

“This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad!” (Psalm 118:24)

It won't be long now before I can finally call Saint Francis de Sales my new home. So far I've made three visits to the parish commuting from McLean and got a lot things done already working with the parish staff. I sure look forward to moving in the rectory on February 18 when my 'work commute' is simply crossing the church parking lot.

This weekend is a time to say good-bye to my beloved parishioners at Saint Luke. God was very good to me by giving me a very joyful 20-month assignment to minister to them. Though I am saddened by the thought of leaving them behind, I am at the same time very happy and anxious to serve God's wonderful people in Purcellville. Saint Francis de Sales is going to be my sixth parish assignment in nearly 14 years as a priest. That's a lot of moving! But I do hope to be around for a while this time. There is one thing I can say about my all my parish assignments. They all have a unique personality but they all have been very good assignments.

Let us continue to pray for each other and I will see you next weekend.

*In Christ,
Father Escalante*

HEALING MASS The Catholic Healing Ministry of the Diocese of Arlington will celebrate a Mass and Healing service on **Thursday, February 19** at 7:30pm at St. Timothy Church, Chantilly, VA. Fr. Tuck Grinnell, celebrant. For further information call 540-347-0809 or www.healingministry.net



This ministry is about helping to maintain the health and wellness in mind, body and spirit of our parish family and the community. Please join us for an informational meeting on Friday, February 27 in the Oratory Room at 1pm. You need not have a medical background, just a willing spirit. We are also seeking nurses to give us and with blood pressure screenings done after all the masses the 2nd Saturday/Sunday of the month. Questions? Contact Nancy Grish at 540-338-8004 or nmg1298@aol.com.

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.

Gift Cards and Food Desperately Needed for the Leesburg Catholic Charities office and local Families!

- Please take a tag from the "Giving Tree" and leave your donation in the basket labeled "Giving Tree" and gift cards in the container labeled "Giving Tree."
- Catholic Charities is in dire need of the following food items: rice, beans, pasta, canned meats, canned fruits
- Catholic Charities is also looking for volunteers/groups to make a meal once a week for ~15 people at the homeless shelter. Meals can be delivered to the Leesburg office on Thursdays.

For more info, please contact Marilyn Gugliotta at 540-338-2712, 6gugs@comcast.net or Erin Bucci at 540-338-5402, buccierin@comcast.net. Thank you and may God Bless you for your continued support of local families as they struggle thru these challenging times!

Our Thoughts and Prayers Are With ...

The Deployed: Christopher Palm, Kenneth Kyle McWilliams, Major Karl M. Wojtkun, John M. Cotter, Capt. Andrew Kellner, 2LT Brendan McCormick

The Sick: Karen Ries, Norma O'Grady, Hannah Brown, Rich Marks, Albert Cippel, Grover 'Corky' Corcoran

The Deceased: Fr. Michael C. Kelly, Raymond Morin, Isabella Hayes Isaacs, Chase Harrison, Maria Keran, Patricia Evelyn Weaver, Charlotte Wells, Robert Saunders, Miriam Moore, Stephanie Jackson, William Leonard, Andrew Michael Wilson, Janet Law





Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Shrove Tuesday
February 24 at 6pm
St. Francis Hall

The teens and the Knights of Columbus are joining up on Shrove Tuesday, February 24, to raise money for a memorial statue of St. Michael the Archangel in memory of Fr. Michael Kelly. Bring the whole family for this great evening of remembering Fr. Kelly. Donations will be accepted. Goal - \$4,000

Respect Life News

St. John the Apostle and Our Lady of Hope parishes invite you to a special Pro-Life event. Hosted by Our Lady of Hope on **Friday, February 27** all are welcome for the Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm and the event will begin at 8pm. Fr. Wilde has traveled to over 600 venues in 46 states delivering the Gospel of Life and supporting the local pro-life efforts of clergy and laity. Representatives from national pro-life organizations Silent No More and 40 Days for Life will also be on hand to discuss the devastation abortion continues to have on our society and what we all can do about it.

LOUDOUN AFTERCARE PROGRAM Volunteers Needed: The Loudoun Aftercare Program is in need of mentors to work with men and women coming out of our local jail and prisons. All of our participants are non-violent and live in Loudoun County or have family here. Please consider helping our brothers and sisters in Christ make a smooth and successful transition back into our community. Our next training is scheduled for **Saturday, February 28th** from 9am to 2pm at Prison Fellowship's headquarters in Lansdowne. If you would like to attend the training or would like more information, please contact Debora Lavin @ 703-554-8469.

