser** (Cheese): Symbolic of the moderation Christians should have at all times.

**Świeczka** (candle): Represents Christ as the Light of the World.

**Colorful ribbons and sprigs of greenery:** Attached to the basket as signs of joy and new life in the season of spring and in celebration of the resurrection.

**Linen/Crochet Cover:** Drawn over the top of the basket which is ready for the priest's visit to the home or the trip to church where it is joined with the baskets of others to await the blessing

**Collegiate Trivia Question:** Who was the priest who supposedly told Pope John Paul II he would one day be pope. Good hunting.

## Our thoughts and prayers are with ...



**Our Military Members:** MAJ Chuck Marshall; Lcpl John Owen Patterson; SSgt. Tim Marshall; 2nd Lt. Patrick Gutierrez, MAJ Andrew Cahan; 1st Lt Matthew Ryan, Capt. Patrick Godfrey, LT Scott Cypher, Capt. Vincent Jovene, Capt. Jamie (Jovene) Liddle, SSgt. Joshua Jovene, 1LT Jared Wil-lard, Joe Pultro, LCpl Paul Cotter, 1stLt Rachel Jovene, GySgt Jose O Ruiz Pedroza, PFC Jorge A Lara Pedroza, Capt.. Ross Mentzer, 2nd LT Ryan Patrick Grady; PFC Stephen G. Beard, Sgt. Ernesto G. Castro, LCpl Frankie Thyson, Sgt. Peter Audi

**The Sick:** Dominic Corcoran, Jack Lehtonen, Mary Jane Arens, Mike O'Brien, Sarah Nolan, Liz Keller; Bob Cote, Jerry Pollard, Joanne Harrington, Rebecca Alvarez, Charles Williams, Patricia Naomi Alvarenga, Joe Graber, Timotha Rainey, Rodney and Christina Huth, Candace Daly, George Darnell, Nancy Eastman

**The Deceased:** Mary Owen Lyon Chatfield-Taylor, Martha Ann Harlow, Ann Vaudry Williams, Steven Domine, Dick Austin, Jim Mark Gallagher, Phyllis Heller, Vito Pappano, David Esquerria, Nick Hallam, Tom Dudek, Hugh 'Andy' Williams, Bill Wieliczko, Joan Monastero, Deacon Jack Vassallo, Patrick Michael Walsh, David O'Konski, Marty McMichael, Shelby Decker



**VBS this Summer!!** We're excited to announce that there is enough interest to hold our annual Vacation Bible School this summer, planned for the week of July 12 – 16. Registration information will be sent in May to all parishioners. We regret that we are unable to include participants from outside the parish boundaries this year.



We hope to hold many of our activities outside, under a tent. . .just like the old days, before we had a building. Masks would not be required under the tent. We also plan to use the gym and classrooms in the Education Center, where masks would be required, if current mandates dictate.

**Parents of Children Preparing for First Holy Communion**

First Holy Communion Masses

**Saturday, May 8**

10:30 am – for Sunday classes and homeschooling families\*

2:00 pm – for Monday classes and CHRSM, Good Shepherd and Atrium programs\*

**Saturday, May 22 - 10:30 am**

*(for those with concerns regarding masks)*

\*We expect all in attendance to follow current RE program guidelines related to the pandemic.

Details about all First Communion Masses were sent to families with children preparing for the Blessed Sacrament this spring. If you did not receive this important email, please notify our office at [re@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:re@saintfrancisparish.org).

**Parents of 8th Grade Confirmation Candidates:**

Father Gould will celebrate four Confirmation Masses at our parish in April. Specific details and guidelines have been sent to all families; please notify our office if you did not receive this important information.

In addition to the Confirmation exam, interview with Father Gould, and retreat, all candidates are required to complete: a Saint Report, Sponsor Interview, and a formal Letter to the Pastor requesting permission to be confirmed. Guidelines for all assignments are available on the parish website under "Sacrament Program". Please contact Kim Livaudais at [k.livaudais@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:k.livaudais@saintfrancisparish.org) with questions.

As always, please remember to frequently check your email and this weekly bulletin for important updates.



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

**YOUTH NIGHTS!** – All 9th – 12th graders are invited to join us for Youth Night every Sunday in the gym, 6:30 – 8:00 PM. Come to meet other teens and dive more deeply into your relationship with Jesus. Bring a friend!! Masks required.

