

## From the Pastor's Desk

Over the course of the last year, we have encouraged you to ask yourself, "Now What?" We have talked about and presented programs inviting you to Seek and to Discover a relationship with Christ. Now, we are looking at ways to Share Christ with those around you.

We are blessed here at St Francis to have a program that is designed to help you with any of these processes, but especially with the process of helping you learn how to Share Christ with others. That program is the Called & Gifted Workshop, created by The Siena Institute. Over 200 parishioners at St Francis have now experienced this workshop over the last three years and the impact it's had on our community is simply amazing. The Called and Gifted Workshop teaches how God, through the Holy Spirit, has blessed you with gifts, known as charisms, that are especially designed for you, and which enable you to Share His presence with the people around you.

This fall, we will be offering the workshop in a small group format over the course of five weeks starting this coming Thursday, September 3rd. Following the initial workshop, if you desire to go even deeper, we invite you to continue into a second phase of the workshop. Watch the bulletin and our web site for more details.

If you have any questions, or if you would like to sign up to participate in the Called & Gifted Workshop, you can talk with a representative after each of the masses this weekend, or contact **Bill Sydow, our program coordinator, through his email at [bill.sydow@sliwinski.net](mailto:bill.sydow@sliwinski.net) or leave a message on his cell phone at 719-393-5826.**

### First Friday—September 4th

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.



### 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](http://www.arlingtoncursillo.org).



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 **this weekend.** 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 Mission to St. Francis Inn, Philadelphia, PA

We are forming our team to serve amongst the Friars, Religious and lay volunteers at St. Francis Inn, Philadelphia, PA. This is an opportunity to join the community of St. Francis Inn as they serve the poor, the marginalized and the homeless in the Kensington neighborhood of northeast Philadelphia. It is an opportunity to stand in solidarity with the poor as we follow Jesus' example of compassion and service to "the least amongst us." Our mission week is **September 14-18, 2015.** For more information, please contact **John Habel at [jhabel@stfrancis.org](mailto:jhabel@stfrancis.org).**



**Marriage Jubilee Mass:** Are you celebrating your **Silver or Golden Marriage Jubilee this year?**

**Were you married in 1965 or 1990?**



Then contact the parish office to make sure that you are registered for the "2014 Marriage Jubilee Mass." This Mass will be celebrated at **2:30 p.m. on October 25<sup>th</sup>** at **St. Agnes in Arlington, VA** (Please note the change in location this year as the Cathedral of St. Thomas More is under construction). The parish office must submit all registrations to the *Office for Family Life* as soon as possible. Registrations forms are available in the vestibule. Call the parish office with any questions. Do not delay. **Registration is due no later than September 24th.**

**Christ Centered Yoga** begins a 9-week session on **Tuesday, September 15th.** Beginner and Mixed Level classes are available. **Information can be found on the parish website or email/call Rita Evans at [breathofheavenyoga@outlook.com](mailto:breathofheavenyoga@outlook.com) and 540-270-0667.**



**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.

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

FA&A would like to invite all to consider joining **John Habel**, our parish's Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation, who is forming our parish's team to serve amongst the Franciscan friars and other religious and lay volunteers at **St. Francis Inn**, for a great opportunity and blessing to serve the poor, the marginalized and the homeless in northeast Philadelphia on **September 14th–18th**. For more information, please contact Rob or John directly at [jhabel@stfrncis.org](mailto:jhabel@stfrncis.org).

Upcoming FA&A meetings (open to all!): Our **V.O.I.C.E.** (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement) team is meeting to work on community issues **this Sunday, August 30th**, at **10 a.m.** in the **Br. Juniper Room**. Our **Anti-Human Trafficking Committee** (engaged in action, awareness and advocacy efforts in the fight against human trafficking) is meeting on **Wednesday, September 9th**, 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, September 19th**, 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, September 20th**, at **9 a.m.** in the **Br. Juniper Room**.

**Consider getting involved in our Christ-centered social justice ministry!** In harmony with the Holy Bible, social teachings of the Catholic Church, and enthusiastically Franciscan, FA&A is focused on putting our faith into action in a variety of different ways, including care for creation/integral ecology; respect life; anti-human trafficking; legislative advocacy; community outreach; faith formation; Fair Trade Global Bazaar; Franciscan Holy Name Province JPIC efforts; interfaith dialogue; and more! **We invite everyone to engage in these issues however you can—by getting directly involved in a committee, through prayer, through getting educated, etc.** Please contact Rob with questions, to sign-up, or if you have other action areas that you'd like to discuss.

