



After a Friday that was far from “good”, Mary Magdalene, heartbroken, went to the tomb and there she met a “gardener”. Two unnamed disciples, hopes dashed, left Jerusalem for the country and met a “stranger” on the road. The Twelve, who were now Eleven, convinced that there was no future, went fishing, and met a “young man” on the shore.

May you encounter the Risen Lord where you least expect Him.

Frs. Charley and John, ofm

The **Rosary Guild** meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Please join us **Tuesday, April 26th** from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the St. Catherine Room. All are welcome.



Holy Week and Easter could not have happened without the hands and voices of many, many people: Mary Pischock, of Mary's Flower Shop, who rescued us with extra palms on Palm Sunday, when our order of palms arrived ruined by mildew; **Paul Bartosch and our maintenance crew** who cleaned the church, set up the gym, prepared the grounds, and **Les Tippet** who laid the Easter fire; **Dave Kolanda and Fr. John** who planted the colorful flowers outside; **Fr. John and his committee** who decorated the church and gym so festively; the **Rosary Guild** who did the spring cleaning of the altar furniture and vessels; **Sr. Janice and the RCIA Team** and our **newly baptized and received brothers and sisters**; our **altar servers, ushers, and Eucharistic ministers**, and especially our **lectors** for the additional service; our **CYM members** who presented the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday; our **Middle School Youth Ministry** who prepared and distributed hundred of Easter baskets; our **Knights of Columbus** who led our Easter egg hunt, and helped us to facilitate parking; our **Coro Hispano**, por sus cantos alegres; our **Consejo Hispano** who coordinated the Stations of the Cross through the streets of Triangle on Good Friday, quien organizaron la Via Crucis por las calles en el Viernes Santo; **Fr. Brian Jordan, OFM** who came to help celebrate Easter at several Masses; and last, but obviously not least, **Janet Sarsfield** and her inspired **cantors, choirs and musicians** who made all the services of Holy Week and Easter so prayerful and so inspiring! And for the Sung Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, which so prayerfully express Christ's love for us and the world!

Happy Easter to all!

Fr. Charley and Fr. John, ofm

The Quest: “Spirituality for the Long Haul - living the faith and praying in the 21st century” - Sunday, **May 1st**, at **10:45 am** in the Br. Juniper Room; repeated on Wednesday, **May 4th**, at **7:30 pm** in the St. Catherine Room.



Today we welcome to our parish family those who have completed their preparation and have been received into the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Initiation. They remind us of who we are and whose we are; a people of the Resurrection.

Welcome! and Thank You!

Lisa Meyer, Ruby Vega, Nancy Haines, Lisa Hamar, Leslie Mason, Victor Mazzonti,

Marianna Page, Robert Phillips, Lauren Saravia, and Cecelia Whitman.

Please Pray For

All those who are sick: Christine Sarna, Estrella Monzon, Ralph Boots, Christine Sarna, Annelies Gendron, Alexia Uribe, Connor Carroll, Emily Bartosch, Amy Busia, Leroy Dyas, Loretta Frankowski, Marie Chery, Jacob Tyler Burns, Janet Sarsfield, Mary Loretta Jacobsmeyer, Barbara Arcuni, James Peer, Joanne Del Gatto; Hellen Dodson, Bob Williams, Amy Wilking, and Melissa Massouh.

And for those recently deceased: Jean Swearingen; Robert Lark (Uncle of Loretta Rayhel); Amy Granville-Smith (Daughter of Jean and Terry Traywick).

Please pray for the following who are serving abroad in harm's way:

Michael Kline, Sean Riordan, Andrew Wagner, Marc Gendon, Darryl Saungweme, Michael Day, Derek McVay, Daniel Pelletier, and Matthew Byron.

The Easter flowers were donated in memory of the following:



Estel Tordosinski and Evelyn Rochon; Elizabeth Dart; Carmella and Ralph Oropallo; Agnes and Joseph Harrison, Sr.; Edward and Robert Nevens; Rosemary and John Wenzel; Dorothy and Arthur Peitler; Winnie Golden; Josefa S. Torrijos; Stanley and Josephine France; Jean Jurick; Vernon and Gloria Unger; Trudy Unger; Koffi Dovi Family; Patrick and Cathern Reidy; Delbert Lussenden; Louis Gasper; Mr. and Mrs. John Tiano; Dr. John A. Driscoll; Halpin/Gellespie Family; Joe and Virginia Wohlers; Larry Dreis; Frank and Laura McNierney; Dan Morris; Jim and Anna Roberts; James Wirtel; Marilyn Mangrum; Daniel Nolte; Nick Destefano; Daniel W. Jones; Lorenzo Manno; Marco and Candida Imbarlina; Badami Family; Taravella Family; Helen Baron; Jennie Fenton; Bagley-Traywick Family and Amy Granville-Smith; and Lidano Orsini.

