

FATHER'S CORNER



Live in the "Now"

"Can any of you by worrying add a moment to your life-span?"

Matthew 6: 27

"Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself."

Matthew 6: 24

With the New Year upon us, the air is full of predictions, prognostications and various other attempts to foretell the future that are based anything from horoscopes to tea leaves (as for horoscopes, check Dt 17: 1-7 carefully, lest you find yourself between a rock and...well...a bunch of other rocks). "In-and-out" lists will dominate the "Style" sections of various papers, and many will be scrambling to be the first to foretell the newest fashions or trends. Forgotten within this rush to pre-judgment are the words of the Lord to Moses about prophets that may actually get it right:

*"If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer who promises you a sign or wonder, urging you to follow other gods, whom you have not known, and to serve them: **even though the sign or wonder he has foretold has come to pass, pay no attention to the words of that prophet or dreamer; for the Lord, your God, is testing you to learn whether you really love him with all your heart and with all your soul.**"*

Deuteronomy 13: 2-4

Finally, just to keep you from dusting off the Karbala ball or greasing a palm in order to get your palm read, remember the words of St. Paul as he quotes from the Book of Wisdom:

"For 'who has known the mind of the Lord, so as to counsel him?'"

1 Corinthians 2: 16

The facts are these – nothing is happening that **God has not already seen from all eternity. Also, He has seen all of our parts in His plan from all eternity.**

What Our Lord desires of us is not a spirit of despair or a spirit of mindless presumption, but a spirit of prayerful trust. Since most of our present concerns are tied, directly or indirectly to money, pull out that penny again and see the most important words that we can read for the coming year:

IN GOD WE TRUST

WHY PRAY FOR A PRIEST? Most of us have heard about the power of prayer. Many of us who pray regularly have experienced the powerful impact prayer can have on our lives. For those of you who pray for a priest, **THANK YOU!** You are performing a valuable task. Now come and join us, **every Friday** after the noon Mass for a Holy Hour offered for the Priest. And please raise awareness, encourage more to do the same. Most of all, we want to focus the power of prayer, and pray for a priest, whomever he might be.

SEEKING ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL Corpus Christi School, a pre-K to 8 inter-Parish School with two campuses is seeking a candidate for principal who is a practicing Catholic with dynamic teaching development and leadership skills. The applicant will hold at least a masters degree in educational administration, related field or equivalent knowledge with a minimum of 54 years educational experience, part of which is in Catholic schools. Resumes must be received by January 30, 2009. Send to principalsearch@corpuschristischool.org or 3301 Glen Carlyn Road, Falls Church, VA 22041

MINISTRY OF PRAISE Pray-ers throughout our parish pray everyday for individual and parish needs. Prayer requests should be submitted each month in the box on the wall in the narthex. Seniors, handicapped, and homebound who serve with intercessory prayer are the core of the Ministry of Praise. For emergency prayer needs, call Dotty Gessner at 338-4218 or Dorothy Cooper at 338-6381.

BRING A CRIB TO BABY JESUS *"Away in a manger, no crib for a bed ..."* A Women's Choice Crisis Pregnancy center in Falls Church has a waiting list of 65 babies for cribs. If you are interested in purchasing and delivering a crib to one of our babies, please call Dolores Wisecarver @ 703-538-4305 or email awclife@vocoxmail.com for more info.

Our Thoughts and Prayers Are With ...