**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](mailto:rgoraieb@stfrncis.org) or 703-221-4978, ext. 228.**

**St. Francis House Corner**

The St. Francis House Food Pantry Provided food for **65** families this week. We are in dire need of **Paper Bags, Canned Fruit, Macaroni & Cheese, and Cereal.**



**For more information, please call Francia at 703-221-6344.** Thank you for your continuing support.

**Boletín Semanal**

**Misa en Español**—A partir del domingo, septiembre 6 la Misa en Español tendrá un nuevo horario. La misa empezara a la **1:45pm** **NO** a la 1:30pm. Los esperamos todos los domingos a recibir la Eucaristía en Español a la 1:45pm.

**Charlas Bautismales**—Las próximas charlas bautismales se realizaran 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 mas 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 **65** familias. Muchas gracias por su apoyo constante.

**Picnic del Día del Trabajo**—Te invitamos a celebrar el Día del trabajo con un Picnic en el parque de **Locust Shade Park** el Lunes , Septiembre 7 de 11am-3pm ( Con un servicio de oración a las 12 del mediodía). En el vestíbulo de la iglesia hay una hoja de inscripción y pedimos que cada familia traiga frutas, verduras o ensaladas para al menos 10 personas. El picnic consistirá de (hamburguesas, perros calientes, panecillos, y condimentos) También tendremos refrescos. Solo se cancelara el picnic debido a condiciones. Extremas del clima, si se cancela lo publicaremos en la página web de la parroquia. Esta es una gran oportunidad para nosotros, los integrantes de la familia parroquial para que nos reunamos. ¡Esperamos contar con su presencia!

Stephen Ministry is here to help all in our Parish who need someone to talk to. Some one that will listen to them. Pray. Empathize. And we cannot do this all on our own. We need new people to step forward to keep Stephen Ministry moving forward, by adding to the wonderful ministers that we have. If you think you have what it takes to be a part of this loving and caring ministry, please call **Kathy Walker at 703-221-4312 and then press 4**, to get a conversation started. You won't regret it!!!



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**Many Members One Body**, a support group for gay and lesbian Catholics and their families, will resume on **Thursday, September 10th, at 7 pm in the Br. Juniper Room**. For more information, please contact Fr. Kevin Downey at **703-221-4044.**



### Parish Bible Study

Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come  
By Jeff Cavins and Thomas Smith

*Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come* is an intriguing study that shows how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven. Here you will discover what the mysterious figures and images of Revelation mean. You will see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the "end times." It is a revelation of God as our Divine Bridegroom and the Church as his spotless Bride, forever united in a heavenly, holy, and mystical marriage that we enter into every time we celebrate the Mass.

Participants will:

- Learn the meaning of the mysterious figures and events in the book of Revelation.
- Discover how the Mass is really heaven on earth
- Learn about the Antichrist and his destruction
- See the Second Coming of Christ and the Final Judgment in the context of history
- Learn what will happen at the end of time and the establishment of a new heaven and a new earth.

**Sundays at 1:30-3:00, starting September 13th in the St. Catherine Room.** For more information and to sign up, please contact **Brian Bobick** at [brianbobick@verizon.net](mailto:brianbobick@verizon.net).

### Called & Gifted Workshop

Mark your calendars for **Thursday evenings** this fall starting Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> for the next offering of the Called and Gifted Workshop at St. Francis. This workshop, created by the Catherine of Siena Institute, helps one understand their call in life through the discernment of charisms, or gifts of the Holy Spirit. Hundreds of your fellow parishioners have participated in this workshop as part of their journey to becoming Intentional Disciples. This fall the initial phase of the workshop will be offered through five weeks of small group discussions on Thursday nights from 7-9:30pm starting Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. A second phase focused on discernment of personal charisms will start in mid Oct and run through Thanksgiving. Anyone who has completed the initial workshop can participate in Phase 2. Watch the bulletin and the St. Francis Web Site for more details. **To register for either phase, contact Bill Sydow at [billsydowjr@yahoo.com](mailto:billsydowjr@yahoo.com).**

**Please Pray For** All those who are sick: Barbara Angell, DiMarzio Family, Rice Family, Michael Creegan, Fran Phoenix, Gizzy Slocum, Clyde Richardson, Alex Yachanin, John Moretti, James Albert, Bernie McCreesh, Annelies Gendron, and Mikey Buckley.

**And for those recently deceased:** Claudina Wright; and Catherine Moran (mother of Mark Moran).

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

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:lostendorf@stfrncis.org) or 703-221-4044, ext. 277.