Centering Prayer
Tuesdays 11-12 noon
in the Blessed
Sacrament Chapel
in the church.
All are welcome.

Open AA Step Study
Group
Friday night
Group meets 7-8:00 p.m.
in the St. Catherine Room.
Come study the 12 Steps to
Recovery.

Please Note:

There is no morning Mass on Monday, April 25th;
the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, April 25th.

Advocacy

Two hundred and seven letters were forwarded to Congress from our parishioners last week. Thank you for taking the time to ask our elected officials to reform foreign aid, making it more efficient in reducing global poverty.

For more information, visit www.bread.org/OL.

ATTENTION ATTORNEYS: The Outreach Office solicits your help in forming an informal network of attorneys for consultation and referrals on a reduced fee or pro bono basis. If you have expertise in the following areas and are able to help, please contact Anne Tunney at annet@stfrncis.org or 703-221-4312: Family Law (divorce, child custody), Real Estate Law (foreclosure, landlord/tenant); Criminal Law; Immigration Law, (visas, work permits, asylum); Wills and Trusts (simple wills).

St Francis is providing Saturday breakfast for the DROP IN Shelter. We need the assistance of all our parishioners! Signup sheets, directions to the shelter, and additional information are available on the Outreach bulletin board. The **DROP IN SHELTER** housed in a cinderblock building next to the PRTC Terminal in Dale City) is in need of old towels and foods that clients can take with them when the Shelter is closed. Call Honey Scott at 703-680-2330 or check the bulletin board for a complete list of needs.



78 families were assisted at the Food Pantry last week. Your generosity makes it possible to meet this growing need! We are in constant need of **rice, tuna, cereal, pasta sauce, canned fruits and vegetables, rice, boxed dinners, and VOLUNTEERS.**



Calling Seniors of All Ages Bring a Brown Bag Lunch and join us in the **St. Catherine Room at noon on May 5th for "Glimpses of Spring through a Photographer's Lens with Jeanne Mitcho.** Dessert and beverages will be provided.



Help a Homeless Family by donating furniture on Sat, **May 12th at Catholic Charities** Transitional Housing Program in Woodbridge. Details are on the bulletin board. Furniture is needed.



OPERATION RICE BOWL Thank you for your participation in **OPERATION RICE BOWL.** All donations may be put in a zip lock bag and deposited in the catch-all box. Checks may be made out to St Francis with Rice Bowl added in the memo. **Remember 25% of all collected stays here in the community.**



Earth Day was celebrated last Friday. Take some time to answer the questions on the "earth's footprint" included in the bulletin this weekend.



There will be a Book Study Club reading and reflecting on *Share this Bread*, by Sara Miles. We will meet **Monday nights, May 16th and 23rd and Tuesday mornings, May 17th and 24th.** The study will offer a lively Easter Season reflection on the Eucharist. Please let Father John know by this Wednesday if you are interested so that books may be purchased and read before the meetings. It is about 150 pages.

EASTER EGG HUNT - The annual Knights of Columbus Easter egg hunt is calling all children to our egg hunting effort **after the 10:45AM Mass in the parish center.** Children, meet us in front of the church to enjoy the fun.



The Saint Francis of Assisi Potomac Council of the Knights of Columbus and the Columbiettes will host a breakfast after the **May 1st 8:00 AM and 9:30 Masses.** All parishioners are invited.

Anuncios y Noticias

Charlas bautismales - la próxima reunión es el 29 de mayo. Ambos padres y padrinos (si ellos viven en esta área) deben asistir a esta charla. La charla es en la sala Júpiter Room después de la misa dominical a la 1:30p.m. La charla dura dos horas y media. Como su atención es esencial, recomendamos no traer a sus niños. Por favor **registrarse** en la Mesa de Información **antes** de ese día. Por favor, **traigan el formulario completo con mínimo de una semana de anticipación.** El próximo día de Bautismos será el día de las Madres, el 8 de mayo.

El Grupo de Oración se reúne cada viernes a las 7:00 p.m. en la Sala -- Juniper Room.

