



# St. Francis de Sales Parish 2017 ASP TEAM



## Upcoming Meetings and Events

Parish Lenten Fish Dinner

March 3, 2017

4:30 pm—8 pm

Philip & Barbara Long Parish Center

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Mass/Meeting

March 4, 2017

5:30 pm Mass

St. Francis de Sales

Meeting After Mass

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Service Project

Christian Shelter

March 9, 2017

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Service Project

St. Francis de Sales Auction

March 11, 2017

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Parish Lenten Fish Dinner

March 24, 2017

4:30 pm—8 pm

Philip & Barbara Long Parish Center

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Ladies Guilds

ASP Jewelry Sale

SFds Church Hall

March 25 & 26, 2017

After all Masses

## LOVE IN ACTION: CALLED TO SERVE

The SFdS ASP Team recently answered the call to assist those in our community most in need by providing monthly volunteer service at the Christian Shelter in Salisbury. The Christian

devotions and Sunday worship.

When SFdS ASP was approached to provide volunteer service to the Shelter, the Advisory Board wondered how to make

built 100% from food donations. The SFdS Youth enjoy interacting with the guests who are so gracious and thankful despite their difficult circumstances.

The second part of the evening has been extremely rewarding for our team. The adult guests at the Shelter attend nightly devotions for an hour each evening. During this time, the SFdS ASP volunteers hold a separate devotion hour for the children in the Shelter. We spend our time with the youngest guests reading stories, doing crafts and having lots of fun! The children seem so appreciative to have the undivided attention of our fun loving group. We are grateful to walk the path that God showed to us by offering the children absolute respect and unconditional love.

Please keep the SFdS ASP team in your thoughts and prayers especially during this Lenten Season when our trip planning shifts into high gear. This mission would not be possible without the overwhelming support of our Parish! Your ASP Team is putting "Love in Action".

"ACCEPT PEOPLE RIGHT WHERE THEY ARE AND JUST THE WAY THEY ARE"



Shelter is a temporary, emergency shelter which provides safe housing and meals and for men, women and children who are homeless. While at the Shelter, guests are provided with resources for employment, counseling, financial assistance and stable housing offering the possibility of a more lasting change. Even more important, is the opportunity for guests to receive the life changing power of Jesus Christ daily through staff prayer and spiritual direction during evening

time for one more project. In just a few months we have found there is plenty of time when called to serve. Each visit to the Shelter is a blessing --- a new chance to witness God's grace in action.

Our monthly service is two part. During the first part of the evening, we serve dinner to guests who eat together in a communal dining room. We also assist with set-up and clean-up in the kitchen as needed. All of the food is deliciously prepared by Sister Shea from a pantry

# Appalachia Service Project is a Christian ministry that inspires hope and service through volunteer home repair in Central Appalachia

## ASP MEMBER HIGHLIGHT: ANDREW DONOHUE



about ASP is that the group cares about others. For example, each year there is a yard sale in the Fall and a pancake breakfast and crab cake dinner during Lent to raise funds for the Appalachia project. The money is used to buy supplies to fix homes. I also enjoy

Appalachian Service Project has been a very influential and special experience for me. This project is preparing me to go on a mission trip to Appalachia. While I'm there, I will help repair homes, help people in need and talk about the Lord.

Through the help of the leaders at ASP, I have learned valuable lessons about friendship and giving back to others. ASP is a great opportunity for young teenagers to get involved in the community and serve our God by doing the good work that we are called to do.

Another thing that I enjoy

attending Mass with the ASP team before our monthly meeting.

One of the most powerful experiences for me with the ASP team was helping at the Christian Shelter a few weeks before Christmas.

My group and I served dinner to families living at the shelter. After dinner, the parents attended a church service while our group had fun with the children. We helped the kids make Christmas crafts and we sang holiday songs. I'm looking forward to helping at the shelter again. I feel good about giving a hand to the families. I am grateful for all of my blessings.

## QUILTING TEAM HAS BEEN BUSY!



Without much fanfare and very little recognition, a group of SFdS parishioners meet once a month and break out their sewing machines. The group this year is busy making 9 full size quilts and several youth quilts for the ASP team to present to the families they will serve in Central Appalachia.

The 2016 ASP Team presented the ladies with a signed print from an Appalachian artist as a show of appreciation for the many hours spent creating the quilts.

Presenting the quilts to the families of Appalachia is a highlight of our trip. The quilt is a reminder even though we were only with them for a week, our SFdS Parish will always be with them as one family in Christ. What a blessing this quilting ministry is!

If you are interested in joining this group, please contact the parish office for additional information.



## 2017 ASP Theme "Love in Action"



Dear Children,  
Let us not love with  
words or tongue

**BUT WITH ACTIONS AND IN TRUTH.**

1 JOHN 3:18

### Sponsors Needed

Each team member is required to obtain \$350.00 in sponsor money. If you would like to sponsor a team member in full or in part, please call the parish office or email Joe Flanagan at [jflanagan771@gmail.com](mailto:jflanagan771@gmail.com)

