

From the Pastor's Desk

When I first met with Fr. Kevin and the parish staff about coming to St. Francis for the summer, I made one thing very clear: I didn't want to be bored. Let's just say that the parish has been happy to make that possible! What a time I've had here at St. Francis. Although I certainly did not get a chance to do everything, I enjoyed my time with the children at the school, with the young adults on Tuesday nights, with those eager to learn in the classes I taught, and all of the many families and individuals that made me feel right at home on Sundays.

I hope that you cherish this parish as much as I have. Pastors like Fr. Kevin, hard-working and creative parish staffs, and enthusiastic, active, and welcoming parishioners like yourselves are not found everywhere. It is truly a blessing, and I pray that you will always come to this place with joy.

While my assignment here at the parish will come to an end on July 22nd, I will always have a special place in my heart for St. Francis. I honestly could not be more pleased with the experience I have had, and would be honored to be assigned here again in the future. May God always give you his peace.

Br. Casey Cole, O.F.M.



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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!!



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.

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.



**PRACTICE PUTT
(PICK UP TRASH TODAY)**



What are you adding to the world today? Do you have any good stuff you would like to share? Is there a deep spiritual empathetic soul in you trying to get out and help others... you just do not know how or where to start? Please call **Kathy Walker at 703-221-4312 and then press 4** to get a conversation started about adding your greatness to the world and becoming a Stephen Minister.



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 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>.



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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>.



BOY SCOUTS
OF AMERICA



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!**

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

We would like to thank **Br. Casey Cole, OFM** for working with FA&A this summer on the Franciscan Action and Advocacy Council, Anti-Human Trafficking Committee, and Care for Creation Committee. We will miss you, Br. Casey! May the Lord guide you and bless you in all that you go on to do—and bring you back to our parish soon!

Thank you for supporting this weekend's **Special Collection for V.O.I.C.E.** (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement)!

Upcoming FA&A committee meetings (all are welcome!): Our **V.O.I.C.E.** 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/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@stfrancis.org or 703-221-4978, ext. 228.

Please Pray For All those who are sick: Fran Phoenix, Gizzy Slocum, Corrine McCann, Joan Matochik, Donna Stoyas, Celine Nebbia, Josephine Selepak, and Annelies Gendron.

Please pray for the following who are serving abroad in harm's way: 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.

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!



St. Francis House Corner

The St. Francis House Food Pantry Provided food for **60** 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.



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 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 **60** 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 mas 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!

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 first planning meeting will be held on **July 19, 2015 from 10-11am** in the **St. Catherine Room**.

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

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.



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.**



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!

Baptismal Preparation Class—Our next class will be held on **Sunday, August 9, 2015 from 1:15p.m.—2:00p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room. **Please call the parish office to register at 703-221-4044.**

Readings for the Week of July 19, 2015

Monday	Exodus 14:5-18; Exodus 15; Matthew 12:38-42
Tuesday	Exodus 14:21—15:1; Exodus 15; Matthew 12:46-50
Wednesday	Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15; John 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday	Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Daniel 3; Matthew 13:10-17
Friday	Exodus 20:1-17; Matthew 13:18-23
Saturday	2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28
Sunday	2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **V.I.P. Medical Transportation, LLC** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.



Discover: What is sin?

We are commanded to love God above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Sin is choosing to act against reason, truth and right conscience. Sin opposes love and therefore degrades our relationship with God, others and ourselves.

When sin entered the world, we were no longer in perfect relationship with God. Longing to be in harmony with us, God sent Jesus, our Savior, to restore us to a life of grace and friendship with God. In Baptism, we receive sacramental grace of the Holy Spirit which rights our relationship with God and provides us with the grace to avoid sin. Our conscience is the “voice” of the Holy Spirit within us, which gives us the internal judgment to make moral choices.

The Church describes sins as either venial or mortal. In terms of scale, venial sins are lesser offenses than mortal sins. Venial sins weaken our relationships; whereas, mortal sins completely sever our relationship with God. Mortal sins must be confessed to a priest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We are encouraged to confess venial sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation because they distance us from God, hardening our hearts and dulling our conscience.

So, what are mortal sins? In order to be a mortal sin, three conditions must together be met: “Mortal sin is sin whose object is grave matter and which is also committed with full knowledge and deliberate consent” (CCC, 1857).

Although it is important to be aware of sin, it is more important to remember God has loved us into existence and longs for a relationship with us. Therefore, God is always there to help us choose to love.



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).

Maryland Catholic Women’s Conference Presents: SEEK A Retreat: Relax, Refresh, Discover

Come and rest! Join your sisters-in-Christ, quiet your soul, and listen to His voice. Seek to grow in Him through talks, Mass, sharing, journaling, music, walking, reflecting, and spending time with each other. As in all relationships, we must seek to nurture our relationship with Christ. Invite your sisters, mothers, daughters and friends. **October 10th and 11th, Mt. St. Mary’s University, Emmitsburg MD.** Visit www.marylandcatholicwomen.com or please call **Jeanne at 443-324-8487**. Discounts for groups of 10 or more.



Mass Intentions

SUNDAY,	July 19—16th Sunday In Ordinary Time
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
	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
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
MONDAY,	July 20—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Martha Vierheller
TUESDAY,	July 21—Weekday
8:45 AM	Dominic Han
	†Regina Lawler
WEDNESDAY,	July 22—St. Mary Magdalene
8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
THURSDAY,	July 23—Weekday
8:45 AM	Creegan Family
FRIDAY,	July 24—Weekday
8:45 AM	Krumbien Family
SATURDAY,	July 25—St. James, Apostle
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	Mass Intentions on Sunday, July 26, 2015
5:30 PM	†Owen Czapiewski
	Chip Frey
	Humphrey Family
7:30 AM	†Joan Weber
9:00 AM	†George Beck
	†Liza Heenan
	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
10:30 AM	†Alex Galatro
	†Ricardo G. Catindig
12:00 PM	†Clara Kennedy
	†Don and †Joyce McVay
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	People of the Parish



Oops—Last Sunday’s Mass Intention for the 7:30 a.m. Mass read †May Worhatch, when it should have read **†Max Worhatch.**