



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

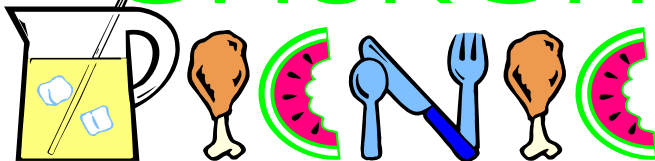
- Temperance Eliana Ashton*
- Madelyn Grace Boyd*
- Madison Grace Bringuel*
- Kinsleigh Ann Coons*
- Jason Paul Crescentini, Jr.*
- Myles Anthony Everette*
- Luke Thomas Fessenden*
- Allison Sanchez Hernandez*
- Jaxon David Kratz*
- Patrick Michael McClutchy*
- Adriana Grace Menjivar*
- Rex McLellan Murray*
- Leo Israel Pedroza-Angel*
- Daisy Marie Gonzalez Rico*
- Yanely Avila Silva*
- Kara Mary Simpson*
- Antonia Maria Guadalupe Suarez*
- Alexander Robert Windmiller*

Baptismal Preparation Class—Our next class will be held this **Sunday, July 12, 2015** from 1:15p.m.—2:00p.m. in the Br. Juniper Room.

It is not the load that breaks you down, it is the way you carry it.—**C.S. Lewis.** In Stephen Ministry we learn and work with load vs. burden. A caring Stephen Minister is always available to help you discern how you carry yours. **Please call Kathy Walker at 703-221-4312 and then press 4 to get started carrying life's load easier.**



CHURCH



We will celebrate **Labor Day** here in the parish with a BBQ at **Locust Shade Park on Monday, September 7th from 11am-3pm, with prayer service at 12pm.** Details will follow in future bulletins. This will be a great time to come together in fellowship and fun. **Please reserve the date with your family and friends!**

Readings for the Week of July 12, 2015

- Monday** Exodus 1:8-14, 22; Matthew 10:34—11:1
- Tuesday** Exodus 2:1-15a; Matthew 11:20-24
- Wednesday** Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12; Matthew 11:25-27
- Thursday** Exodus 3:13-20; Matthew 11:28-30
- Friday** Exodus 11:10—12:14; Matthew 12:1-8
- Saturday** Exodus 12:37-42; Matthew 12:14-21
- Sunday** Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34

Attention all Girl Scouts! You will have the opportunity to earn either the *Mary the First Disciple Medal* (7th to 10th grade girls) or the *Spirit Alive Medal* (High School girls) by participating with a group forming this summer at St. Francis. **We will begin meeting on Monday, July 20th at 7pm and will meet once a month through**



Girl Scouts® November. Please contact **Sheila Noble** at snoble@stfrncis.org if you are interested in participating as materials will need to be ordered for you. *The cost for participation is \$10 per girl, which covers all materials including the medal.* Girl Scouts who complete all program requirements will receive their Religious Emblems at the Scout Sunday Mass (**February 7, 2016 at the Family Liturgy Mass**). Please see the following website for specific information regarding each of the programs. <http://nccgscf.org/programs/mtfd.htm>.

Attention all Boy Scouts! You will have the opportunity to earn either the *Ad Altare Dei Medal* (7th to 10th grade boys) or the *Pope Pius XII Medal* (High School boys ages 15-17 years old) by participating with a group forming this summer at St. Francis.



Meetings will commence at the end of July (exact start date to be given out after groups have been formed) in which boys will meet twice a month through January. Please contact **Chanel Marquis** at cmarquis@stfrncis.org if you are interested in participating as materials will need to be ordered for you. *The cost for participation is \$10 per boy, which covers all materials including the medal.* Boy Scouts who complete all program requirements will receive their Religious Emblems at the Scout Sunday Mass (**February 7, 2016 at the Family Liturgy Mass**). Please see the following website for specific information regarding each of the programs. <http://www.nccs-bsa.org/index.php>.



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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!!



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

This coming Thursday! Our **Care for Creation Committee** invites all to a discussion of Pope Francis's new encyclical on the environment and human ecology, *On Care for Our Common Home (Laudato Si')* on **Thursday, July 16th**, at 7 p.m. in the church. **Br. Casey Cole, OFM** will be presenting and leading our conversation. Whether you have had a chance to read the encyclical or not, we invite everyone to attend! *Note: The encyclical is available online and in PDF form at the Vatican's website, and available in book form through the USCCB and many other online outlets. You can also contact Rob for all of the links related to the encyclical, as well as for additional resources and information.*

Upcoming FA&A committee meetings (all are welcome!): Our **V.O.I.C.E.** (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement) team is meeting to work on community issues on **Sunday, August 2nd**, at 10 a.m. in the **Br. Juniper Room**. 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/human 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@stfrancis.org or 703-221-4978, ext. 228.



**SAVE ENERGY,
PRESERVE THE LAND**

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.



SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank
Paul W. Conrad, D.D.S. & Associates
for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

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

Hilda Barg Shelter

It is time once again for St. Francis Parish to assist in providing dinner to the families at the **Hilda Barg Shelter in Woodbridge**. We will be serving the week of **July 19th through July 25th**. This is a great opportunity for the whole family to serve. Sign-up sheets and more information are available in the vestibule of the church.

