

*From the Pastor's Desk*

On this Father's Day here are some answers to the question "what makes a father?"

A father pushes a stroller with a little one in it, through the hospital lobby, on their way to an appointment with the pediatrician.

A father comes to church with his 7-year-old when mother isn't feeling well and can't come with them.

A father tells his daughters that money cannot be spent more than once. He refuses to acquiesce to their pleas for an advance on their allowances. He endures, quietly, the accusation "you're mean, Daddy." He hopes that they learned to spend their funds wisely.

A father gently, tenderly, helps his daughter to the emergency room after she catches her flip-flop in the gears of her bike and suffers a severe laceration to her foot. He bites his tongue, although he's tempted to say, "I told you so" after repeatedly cautioning her to "wear your sneakers when you're riding your bike."

A father accompanies his wife to birthing classes before their child is born. After the baby arrives, he puts to practical use the lessons he learned about feeding, burping, and diapering his son or daughter.

A father cries when he hears that his now grown-up child is getting a divorce, especially when he didn't know that there was anything wrong with the marriage.

A father wishes he could do more for his children, wishes he could be a better father, wishes that responsibilities outside the home were not so great that he could spend more time having fun with them.

A father respects and loves his children's mother. He teaches his sons to respect their mother, sisters, teachers, girlfriends, and wives.

A father sweats it out at the swimming pool until his child gets ready to compete in the breaststroke, butterfly, or backstroke competitions. He gives them a "thumbs up" to commend them, even if they come in third or fifth. He knows that they trained hard and tried their best. He is proud of them and congratulates them for their efforts.

A divorced father doesn't badmouth the child's mother. He patiently explains that sometime fathers and mothers decide that it's better for them not to live together anymore and that in no way is it the child's fault that their parents have separated.

A father puts aside his cell phone, iPad, smart phone, and other devices and listens, really listens, when his child talks to him, whether the child is 10 or 28.

Sometimes a father has to say, "I wish I had the answer, son," or "I'll have to think about that," or "In my opinion, I don't think you can afford to buy a house/car/boat at this time." Sometimes it's hard to be honest, but being honest means that you don't have to remember what you said.

To fathers, single dads, adoptive fathers, foster fathers, unwed fathers, teachers, stepfathers, fathers-to-be, fathers-in-law and fathers estranged from their children: I hope one or more of your children makes a good day for you, not only on June 21st this year but also for many days to come. **Happy Father's Day!!**



The **Rosary Guild** meetings will resume on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, beginning **Tuesday, September 8th**. All are welcome. For more information, please call 703-221-2517.

**Mass Intentions on Sunday, June 28, 2015**

- 5:30 PM Father's Day Novena
  - †Fred Hodgins
  - †Joan McCoe
- 7:30 AM †Matt McCain
- 9:00 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
- 10:30 AM †Marie Marjorie Caroline Webb
  - †Phillip Ray Burcham, Sr.
- 12:00 PM David Kastner
  - †Clara Kennedy
  - †George Beck
  - †Adrian Steven Robinson
- 1:30 PM Misa en español
- 5:30 PM People of the Parish

**How big is the problem on the scale of one to GOD?**

Need help figuring it out? Stephen Ministry is here to help! No problem to big or too small. **Please call 703-221-4312 and then press 4** to get your problems under control!



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**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.

## Franciscan Action and Advocacy (FA&A)

Over the summer, we encourage everyone to spend some time learning about **Catholic Social Teaching**: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/>.

*“The Church’s social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society.”—USCCB. For more resources, please contact Rob.*

**Upcoming meetings (all are welcome!):** Our **Anti-Human Trafficking Committee** (engaged in action, awareness and legislative advocacy efforts in the fight against the evil of human trafficking—sex and labor) is meeting on **Wednesday, July 8th, at 7 p.m.** in the **Grade 6 Classroom**. The parish **V.O.I.C.E.** (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement) team is meeting to work on community issues on **August 2nd, at 10 a.m.** in the **Br. Juniper Room**. 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** is meeting to work on environmental issues on **Sunday, August 16th, at 9 a.m.** in the **Br. Juniper Room**.

Our 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](mailto:rgoraieb@stfrancis.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!



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

#### SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank  
**Todos Super Market**  
for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

## St. Francis House Corner



The St. Francis House Food Pantry Provided food for **65** families this week. We are in need of **Hamburger Helper, Peanut Butter & Jelly, and Tuna**. 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 **65** familias. Muchas gracias por su apoyo constante.

**Preparación Matrimonial**—Invitamos a todas las parejas que deseen casarse por la iglesia a participar de las charlas de preparación matrimonial. Para más información por favor llamar al **Padre John Heffernan al 703-864-2053** o al Señor **Jesús Funes al 703-371-1420.**

**Promesas de contribución a la Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo**—¡Gracias a todas las personas que prometieron contribuir a la Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo! La Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo financia muchos ministerios y programas importantes en la Diócesis como los de Vocaciones, Ministerio Juvenil, Escuelas Católicas, Caridades Católicas, Educación Religiosa y muchos más. Si usted hizo una promesa de contribución que todavía está en proceso de pago, recibirá extractos mensuales a manera de recordatorio. Puede pagar en línea o por cuotas en [www.arlingtondiocese.org](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org). Si tiene alguna pregunta, **por favor llame a la oficina de la BLA al teléfono 703-841-2570 o 703-841-3848 por ayuda en español.**

**Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) Pledges**

Thank you to everyone who pledged to the BLA! This appeal funds diocesan Vocations, Youth Ministry, Catholic Schools, Catholic Charities, Religious Education programs as well as many others. If you made a pledge that is still being paid, you should be receiving monthly reminder statements. You also may go online to make a payment at [www.arlingtondiocese.org](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org). If you have questions, please call the BLA office at 703-841-2570.

