



VOICE UPDATE

Mortgage Crisis - VOICE congregations across Prince William have been working to hear the stories of homeowners facing foreclosure, and to connect them with many of the non-profit housing counselors and attorneys that offer help for free. These non-profits help homeowners navigate the mortgage modification process and provide help in working with mortgage servicers. In December, St. Francis worked with other congregations on the eastern part of Prince William County to host a foreclosure and mortgage modification workshop that helped connect 75 homeowners to non-profit housing counselors.

Meeting with Congressman - St. Francis VOICE joined with other VOICE teams to meet with Congressman Gerry Connelley at St. Paul Methodist in Woodbridge to share concerns regarding foreclosures and predatory lending, as well as issues related to immigration backlogs and dental care.

Organizing In Williamstown, St. Francis VOICE met with Dumfries Chief of Police, Dan Taber to share the results of our recent door knocking survey that focused on safety issues and youth concerns in Williamstown. Chief Taber praised the work of St. Francis VOICE and residents of Williamstown, and vowed to take action on the findings of the survey. He plans to present the survey results to the Town Council and has promised to work closely with St. Francis VOICE and Williamstown residents to determine the next steps. At the door knocking, we collected more than 60 surveys of residents in Williamstown and heard about some improvements, especially in the area of safety. We are currently analyzing the surveys, where we focused on the community's input regarding youth activities and safety concerns.



Action On Foreclosures - St. Francis VOICE joined other area VOICE institutions and congregations to hold a local action to fight unjust foreclosures, predatory lending, and the loan-modification collapse in Prince William County. Approximately 230+ VOICE leaders attended the action in the Georgetown South Community in Manassas (a townhome community that has seen more than 30% of its homes go into foreclosure). Also speaking at the event was Manassas City Mayor Harry J. Parrish II, who thanked and congratulated VOICE for their work on behalf of home ownership. See the Washington Post's coverage at <http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/as-nva-neighbors-show-housing>.

St. Francis of Assisi is happy to host our neighbors from the Catholic Chapel, Quantico Marine Base, next Saturday for their First Communion Mass, in the morning, and their Confirmations, in the evening. The chapel at the Marine Base is undergoing renovation, and we are happy to celebrate these sacraments with them here at St. Francis.



Dear Members of St. Francis Parish,
Our son was a candidate at OCS in the summer of 2009 and he spoke very highly of the way he was treated when he attended Mass on Sundays. He had a hard time during the week, and Mass at your church was a special time for him. He said there were always people offering him rides back to OCS after mass and he really appreciated that. (My wife asked him how the parishioners knew that they were candidates, and he told her, "It was easy. We were in our early twenties, had shaved heads, and fell asleep in the first ten minutes of Mass.")

We just want you to know how much we appreciate the kindness and consideration that you and your parishioners showed to our son, and all the other candidates who have passed through your church.

Sincerely,

Steve and Vickie Mayeux

Please Pray For All those who are sick: Mary Milella, 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.

A Novena of Masses will be offered for all Mothers, living and deceased, and will **begin on May 8th**. **Spiritual Bouquet Cards** are available on the tables in the vestibule. Please drop the inside envelope in the Catch-All Box in the vestibule or in the parish office **no later than Friday, May 6th**.

The Easter flowers were donated in memory of the following: Battista Family; Delgatto Family; Sunday Family; Leinheesia Family; Anthony Nosko, Sr. and Bernie Bienio; Ryan and Herrman Families; Dennis Malloy; Margaret Bilbow; Darwin Davidson; and Beck Family.



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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Many thanks to Denise Eves and Middle School Youth Ministry (MSYM) who donated and assembled **216 Easter baskets**. Twenty four baskets were delivered to Mary's Shelter in Fredericksburg and the rest will be distributed to the community through Francis House. Next Sunday, the cradle for the **ANNUAL BABY SHOWER** for Birthright will be available in the vestibule.

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.**



75 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.



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.