For more details please contact Francia at 703-221-6344. Thank you for your continued generosity in helping those who do not have as much as many of us do.



Boletín Semanal

Charlas Bautismales—Las próximas charlas bautismales se realizarán el viernes, **julio 17 a las 7:15pm** en el Salón del San Catherine. 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.



Debido al alto volumen de llamadas, una línea telefónica adicional/número ha sido añadida a la iglesia. Si la línea principal 703-221-4044 está ocupada, por favor llame al **703-221-3127**.

Albergue de Hilda Barg—Una vez más La Parroquia San Francisco estará proporcionando la cena a las familias en el Albergue de Hilda Barg en Woodbridge. Se servirá la semana del 19 julio al 25 julio. Esta es una gran oportunidad para toda la familia. Hojas de Inscripción y más información están disponibles en el atrio de la iglesia. Para obtener más información, póngase en contacto con Francia al 703-221-6344. Gracias por su continua generosidad para ayudar a aquellos que no tienen tanto como muchos de nosotros.

Please Pray For All those who are sick: Joan Matochik, Donna Stoyas, Celine Nebbia, Josephine Selepak, Annelies Gendron, CAPT. Evan Applequist, U.S.N., and Jim Kearns.

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, Kyle McVay, Kyle Traylor, Kasey Eggie, Eustaquio Castro-Mendoza, Marc Gendron, and Darryl Saungweme.

**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.



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

*Elizabeth Ann Reinwald
and
Matthew Brian Raftery*

*Janette Enriquez Hernandez
and
Rafael Romero Luna*

*Noelle Tan
and
Frankie Vernon*

*Jacqueline Eves
and
Brendan Burkhardt*

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.

Thank you to all who volunteered for Vacation Bible



School that was held at the Parish on June 22nd-26th. **We had a wonderful time with 170 kids!!** This would not have been possible without our volunteers. **A special thank you goes out to Sharon Gardner for coordinating VBS again this year!**

Thank you so much to those candidates and parents who volunteered to be part of our childcare ministry this year! Because of your efforts and willingness to give of your time, several parents were able to attend the spring Bible Study who otherwise would not have been able to do so and they were very appreciative!! We are hoping to be able to offer babysitting at other programs for the 2015-2016 year as well and are in need of additional teen and adult volunteers. Please consider volunteering a couple of hours for this very important ministry. *Teen volunteers must be at least 13 years old and all adults must be VIRTUS trained and have completed a background check (please see Chanel Marquis in the Parish Office for paperwork).* St. Francis will host one of the **Virtus Sessions on Sunday, August 9th from 11:00am to 3:00pm**, in the **Parish Center Dining Facility**. Registration can be completed on line at www.virtus.org. Please contact Sheila Noble at snoble@stfrncis.org if you are interested in volunteering.



Due to a high volume of calls, an additional phone line/number has been added at the church. If the main 703-221-4044 line is busy, please call [703-221-3127](tel:703-221-3127).

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.

Catholic Charities Migration Resettlement Services in Fredericksburg has need of sewing machines for recently arrived refugee women. Many of them know how to sew but were unable to bring a machine with them. If you have a simple sewing machine in good working order and would consider donating it, please call **Laurel Collins at 540-899-6507, or contact Pequitte Schwerin at wislady@comcast.net**. Other sewing items, fabric, threads, scissors will also be accepted.



The flowers on the altar for this weekend were donated by **William Heenan, in memory of his wife, Liza Heenan.**



Mass Intentions

SUNDAY,	July 12—15th Sunday In Ordinary Time
5:30 PM	†Eileen Bolen
7:30 AM	†Joan Weber
	†Lawrence Larke
	†May Worhatch
9:00 AM	†Peter Schwartz
	†Liza Heenan
	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
10:30 AM	†Angelina Santella
12:00 PM	†Sally and †Jerry Muhl
	†Clara Kennedy
	†George Beck
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	People of the Parish
MONDAY,	July 13—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Samuel C. Deitz
	†Rodolfo R. Cruz
TUESDAY,	July 14—St. Kateri Tekakwitha
8:45 AM	†Liza Heenan
WEDNESDAY,	July 15—St. Bonaventure
8:45 AM	†Joan Weber
THURSDAY,	July 16—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Mac McLaughlin
	†Elias Macarayo Eugenio
FRIDAY,	July 17—Weekday
8:45 AM	John Han
	†Elias Macarayo Eugenio
SATURDAY,	July 18—Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	Mass Intentions on Sunday, July 19, 2015
5:30 PM	†Angie Santella
7:30 AM	†Joan Weber
	†Julie Gilligan
9:00 AM	†Thomas Howley
	†Liza Heenan
	†Mark Wilson McCormack
	†Jerry Fisette
	†Richard Rosen
	†Owen and †Helen Beirne
	†Mary St. Clair
	†Frank Fisk
10:30 AM	†Fehrenbach and †Wright Families
	†Santiago Herce
12:00 PM	†Nicolas Sanchez
	†Clara Kennedy
	†George Beck
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	People of the Parish

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!

