



The Christian community of St. Francis of Assisi welcomes with great joy the following new members of our parish baptized in the month of November:

Aubrey Brooke Anderson
Van Joseph Brill
Madison Ann Casler
Andres Alexander Perez Castaneda
Olivia Jane Cataldo
Maddox Robert Goss
Logan Alexander Lee
Roch Caleb Mongeon
Ashley Maria Morales Ramos
Jeffrey Alexander Morales Ramos
Jane Catherine Nash
Stella Anderson O'Brien
Alijah Jayden Palconit
Christian Michael Reinhardt
Lewis Scott Reinhardt
Diego Gabriel Russ
Clayton James Staub
Henry Harrison Stogran
Noah Robert Yancoskie

Baptismal Preparation Class—Our next class will be held on **Sunday, January 11, 2015 from 1:15p.m.—2:00p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room. **Please call the parish office to register at 703-221-4044.**

The Knights of Columbus sponsored its third St. Francis of Assisi 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament on November 29, 2014 in the school's gym. It was a successful event with four teams of all ages participating. The event raised \$277.00 to be donated to the St Francis of Assisi School sports program. **We want to thank all of the participants for their support** and to announce that the **next Tournament will be held during the Father's Day weekend in June 2015.** For more information please contact either **Ken Dunn at dunnkd@comcast.net** or **Kevin Horwath at kev89@comcast.net.**



Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

There is so much to be said for the holidays and approaching new year. Most are good. Some are sad. Other thoughts may be a jumble because we are underappreciated by all the work we just did to keep the festivities going? Or are you overwhelmed by the onslaught of the year ahead. If you think that there is too much to handle in your life, please call Stephen Ministry to have someone to talk things through with. **To have a caring member of the church walk with you through your difficulties, or just a shoulder to lean on. Please call 703-221-4312, then press 4.**

Mass Schedule

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| December 31st | 8:45 A.M. 5:30 P.M. |
| January 1st | 9:00 A.M. 10:30 A.M. 12:00 P.M. Misa en español |
| January 2nd | 8:45 A.M. 12:00 P.M. |

Cornerstone Retreat Experience for Women

When: Friday, April 10th—Saturday, April 11th
Where: San Damiano Spiritual Life Center, White Post, VA
Cost: \$105 for double room, including meals
\$125 for single room, including meals

This is a wonderful opportunity for the women in our parish to come and share the experience of Cornerstone! Join us as we develop a deeper appreciation and awareness of ourselves, our relationship with others and our relationship with God. Cornerstone is a 26 hour retreat offered separately for the women of St. Francis of Assisi parish at the San Damiano Spiritual Life Center in White Post, VA (60 miles west of Triangle). **Please complete a registration form, available in the vestibule, and drop it in the catch-all slot or send it to the parish office with your \$25.00 (make checks payable to St. Francis of Assisi Parish with Cornerstone in the Memo section) deposit to reserve your space before February 13th.** Please contact **Lisa Ostendorf at lostendorf@stfrncis.org** with any questions.



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.



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

PLEASE NOTE:

December 30th-January 2nd — Parish Office is closed; will reopen on Monday, January 5th.

Boletín Semanal

Charlas Bautismales—Las próximas charlas bautismales se realizarán el domingo, Enero 18 a las 10:00am 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. 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.**

Misa de Nochebuena—Los invitamos a participar de la pastorela y misa de Nochebuena el miércoles, 24 de diciembre a las 8pm en el gimnasio de la iglesia. ¡Ven y acompáñanos!

No Habrá Misa en Español el Día de la Navidad—Este año no vamos a tener misa en español el 25 de Diciembre. Si usted desea asistir a misa de Navidad tendremos una misa en inglés a las 12 del mediodía.

Franciscan Action and Advocacy (FA&A)

Sponsored by our Respect Life Committee and Knights of Columbus, you are invited to join the parish at the **2015 March for Life on Thursday, January 22nd** in Washington, D.C. To reserve a seat on our bus (seating is limited) and to get more information, please contact Rob.

Upcoming FA&A meetings: SFA VOICE Team: Sunday, January 4, 2015 at 10 a.m. in the Br. Juniper Room. Anti-Human Trafficking Committee: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 7 p.m. in the Grade 6 Classroom. Respect Life Committee: Saturday, January 17, 2015 at 11:45 a.m. in the St. Catherine Room. Care for Creation Committee: Sunday, January 18, 2015 at 9 a.m. in the St. Catherine Room. These meetings are open to everyone! Consider making a New Year's resolution to get involved!

