



Happy Easter!

As Christians we are very fortunate to know what lies in the future. So many people in the world are asking the question, "What happens to people after they die?" If we believe in the resurrection of the body then we have a very good idea what will happen to *good* people when they die.

On this Easter Sunday we recall what happened to Jesus after he suffered, died and was buried in the tomb. On the third day he rose (resurrected) from the dead. Since Jesus promised that all the faithful who are baptized shall also rise from the dead and live forever, then it follows that they will also experience the resurrection of the body. It is very sad to see of reports and surveys indicating that most Americans do not support the belief in the resurrection of the body. Easter is supposed to be a very encouraging time for us because Jesus already revealed a very bright future for all who believe and follow his Word. We were promised our own resurrection of the body at our Baptism. If people knew what the winning lottery numbers were going to be for a big jackpot they would make sure they'd get a ticket. And they probably will guard that ticket with great care. Since at Baptism we already received the *winning ticket* that will get us to heaven and the promise of the resurrection, why would we want to risk losing this great investment of being with Our Risen Lord Jesus forever through sin?

Our parish also would like to invite our *C & E (Christmas & Easter)* Catholics to beat the Christmas rush and join us again for Mass next Sunday! We'd love to have you come and worship with us every Sunday. Please check our bulletin for Mass and Confession schedules. And I highly encourage you to visit a beautiful Catholic website called, www.catholicscomehome.org.

Your shepherd in Christ,
Father Escalante

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING

You can help make this the best VBS ever
SUMMERTIME BLAST
won't be a success without you!
We are recruiting new volunteers now

VBS DATES ARE JULY 13-17
9am - 12noon

There are many spots to fill and a variety
of ways to get involved

- nursery workers • snack helpers • crafts • music •
- small group leaders • drama • set up and tear down •

NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY APRIL 15
10am or 7pm

Pick which meeting time will work best for your schedule
Anyone interested in helping with VBS
this summer should attend
Please rsvp with the meeting time of your choice to
[Melissa m.gobs@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:Melissa_m.gobs@saintfrancisparish.org) or
[Janice j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:Janice_j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org)

*A VBS NURSERY IS PROVIDED FOR ALL
VOLUNTEERS WITH BABIES THRU 4YEAR OLDS*

We hope to see a lot of new volunteers!

BLOOD DRIVE Sunday, April 19 in the Parish Hall.
The second drive of six scheduled for 2009 continues the
great charitable tradition that our parish so generously
maintains. Join us 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.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY
COMMUNION** 2009 Classes for Extraordinary
Ministers of Holy Communion: April 25 – Cathedral of
St. Thomas More; May 16 – Our Lady of Good Counsel,
Vienna; May 23 – Christ the Redeemer, Sterling; May
30 – St. Mary's, Fredericksburg. All training sessions are
10am to 12 noon. Please call Kathleen at 338-2471 for
more information and to register."

2009 WORKCAMP FUNDRAISERS

GOLF TIME!

6th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Friday, May 8th at 9 am



Stoneleigh Golf Course
To sponsor a hole or to play in the
tournament, please contact Jane.

Join us as St. Francis de Sales welcomes
Corcoran and Bluemont Vineyards to our
parish for an evening of

Wine Tasting and Sales

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

after 5pm Mass in the Parish Hall

Wine will be available to purchase by the glass,
bottle or case - Tastings \$5

**SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL MEMORIAL
STATUE** We have collected a little over \$3000. We will probably need at least \$1000 more with the installation and plaque with the Prayer of St. Michael engraving and dedication to Fr. Michael Kelly. Please send donations to church office.

Gift Cards & Food Desperately Needed for Leesburg Catholic Charities office & 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." We need a few people to take tags for sweatsuits for the Heritage Hall residents. These residents are ones who do not have families helping them with special needs. Thank you!!
- Catholic Charities is in dire need of the following food items: rice, beans, pasta, canned meats, canned fruits

For more information, 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 through these challenging times.

WEEKEND RETREAT FOR PEOPLE FACING SERIOUS ILLNESS

A retreat specially planned for men and women facing serious physical illness will be held at the Dominican Retreat House in McLean on May 22-24. A Team of doctors, nurses, priests, sisters and helpers will be present around the clock. Scheduling allows plenty of time for rest and reflection. This retreat is free of charge. This is a non-smoking weekend. Registration closes May 12. Please call as soon as possible. Call 703-356-4243 or Doug Sebek, 703-860-4929.

PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF OUR NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES

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VIRTUS TRAINING SEMINAR

Wednesday, April 22 at 6m in the Parish Hall. All volunteers in the parish who have significant contact with children, i.e. Workcamp, Vacation Bible School, Religious Education, Nursery. If you not yet attended this seminar, now is the time! To register go to www.virtus.org, click on 'registration', and follow the prompts. There are only 21 remaining spots available, please sign up now.

Our Thoughts and Prayers Are With ...



The Deployed: Kenneth Kyle McWilliams,
Major Karl M. Wojtkun, Capt. Andrew Kellner,
2LT Brendan McCormick, LTC Michael F. Goodnow,
Sr. Arm Yonatan Holz, Arm 1stC Brian Rickert, SSGT Sara Wiest

The Sick: Norma O'Grady, Hannah Brown, Albert Cippel,
Grover 'Corky' Corcoran

The Deceased: Fr. Michael C. Kelly, 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, Jose Vera Tudela, James Emmet Lanaghan, Samuel Phillips

Religious Education

Melissa Gobs, DRE

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*Rejoice in God's Marvelous Deeds
Praise Jesus for the newest members of our Catholic Family! We joyfully welcome those who have joined our parish family entering through the sacraments into our Catholic Faith at the Easter Vigil:*

Donald Baker	Richard Reeves
Shannon Callihan	Alexis Sacco
Rodrigue Charles	Dana Sacco
Melissa Corkrey	Melvin Spence
Donna Hallam	Michael Strayer
Karla Hink	Travis Walter
John Thomas Holloman	

We also celebrate the Confirmations of our brothers and sisters in Christ

William Angley	Celina Machado
Ashley Berry	Stefan Rojas
Alexander Castelli	Maria Rojas
Fernando Castelli	Vanessa Villar-Revello
Sonia Castelli	

Novena in Preparation for Confirmation

A novena for our Confirmation Candidates will be prayed leading up to Confirmation on Saturday, April 25. All parish families are invited to join in prayer beginning on April 16 for our Confirmandi!

Dearest Holy Spirit, confiding in Your deep, personal love for me, I am making this novena for the following request, if it be Your Holy Will to grant it:

(mention your request).

Teach me, Divine Spirit, to know and seek my last end; grant me the holy fear of God; grant me true contrition and patience. Do not let me fall into sin. Give me an increase of faith, hope and charity, and bring forth in my soul all the virtues proper to my state in life.

Make me a faithful disciple of Jesus and an obedient child of the Church. Give me efficacious grace sufficient to keep the Commandments and to receive the Sacraments worthily. Give me the four Cardinal Virtues, Your Seven Gifts, Your Twelve Fruits.

Raise me to perfection in the state of life to which You have called me and lead me through a happy death to everlasting life.

I ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

RE Calendar

Sun., Apr. 12	<u>No Class</u>
Mon., Apr. 13	<u>No Class</u>
Tues., Apr. 14	<u>No Class</u>
Wed. Apr. 15	<u>No Class</u>
Thu., Apr. 16	<u>RCIT</u> - 7pm
Sun., Apr. 19	<u>Gr. K-8</u> - Session 1 - 8:45am at LVHS <u>Gr. K-8, RCIC</u> - Session 2 - 10:30am at LVHS
Mon., Apr. 20	<u>Gr. 1, 7, RCIC, and Special Needs</u> - 4:15pm at the church
Tue., Apr., 21	<u>Gr. K, 2, 4, 8</u> - 4:15pm, at the church
Wed. Apr. 22	<u>Grades 3, 5, 6</u> - 4:15pm, at the church
Thu., Apr. 23	<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.

No Youth Night - Sunday, April 12h. Happy Easter.

Wine Tasting and Sales - We have the Corcoran Vineyards and the Bluemont Vineyards hosting a Wine Tasting and Wine Sales in the church hall on Saturday, April 18th after the 5pm mass. Please join us for this fun fundraiser evening where Corcoran Vineyards and Bluemont Vineyards are donating all proceeds to Workcamp. Tickets for the tasting are \$5 and can be purchased in the office or at the event on April 18th.

Service Group - Tuesday, April 14th, We will be taking dinner down to a homeless shelter and baby-sitting. Call or e-mail for details if you are on the list to help.