The Deployed: Christopher Palm, Kenneth Kyle McWilliams, Major Karl M. Wojtkun, John M. Cotter, Capt. Andrew Kellner

The Sick: Anne Schroth, Karen Ries, Norma O'Grady, Hannah Brown, Rich Marks, Joey Batchelder, Albert Cippel, Andrew Michael Wilson, Grover 'Corky' Corcoran

The Deceased: Ernest Pavlock, Walter Risceck, Harold Ditzler, Raymond Morin, Isabella Hayes Isaacs, Chase Harrison, Maria Keran, Patricia Evelyn Weaver, Charlotte Wells, Robert Saunders, Miriam Moore

Save the Date ...
CATHOLIC CHARITIES BALL

'Reflections of the Spirit'

Friday, February 20, 2009

at the Ritz Carlton, Tyson's Corner, VA

BLACK TIE

Consider enjoying the evening with your fellow parishioners by reserving a "Parish Table"

For ticket information and donation opportunities

Please email Barbara Caudle at ccball2009@yahoo.com

or call 703-937-3988

MARCH FOR LIFE - Be a Voice for Those That Can't Speak - The parish is invited to participate in the March for Life that will take place *Thursday, January 22, 2009* in Washington, D.C. The rally begins at 9am where we will celebrate mass at 10am at the Verizon Center. St. Francis will have a bus leaving at 6am to participate in the Youth Rally, Mass and the National Rally for Life and March for Life to the U.S. Supreme Court. Come as a family. Take the day off, get an excused absence from school, and let us celebrate the beautifulness of life. Sign up sheet is in the narthex.

NURSERY FOR TODDLERS This program takes place in the Oratory Room during the 10:30am Mass, for children 18months thru 5 years old. The 8:30am Nursery *has been cancelled* because of the very small numbers of children attending.

We are still in need of volunteers. If you are interested in helping volunteer in a program where your children can participate in play while you attend mass, please call Kelly Pollard at 338-4787 or email pollardsk@yahoo.com

PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS PTSC is open to single Catholics, over age 40, who are single, divorced with an annulment or a widow. Events planned throughout January include:

- Sun., Jan. 11 10:15am - Installment Mass and Breakfast, St. Thomas Becket in Reston, Contact Fily at 703-931-6092
- Sat., Jan. 17 11am - Hunter Horse Show at Frying Pan Park. Contact Alice at 703-979-2332
- Sat., Jan. 24 5pm - Game Night with pizza and chicken salad. Contact Katherine at 703-938-4695
- Sun., Jan. 25 5:30pm - Dinner at Joe Theismann's Restaurant. Contact Tom 730-313-8388

For more information about PTCS, please contact Joan Donahue at 730-866-5936.

The Women of St. Francis 2008-2009

Love God and Love Others

The Women of St. Francis invite you to attend our next gathering featuring **guest speaker**

CATHERINE GARCIA-PRATS

mother of ten sons and author of

Good Families Don't Just Happen and
Good Marriages Don't Just Happen

Please join us on

Sunday, January 25th

1:30 pm in the Parish Hall

Light refreshments will be served

For more info call Michele Cohoon (540) 554-2049 or

mmcohoon@juno.com OR

Monica Deaver at (540) 338-6057 or

mojoknits@comcast.net

IMPORTANT TAX NOTICE If you would like acknowledgement of donation for your tax returns, please email your request to Alicia Holz in the parish office at alicia@stfrde.org.

The Fellowship of a Modest Proposal

A Spiritual Ministry for Men

Invites all men to a Men's Retreat

THE SPIRITUAL WARFARE

"None shall be crowned who has not fought well"

Saturday, January 31, 2009

10am to 4:45pm

in Saint Francis Hall

This retreat centers on a spiritual classic of ascetic theology, *The Spiritual Combat*, by Fr. Lorenzo Scupoli.

No matter where you are in your walk of faith this retreat will help in understanding the reality of spiritual warfare; the forces, both interior and exterior, against which we battle; and the array of essential weapons at our disposal by the grace of God.

For more information on this ministry, visit www.stfrancisdesalescatholicchurch.org/Outreach.asp click on 'Spiritual Life'

lunch will be provided

Space is limited. Please register promptly via email with Dave Dittmeier at thechristianshoppe@comcast.net

Religious Education

Melissa Gobs, DRE
338-4497 or dre.stfrancis@comcast.net

2008 The Year of St. Paul

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Eph 3:5-6).



