

FATHER'S CORNER



Chattering finch and water-fly
Are not merrier than I;
Here among the flowers I lie
Laughing everlastingly.
No: I may not tell the best;
Surely, friends, I might have
guessed
Death was but the good
King's jest,
It was hid so carefully.

— THE SKELETON
G. K. Chesterton, 1900



Rev. Michael Craig Kelly



*born December 15, 1955
ordained May 20, 1995
died December 31, 2008*

Introducing Deacon Larry Hammel

Bishop Loverde has assigned Deacon Larry Hammel to our parish. Larry was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate in 1984 for the Diocese of Rockville Centre, NY. He had a career in transportation planning, retired in 1992, spent a year in chaplaincy training and then worked for seven years in two Catholic hospitals in New York, having been certified as a chaplain by the US bishops. He and Marianne, his wife, relocated to Virginia in 2000, as most of their family is in the metropolitan area. Since then Larry has been assigned to Christ the Redeemer and lastly to St. John the Apostle. Larry is one of the on-call chaplains at INOVA Loudoun Hospital, leads a spirituality group in the hospital's Mental Health Facility and does prison ministry in West Virginia. We welcome the Hammels to our parish.

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.

PRAY FOR PEACE AND SAFETY

If you have a family member serving overseas, please let us know. We will publish their names in the bulletin to remind everyone to ask for God's blessings on them, that they may return safely to their families. Let us join our prayers for peace and safety with yours. Also, please let us know when they return safely home so that we may also rejoice with you.

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



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

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.***

NURSERY NOTES If your little one has a runny nose or is otherwise sick, please do not bring him or her to the nursery till all symptoms are gone.

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.

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.

A FAITHFUL FRIEND SUPPORT LINE Sometimes you need A Faithful Friend to talk with, to listen, to understand, and to help Christ's Light shine through. A Faithful Friend is, first of all, a faithful friend of Jesus and His Church, whose heart has been called to be a friend in need to others, specifically by listening over the phone to another's personal concerns - be they work-related, relationship, or family illness. Call A Faithful Friend for support and comfort during difficult times. Confidential, anonymous, free of charge. 703-532-0011.

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.

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

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2008 The Year of St. Paul

“We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose” (Rom 8:28).



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, No Imitations!

RE Calendar

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
Sun., Jan. 18	<u>No Class</u>
Mon., Jan. 19	<u>No Class</u>
Tue., Jan. 20	<u>No Class</u>
Wed. Jan. 21	<u>No Class</u>
Thur., Jan. 22	<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.

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

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 11th.

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

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.

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.

MASSSES for the WEEK

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<u>Sat., January 10</u>	Vigil: Baptism of the Lord
5:00 pm	† Joan E. Butler
<u>Sun., 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
<u>Mon., January 12</u>	Weekday
6:30 am	Sr. Susan Sanchez
9:00 am	† Michael J. Barci
<u>Tue., January 13</u>	Weekday
6:30 am	Carl Krebs, Jr.
9:00 am	† Robert Hutchison
<u>Wed., January 14</u>	Weekday
6:30 am	† Fr. James Conlin
9:00 am	Grover Corcoran
<u>Thurs., January 15</u>	Weekday
6:30 am	Christine Krebs
9:00 am	† William Hayes
<u>Fri., January 16</u>	Weekday
6:30 am	Mary K. Murphy
12:00 noon	† Ann Fowler
<u>Sat., January 17</u>	St. Anthony
9:00 am	Mary Ann Warren
<u>Sat., January 17</u>	Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
5:00 pm	† George and † Helen Rutzel
<u>Sun., January 18</u>	2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
7:00 am	Stephen D'Elia
8:30 am	† Helen and † Joseph Grim
10:30 am	† Deceased members of the Brown Family
12:30 pm	† Elise Teyssier Galline
6:00 pm	People of the Parish

This Week

Mon., Jan. 12	<u>RCIA</u> - 7:30pm, in the church
Wed., Jan. 14	<u>Padre Pio Cenacle</u> - after 12 noon mass <u>"Living Life in the Spirit"</u> - 6:30pm <u>Charismatic Prayer Group</u> - 7:30pm Oratory Room

PARISH FINANCIAL STATUS: 1/4/09

Offertory - this week	\$ 23,336
YEAR TO DATE	\$ 779,049

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2009 Baptism of the Lord

All you who are thirsty, come to the water!
- Isaiah 55:1

GOD'S PROMISE TO ALL PEOPLE

Today Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and that they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

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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

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42