Next Mandatory Workcamp Meeting - April 19th. All teens going to Workcamp should be at this meeting! We already handed out the registrations for workcamp and you should bring the filled out registration to this meeting. By now, your deposit should be paid, your appeal letters should be written, and bring your item for the auction to this meeting. If you weren't assigned an item or can't remember what you are to bring, e-mail me at Janedhs78@aol.com. If you don't have your registration papers, you can pick them up in the office.

Golf Tournament - Friday, May 8th. Contact me if you are interested in sponsoring a hole or playing in the tournament.

Auction Items Needed And Talent Needed!!!- For Talent Show and Auction. The workcampers are hosting a Talent Show and Auction on June 6th and will need talent for the show and items for the auction. Please contact Jane if you wish to donate auction items or sign up for the talent portion of the show.

Also Needed Teen Lectors!!! Please contact me if you are interested in lecturing at the Teen Mass.



J.A.M. is Back!!! - Let's get together for J.A.M. this month, April 17th, 7pm-9pm, for all middle schoolers.

J.A.M. Field trip - On Saturday May 16th 3pm-11pm, we have a special J.A.M. trip planned. We will be going down to JP11 in Dumfries for a Middle School Bash with *special guest, Chris Stefanick*. All Middle Schoolers are invited and need to sign up before May 9th. Parents, we will need drivers for this event.

Jane Treado Youth Director
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MASSSES for the WEEK

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<u>Sat., April 11</u>	Vigil: Easter Sunday
8:30 pm	Newly Initiated
<u>Sun., April 12</u>	Easter Sunday
7:00 am	Borowski Family
8:30 am	Zalewski Family
10:30 am	† Miriam Moore
12:30 pm	People of the Parish
6:00 pm	Don and Kathy Vore
<u>Mon., April 13</u>	Easter Monday
6:30 am	† George and † Helen Rutzel
9:00 am	† Fr. Michael Kelly
<u>Tue., April 14</u>	Easter Tuesday
6:30 am	Becky Kilcoin
9:00 am	† Lily and † Alex Petrovsky
<u>Wed., April 15</u>	Easter Wednesday
6:30 am	Alma and Ed Bernhart
9:00 am	† Laura Splain
<u>Thurs., April 16</u>	Easter Thursday
6:30 am	† Severino De Los Santos
9:00 am	† Leon and † Felixa Slivonik
<u>Fri., April 17</u>	Easter Friday
6:30 am	Virginia Zamora
12 noon	In Thanksgiving for the Eucharist
<u>Sat., April 18</u>	Easter Saturday
9:00 am	† Fr. Michael Kelly
<u>Sat., April 18</u>	Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Easter;
	Divine Mercy Sunday
5:00 pm	Malone Family
<u>Sun., April 19</u>	2nd Sunday of Easter
	Divine Mercy Sunday
7:00 am	Deceased members of the D'Elia, Curran, Sommer and Butts families
8:30 am	† Franklin Rowland
10:30 am	Kevin and Ann Lees
12:30 pm	People of the Parish
6:00 pm	Margaret Jones and Family

This Week

Mon., Apr. 13	<u>RCIA</u> - 7:30pm
Tues., Apr. 14	<u>Bible Study</u>
	<u>Padre Pio Cenacle</u> - after 9am Mass
Wed., Apr. 15	<u>"Living Life in the Spirit"</u> - 6:30pm
	<u>Charismatic Prayer Group</u> - 7:30pm
	Oratory Room

PARISH FINANCIAL STATUS: 3/29/09

OFFERTORY - this week	\$ 17,696
YEAR TO DATE	\$ 221,763

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2009

Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works
of the Lord. - *Psalm 118:17*

PROCLAIM THE RISEN CHRIST

On Easter morning everything—the spring weather, the flowers, birds and butterflies, the people around us in their finery, the beautiful liturgy and music—everything seems to bear witness that Jesus Christ is risen today! Like the eyewitness accounts in today's scriptures, the glorious and joyful life all around us helps us to believe the good news of the Resurrection and sing "Alleluia!"

In the scriptures today we hear from Peter and Paul and John. All three speak with conviction about witnessing the resurrected Christ. John's Gospel account includes Mary of Magdala, who also was privileged to witness the Resurrection and tell others the good news. On this glorious Easter Sunday can we ourselves give eyewitness accounts that Jesus Christ is risen today, alive and active in our lives?

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday:	Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31