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The Kelly Family wishes to thank Fr. Michael's church family and friends who helped mourn his passing. With special thanks to the church staff, Knights of Columbus, music group, those who prepared and served refreshments, and traffic control. We are forever in your debt for the kindness you extended and the love you expressed for your priest and my son.
~ John Kelly

We shall steer safely through every storm so long as our heart is right, our intention fervent, our courage steadfast, and our trust fixed on God."
- St. Francis de Sales

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.

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.

BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL
BE RICH IN GOOD WORKS...READY TO SHARE

Many of you have received Bishop Loverde's letter requesting your financial support to the 2009 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). Please consider making a generous pledge to this important annual campaign.

The BLA funds help to support diocesan offices and ministries that serve tens of thousands of people each year. All parishes benefit from services that are received from the Diocese of Arlington. From support of seminarians, to the training of our catechists, to helping our youth grow in their faith, to teaching respect for the sanctity of life, the BLA funds those things that parishes can not do on their own.

Despite these challenging economic times, please reflect on your blessings and consider sharing a portion of your gifts to help your brothers and sisters in our diocese who are served by our ministries, programs and services. Please consider making a sacrificial pledge in gratitude for the gifts that God has given to you.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES BALL

'Reflections of the Spirit'

Friday, February 20, 2009

at the Ritz Carlton, Tyson's Corner, VA
BLACK TIE

All parishioners are cordially invited to attend this special evening celebrating 27 years of service to those in need in the Diocese of Arlington.

For ticket information and donation opportunities
Please email Barbara Caudle at ccbball2009@yahoo.com
or call 703-937-3988

*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: Fr. Michael C. Kelly, Ernest Pavlock, Walter Risceck, Harold Ditzler, Raymond Morin, Isabella Hayes Isaacs, Chase Harrison, Maria Keran, Patricia Evelyn Weaver, Charlotte Wells, Robert Saunders, Miriam Moore



Respect Life News


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.

POSTCARD SIGNING DAY! Next week (January 24th/25th) our parish will join Catholics across the country in sending a message to Congress: Please oppose the "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA) and retain laws against government funding and promotion of abortion. You will have the opportunity to sign postcards to your U.S. Representative and two U.S. Senators. Please plan to participate in this important event. Let your voice be heard! Thank you for standing up for life at this important time.

SOULSTITCH MEETS:

4th Wednesday, January 28th from 9:30-11:30 am
1st Sunday, February 1 from 1:30-3:30 pm
Both meetings are held in the downstairs hall
For information please contact Monica Deaver at 540-338-6057 or mojoknits@comcast.net.

HOUSE BLESSINGS One of many Catholic traditions is to have one's home blessed. If anyone would like their home blessed, please leave your name, address and phone number with the Parish Office. Deacon Larry will contact you to set up a time when he can come to bless your home and family.

**BLOOD DRIVE**
Sunday, February 8 in the Parish Hall. The first drive of six scheduled for 2009 will be conducted to provide needed blood products for our parish faith community and friends and neighbors in distress. Please sign up on the list posted in the narthex or call Rachel Brill at 540-338-6313.

This Week

Mon., Jan. 19 **RCIA** - 7:30pm, in the church
Wed., Jan. 21 **"Living Life in the Spirit"** - 6:30pm
Charismatic Prayer Group - 7:30pm
Oratory Room

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.

RIDES TO FAIRFAX HOSPITAL NEEDED

Parishioner needs rides to, and possibly, from the hospital where her husband will be confined for the next three weeks. If you make this trip, even one way, one time, call Kathleen at 338-2471.

SHOE BOX PROJECT FOR HAITI

Please send in your shoe boxes! One of the 8th grade confirmation classes (8:45-10:10 am, Eric & Monica Deaver) would like to send care boxes to a free pediatric hospital run by Friends of the Orphans in Haiti. The hospital likes to send each patient home with a box filled with school supplies, an English language book, and perhaps some socks or underwear. Our first step is to collect shoe boxes. Please leave them in the narthex on Sundays or bring them to the high school during religious education. We'll keep you posted for Step #2 - Thanks. For more information please contact, Eric & Monica Deaver at 540-338-6057 or edeaver@comcast.net.

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.stfrancisdesalecatholicchurch.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

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2008 The Year of St. Paul

God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *1 Cor 1:9*



We have a

Confirmation Date! Most Reverend Daniel P. Reilly is coming to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with our 8th grade students on Saturday, April 25. Rehearsal for candidates and sponsors will be on Friday, April 24. We will be sending all 8th grade families a mailing with specific details about times. Please check your mail!

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. **This is a mandatory event.** Parents may opt out their children if they do not want them to attend. Those who do not attend the talk must complete the diocesan lesson at home.

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.