**WORKCAMP MEETING** – Our next Teen Workcamp Meeting will be Sunday, 4/11 in the gym, 6:30 – 8:00 PM. All 8th-12th graders are invited to Workcamp in Erie, PA, held June 27 – July 3. Contact [e.glass@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:e.glass@saintfrancisparish.org) for more information or to sign up! Non-refundable deposits of \$150 will be due at the April 11th meeting.

**SPRING RETREAT** – Our Spring Retreat (previously scheduled for March) is being RESCHEDULED for May 21 – 23, 2021 at Brethren Woods Retreat Center in Keezletown, VA. ALL high schoolers are invited! Please note that all plans are subject to change, pending the progression of the pandemic.

**Homeschooling Parents:** If you have chosen to work with your children at home this year, please let our office know if you are having any difficulty using the My Catholic Faith Delivered learning platform.

**As in year's past, all children are expected to successfully complete their grade-level curriculum by the end of May 2021**

**Registration for 2021-2022 School Year**

Registration for the next school year will begin in May. All children are expected to successfully complete their current grade-level curriculum before registering for the upcoming school year.

Regarding registration for the Confirmation program, all students must successfully complete the 6th grade curriculum assessments (available on the parish website), know the basic parts of the Bible and how to look up Bible passages, and know the basic prayers (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Act of Contrition, Apostles Creed) before beginning Confirmation preparation. Please contact Kim Livaudais, Director of Religious Education with questions about preparation for Confirmation.

**Religious Education Calendar**

**CLASSES WEEK OF MARCH 21**

Sunday	<u>K thru 8th Grades -10:30am</u> <u>9th - 12th Grades w/ Fr. Gould - 4pm</u>
Monday	<u>K thru 8th Grades - 4:45pm</u> <u>9th - 12th Grades w/ Fr. Gould - 5pm</u> <u>11th - 12th Grades w/ Fr. Heisler - 5pm</u> <u>RCIT - 6:15pm</u>
Wednesday	<u>8th Grade- 4:45pm</u>

**NO CLASSES WEEK OF MARCH 28**

## St. Francis Council 11136 News



**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:** will be Monday April 12th at 7:30 pm. The Knights have recently revised its Meeting Structure to streamline the meeting process and get more involvement from other Ministries. With prior approval, non-Knights may attend the meeting. If you, or your Ministry are interested in joining us to discuss ways to work together, please let me know.

### FAMILY AND KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

We would like to congratulate the Peppiatt family for being recognized as the February Family of the Month by our Council. Brian is very active in Church activities, has helped with numerous Knights events including many Share Sunday collections and is a faithful attendee at the "That Man is You" meetings. Christine, in addition to the many activities and events she volunteers for leads the Legion of Mary here at Saint Francis.

We would like to congratulate Randy Fraysher as the February Knight of the Month. Randy does so much for our Parish and the Knights. Randy is a fixture at our Church and always willing to donating his time and efforts to help us in any way he can.

**FREE ONLINE MEMBERSHIP:** Free Membership Promotion Extended through June 30! Interested in joining the K of C? We are offering one year of FREE online membership to men who join before the fraternal year's end. Just use the code MCGIVNEY2020 when signing up at [www.kofc.org/join](http://www.kofc.org/join) Act now – this offer expires June 30, 2021.

**MEMBER DUES:** Annual Membership dues for 2021 are due. We are updating our membership files so please read the enclosed letter for requests and pertinent information. We have had some issues with the Post Office which has delayed or derailed some checks to us. If you have an outstanding check with us that is several weeks old, please contact Rae Edmonson at [finsec11136@gmail.com](mailto:finsec11136@gmail.com)

**CAR RAFFLE:** By now, you should have received your Car Raffle tickets in the mail. This is a great opportunity to support the Parish, the Knights of Columbus and have a chance to win a new car or some nice cash. Additional tickets can be obtained if needed. Knights of Columbus will have a table set up in the Narthex before and after each mass starting this weekend, to collect and sell additional car raffle tickets.

**Why Are You A Knight?** Be more than a Knight in name only. We help in the parish, the community and the world. Our Council will be focusing on the Knights of Columbus Program "Faith in Action". We will be focusing and looking for volunteers in these four main program types: FAITH, COMMUNITY, FAMILY and LIFE. Contact GK Bob Craig and tell me what would it take for you to come help your church and community. Be active again.

**Have You Ever Considered Becoming a Knight and Helping Others in Your Parish and Community?** Find out how you can be a part of the largest Catholic men's organization in the world. With nearly 2 million members and growing, discover how the Knights can support you, your family, your faith and your community. Contact GK Bob Craig or Chancellor John Losinski ([skigators@icloud.com](mailto:skigators@icloud.com)), or look for any man wearing a Knights of Columbus name badge. Let your Light Shine!

