



The Christian community of St. Francis of Assisi welcomes with great joy the following new members of our parish baptized in the months of January and February:

- Savannah Rose Austin*
- Kooper Marks Bellman*
- Ethan James Bienlien*
- James Patrick Bowler*
- Presleigh Michele Coleman*
- Mischa Alexis Cunanan*
- Elyse Marie Garcia*
- Griselda Lucia Merino Majano*
- Grace Ann Monahan*
- Andrew Sebastian Ponce Iglesias*
- Emerson Gerardo Ponce Iglesias*
- Gerardo Edenilson Ponce Iglesias*
- Katelyn Dariana Ruiz*
- Molly Claire Unger*
- Aubrey Josanna Marie Vaughn*
- Callan Erik Venice*
- Hays Michael Woodson*

Baptismal Preparation Class—Our next class will be held on **Sunday, May 17, 2015 from 1:15p.m.—2:00p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room. **Please call the parish office to register at 703-221-4044.**

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Workshops for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be held this year on:

Saturday, May 2, 2015 at **St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception (in the upper Church)** in Fredericksburg

Saturday, May 16, 2015 at **St. John the Evangelist** in Warrenton

Saturday, May 23, 2015 at **Our Lady of Hope (in the upper church)** in Potomac Falls.

The time frame for all workshops will be from **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.**

To register for one of the workshops or if you have any questions, please contact **Chanel Marquis** at 703-221-4044, ext. 222 or cmarquis@stfrancis.org.



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The **Rosary Guild** meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Please join us **Tuesday, April 28th** from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the **Br. Juniper Room**. All are welcome. **For more information, please call 703-221-2517.**



NOW WHAT?
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Discover: Spirituality

Spirituality is something that we hear a lot about but what, exactly, does it mean? We read about polls that show more and more Americans consider themselves “more spiritual than religious,” but as Christians, we understand the difficulty in separating the two.

Spirituality, in general, can be described as the values, beliefs, attitudes, actions and behaviors that characterize a person’s relationship with God and other people. But for Christians, we understand that spirituality is about living a life that is guided by the Holy Spirit, characterized by faith, hope, love and service, and lived out within the community of believers.

There is no step-by-step, checklist approach to spirituality. It flows from our personal, human longing for a deeper relationship with the Creator, and is thus a personal, unique journey for each of us. To discover more to help your own spiritual journey, please watch the video “Discover: Spirituality” on the parish website: <http://bit.ly/discover-spirituality>.

A Novena of Masses will be offered for all Mothers, living and deceased, and will begin on May 10th. **Spiritual Bouquet Cards** are available on the tables in the vestibule. Please drop the inside envelope in the Catch-All Slot in the vestibule or in the parish office **no later than Thursday, May 7th.**



April showers bring May flowers, but with the flowers, at times, come weeds. What



Bear one another's burdens

“weeds” are you struggling with? Are you bogged down with relationship issues, prayer problems, attitudes that need tweaking, or do you feel like you are on an endless loop of self-doubt? Let a trained Stephen Minister help by listening and talking. **Please call**

703-221-4312 and then press 4 to start the process.

Votive Candles are available in the church by the statues of St. Joseph and Mary. **Please use the box** at each statue to deposit your dollar for each candle.



St. Francis House Corner



The St. Francis House Food Pantry provided food for **70 families this week**. We are in need of **Spaghetti, Pasta and Cereal**. For more information, please call Francia at **703-221-6344**. Thank you for your continuing support.

Franciscan Action and Advocacy (FA&A)

In another effort to address the evil of modern-day slavery/human trafficking, we have signed onto a letter in support of the **End Modern Slavery Initiative Act**. For more information, please visit <http://freedomcommons.ijm.org/EMSIfaithleader>.

Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP) works to encourage U.S. policies that actively promote a just, lasting, and comprehensive resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, ensuring security, human rights and religious freedom for all the people of the region. CMEP is a coalition of 22 national church denominations and organizations, including Catholic (which also includes our Franciscan Province), Orthodox, and Protestant traditions. For more information, please visit <http://www.cmep.org/>.

