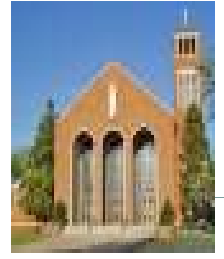




St. Francis de Sales Parish 2015 ASP TEAM



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Upcoming Meetings and Events

Mass/Meeting

4/19/15 @ 9:30am

Holy Redeemer

Adult Leader Meeting

4/23/15

7:00 pm

Mercy House

Service Project

Wheelchair Ramp Build

5/9/15

Meet @ St. Francis 7:30 am

Mass/Meeting

5/16/15 @ 5:30pm

St. Francis de Sales

Mandatory Meeting After Mass

Parents of Youth Team

Members Are Requested to Attend

ASP Mission Trip

West Virginia

Location TBD

June 20—28, 2015

A Neighbor Needed Help: St. Francis ASP Responded



On a very cold March 28th, 2015, the St. Francis ASP team came together in Willards Maryland to construct a wheelchair ramp. Ms. Rose Lewis, in her eighties, has been experiencing medical issues that require her to utilize a cane to walk around her house. She was experiencing difficulty navigating the stairs in order to get in and out of the house. Ms. Lewis sought assistance from the Chesapeake Housing Mission (CHM). This is where St. Francis

came in. In cooperation with CHM, the St. Francis ASP team, 35 youth and adults, battled the bitter cold to make sure Ms. Lewis was able to enter and exit her house freely. Led by Mr. Jeffery and Mr. Tobat, the youth of St. Francis dug holes, measured, cut, and hammered, through temperatures never exceeding 40 degrees, to construct a sturdy wheelchair ramp. At the end of the day, Ms. Lewis and her son Jim came out onto the ramp for

a picture. The ASP team presented Ms. Lewis with a Bible signed by all team members. Just as the last picture was being taken, it began to snow!

Everyone had great experience. While it was harsh working conditions, St. Francis completed the ramp in record time. See more pictures on the ASP page of our parish website.

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SFds youth hard at work

Quilting for ASP Families



Several members of St. Francis de Sales Parish have been meeting in the Mercy House to do their part in helping to make homes warmer, safer and drier. Organized by Mrs. Flo Cinderella, a group of parishioners are making several quilts for the ASP project. Each family served by the St. Francis de Sales ASP team will receive a quilt as a special gift from our Parish. This quilt is a reminder that even though we were only with them for a week, we will always be one family in Christ. Call the Parish Office for info.

2015 ST. FRANCIS DE SALES ASP TEAM MEMBERS

BRENT BLACK, HANNAH BLACK,
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MACIE GREENE, CLAUDIA GUERRA,
JILL JEFFERY, LAUREN JEFFERY,
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MARGARITA TREUTH, FATHER RAY WEISMAN,

**“ACCEPT PEOPLE RIGHT WHERE THEY
ARE AND JUST THE WAY THEY ARE”**

THANK YOU FOR THE CONTINUED SUPPORT LENTEN DINNERS A HUGE SUCCESS

Several Lenten dinners were held this season in support of the St. Francis Appalachia Service Project Team. On February 27th, and March 13th, 2015 the Knights of Columbus #3849 provided manpower and expert cooking skills for the Friday Night Fish Fry Dinners. There were record crowds and over 250 dinners were served each night. Thank you Knights of Columbus # 3489!



On March 27th, 2015 the Parish Life Committee sponsored the annual crab cake dinner to support the ASP team. Once again the turnout was overwhelming. Over 400 crab cakes were masterfully cooked by Mr. Ed Weirick and served by the St. Francis ASP team led by Mrs. Jeffery.

The ASP team is truly grateful for all the support. Visit our web page on the parish website for more information and pictures, www.visitstfrancis.org. Like us on Facebook - [sfdAsp](https://www.facebook.com/sfdsAsp).

Why am I Here? by Sarah Messick

Last year I had the privilege to go on the Appalachia Service Project with Asbury United Methodist Church. When it came time to go on the trip I was actually excited, but when we arrived the first night I started to feel the opposite. I didn't want to be there and I just kept thinking... Why? Why am I here? Why am I doing this? What's the point? Will it all be worth it in the end? And the answer was YES! Spending a week in Appalachia, helping the less fortunate, spending time with my fam-



ily and my team and getting to know every single person on such a deep level was completely life changing. After being there and seeing these people living with such harsh conditions, yet everyday they had a smile on their face and were always so happy and grateful. On the last day at our job site, my team and I were walking through the woods with two of the

kids on our site, as we would every day. We were talking to them and asked the little boy what he wanted to do when he grew up. He looked at us and said, "I want to do what you guys do, I want to come to Maryland where you live and help people just like you helped me and my family." To me that said it all; immediately tears rushed from my eyes down my face. So at the end of the week I asked myself why I went on the trip and the answer was simple: God sent me to be His hands and to help the people of Appalachia and spread His love!

About the Author:

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Thank You! Your 2015 St. Francis de Sales ASP Team