

From the Pastor's Desk

This past Tuesday morning the gospel reading for mass was from the Gospel of John 10: 22-30. In this passage John said that Jesus was in the temple area during the Feast of Dedication. I was not sure what the Feast of Dedication was so I looked it up and discovered that we know this feast today as Hanukah which our Jewish brothers and sisters celebrate.

Hanukah commemorates the "rededication of the temple" in Jerusalem. Four centuries before Christ, Syrian Greeks occupied Israel and, over time, devastated Jerusalem. Then, in the year 165 B.C., Judah Maccabee led a revolt of Jewish warriors that successfully drove the Syrian-Greeks out of Israel and reclaimed Jerusalem. In a weeklong festival, the temple was rededicated to the worship of God. The victory of the Maccabees is remembered at Hanukah (which means "dedication"), celebrated each year around our Christmas observance. The centerpiece of the Feast of Dedication is the lighting of the eight candles of the menorah over the eight nights of the festival.

We as a faith community during this Easter season in our scripture readings during mass are hearing again the stories of the beginnings of our own "temple": the Church of the Risen Jesus. Let us make this a time for us to celebrate, to celebrate the "dedication" of our own parish community. To ask "Now What?" can we do to renew and refocus our efforts to do the "works of the Father": to give voice to God's call to reconciliation and peace in our parish's ministries of prayer, education, compassion and service.

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.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion



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

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@stfrncis.org.

St. Francis House Corner

The St. Francis House Food Pantry Provided food for **75 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.



NOW WHAT?

Seek - Discover - Share

Discover: Retreats

When was the last time you were able to leave all distractions behind and spend significant time focusing on your spiritual life? Retreats are the perfect way to carve out time for your relationship with God. Following are nearby, retreat opportunities:

Cornerstone—Separate retreats for men and women, once per year in the spring. Lisa Ostendorf
lostendorf@stfrncis.org

Cursillo—Separate retreats for men and women multiple times per year. www.arlingtoncursillo.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter—Offered for couples who are looking for time with each other and God. Search by zipcode <http://www.wvme.org/>

Retroavaille—local retreats for ailing or difficult marriages.
<http://retroavailleofnorthernvirginia.blogspot.com/>

Retreat locations offering different retreats throughout the year.

San Damiano Spiritual Life Center, White Post, VA
<http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/sandamiano/index.aspx>

Benedictine Pastoral Center, Bristow, VA
<http://www.benedictinepastoralcenter.org/>

Arlington Diocese Retreat Offerings
www.arlingtondiocese.org/offices/retreat_ministry.aspx

Do not let anyone dull your sparkle! When you feel like no one is listening. When you have run out of words and forget how to turn to prayer. When you just want to be heard... call Stephen Ministry and get started in a caring relationship with someone who has been trained to listen, talk *with* you and not *at* you. Open up to a special person that has been put in your life for a reason. **Please call 703-221-4312 and then press 4 to get started.**



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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**.

Franciscan Action and Advocacy (FA&A)

This summer, our parish Care for Creation Committee is starting a **Parish Book Club to read and discuss Pope Francis' upcoming encyclical (a papal letter) on the environment and human ecology**. We hope as many people as possible will join! Once the release date is set, we will provide more details. Please stay tuned and/or contact Rob for more information or to sign-up on our interest list.

Our parish **V.O.I.C.E.** (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement) team is meeting to discuss community issues **this Sunday, May 3rd, at 10 a.m.** in the **Br. Juniper Room**. All are welcome!

Other FA&A meetings in May (open to all!): 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.**



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.

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 **75 familias**. Muchas gracias por su apoyo constante.

Senior Corner

Calling All Seniors! Join us for the **Senior Lunch Bunch** scheduled for **Thursday, May 21st at 12:30pm in the St. Catherine Room**. Our special guest will be Dumfries Supervisor Maureen Caddigan. Feel free to bring your questions and concerns as Maureen updates us on the latest in the community! Bring a brown bag lunch and dessert and beverages will be included.



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.

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**.

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.



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: Joan Matochik, Donna Stoyas, Celine Nebbia, Marian King, Jim Kearns, and Annelies Gendron.

And for those recently deceased: Josephine Bost (Mother of Frank Edwards); 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 Girdali, 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
Mid-County Physical Therapy
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

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings for the Week of May 3, 2015

Monday	Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26
Tuesday	Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a
Wednesday	Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8
Thursday	Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11
Friday	Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17
Saturday	Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21
Sunday	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

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.**

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.



Summer Theology Courses at Christendom Graduate School



Enrich your life and learn more about the Faith by taking a summer course at the Christendom Graduate School! **Online courses run from May 4th through August 15th. The six-week session for on-campus courses runs from June 22nd – August 1st.** At our convenient

Alexandria campus (on Queen of Apostles Parish grounds) we are offering Gospel of Mark on Monday and Thursday evenings. At the Front Royal residential program we are offering Church History I, Philosophy of God & Man, Theological Anthropology, God the Father and our new hybrid class Methods of Catechesis & Evangelization. We welcome both degree-seeking and casual students, on either a part-time or full-time basis. We have low tuition rates and discounts for seniors, catechists, and Catholic school teachers. *WE ALSO HAVE LIVE AND PRE-RECORDED ONLINE COURSES.* **For more information, please visit www.christendom.edu/grad, call 703.658.4304, or email us at NDGS@Christendom.edu.**

Liturgies For the Week

SUNDAY, 5:30 PM	May—3rd Fifth Sunday of Easter †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	†Eileen Bolen
12:00 PM	†Clara Kennedy †Julia and †Herma Kastner †Bernice and †Benedict Lonsky †Claudia Tornes Misa en español People of the Parish
1:30 PM	May 4—Easter Weekday
5:30 PM	†Janet Sarsfield
MONDAY, 8:45 AM	May 5—Easter Weekday
TUESDAY, 8:45 AM	†Jack Dumoulin Gretchen May
WEDNESDAY, 8:45 AM	May 6—Easter Weekday †P.F.C. Anthony Sanzaro Mary Kay Svedberg
THURSDAY, 8:45 AM	May 7—Easter Weekday Joan Weber
FRIDAY, 8:45 AM	May 8—Easter Weekday †Janice and †James F. Callahan †Laura Garcia de Que Vedo
SATURDAY, 4:00 PM	May 9—Easter Weekday Sacrament of Reconciliation
	Mass Intentions on Sunday, May 10, 2015
5:30 PM	†Bill and †Marion Richmond †Joyce McVay †Giovanna and Gaetano Corvetto Joseph Carhart †Helen Harris
7:30 AM	†Peter Cameron †Harry W. Ravert, Sr.
9:00 AM	†Richard Riccardi †Flor Rodriguez †Teodosia Herrera †Vilma Zelvaggio
10:30 AM	†Viola Lopez †Fehrenbach and †Wright Families †Phyllis Dumoulin †Holly Mairena Ann Kastner-Clayton
12:00 PM	†Donna Bowman Olds †Eladio Elomina †Bernice and †Benedict Lonsky †Clara Kennedy †Maria Hofer †Anne Kennedy
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	Mother's Day Novena