Hogar Immigrant Services/Catholic Charities estará ofreciendo clases de Ciudadanía en la Iglesia San Paul Metodistas Unidos a partir de abril. Las clases son a muy bajo costo, por la noche y con atención personalizada. Para mayor información, llame ya al 703-534-9805, ext. 252. Esta es su oportunidad!

BINGO — El Club de Leones de Woodbridge los invita a sus noches de BINGO empezando Jueves, Abril 28, 2011 Lugar: Comedor de la Iglesia St. Francisco de Asís.



Día: El segundo y el cuarto Jueves de cada mes
Hora: Las puertas abren a las 6:00pm y los juegos empiezan a las 7:00pm
Costo: \$20.00 por 25 juegos

Many Members, One Body, a parish support group for Catholics who are gay and lesbian and their families will hold a meeting on **May 5th at 7pm in the St Catherine Room.**



SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **Knights of Columbus Potomac Council #9259** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

CYM



Psalm 25: 4

It is not a class; it is not a lecture; it is not a closed group. It is a place for **ALL** high school teens. It is a place to connect your life and your faith.

Road Trip !!!!, Join us any time!

We meet in the **parish gym from 6:30pm to 8:30pm**. We laugh, eat snacks, and meet new people who share an interest in growing their faith. I hope you can join us! **Bring a friend.**

- April 24th** No CYM—Happy Easter!
- May 1st** CYM Night—Why Go to Mass? & Special Snack Sunday!
- May 8th** No CYM—Happy Mother’s Day!
- May 15th** 8th grade Night
- May 22nd** End of Year cookout, from 3-8:30pm

CYM would like to participate in a 1 day service project in Manassas on May 14th. It is called ‘1by Youth’. **We need adult volunteers** to help transport and be with the groups as they work on the project. It is an all day event. If you can help out with this please contact Mindi. It will depend on how many adults we have as to how many teens can go. More information is at 1byyouth.com.



If you are a **teen who would like to participate in this 1day service project**. Please contact me to get your name on the list. (anyone 6th grade and above can participate). The cost is \$29 and the deadline is April 29th. Registration forms are in the RE office or one can be emailed to you.

Questions, please contact Mindi Bartosch, 703-221-4978 x235, email ym@stfrncis.org



MSYM is open to all middle school students. The group meets the **2nd and 4th Sunday evenings of the month**. There is fun, fellowship, and service. Students have the opportunity to earn service hours for Confirmation. **The meetings are held from 6:30pm to 8:30pm, in the Parish Dining Facility**. For more information contact, **Denise Eves** at evesrus@verizon.net.

It is here once again!!! **BASH 2011 for grades 6-8, on May 21st will be held at John Paul the Great HS. From 4-10pm**. The cost is \$10 and includes pizza dinner, speakers, inflatables, snacks and more! Mass will be celebrated at 7pm. **Please contact Mindi Bartosch** at ym@stfrncis.org with any questions. Permission slips and money are due **May 16th**. It is really a fun day to celebrate being Catholic.

VBS Registration!

Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe! **Pre-K (must be 4 yrs.old by Aug) thru 6th grade, \$25.00 per child**. Registration begins **April 17th**. Forms will be available in the church vestibule, Faith Formation Office, and our website at stfrncis.org.

Please return forms with fees to the RE Office. Please consider joining our team of volunteers! No experience necessary. Please email **Sharon Gardner** at gardners.psg.bww.com, if you have any questions or if you would like to volunteer.

Faith Formation Office
Phone: 703-221-4978 Fax: 703-221-3246
Office Hours: 8:00 am-3:00 pm

Religious Education Calendar

April	17-29	No RE—Easter Break
	30	Sat. RE
May	1	Sun. RE
	5	Thurs. Sessions I&II
	7	Sat. RE
	8	NO RE—May Crowning at 10:30am
	12-15	NO RE (First Communion Weekend)
	19	Thurs. Sessions I&II
	21	Sat. RE
	22	Sun. RE
	26-29	No RE—Memorial Day Weekend

Sacramental Prep Upcoming Dates:

First Communion Retreat

Saturday, May 7th from 10 AM-3PM (in the Parish Center). For all 2nd graders preparing for 1st Communion. Questions, please contact Beth Benham in the Faith Formation office.



Confirmation Year I

Reminder : Your Sponsor forms and Saint forms are due. Also, please remember to provide a copy of your baptismal certificate if you haven't already turned it in.