All parents of children in sacramental preparation in Grades 2 or 7 who did not attend the parent meetings should contact the Religious Education Office to get the information that was missed.

The **Christmas Around the World Fair** is postponed until Sunday, January 11 when the Sunday class resumes.

Inclement Weather Policy

Class cancellation will be recorded on the Religious Education voice mail (540-338-4497) a cancellation announcement will also be on WTOP 103.5FM. In addition, we will try to send an email to all of the Religious Education Families whose email addresses we have.

TO PARENTS OF 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS - Popular youth speaker Chris Stefanick is coming to St. Francis de Sales on **Wednesday, January 21**. Plan on bringing your 7th and 8th graders for Chris's talk: No Imitations! Chastity/Abstinence 6:30 - 7:30pm. Why settle for an imitation when you can have the REAL THING?! Chris goes beyond fear tactics about STD's and appeals to the desire in all of our hearts for real love and authentic relationships. Chris shares his own experiences of dating, being a husband, and being a dad that range from hilarious to deeply moving. Upbeat, passionate, humorous, and sensitive enough for a mixed crowd, No Imitations!

RE Calendar

Sun., Jan. 4	No Classes
Mon., Jan. 5	<u>Gr. 1, 7, RCIC, and Special Needs</u> - 4:15pm at the church
Tue., Jan. 6	<u>Gr. K, 2, 4, 8</u> - 4:15pm, at the church
Wed. Jan. 7	<u>Grades 3,5,6</u> - 4:15pm, at the church
Thur., Jan. 8	<u>RCIT</u> - 7pm, Oratory Room
Sun., Jan. 11	<u>Gr. K-8</u> - Session 1 - 8:45am at LVHS <u>Gr. K-8, RCIC</u> - Session 2 - 10:30am at LVHS
Mon., Jan. 12	<u>Gr. 1, 7, RCIC, and Special Needs</u> - 4:15pm at the church
Tue., Jan. 13	<u>Gr. K, 2, 4, 8</u> - 4:15pm, at the church
Wed. Jan. 14	<u>Grades 3,5,6</u> - 4:15pm, at the church
Thur., Jan. 15	<u>RCIT</u> - 7pm, Oratory Room



TEEN FAITH NEWS

TEEN MASS - at 6pm every Sunday, All welcome-please bring friends. Teens are welcome to sit in the front left 3 rows of church.

Youth Night - January 4th 2009! All High School Teens grades 9-12, join us 7:15 - 9 pm after Teen Mass

Mandatory Workcamp Meeting - Sunday January 11th, 7:15 - 9 pm. (\$150 deposit will be due in February)

Workcamp Information Meeting - for Parents and new Workcampers (teens and adults) interested in Workcamp or just knowing more about it. Sunday, January 18th, 4:30 pm.

Chris Stefanick is coming!!! - Wednesday, January 21st. Keep this date open for 2 Great talks: No Imitations! Chastity/Abstinence 6:30 - 7:30pm AND *Are You Thirsty?* We are thirsty for something more!!! 7:45 - 8:30pm. Bring Friends!

March for Life and Rally - We will take 2 busses down to Washington DC and attend a rally at the MCI Center and after that we will march to the capitol to protest the legalization of abortion. Sign up is going on now in the narthex. We will leave at 6am and return at 6pm on January 22nd.

Mount 2009 - Sign-up now! An intense Catholic retreat at Mount St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, MD. Feb. 13-15.

Steubenville - Sign-up now! An intense Catholic retreat in Steubenville Ohio, July 10-12. Space limited. Deadline for sign-up and deposit of \$30 due, January 9th.