MINISTRY OF PRAISE Prayers 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 Dottie Gessner at 338-4218 or Dorothy Cooper at 338-6381.

Coming soon...

St. Francis de Sales is proud to present a new educational opportunity called **Lighthouse Catholic Media**. A practical and effective program to help Catholics know their faith in order to keep their faith! We all live busy, busy lives. Finding the time to learn about our faith is difficult. But now, we are able to meet you where you are! Wherever you have a CD player available to you, in the car or at home, you can deepen your understanding and love for the Catholic faith. On the way into church you will soon see a stand offering nine different CDs and three different brochures. These feature some of the most inspiring Catholic speakers — bishops, priests, deacons and eminent Catholic lay men and women. The CDs and brochure will be available after every Mass. We ask for a donation of \$3 per CD and \$.50 per brochure so that we may continue this program. When these are gone — they're gone. And a new set with different titles and speakers will be ordered in. We encourage you to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

Below is a list of CDs which will be making their debut on March 1st:

Anger and Forgiveness – Deacon Dr. Bob MacDonald
Former Drug Dealer to Priesthood – Fr. Donald Calloway

Why a Protestant Pastor Became Catholic – Dr. Scott Hahn

Becoming the Best Version of Yourself – Matthew Kelly

Finding the Fullness of Faith – Stephen Ray

The Healing Power of Confession – Dr. Scott Hahn

The Passion of Christ Applied to Your Life – Fr. John Corapi

15 Things to Do in the Midst of Suffering – Jeff Cavins

The Mass Explained – Fr. Larry Richards

LIVING LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Friday Night February 20, 7:30pm
Saturday February 21, 9:00-9:30am Mass
9:30am – 4pm Seminar

Come and join us as we begin a dynamic seminar on "Living a Life in the Spirit." This seminar will explain THE HOW TO concerning our walk in the Spirit, living by faith, fighting the battles of life, and experiencing Charismatic Gifts of the Spirit (Wisdom, Knowledge, Prophecy, Miracles, Healings, Special faith, discernment, tongues, and interpretation of tongues). If you have a desire to have deeper walk in the Spirit you don't want to miss study. At the end of the seminar we will pray for the impartation and activation of these gifts in your life.

A Light Lunch will be served.

For more information and to pre-register please Email Joe Curto at JTCURTO@AOL.COM

Religious Education

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2008-2009 The Year of St. Paul

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.
1 Cor 11:1



VBS PLANNING MEETING

We will hold our first meeting in preparation for this summer's VBS on **Tuesday, February 17** in the Conference Room at 7pm. Anyone interested in learning more about VBS, helping this year, or sharing ideas should attend.

The Vacation Bible School Program is a week of creative educational and fun activities based on a Biblical theme. The program is designed for children ages kindergarten through grade six.

Discover how much fun it can be to help with VBS! Adults and teens are all invited to volunteer.

VBS will be held the week of July 13-17 this year. We will participate again in the Purcellville 4th of July parade!

Make Up Religious Education Class for the Tuesday Session on Tuesday, February 17. We were originally scheduled to be off but we will have class to make up for our many cancellations in December and January.

8th Grade Confirmation Parent Meeting Sunday, March 1 during the Sunday RE classes or Wednesday, March 4 at 7:30pm in the parish hall. This is a mandatory meeting and important information regarding the celebration of the Sacrament and end of the year will be covered.

RE Calendar

Sun., Feb. 15	<u>No Class</u>
Mon., Feb. 16	<u>No Class</u>
Tue., Feb. 17	<u>Gr. K, 2, 4, 8 - 4:15pm, at the church</u>
Wed. Feb. 18	<u>No Class</u>
Thur., Feb. 19	<u>RCIT - 7pm, Oratory Room</u>
Sun., Feb. 22	<u>Gr. K-8 - Session 1 - 8:45am at LVHS</u>
Mon., Feb. 23	<u>Gr. K-8, RCIC - Session 2 - 10:30am at LVHS</u>
	<u>Gr. 1, 7, RCIC, and Special Needs - 4:15pm at the church</u>
Tue., Feb. 24	<u>Gr. K, 2, 4, 8 - 4:15pm, at the church</u>
Wed. Feb. 25	<u>Grades 3,5,6 - 4:15pm, at the church</u>
Thur., Feb. 26	<u>RCIT - 7pm, Oratory Room</u>



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 - Sunday, February 15th, What Makes Us Catholic?

Mount 2009 - A group of 35 teens and chaperones will attend a spiritual retreat at Mount St. Mary's in Emmitsburg this weekend. Please keep all of us in your prayers so that we may have a wonderful experience of God's love and holiness.

