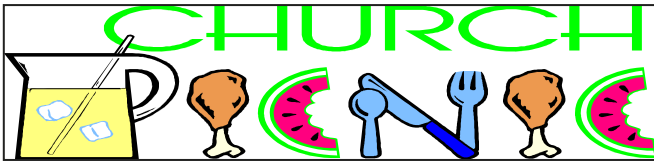




Discover: Free Will

Does God plan every moment in your life, ahead of time? God allows all of his us to cooperate with him, meaning God gives us free will and the grace to choose right over wrong. The Catechism explains that "... freedom is the "power, rooted in reason and will, to act or not to act, to do this or that, and so to perform deliberate actions on one's own responsibility." (1731) This means we are responsible for our choices.

True freedom is always oriented toward God, who is love. When our choices are loving, filled with truth and goodness, we are acting in freedom and with God's grace. When our choices are not loving, then we are rejecting grace and not orienting ourselves toward God.



The parish will celebrate Labor Day with a BBQ at **Locust Shade Park on Monday, September 7th from 11am-3pm, with prayer service at 12pm.** There will be a sign-up sheet in the vestibule beginning August 22nd. We ask that each family bring either fruit, vegetables or salads for at least 10 people. Also, please bring games to enhance the fun! **The BBQ items (hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls/buns, and condiments) will be supplied as well as the refreshments.** *The picnic will be held rain or shine. If it must be cancelled due to extreme conditions, the cancellation will be posted on the parish website.* This is a great opportunity for us as a parish family to come together. Hope to see you there!



Save the Date, and Save your Stuff!

Our 8th Annual Francis Fest is scheduled for **Sunday, October 4th from 1pm-5pm** on the parish grounds. Great food, activities for all ages, entertainment and camaraderie guaranteed!

Lots of assistance from parish members is needed to make the festival the great success it has been in past years. Here is what you can do to help:

- **Start setting aside your unwanted treasures and extra wine for the tag sale and wine wheel.** These two events are very popular and help to offset the cost of the festival. Look for further information in upcoming bulletins.
- **Volunteer to help the Francis Fest Committee.** The next planning meeting will be held on **August 9, 2015 from 10-11am** in the St. Catherine Room.

**Questions? Please call Maureen Deutermann:
703-203-2752.**

After 23 years of service to St. Francis of Assisi, Anne Tunney is retiring. Please come by the [Dining Facility on August 2nd after the 5:30 pm Mass](#) to wish Anne well as she starts another chapter in her life's journey.



In this year that St. Francis celebrates the 25th



Anniversary of its Cub Scout Pack's (Pack 1385) founding, the Scouting Community at St. Francis will be **establishing for the first time ever in the parish, a Boy Scout Troop (Troop 138)**, for boys from 11 to 17 years old. A small founding nucleus of boys has planned their own calendar of events for the year which include: an air show; spending the night on a submarine; climbing and rappelling in a cave; a ski trip in West Virginia; a Naval Academy Football game; and more!

While great fun in the outdoors is the highlight of the program—there is no **Scouting** without the "outing"—it is not all about that. Boy Scouts are also dedicated to service in the community and church as part of the Scouting ethos and development of the whole boy/soon to become young man. Service projects with the church, St. Francis House outreach center, and Quantico National Cemetery are already being planned.

St. Francis' Boy Scout Troop's first service project will be to collect much needed school supplies for St. Francis House, during the weekends of **August 1st-2nd, 8th-9th, and 15th-16th.**

Boxes will be located in the vestibule for your generous contributions of these items (glue sticks, black and white marble composition books, wide-ruled notebook paper, pink erasers, etc.). *This year Virginia's sales tax holiday/tax-free weekend is August 7th-9th* (<http://www.tax.virginia.gov/content/sales-tax-holiday>).



If you are interested in becoming a founding member of **Boy Scout Troop 138**, please contact **Chanel Marquis at awlk2rmberva@yahoo.com.**



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!

Social Justice: Franciscan Action and Advocacy (FA&A)

A huge round of applause/thank you to **Br. Casey Cole, OFM, Fr. Kevin Downey, OFM**, the parish **Care for Creation Committee**, and to all who attended and participated in our July parish event to discuss **Pope Francis's new encyclical "Laudato Si' On Care For Our Common Home."** We look forward to rolling out various initiatives in the parish from "Laudato Si'" over the upcoming year.