Jane Treado Youth Director
540-338-6381 or Janedhs78@aol.com

NEW TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Beginning Tuesday, January 13, this study titled 1st Corinthians - The Church and the Christian Community explores the book of Corinthians and the development of the early Church. This Bible study meets from 10am to noon Tuesday mornings. More details and sign-ups coming soon! For more information, please contact Lisa Doseff (540) 822-3026 or Jean Fenwick (540) 338-2884. **Babysitting will be available at this new session. Please call Lisa or Jean at the above numbers if you are in need of a babysitter.**

MASSSES for the WEEK

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<u>Saturday, January 3</u>	Vigil: The Epiphany
5:00 pm	† Samuel Haggerty
<u>Sunday, January 4</u>	The Epiphany
7:00 am	† Joan Warwick
8:30 am	Cecilia Wladyka
10:30 am	† Anthony Taffuri
12:30 pm	People of the Parish
6:00 pm	† Patricia Ann Norton
<u>Monday, January 5</u>	St. John Neumann
6:30 am	David Keran
9:00 am	† Lewis Warnick
<u>Tuesday, January 6</u>	Weekday after Epiphany
6:30 am	† Vern Samek
9:00 am	Anne Keran
<u>Wed, January 7</u>	Weekday after Epiphany
6:30 am	† Sabina Montague
9:00 am	† Armond Palma
<u>Thursday, January 8</u>	Weekday after Epiphany
6:30 am	Jeanne Smith
9:00 am	† Lillian Fary
<u>Friday, January 9</u>	Weekday after Epiphany
6:30 am	† Lily and † Alex Petrovsky
12:00 noon	In Thanksgiving for the Eucharist
<u>Saturday, January 10</u>	Weekday after Epiphany
9:00 am	Jim and Kathy Hogan
<u>Saturday, January 10</u>	Vigil: Baptism of the Lord
5:00 pm	† Joan E. Butler
<u>Sunday, January 11</u>	Baptism of the Lord
7:00 am	† Mary Therese Heidkamp
8:30 am	† Catherine Cronin Grim
10:30 am	People of the Parish
12:30 pm	† John Torres
6:00 pm	† Erin Ivey

This Week

Mon., Jan. 5	RCIA - 7:30pm, in the church
Wed., Jan. 7	"Living Life in the Spirit" - 6:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group - 7:30pm Oratory Room

PARISH FINANCIAL STATUS: 12/28/08

Offertory - this week	\$ 17,691
Christmas	\$ 15,731
YEAR TO DATE	\$ 773,713



SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2009

Epiphany

All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.
- Psalm 72:11

Below are the names of people along with the date of their burial from our parish since the time St. Francis de Sales became a parish in 1967. Scripture tells us to pray for the living and the dead.

- Louise B. Caprio, January 21, 2008 (d.o.d.)*
- Carroll W. Lewis, January 26, 2008*
- Anastasia B. Barry, January 10, 2007*
- William P. Bragg, January 15, 2005*
- Grace L. Guiggio, January 18, 2004*
- Richard J. Gessner, January 12, 2002*
- Donna B. Haddock, January 13, 2002*
- Grace M. Bullick, January 27, 2002*
- Roger F. Cressey, January 10, 2001*
- Deborah B. DeAngelo, January 20, 2001*
- Robert F. Busher, January 18, 2001*
- Catherine M. Maher, January 28, 2000*
- Thelma L. Chettle, January 17, 1999*
- William E. Caggiano, January 18, 1998*
- Mary Louis Brown, January 30, 1997*
- Michaela Anne Thurman, January 2, 1996*
- Anna Marie Gerken, January 3, 1991*
- Scott L. Kidwell, January 1, 1990*
- John P. Holland, January 1, 1988*
- Cecelia E. Williams, January 17, 1988*
- Elizabeth J. Carruthers, January 18, 1985*
- George Frederick, January 16, 1984*
- Emily R. Austin, January 8, 1982*
- Norris W. Welsh, January 21, 1980*
- David C. Schwable, January 17, 1971*
- Vivian McKay Shrum, January 20, 1970*
- Christine Goodman, January 5, 1969*

Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Mt 4:13-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29 or Is 12:2-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11