2015 save the dates: 1. Virginia Catholic Conference will present "A Catholic perspective on issues before the Virginia General Assembly 2015" on **Saturday, January 10, 2015** at Holy Family Catholic Church. 2. Virginia Catholic Conference's annual **Catholic Advocacy Day** is on **Thursday, January 29, 2015** at the General Assembly in Richmond. 3. **Sunday, February 8, 2015** is the **International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking**—presented by the USCCB's Anti-Trafficking Program, there will be a special Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. 4. On **Saturday, February 21, 2015**, the Catholic Diocese of Arlington's Peace and Justice Commission will present "Care for Creation and Peace" to discuss challenges current climate changes are posing and could pose for international peace, stability and development.

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.**

St. Francis House Food Pantry



Have you ever been hungry and did not know where your next meal was coming from? St. Francis House Food Pantry Ministry provides weekly food assistance to at least 75 families in the Dumfries, Triangle and Quantico area. Your donation of non-perishable food items each week helps us with this ministry. At this time we are in great need of **tuna, hamburger helper, jelly, peanut butter, canned vegetable and soups.** For more information, please contact Francia at 703-221-6344.

There is a book located in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

next to the Tabernacle for you to write your own prayers of petition. During the *Prayer of the Faithful* during weekend liturgies, an intercession will call to mind those prayers in a general way. In this manner, the public prayer of the church is bound to the many prayers of the faithful who live in the body of Christ!



Are You New to the Parish??? Welcome!!

Registration forms are available on the tables in the vestibule, from the parish office or from the parish website www.stfrncis.org.

Senior Corner

Openings are still available for Seniors to join our TECH WEDNESDAYS in the Parish Center Dining Hall from 9:30am-11:00am. These informative sessions will answer questions and provide training to the beginner through advanced user. Bring your laptop, tablet or phone and we will provide the WiFi! (Topics will include: email, Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Blogging, MS Office, online privacy, managing photos, using your mobile phone and more.) For more information, please contact **Andrea Armstrong at 571-264-2869 or ahalaw03@gmail.com.**



If you or someone you know is **homebound** and would like a visit from our **Senior Care Coordinator**, please contact **Anne Tunney.**

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.**

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **Mountcastle Turch Funeral Home** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

Coming Home this Christmas season... To those of you who have been away, we are happy that you have come to our Christmas celebration. If something in you says that you would like to talk about reconnecting, **please call Joe Mitcho at 703-967-9959.** We would love to hear from you! Peace to you during this beautiful season.



The Folks at St. Francis of Assisi in Triangle

Please Pray For All those who are sick: Steve LeBlanc, Marian King, Molly A., Lisa and Jim Messerschmidt, Alan Wuertenberger, Jennifer Delinski, Rita Lapinski, Janice McLeod, Loretta Frankowski, Barbara Angell, and Jim Kearns.

And for those recently deceased: Audrey A. Proscia (Mother of Jerri Teodosio), and Henry Andreas.

Please pray for the following who are serving abroad in harm's way: Stephen Hudson, James Moore, Jason Larson, Amy Giraldi, Gavin Reed, Kevin Larrabee, Ned Parker, Kyle McVay, Kyle Traylor, Kasey Eggie, Eustaquio Castro-Mendoza, Michael Day, Andrew Smithey, Marc Gendron, and Darryl Saungweme.

Congratulations and best wishes to the following couples who celebrated the sacrament of marriage at St. Francis in the month of **November:**



*Amanda Renee Taylor
and
Michael Ryan Von Gersdorff*

*Amanda Elizabeth Burken
and
Eric Joseph Buckenmeyer*

*Cindya Yeccenia Umana
and
Milton Noel Amador Juarez*

Around the Diocese

Diocesan CRS/CCHD Program Needs You—We are volunteers who, under Bishop Loverde's leadership, work to support the Church's work for human dignity through two programs of the U.S. Bishops: Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Help us to increase awareness and support of these programs. Our needs include: administrative support, communications, information management, event planning and staffing, entrepreneurship, outreach, and others. Make a difference in our diocese and in your local parish and community! **Please contact Carla Walsh at cwalsh@ccda.net or 703-841-3839.**

Faith Formation Office
Phone: 703-221-4978 Fax: 703-221-3246
Office Hours:
Monday—Thursday: 8:00 am—2:00 pm
Friday: 8:00 am—12:00 pm

Religious Education Calendar

Christmas Break—December 21st-January 4th. RE Class resumes on Thursday, January 8th.