Thank you again to everyone who supported the **special collection for our V.O.I.C.E. team.** If you would like to get involved in the community work of V.O.I.C.E., the team is meeting **this Sunday, August 2nd, at 10 a.m.** in the **Br. Juniper Room.**

Other upcoming FA&A meetings: Our **Anti-Human Trafficking Committee** (engaged in action, awareness and legislative advocacy efforts in the fight against the evil of human trafficking) is meeting on **Wednesday, August 12th, at 7 p.m.** in the **Grade 6 Classroom.** Our **Respect Life Committee** (advocating for the consistent ethic of life from conception to natural death) is meeting on **Saturday, August 15th, at 11:45 a.m.** in the **St. Catherine Room.** Our **Care for Creation Committee** (focused on environmental work/integral ecology) is meeting on **Sunday, August 16th, at 9 a.m.** in the **Br. Juniper Room.** The parish **Franciscan Action and Advocacy Council (FAAC)** is meeting on **Saturday, August 15th, at 9:30 a.m.** in the **St. Catherine Room.** (FAAC meetings are only open to council members. Parishioners are encouraged, however, to submit questions or ideas for FAAC discussion or consideration.)

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.

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!



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.



St. Francis House Corner

The St. Francis House Food Pantry Provided food for **75** families this week. We are in dire need of **Peanut Butter & Jelly, Canned Fruit, and Cereal.** For more information, please call Francia at **703-221-6344.** Thank you for your continuing support.



Boletín Semanal

Charlas Bautismales—Las próximas charlas bautismales se realizarán el **viernes, Septiembre 18 a las 7:15pm** en el Salón del San Catherine. (No habrán Charlas bautismales el mes de agosto) 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.**

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.

Picnic del Día del trabajo—Vamos a celebrar el Día del Trabajo en la parroquia con una barbacoa en el **Parque de Locust Shade** el lunes, 7 septiembre de las 11am-3pm, con servicio de oración a las 12pm. Tendremos más detalles en los futuros boletines. Este será un gran momento para unirnos y divertirnos en comunidad. Por favor, reservar la fecha con su familia y amigos!



Votive Candles

Due to a recent robbery, the **candle money should be placed in the envelopes provided.** Then drop in the Catch-All slot, located in the vestibule of the church.



Your Photos Needed—To keep our website and Facebook presence interesting and relevant, we need photos of parish activities. **Please email your images of parish functions and your permission for use to lostendorf@stfrncis.org.** Thank you!!



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How often do you think about your Personal Relationship with God?



Can you describe it or define it?

COME TO CURSILLO AND BECOME MORE AWARE OF YOUR SELF AND GOD.

ASK...WHO ARE YOU JESUS; AND WHO AM I?

Woman's Weekend—Sept 17th-20th
Men's Weekend—Oct 15th-18th

COME AND SEE!

For more information, please call Pequette Schwerin at 703-590-8492 or go online to www.arlingtoncursillo.org.

You will never regret doing the right thing. Maybe you are going through some tough stuff. Stuff that you would like to share, but not with family or friends... again. Do not regret not talking. Do not carry the burden by yourself one more day. **Please call 703-221-4312 and then press 4 to banish the regret and do the right thing.** We have Stephen Ministers that can help.



Please Pray For

All those who are sick: Theodore Placek, Pat Bennick, Jeffrey Miller, Jim Kearns, Fran

Phoenix, Gizzy Slocum, Corrine McCann, Joan Matochik, Donna Stoyas, Celine Nebbia, and Josephine Selepak.

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

Baptismal Preparation Class—Our next class will be held on **Sunday, August 16, 2015** from 1:15p.m.—2:00p.m. in the Br. Juniper Room. **Please call the parish office to register at 703-221-4044.**

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](http://www.stfrncis.org).

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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

Summer Hours

Faith Formation Office
Phone: 703-221-3127 Fax: 703-221-3246
Office Hours: Monday—Thursday: 8:00 am—2:00 pm
Friday: **Closed**



RE Registrations for 2015-2016 Catechetical Year

Registration is well underway for next year's Religious Education. Forms are available in the vestibule of the church and online (<http://www.stfrncis.org/Ministry/Religious%20Education-441-Home/>).

Volunteers Needed

Be a Catechist! We are in need of Catechists for grades 1st-8th for our Religious Education Program. Please volunteer for this wonderful ministry. No experience is necessary, training will be provided and ongoing support will be available.



Questions? Or for more information, please contact Marianne Hayes, DRE at 703-221-3127 or recoor@stfrncis.org.



RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you or someone you know is considering being initiated into the Roman Catholic faith, make plans to attend our first RCIA meeting on **Wednesday, September 2nd at 7:30pm in the Br. Juniper Room.** It will be a great opportunity to discover more details about the program and ask questions. You may also contact **Lisa Ostendorf lostendorf@stfrncis.org or 703-221-4044, ext. 277.**

RCIA Sponsors Needed

Sponsoring a RCIA Candidate/Catechumen is a unique opportunity to share your faith. If you are a confirmed Catholic and are interested in sharing the journey with an adult seeking full initiation, please contact **Lisa Ostendorf lostendorf@stfrncis.org or 703-221-4044, ext. 277.**

St. Francis of Assisi School has several openings available in our *Kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd grade, 3rd grade, 4th grade and 5th grade classes for the 2015-2016 school year.* Our Kindergarten has always been a full day program with a strong curriculum and a stimulating learning environment. Spanish, Music, PE, Health, Art and Technology are all part of the K through 8 curriculum. Band is offered from grades 4th-8th as are sports. All teachers are Virginia certified and assisting teachers have degrees. **Please call the school office for more information at 703-221-3868.**



Readings for the Week of August 2, 2015

Monday	Numbers 11:4b-15; Matthew 14:13-21
Tuesday	Numbers 12:1-13; Matthew 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday	Numbers 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Matthew 15:21-28
Thursday	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Mark 9:2-10
Friday	Deuteronomy 4:32-40; Matthew 16:24-28
Saturday	Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Matthew 17:14-20
Sunday	1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30—5:2; John 6:41-51

The **VIRTUS Protecting God's Children** is the adult safe-environment program being offered by the Diocese of Arlington. **The Diocese requires all adult employees and also volunteers who have substantial contact with children to attend the seminar. This includes:**

- ⇨ Vacation Bible School volunteers
- ⇨ Nursery volunteers
- ⇨ Confirmation retreat parent volunteers
- ⇨ School parent volunteers, who chaperone field trips, volunteer in the classroom, etc.
- ⇨ Mommy & Me volunteers
- ⇨ Coaches for all sports
- ⇨ Boy Scout/Girl Scout leaders and assistants (regardless of whether they are parishioners)
- ⇨ Catechists and Assistant Catechists
- ⇨ CYM and MSYM volunteers
- ⇨ All church and school employees

St. Francis of Assisi Parish will host a seminar on **Sunday, August 9th** from **11 am—3 pm** in the Parish Center Dining Facility (begins promptly at **11 am**). To attend this workshop you must pre-register with your full legal name. The seminar is **limited to 60 people**, but there are a number of seminars offered throughout the Diocese; please check availability on the VIRTUS website.



To register: Go to www.virtus.org and click on the yellow link labeled "Registration" (you may either view a list of sessions or begin the registration process). To register for a specific session, select "Begin the Registration Process". Then, from the pull-down menu, select "Diocese of Arlington, VA". Then follow the online prompts.

Every adult member of the parish is invited to register and attend the workshop—it is our duty as members of this community of faith to be aware of how we can support and protect all children.

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Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, 5:30 PM	August 2—18th Sunday In Ordinary Time †Joyce McVay †Scott Kujawa
7:30 AM	†Janet Sarsfield †Patricia Barnhart
9:00 AM	Renee Roccato †Liza Heenan †Britt Courtney †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
10:30 AM	People of the Parish
12:00 PM	†Clara Kennedy Paul and Cindy Devoe †George Beck
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Angela Szumilo
MONDAY, 8:45 AM	August 3—Weekday †John Enzmann, Sr. †Eufronio R. Cruz
TUESDAY, 8:45 AM	August 4—St. John Vianney Gretchen May
WEDNESDAY, 8:45 AM	August 5—Weekday †Thomas and †Ellen Sheehan †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
THURSDAY, 8:45 AM	August 6—Transfiguration of the Lord †Della Rayhel
FRIDAY, 8:45 AM	August 7—Weekday †Elsa C. DeCastro
12:00 PM	†Don and †Joyce McVay
SATURDAY, 4:00 PM	August 8—St. Dominic Sacrament of Reconciliation

Mass Intentions on Sunday, August 9, 2015

5:30 PM	†Larry Boyd
7:30 AM	†Joan Weber †Patricia Barnhart †Anita P. Reyes
9:00 AM	†Josephine L. Bertrand †Liza Heenan †Britt Courtney †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
10:30 AM	
12:00 PM	†Clara Kennedy †Vergilio Lalicán †Teresita Tornes
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	People of the Parish

First Friday—August 7th

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.