RE Calendar

Sun., Jan. 18	No Class
Mon., Jan. 19	No Class
Tue., Jan. 20	No Class
Wed. Jan. 21	No Class
Thur., Jan. 22	RCIT - 7pm, Oratory Room
Sun., Jan. 25	Gr. K-8 - Session 1 - 8:45am at LVHS Gr. K-8, RCIC - Session 2 - 10:30am at LVHS
Mon., Jan. 26	Gr. 1, 7, RCIC, and Special Needs - 4:15pm at the church
Tue., Jan. 27	Gr. K, 2, 4, 8 - 4:15pm, at the church
Wed. Jan. 28	Grades 3, 5, 6 - 4:15pm, at the church
Thur., Jan. 29	RCIT - 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.

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

Why Do Bad Things Happen? 7:45 - 9pm Making Sense out of Suffering (in light of the recent tragedy at our parish we had Chris change his originally scheduled topic) We don't have to look too hard to see bad things happening to good people. The problem of suffering in the world is the NUMBER ONE reason so many people often give up on faith in God. Come & find out why suffering doesn't mean that God has given up on us! How could a loving God let us suffer? Why does he allow pain? Death? Sorrow? Tragedy? War? There ARE answers to these tough questions...and more...there's hope. Come and find out why!

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, January 22.

Mount 2009 - Registration is full.

Steubenville - Registration is full.

High School Ski Trip - Feb. 20-22 to Wisp, MD. Sign up now. Space limited.

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

TO PARENTS OF 2nd AND 8th GRADERS

Letters have been sent out this week regarding 1st Reconciliation and the time the children are assigned to on Saturday, January 31.

Letters have also been mailed out to parents of our 8th grade Confirmation candidates. These letters detail the final preparations for Confirmation, due dates, plans for the mandatory retreat, and rehearsal and mass times. Please contact the RE office if you have not received your letter in the mail.

MASSSES for the WEEK

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Sat., January 17

5:00 pm

Sun., January 18

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:30 pm

6:00 pm

Mon., January 19

6:30 am

9:00 am

Tue., January 20

6:30 am

9:00 am

Wed., January 21

6:30 am

9:00 am

Thurs., January 22

6:30 am

9:00 am

Fri., January 23

6:30 am

12:00 noon

Sat., January 24

9:00 am

Sat., January 24

5:00 pm

Sun., January 25

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:30 pm

6:00 pm

Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

† George and † Helen Rutzel

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Stephen D'Elia

† Helen and † Joseph Grim

† Deceased members of the Brown

Family

† Elise Teyssier Galline

People of the Parish

Weekday

Missy Krebs

† Leon and † Felixa Slivonik

Weekday

Shelley Krebs

Grover Corcoran

St. Agnes

Emily Murphy

The Gnatowski Family

Weekday

Henry Voss

For the Unborn

Weekday

† Kenneth Backman

In Thanksgiving for the Eucharist

St. Francis de Sales

† Wallace and † Helen Slavonik

Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

† Patricia Bannach

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

† Mary Threse Heidkamp

† Thomas and † Gertrude Cromin

The Fisher Family

People of the Parish

The Crawford Family



The Bereavement Committee would like to offer their sincerest gratitude to all of the people in our parish who responded to requests for food donations for the receptions held after Fr.

Kelly's Wake and Funeral Mass. The response was remarkable as hundreds and hundreds of people, including Bishop Loverde and visiting priests, and Fr. Kelly's family stayed after the services and were well served. We would also like to recognize the Purcellville Fire Department, Loudoun Sheriff's Office, Giant Food, Tuscarora Restaurant, the the women of St. Bridgets in Berryville for all of their many contributions. Thank you and God Bless you.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2009

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.

- 1 Corinthians 6:19a

THE LAMB OF GOD

“Behold the Lamb of God!” We hear this phrase every Sunday at Mass, but there’s a good chance that many Roman Catholics would not know who in the Bible originally spoke this phrase. Some may be surprised that it appears in only one of the four Gospels, and after it is spoken two times, it never appears again. It is John the Baptist who twice utters this phrase in the Gospel of John. In today’s Gospel reading, John proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God, and two of John’s own disciples then follow Christ. A little bit later Andrew, who heard John and then followed Jesus, brings his brother Simon to be re-named Cephas, or Peter. A careful look at these Bible verses shows us the mission of everyone baptized into the Body of Christ: We must always proclaim our faith in Christ, so that others will follow him. Even though we do not know how the will of God might work through those we bring to Christ (could Andrew have known the destiny of his brother?), that is not the point. The point is that our ongoing mission as a church—one, holy, catholic, and apostolic—is to bring others to Christ. We do not seek attention, glory, or followers for ourselves, but only for the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

PARISH FINANCIAL STATUS: 1/11/09

Offertory - this week	\$ 14,848
YEAR TO DATE	\$ 38,184
2nd Collection - Religious Education	\$ 2,786

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Mk 3:7-12, or any readings from the Mass “For Peace and Justice,” nos. 887-891
Friday:	Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday:	Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20 or for the Conversion of St. Paul Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 16:15-18