The Quest: "Spirituality for the Long Haul - Living Soul". Presented by Fr. Charley; Sunday, **May 1st at 10:45am in the Br. Juniper Room;** repeated **Wednesday, May 4th at 7:30pm in the St. Catherine Room.**

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.

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.

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 el miércoles, día 11 de mayo y día 25 de mayo.

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.**



CYM



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. Psalm 25: 4

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.**

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.



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.

The final MSYM meeting will be May 22nd. This will be a cookout with CYM. More information to follow. MSYM will start back up again in the fall. Look for an announcement in the bulletin.

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.

The **Lion's Club** has a donation drop box, next to the credenza, in the vestibule for old eyeglasses. Please consider donating your used eyeglasses to the Lion's Club. Your unwanted glasses will help someone see better. **Thank you for always being so generous.**



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

Religious Education Calendar

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!

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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



BINGO BINGO BINGO BINGO BINGO

HOSTED BY THE WOODBRIDGE LIONS CLUB
THE 2ND AND 4TH WEDNESDAYS OF THE MONTH

CASH PRIZES

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM
GAMES START AT 7:00 PM

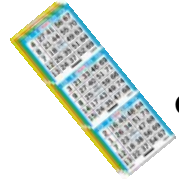
WINNERS

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.



The Women's Club of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Vienna is sponsoring a Career Fashion Show on **Tuesday, May 10th at 7:30 pm.** The show will be held in DeSales Hall and is open to adults only. Tickets are \$7.00 and proceeds will support the Artemis House, Fairfax County's Shelter for Women and Families who are victims of domestic violence and abuse.



The show is focused on career clothing that is affordable, appropriate, and fashionable. Kohl's has generously donated all the fashion pieces. During the show there will be a "Career Corner" staffed by Career Counselors to answer questions. There will be opportunities prior to the show, during the break and afterwards to visit and pick up complementary materials. There will be wonderful door prizes!

For ticket information, call Merle Senyk at 703-938-2828 or e-mail olgcwomen@gmail.com.

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/catholicsportsclub.php>



In the opening prayer we ask our Lord to increase our awareness of the blessings He has given to us. Today let us especially thank God for the blessing and gift of our spouse that He has given to us. Take the time to deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, and renew your sacrament by attending the next local **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend May 13-15 in Herndon, May 20-22 in Rockville, MD or June 3-5 in Richmond.** Register soon as the Herndon weekend is filling quickly. **For more information call Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703-378-4150 or visit <http://wwme-nova.org>.**



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Liturgies For The Week

SUNDAY,	May 1—2nd Sunday of Easter
5:30 PM	+Peppino Belcastro +Santina Cipolla
8:00 AM	People of the Parish
9:30 AM	+Catherine Murphy +Dr. Anthony Mancuso +David Wedding
12:00 PM	+Amy Granville-Smith
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	+Victoria Borrero Elsa Portaro-Cracel
MONDAY,	May 2—Easter Weekday
8:45 AM	+Thomas and +Ellen Sheehan
TUESDAY,	May 3—Easter Weekday
8:45 AM	+Br. Joseph Trunk +Fr. Brian Lenahan, OFM
WEDNESDAY,	May 4—Easter Weekday
8:45 AM	+Agatha Back +Mang Thi Nguyen
THURSDAY,	May 5—Easter Weekday
8:45 AM	+Agatha Back
FRIDAY,	May 6—Easter Weekday
8:45 AM	+Agustina Peña +Robert McWhorter +Robert Larke
SATURDAY,	May 7—Easter Weekday
8:45 AM	No Mass
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation

Mass Intentions on Sunday, May 8, 2011

5:30 PM	People of the Parish
8:00 AM	+Marion Richmond +Gregoria G. Diaz +Janice Ann Callahan
9:30 AM	+Bernice Zubaty +Betty Brode +Vilma Zelvaggio
12:00 PM	+Donna Bowman +Connie O'Shea Joseph Carhart
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	Mother's Day Novena

Readings for the Week of May 1, 2011

Monday:	Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8
Tuesday:	1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21
Sunday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35

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