High School Ski Trip - Feb. 20-22 to Wisp, MD. We will leave the church between 5 and 6pm on Friday and return in time for the teen mass on Sunday night.

Next Mandatory Workcamp Meeting - March 15th. All teens going to Workcamp should be at this meeting! We will hand out registrations. You should have already paid your Deposits of \$150. You should be working on your appeal letters by now. You can bring a copy of the letter to the meeting if you haven't already sent it to us.

Steubenville - If you signed up for Steubenville, you need to get your \$30 deposit in now!

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser - The teens and the Knights of Columbus are joining up on Shrove Tuesday, Feb 24, to raise money for a memorial statue of St. Michael the Archangel in memory of Fr. Michael Kelly. Please sign up to help set up, serve dinner, or clean up. You can e-mail me to sign up.

Jane Treado Youth Director
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PROJECT NIGHT-NIGHT

Girl Scout Troop #3309 will be collecting new baby blankets (no larger than 3'x3'), new stuffed animals (no longer than 18") and "like new" children's books for ages 0-10 throughout the month of February. Bins will be located in the Narthex and the foyer of Loudoun Valley High School. These donations will be put into totes and given to our local homeless shelters. Please help homeless children have sweeter dreams! www.ProjectNightNight.org If there are any questions, feel free to contact Lynn Dunster 703-727-1066. Thank You! Girl Scout Juniors Troop #3309

MASSSES for the WEEK

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<u>Sat., February 14</u>	<i>Vigil: 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>
5:00 pm	† Wallace and † Helen Slivonik
<u>Sun., February 15</u>	<i>6th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>
7:00 am	† Joseph A. Murphy
8:30 am	People of the Parish
10:30 am	† Jason Childers
12:30 pm	The Anderson Family
6:00 pm	The Lane Family
<u>Mon., February 16</u>	<i>Weekday</i>
6:30 am	Anne Beran
9:00 am	† Irma Rettinger
<u>Tue., February 17</u>	<i>Weekday</i>
6:30 am	Joe Krebs
9:00 am	† Dorothy and Ivan Ellis
<u>Wed., February 18</u>	<i>Weekday</i>
6:30 am	† Fr. Michael C. Kelly
9:00 am	John and Missy Krebs
<u>Thurs., February 19</u>	<i>Weekday</i>
6:30 am	John Krebs
9:00 am	† Mary Fitzsimmons
<u>Fri., February 20</u>	<i>Weekday</i>
6:30 am	† Rev. Stanley Slivonik
12:00 noon	In Thanksgiving for the Eucharist
<u>Sat., February 21</u>	<i>Weekday</i>
9:00 am	† James and † Robert Cecil
<u>Sat., February 21</u>	<i>Vigil: 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>
5:00 pm	† Gary Rutzel
<u>Sun., February 22</u>	<i>7th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>
7:00 am	People of the Parish
8:30 am	Cheryl Ride
10:30 am	The Fisher family
12:30 pm	Dana Friedl
6:00 pm	The Collingwood Family

This Week

Mon., Feb. 16	<u>No RCIA</u>
Tues., Feb. 17	<u>Bible Study</u> - 10am-noon, parish hall <u>VBS Meeting</u> - 7pm, conference room
Wed., Feb. 18	<u>"Living Life in the Spirit"</u> - 6:30pm <u>Charismatic Prayer Group</u> - 7:30pm Oratory Room

PARISH FINANCIAL STATUS: 2/8/09

Offertory - this week	\$ 13,042
YEAR TO DATE	\$ 96,785

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2009 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God.
- 1 Corinthians 10:31

Father Michael Craig Kelly

My son was a caring and devoted Christian who would have found a way to thank each individual for their expressions of grief.

It is therefore painful to me to fall short when it comes to thanking his fellow priests, recent and past parishioners, friends, and yes, President Bush, all who recognized his giving nature.

The hundreds and hundreds of letters, notes of condolences, mass cards, contributions to Wounded Warriors, flowers, and personal stories about his saint-like attributes are cherished by our family.

It is this magnitude of correspondence coupled with incomplete return addresses, and my inability to focus that makes this general announcement of our most sincere thanks necessary to all who loved Father Kelly.

John F. J. Kelly

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 25 - Mass Times
6:30am, 9am, and 7:30pm

REMEMBERING FATHER KELLY Would anyone like to help work on compiling a book of Fr. Kelly's writings and words of wit and wisdom? If so, call Kathleen at 540 338-2471

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday:	Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33
Friday:	Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday:	Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25; Ps 41; 2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12