Catholic Mobilizing Network supports Catholic institutions and organizations in their efforts to end the use of the death penalty in the U.S., and in initiatives promoting restorative justice. For more information, please visit <http://catholicmobilizing.org/>.

Upcoming FA&A meetings (open to all!): Our parish **V.O.I.C.E.** (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement) team is meeting to discuss community issues on **Sunday, May 3rd, at 10 a.m.** in the **Br. Juniper Room**. Our parish **Anti-Human Trafficking Committee** (engaged in action, awareness and advocacy efforts in the fight against the evil of human trafficking—sex and labor) is meeting on **Wednesday, May 13th, at 7 p.m.** in the **Grade 6 Classroom**. Our parish **Respect Life Committee** (advocating for the consistent ethic of life from conception to natural death) is meeting on **Saturday, May 16th, at 11:45 a.m.** in the **St. Catherine Room**. Our parish **Care for Creation Committee** is meeting to discuss environmental issues on **Sunday, May 17th, at 9 a.m.** in the **St. Catherine Room**.

For more information on any of the above and/or to get involved in justice/advocacy, please visit the FA&A section on the parish website and/or contact Rob Goraieb, O.F.S. at rgoraieb@stfrncis.org or 703-221-4978, ext. 228.

Centering Prayer—Tuesdays 12-1 pm
in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel
in the church. **All are welcome.**



Boletín Semanal

Charlas Bautismales—Las próximas charlas bautismales se realizarán el domingo, **mayo 17 a las 2:30pm** después de la misa en español en el Salón del Hermano Juniper. Por favor recuerde que para tomar la charla y recibir el sacramento del bautizo los padres tienen que estar registrados en nuestra parroquia y registrarse para la charla con anterioridad. Ambos padres y padrinos deben asistir a la charla y no se permiten niños. Para más información por favor llamar a **Francia al 703-221-6344**.

Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones—Las inscripciones para la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones (VBS) están abiertas! Las clases VBS serán de Junio 22 a junio 26 de 9:00 a.m. a 12:30 pm en el centro parroquial. Las clases están abiertas a todos los niños entre las edades de 4 años hasta los que van a entrar a sexto grado. Niños ven y únete a nosotros para “Explorar” Everest a través VBS, uno de los más majestuosos, bello (y a veces peligroso!) lugares en la tierra donde descubrimos el poder de Dios y sus promesas a través del camino. Las Inscripciones las pueden encontrar en el vestíbulo de la iglesia. Para más información o si tiene alguna pregunta por favor contactar **Sharon Gardner al gardners.vbs@gmail.com o la Oficina de RE al 703-221-4978**.

Despensa de Comida de La Casa de San Francis—Agradecemos a todos nuestros parroquianos por todas sus ofrendas a la Despensa de Comida; con sus donaciones pudimos ayudar a **70 familias**. Muchas gracias por su apoyo constante.

Senior Corner



Seniors on the Go!

Our Cyber-Seniors are off to a spirited start! It is not too late to join our **Thursday class at the Hampton Inn on Route 234**. Please call Anne Tunney for more information or to register.

The **Senior Lunch Bunch** will not be held in April. The next meeting is scheduled for **May 21st**.

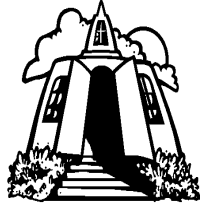
For additional information on senior care, please contact **Anne Tunney, M.S.W., Coordinator of Senior Care at 703-221-4044, ext. 229 or annet@stfrncis.org**.

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

Many Members One Body, a support group for gay and lesbian Catholics and their families, will hold a meeting on **Thursday, May 7th at 7pm in the Br. Juniper Room**. For more information, please contact Fr. Kevin Downey at **703-221-4044**.