May God bless you!

Bob Craig, Grand Knight  
St. Francis Council #11136

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*March is National Intellectual Disabilities Awareness Month. The Knights of Columbus respectfully ask that you consider donating whatever is comfortable to KOVAR.*

KOVAR is a Virginia Knights of Columbus Charity established in 1971 to provide financial assistance through grants and home loans to tax exempt organizations providing training and assistance to citizens with intellectual disabilities; God's Special People. The St. Francis DeSales' Knights have set up a GoFundMe account to help collect moneys to keep this program going. The KOVAR GoFundMe link is:

[charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/kovar](http://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/kovar)

Virginia Knights have raised more than \$14.5 million since 1971 in assistance for citizens with intellectual disabilities and funded such projects as:

- Home Loans - Interest free loan program to assist in the purchase of group homes
- Transportation - 20% funding to assist in purchasing vehicles needed to transport persons with intellectual disabilities
- Group Home Furnishings - Provides grants for organizations needing to furnish group homes
- Infant Intervention Programs - Grants to establish early detection programs to identify infants with or at risk of intellectual disability
- Training Programs - Necessary funding for organizations to train person with intellectual disability to enhance their quality of community living
- Startup Programs - Grants to establish new and innovative programs designed to assist individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families
- Special Olympics - Virginia Knights of Columbus is a Presenting Sponsor of Special Olympics Virginia, with KOVAR donating \$50,000 per year

If you prefer to write a personal check, please make the check payable to KOVAR and mail it to Brother Knight Michael Carducci, 17141 Magic Mountain Dr. Round Hill VA, 20141. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mike at 540-533-7866

Again, the Knights of Columbus respectfully and prayerfully ask that you look deep into your heart and donate whatever is comfortable to KOVAR – even \$5 – it adds up.

Thank you all so much!



## Parish Homeless Ministry

The Homeless Ministry delivered the monthly meal to the Sister's of Charity in Anacostia, due to the generosity of so many who chose to make casseroles, buy masks and gloves, salad greens and tomatoes, meatballs, rolls and more. We know the most important part of our Ministry is our Volunteers, so again we want to thank each of you for your amazing generosity.



- We also want to thank the Anonymous person for the very generous gift of Costco cards, it was needed to purchase missing items from our request SignUp Genius, thank you so much!
- We would like to ask if anyone could consider helping with our delivery to Anacostia, it requires 2 vehicles, one time per month only. We leave St. Francis at 2:45, it is always the 2nd Friday each month. Per the Sister's request, we arrive at 4PM, the delivery time is not optional. Please email us if you can.
- By the time this is in publication, we will have hosted another Blessing Bag assembly event in Knight's Hall on Saturday March 20. Our goal is 320 bags, hopefully we have done it again. We will deliver them to the Sister's of Charity in Anacostia, they distribute them to the large and very hard hit population in the area.
- Our Blessing Bag event is totally donation dependent, and as always your generosity is much appreciated. This is a very special event in that it includes everyone of all ages wanting to donate and or make a bag for someone in need.

Any questions, suggestions or to join our ministry, please contact:

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\* Tracy Ippoliti [tracy.ippoliti@gmail.com](mailto:tracy.ippoliti@gmail.com)



## Wine & Wisdom - Our Summer Series for the Ladies

We are looking for someone to take charge of this special series. It runs from June-August, once a month and is held at the beautiful Bluemont Vineyards. You would just need to find 3 speakers, one for each month for the Ladies of the Church. This is a great event and everyone loves coming out to enjoy some much needed socialization with our church community. If you are interested please email Carie Losinski at [skigators@icloud.com](mailto:skigators@icloud.com)

## Compassionate Heart of Mary

Bereavement Support Group  
Saturday, March 27 @ 10am  
Knights of Columbus Hall



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

## CRUX GLORIA GIFT SHOP

Spring marks the time in our parish when we celebrate Confirmation and First Reconciliation and First Communion. Initiation is the word we use to describe the process of being welcomed into a group. The Sacraments of Initiation solemnly mark the full entrance of an individual into our Catholic Faith. This initiation signifies that the person has died to sin and is reborn in Christ. Through Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist, one becomes a full member of the Body of Christ, the Church. Our sacraments are times of great joy and celebration.

Our gift shop, Crux Gloria, can supply parents and family members with medals, statues, bibles, and other assorted items to purchase for your child.