Jan. 8 Thursday RE Session
11 Sunday RE Sessions I&II
15 **NO RE—MLK Holiday**
18 **NO RE—MLK Holiday**
22 Thursday RE Session
25 Sunday RE Sessions I&II
29 Thursday RE Session

Retreat Dates: The retreat dates are set for the **2014-2015** Religious Education Year. Please mark your calendars for these mandatory retreats. All retreats take place in the Parish Center. For more details or to sign up for one of the Mini Retreats, please visit the website: <http://www.stfrancis.org/Ministry/Religious%20Education-441-Home/>

Confirmation Year 2: For those receiving in the Spring of 2015; Candidates must attend the **Extended Retreat.** Please visit the Confirmation page on the St. Francis website to sign up.



Extended Retreat (Candidates Only)
**Saturday, February 28th
3:00 pm-9:00 pm**

Confirmation Year 1: For those receiving in the Spring of 2016; Candidates must attend the **Extended Retreat.**

Extended Retreat (Candidates Only)
Friday, February 27th 4:30 pm-9:30 pm

First Communion: For those receiving in the Spring of 2015; Candidates must attend the **Extended Retreat.** Visit the First Communion page on the St. Francis website to sign up.

Extended Retreat
Saturday, April 18th 10:00 am-3:00 pm



Keep those used printer cartridges coming! Faith Formation has been helping to reduce the debt and be good stewards of our earth by recycling. With your contribution of used ink cartridges we can help reduce the debt and take care of the earth and it is so easy to do.


PLEASE DO NOT DROP THEM IN THE CATCH-ALL SLOT

(No laser cartridges.)

You can drop the cartridges off in the basket on the table in the vestibule or stop by the Faith Formation Office. Thank You For Your Continued Support!


Readings for the Week of December 28, 2014

Monday 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35
 Tuesday 1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40
 Wednesday 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18
 Thursday Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7;
 Luke 2:16-21
 Friday 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28
 Saturday 1 John 2:29—3:6; John 1:29-34
 Sunday Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6;
 Matthew 2:1-12



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.


Hearing Assistance Earphones are available for those who would like sound amplification. They have been checked and are functioning well. See one of the friars or come to the sacristy before Mass.



Mission to Lima, Peru

Join fellow parishioners on the 2015 Mission to our Sister Parishes in Lima this June. Experience the cultural, political, economic, and faith realities of life for our brothers and sisters in Peru. Applications are due by December 31st and can be found on the bulletin board on your right as you leave church and on the parish website under "Our Ministries". **For more information, please contact Terry Danner at terrydanner@verizon.net or 703-680-0860) or Clarence Thompson at clarencethompson@verizon.net or 703-680-4657.**

CHANGE OF ADDRESS



If you are moving/changing your address, please notify the office so we can keep our records up-to-date. If you are changing your phone number because you are using a cellular phone and/or forgoing your land phone, the office would also like that information. Please call us at 703-221-4044. Thank you.

First Friday—January 2nd

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.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

End of Year Statements: *Parishioners will be provided with a statement of their donations for 2014. Statements will be mailed by the end of January. It is not necessary to request a statement.*



Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, December 28—Holy Family
 5:30 PM Christmas Novena
 7:30 AM John and Janice Wagner
 †Vincent and †Loretta Jacobsmeyer
 †Lee Dixon
 †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
 9:00 AM †Viola Lopez
 10:30 AM †Marguerite L'Heureux
 Karen Fagan
 12:00 PM †Matthew M. Linstrom
 †Clara Kennedy
 †Ann Grande
 †Loretta M. Garzke
 People of the Parish
 †Arthur Cuellar
 1:30 PM
 5:30 PM
MONDAY, December 29—Fifth Day within the Octave of Christmas
 8:45 AM Christmas Novena
TUESDAY, December 30—Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas
 8:45 AM Christmas Novena
 Elizabeth Choi
WEDNESDAY, December 31—Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas
 8:45 AM Christmas Novena
 †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
 †Scott Kujawa
 5:30 PM **VIGIL**
THURSDAY, January 1—Mary, Mother of God
 9:00 AM Christmas Novena
 10:30 AM
 12:00 PM Misa en español
FRIDAY, January 2—Sts. Basil and Gregory Nazianzen
 8:45 AM †Art Cuellar
 12:00 PM
SATURDAY, January 3—Christmas Weekday
 4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

Mass Intentions on Sunday, January 4, 2015

5:30 PM †Tivis Baldrige
 7:30 AM †Alfred Williams
 9:00 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
 10:30 AM †Viola Lopez
 12:00 PM †Ann Grande
 †Clara Kennedy
 1:30 PM Misa en español
 5:30 PM †Maryann Johnson

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 NOT A FRANCIS-CAN'T**