If you would like service hours by helping at the First Communion Retreat being held on May 7th, **please contact Beth Benham** at BethB@stfrncis.org.

Want to Know More about the Catholic Faith?



God might be inviting you if you have ever had that little persistent feeling in the back of your mind or in your heart that you would like to know more about the Catholic faith. Or perhaps you would like to join others who want to experience the Catholic Faith as a way of life through the RCIA. Or maybe that it's time for you or someone you know to look seriously into becoming Catholic, or perhaps for you to walk with someone in their journey of faith. It could very well be that God is nudging! Any time God is calling is a good time to begin.

If so, consider calling **Sister Janice** at 703-221-4978 to **learn more**. You won't regret it!

Baptismal Preparation Class

Our next class will be held on **Sunday, May 29th from 1:30—2:30 p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room. Please call the parish office to register at 703-221-4044.

EASTER

Car Raffle 2011

Only one week left to request additional tickets and to return ticket stubs (sold) and tickets (unsold). **We have received a response from 30% of our parish but we still need to hear from the remaining 1,600 families.** This is the largest fundraiser for the parish and your support is appreciated.



BINGO BINGO BINGO BINGO BINGO

HOSTED BY THE WOODBRIDGE LIONS CLUB
CASH PRIZES
BEGINNING

THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2011
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM
GAMES START AT 7:00 PM



WINNERS

HORIZONTAL, VERTICAL, DIAGONAL, 4 CORNERS,
POSTAGE STAMP, COVER ALL PROGRESSIVE AND
JACKPOT GAME

GAMES COMPLETED BY 9:30 PM
ADMISSION \$20.00 FOR 25 GAMES



FREE DAUBERS FOR FIRST TIME PLAYERS

GAMES WILL BE HELD MONTHLY.



40 Days for Life

Thank you to all who prayed, fasted and stood vigil for an end to abortion! Your sacrifice has brought forth great fruit. There were four babies saved in Manassas and 495 babies saved throughout all the campaign cities - and those are just the ones we know about! That's 495 babies saved and all those mothers and fathers spared from a lifetime of regret. One archbishop who prayed with 40 Days for Life in Denver encouraged, "Nothing we do to defend the human person, no matter how small, is ever unfruitful or forgotten. Our actions touch other lives and move other hearts in ways we can never fully understand in this world. Don't ever underestimate the beauty and power of the witness you give in your pro-life work." May God bless you all for your loving commitment to the dignity of life!

Interested in playing sports recreationally with other young adults in the Arlington Diocese? Check out the new Young Adult Recreational Sports Program; go to: <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/yam/catholicportsclub.php>



A Reminder: Votive Candles are available in the church by the statues of St. Joseph and Mary. Donation: \$1.00 each. Please drop envelope in the catch-all box in the vestibule.

Christ the Lord is risen today

alleluia

alleluia
Liturgies For The Week

SUNDAY, 8:00 PM 7:00 AM	April 24—Easter People of the Parish, Vigil +Lorayne Murtagh +Marion Richmond +Bernard and +Norma Desveaux Claire O'Keefe +Bryan Richardson +Connie O'Shea
8:30 AM	
10:30 AM	
10:45 AM	
12:30 PM	+Claudia Tornes +Samuel David Inlow +Josefa S. Torrijos
12:30 PM	Misa en español - en el Centro Parroquial
MONDAY, 8:45 AM	April 25—Easter Monday No Mass
TUESDAY, 8:45 AM	April 26—Easter Tuesday
WEDNESDAY, 8:45 AM	April 27—Easter Wednesday +Christopher Barberini
THURSDAY, 8:45 AM	April 28—Easter Thursday +Judy Snediker
FRIDAY, 8:45 AM	April 29—Easter Friday +Joseph Pittel Katie Smith
SATURDAY, 8:45 AM 4:00 PM	April 30—Easter Saturday No Mass Sacrament of Reconciliation

Mass Intentions on Sunday, May 1, 2011

5:30 PM	+Peppino Belcastro +Santina Cipolla
8:00 AM	People of the Parish
9:30 AM	+Catherine Murphy +Dr. Anthony Mancuso
12:00 PM	+Amy Granville-Smith
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	+Victoria Borrero Elsa Portaro-Cracel

Readings for the Week of April 24, 2011

Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15
Sunday:	Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

First Friday—May 6th.



The celebration of Holy Hour with Benediction will take place on Friday morning following the 8:45 a.m. Mass. All are welcome.