COME HOME—TAKE ANOTHER LOOK

If you have been away from the Catholic Church for whatever reason: divorce, birth control, lifestyle, a painful memory, or any other reason, we would love for you to take another look. The Easter season is a time of great joy as we celebrate the resurrection of the Messiah. But you may not be experiencing this joy and feel that you don't belong to this rejoicing church. St. Francis of Assisi parish in Triangle is inviting you to "Take Another Look" without feeling pressure.



We will have a short, three night program at St. Francis of Assisi parish on Mondays, May 11th and May 18th and Tuesday, May 26th. Each night will begin at 7:00pm and last no more than 2 hours.

If you have an interest, please let us know by calling **Joe Mitcho at 703-967-9959**. We will send you more detailed information.

Please Pray For All those who are sick: Marian King, Donna Stoyas, Celine Nebbia, Jim Kearns, Lisa Sweeney, Jonathan Ottman, John Moretti, and Annelies Gendron.

And for those recently deceased: Tom Colosimo (Husband of Florence Colosimo); and Joyce Benedict (Aunt of John Hales).

Please pray for the following who are serving abroad in harm's way: Andrew Wagner, Tom Giraldi, Michael Beatty, Elizabeth L. Keegan, Stephen Hudson, James Moore, Jason Larson, Kyle McVay, Kyle Traylor, Kasey Eggie, Eustaquio Castro-Mendoza, Marc Gendron, and Darryl Saungweme.

Enrollment for Vacation Bible School (VBS) is now open! VBS will be **June 22nd—June 26th from 9:00 am-12:30 pm in the Parish Center.**

It is open to all children ages 4 years to entering 6th Grade. Kids come join us as we "trek" through Everest VBS, exploring one of the most majestic, beautiful (and sometimes dangerous!) places on earth as we discover God's power and promises all along the way. Adults and teens—volunteer and join the fun! Do you have little ones (under 4 years) at home? They can join in the nursery as you volunteer. Registration and Volunteer forms are in the foyer at Church and also available on the website. Questions? **Please contact Sharon Gardner at gardners.vbs@gmail.com or the RE Office at 703-221-4978.**



SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank
Little Buddies Daycare
for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

Faith Formation Office
Phone: 703-221-4978 Fax: 703-221-3246
Office Hours:
Monday—Wednesday: **8:00 am—2:00 pm**
Thursday: **5:00 pm—6:15 pm**
Friday: **Closed**
Sunday: **8:45 am—12:00 pm**

Religious Education Calendar

April 26	Sunday RE Sessions I&II
30	Thursday RE Session
May 3	Sunday RE Sessions I&II
7	NO RE—Mother's Day Weekend
10	NO RE—Happy Mother's Day
14	Thursday RE Session—Last RE Thursday
17	Sunday RE Sessions I&II—Last Sunday RE

Do not be afraid of presenting Christ to someone who does not yet know him. Christ is the true answer, the most complete answer to all the questions which concern the human person and his destiny. Without Christ, the human person remains an unsolvable riddle. Therefore, have courage to present Christ! Certainly, you must do this in a way which respects each person's freedom of conscience but you must do it.

—Saint John Paul II

RE Registrations for 2015-2016 Catechetical Year

Registrations for next year will be emailed on **April 27th** to all those families currently registered in the RE Program to begin registration for next year. **On May 26th RE registration will be open to all new RE families.** Forms will be available in the back of the church and our website on May 26th. Please begin to consider volunteering, we are in need of Catechists, Co-Catechists, Special Needs Catechists, Catechists Aides. **Please contact Marianne Hayes, DRE at 703-221-4978 or recoor@stfrancis.org.**

First Communion: In order to receive Reconciliation and First Communion, you must have turned in the registration form and a copy of your child's baptism. Forms can be found on our website at <http://www.stfrancis.org/Ministry/Religious%20Education-442-First%20Communion/>.



Important dates:

- **May 8th:** First Communion Rehearsals (evening)
- **May 9th:** First Communion

Should you have any questions, please contact
Sheila Noble at snoble@stfrancis.org.