Please contact Robin Mentzer (text 703-431-1564 for a specific item) or stop by our table every Sunday.

*New!!! Child size Crux Gloria bracelet for Communion or Confirmation. Adult sizes too!*



*Thank you for your generous donations for the confessional project. We worked hard to keep costs down and our donations exceeded our expenses. Any remaining funds will be used for property improvements and parish debt reduction. Please contact the parish business office with any questions.*

## The Legion of Mary

**Our Lady of Victory:** ages 18 and over, Tuesdays at 7pm in the library.

**Our Lady of the Lake:** ages 7-17, Thursdays at 3:45 in Knights Hall.

The Legion of Mary is praying for the Knights of Columbus in March. Knights and family members, please take a rosary from the Legion table in the narthex.



**GIVE ONLY 20 MINUTES OF YOUR TIME  
ONE SATURDAY MORNING A MONTH!**

*First Saturday Devotions after the 9am Mass*

*Saturday March 6th and Saturday April 3rd*

*Stay after Mass for the recitation and reflections on the mysteries of the holy Rosary with the Legion of Mary or livestream from home! Confession, Mass, Rosary and an additional 15 minutes of meditation on one of the mysteries for five consecutive first Saturdays fulfills the request made by Our Lady of Fatima to make reparation to her Immaculate Heart. This is a most powerful way to come together for a Rosary... in front of the Blessed Sacrament with others! The graces and blessings are immeasurable! Come and catch some of this supernatural grace FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR LOVED ONES!*

To inquire about being an active or auxiliary (praying) member please email us at [legionofmarysfd@gmail.com](mailto:legionofmarysfd@gmail.com). For more information please visit [saintfrancisparish.org/the-legion-of-mary/](http://saintfrancisparish.org/the-legion-of-mary/)

## Come and Join Us

### "Living a Life in the Spirit Seminar"

**Saturday March 27 from 9am-4:30pm**

One of the jewels of Vatican II is the renewed desire of everyday people to live Spirit filled lives. This hunger for contact with God the Holy Spirit fueled the Catholic Charismatic Movement. Come and join us as we together discover the wonder of meeting God the Holy Spirit. Your Life Won't Be The Same!

Just a few of the many questions that will be discussed:

- What is the Catholic Charismatic Movement and what does the Church teach about it?
- What role does the Holy Spirit play in my life?
- How to live a life of faith and Purpose?
- What are the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and how can they help me in my life?
- Can God use an ordinary person like me to do extraordinary things in life?
- Can the Pentecost Experience of the Bible be real in my life today in the year 2021?

The conference will be held live in the Chapel at St. Francis de Sales, or can be viewed from home via live stream. There is no cost, but a free will offering will be taken.

For more information and to Register, please contact Joseph Curto  
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## TMIY!

TMIY is back this week and with the return of Michael "Gomer" Gormley! Gomer will take us on a journey into God's mercy. However, in order to

understand and truly appreciate the mercy of God, we must acknowledge the darkness within. The line between good and evil is drawn not between nations or neighborhoods, but down every human heart. There is a Hell around us and within us that needs confronting.

Fully knowing this reality, Jesus Christ has come to ransom and redeem us! He comes seeking our hearts for his dwelling place. His mercy is greater. It's stronger and more powerful than any darkness. "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness." - *Lamentations 3:22-23*

See you this week and bring a friend!

Wednesday 7pm (in person) or

Saturday 7am (in person); 8am (ZOOM)

All in person meetings will take place in the Education Center. **Due to COVID-19 rules and regulations we ask new participants to RSVP at [SFDSMEN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SFDSMEN@GMAIL.COM) so we can make appropriate preparations.**



## SFDS MOM'S GROUP

Our new Mom's Group meets on the last Friday of the month in Our Lady of Victory Hall. Join us for our next playdate on Friday, March 26, 9-11am.

Interested in connecting with other moms in the parish? Email Elise Daniel at [eliseamyx@gmail.com](mailto:eliseamyx@gmail.com) for information on playdates and other social events.

## Mother Teresa Garden Project 2021

We are looking for some amazing Gardening Angels. This will be our 2nd year providing fresh vegetables for those in need through the Catholic Charities pantry from our own garden here at St. Francis de Sales. But we need your help to make this a successful year. If you are interested in being part of this ministry please email me, Carie Losinski at [skigators@icloud.com](mailto:skigators@icloud.com). We will be meeting soon in order to get a plan in place and begin this wonderful charity. God bless!

"Good works are links that form a chain of love."

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