### Readings for the Week of August 30, 2015

Monday	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11; Luke 4:31-37
Wednesday	Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44
Thursday	Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11
Friday	Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 5:33-39
Saturday	Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5
Sunday	Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

**Baptismal Preparation Class**—Our next class will be held on **Sunday, September 13, 2015 from 1:30p.m.—2:00p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room. **Please call the parish office to register at 703-221-4044.**

**55 and Over Craft Show**

**Are you 55 or over?** Do you do needlepoint, quilting, photography, stamping, painting, sculpting, sewing, stained glass, woodworking, or any other craft you would like to show off to the parish?

As part of our **Annual Francis Fest on October 4th**, we will again be having a 55 and Over Craft Show where you can present your crafts and sell them if you wish. We will provide the space, and ask only if you do choose to sell your craft, that you donate a portion of the profits back to the parish.

Each year the show has been more and more successful, and we would like to include even more crafters this year. **Please call or email Jeanne Mitcho with questions, or to request space at 703-670-8039 or [jcmitcho45@gmail.com](mailto:jcmitcho45@gmail.com).** Table space is limited so do not delay!



**Do you like to sing? The St. Francis Music Ministry welcomes you!**

Leading the assembly in raising its heart to God through song, the Saint Francis Music Ministry provides extraordinary music for all liturgical celebrations during the Church Year through a variety of groups. **Rehearsals are beginning for all choirs on Monday, August 31st. Please consider joining us in making joyful music through one of our choirs:**

- The **Adult Choir**, which sings at the 9:00 a.m. Mass every Sunday, rehearses every Monday evening from 7:30 P.M. until 9:00 P.M.
- The **Worship Ensemble** sings at the 12:00 Noon Mass every Sunday. Rehearsals are held every Thursday from 7:30 until 9:00 P.M.
- The **Teen/Young Adult Choir** sings several times monthly, usually in conjunction with the Youth Ministry Schedule, at the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday. Rehearsals are held every Monday evening from 6:00 until 7:15 P.M.

To join one of the choirs, please come to rehearsal or contact **Nikole Girdali at [nikoleg@stfrncis.org](mailto:nikoleg@stfrncis.org).**

**Does your child like to sing?**

Children in grades 2nd through 8th are welcome to join our Family Liturgy Choir which sings each Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. Mass during the school year. **Rehearsals are the first and third Wednesday's of the month from 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.** We welcome all singers! For more information, please contact **Colleen Wells at [cwells@stfrncis.org](mailto:cwells@stfrncis.org).**

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

We would like to thank **Precision Painting and Powerwashing** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.



**Mass Intentions**

**SUNDAY, August 30—22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time**

- 5:30 PM †David James Teodosio
- 7:30 AM †Jozef Swoboda
- 9:00 AM †Joseph Proscia, Sr.  
†Liza Heenan  
†Britt Courtney  
†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik  
†Flor Rodriguez  
Natalie Hall
- 10:30 AM †Frank DeSanto
- 12:00 PM †George Beck  
†Don and †Joyce McVay  
†Clara Kennedy  
†James Fahy
- 1:30 PM Misa en español
- 5:30 PM People of the Parish

**MONDAY, August 31—Weekday**

- 8:45 AM **TUESDAY, September 1—Weekday**  
†Robert E. Williams  
†Michael J. Strati  
Gretchen May  
†Joyce McVay

**WEDNESDAY, September 2—Weekday**

- 8:45 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik  
†David Teodosio  
†Carlos Diaz, Jr.
- THURSDAY, September 3—St. Gregory the Great**  
8:45 AM †Clara Kennedy

**FRIDAY, September 4—Weekday**

- 8:45 AM †Earl and †Della Rayhel
- 12:00 PM †Don and †Joyce McVay
- SATURDAY, September 5—Weekday**  
4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Mass Intentions on Sunday, September 6, 2015**

- 5:30 PM †Will Salesses
- 7:30 AM †Matthew Yoder  
†Debbie Vencus  
†Earl and †Della Rayhel  
Thomas Lee  
†Della Rayhel
- 9:00 AM †Dwayne Gonsorcik  
†Mike Dowd  
Natalie Hall  
†Felicitas Castaneda
- 10:30 AM †Brian Kerns  
†Felicitas Castaneda
- 12:15 PM †Clara Kennedy  
Peggy and †Andy Noone  
†Felicitas Castaneda
- 1:45 PM Misa en español
- 5:30 PM People of the Parish  
Ralph Miller