Confirmation Year 1: The following paperwork was due in November: Application, Contract, copy of Baptismal Certificate. Please turn in all paperwork to Sheila Noble in Religious Education. Forms can be found on the St. Francis website at <http://www.stfrancis.org/Ministry/Faith%20Formation-443-Forms/>. Please use 2016 forms.

Confirmation Year 2:

Important Dates:

- **May 15th—** Rehearsal for Confirmation
- **May 16th—** Confirmation

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings for the Week of April 26, 2015

Monday	Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10
Tuesday	Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30
Wednesday	Acts 12:24—13:5a; John 12:44-50
Thursday	Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20
Friday	Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6
Saturday	Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14
Sunday	Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

ANNUAL SPRING TEA



The Columbiettes are hosting their 3rd annual spring tea and fashions show on **May 3rd at 2PM in St Francis of Assisi Parish Center.** Please join us for this worthwhile fund raising event. **Tickets are \$20 each and \$25 at the door.** Tickets will

be on sale after the masses in April. Please contact **Sharyn Jarzombek at 703-878-1177 or shargjazz@aol.com** for more information.

SPRING TEA JEWELRY AND BASKET RAFFLE

The Columbiettes are sponsoring a jewelry and basket raffle, featuring a Black pearl and Swarovski Crystal necklace provided by Nada Jewelries. **Please visit the Spring Tea Ticket booth to purchase ticket. Basket tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Jewelry tickets are \$5 each.** Proceeds will go to help fund the many Columbiettes' charities. Thank you for your support.



Looking for spiritual renewal? Cursillo is a lay Catholic movement; the name means "short course in Christianity. On a Cursillo weekend you will examine and celebrate your relationship with Christ and Christian community. There will be a series of talks and discussion, times of quiet, opportunities for spiritual direction, Mass and Reconciliation, and fun, too—plus you'll meet new friends with whom you can share your walk with Christ. **There will be a Women's Weekend on May 14th-17th at Missionhurst in Arlington.** Fall weekends for men and women will be held at the Diocesan Spirituality Center, San Damiano, in White Post, VA. **To learn more, please contact Pequitte Schwerin at wislady@comcast.net or 703-590-8492.**



First Friday—May 1st

The celebration of Holy Hour with Benediction will take place on **Friday morning immediately following the 8:45 am Mass. Mass will also be celebrated at 12 noon.** All are welcome.



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Liturgies For The Week

SUNDAY, 5:30 PM	April 26—4th Sunday of Easter †Mildred Keady †Margaret Meagher †Augustine Carroll
7:30 AM	†John F. O'Connor, Sr. †Peter Cameron Fr. Jim Toal, O.F.M. Cecillia Han Thomas Lee
9:00 AM	†Ken and †Mary Johnson †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Linda Pierce
10:30 AM	George Beck
12:00 PM	†Colleen Muhl †Robert Ferenschak †Clara Kennedy Nelda and William Kastner
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	People of the Parish

MONDAY, April 27—Easter Weekday
8:45 AM Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, April 28—St. Peter Chanel
8:45 AM †Mary Meleski
†Katherine Burke

WEDNESDAY, April 29—St. Catherine of Siena
8:45 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik

THURSDAY, April 30—Easter Weekday
8:45 AM †Eladio Elomina
†Timothy Halpin

FRIDAY, May 1—St. Joseph the Worker
8:45 AM George Beck
Mike Creegan

12:00 PM †Joyce McVay
SATURDAY, May 2—St. Athanasius
4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

Mass Intentions on Sunday, May 3, 2015

5:30 PM	†Thomas and †Ellen Sheehan †Joyce McVay †Linda Pierce †Bernice and †Benedict Lonsky
7:30 AM	†Peter Cameron Thomas Lee †Elaine Louiselle
9:00 AM	†Catherine Murphy †Dr. Anthony Mancuso †John F. O'Connor, Sr. †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
10:30 AM	
12:00 PM	†Clara Kennedy †Julia and †Herman Kastner †Bernice and †Benedict Lonsky †Claudia Tornes
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	People of the Parish