**Readings for the Week of June 21, 2015**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Genesis 12:1-9; Matthew 7:1-5</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Genesis 13:2, 5-18; Matthew 7:6, 12-14 Jeremiah 1:4-10; 1 Peter 1:8-12; Luke 1:5-17</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Isaiah 49 1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Genesis 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16; Matthew 7:21-29</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Genesis 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Matthew 8:1-4</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Genesis 18:1-15; Luke 1; Matthew 8:5-17</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24; 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mark 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43</b>

**Please Pray For** All those who are sick: CAPT. Evan Applequist, U.S.N., Jim Kearns, Fran Phoenix, Eric Smith, Annelies Gendron, and Corrine McCann.

**And for those recently deceased:** Joan Weber (Sister of Maureen Britt); and Charles Holtzlander.

**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.

**Father's Day 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament!**

Attention all athletes aged 8 to 68 who can dribble and shoot a basketball! Come participate in the Second Annual Father's Day 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament! It will start at 11 AM on June 27, 2015 at the St. Francis Parish Center Gym. Teams of up to four may be formed, and each team will play at least three games. **Teams may be sponsored for \$50**, and donations are greatly appreciated. All proceeds from this event will go to St. Francis of Assisi School. **For further details, please contact either:**



**Dr. Ken Dunn at [dunnkd@comcast.net](mailto:dunnkd@comcast.net);**  
**phone: 540-657-9006**  
**or**  
**Kevin Horwath at [kev89@comcast.net](mailto:kev89@comcast.net);**  
**phone: 703-508-0294.**

**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).**

**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.**



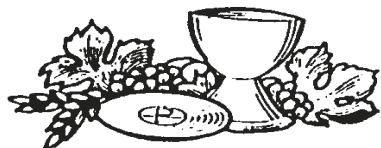
**We would like to invite all college aged students** to join us for a **free dinner** and an opportunity to hang out together and discuss their thoughts and opinions on a variety of topics, including their relationship with God. Please join us in the Parish Center Dining Hall on **Tuesday evenings, at 7:00pm** and please contact **Sheila Noble in the Religious Education office, at 703-221-3127 with any questions.**



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.



**Baptismal Preparation Class**—Our next class will be held on **Sunday, July 12, 2015 from 1:15p.m.—2:00p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room. **Please call the parish office to register at 703-221-4044.**



## Mass Intentions

<b>SUNDAY,</b> 5:30 PM	<b>June 21—12th Sunday In Ordinary Time</b> †Bill and †Marion Richmond †Rev. Peter J. Doherty Ed and Ethel Scaccio †Jack Kohler
7:30 AM	†Scott Bragiel †Robert E. Williams †Joseph DeLash †Mary Kay Moore †Joan Weber
9:00 AM	†Nicholas Colletti †Art Cuellar †Peary Orille †George Beck †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †John Enzmann, Sr. Ronald Hall Brigid Howley
10:30 AM	†Fehrenbach and †Wright Families †Helen and †Frank Cordes †Janet Logel †Daniel Ferentinos †Renaldo Rossi †Lester Ricard
12:00 PM	†John F. O'Connor, Sr. †Robert Ferenschak †Clara Kennedy †Joseph and †Julia Flood †Deborah Jean McGrath †John Mackey
1:30 PM	People of the Parish
5:30 PM	Fathers Day Novena †Samuel David Inlow †Reginald Arthur Drayne
<b>MONDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>June 22—Weekday</b> Father's Day Novena †Lillian and †James Callahan †Louis Gendron
<b>TUESDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>June 23—Weekday</b> Father's Day Novena †Nick Pirko, Sr. †John Bernard MacKinson †Miguel Castaneda
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>June 24—Birth of St. John the Baptist</b> Father's Day Novena †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
<b>THURSDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>June 25—Weekday</b> Father's Day Novena †Maria Park
<b>FRIDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>June 26—Weekday</b> Father's Day Novena †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
<b>SATURDAY,</b> 4:00 PM	<b>June 27—Weekday</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation



### Discover: RCIA

RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. RCIA is a faith formation process that enables adults who have not received some or all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, or Confirmation) to enter fully into the Roman Catholic Church.

St. Francis of Assisi offers all of the stages of RCIA from September through April each year. During that time period, there are weekly meetings on Wednesday nights from 7:30pm – 9:00pm in the Br. Juniper room, and the meetings are facilitated by the RCIA team, led by Fr. Kevin.

The initial period of inquiry offers the opportunity to learn some of the basics of Roman Catholicism before committing to the full formation process. The period of the catechumenate is the longest stage and is when those in formation learn about Roman Catholic beliefs and faith life. The final stage before the Easter Vigil is the period of purification and preparation, and it is an intense time of prayer and ritual leading to initiation, which is the culmination of the RCIA process.

The RCIA team is always looking for sponsors from the parish to accompany those seeking initiation by participating in each of the rites and discussing the journey throughout the process. If the answer to your Now What? question is to work one-on-one with someone seeking initiation, volunteer to be a sponsor.

If you would like to begin the RCIA process in September or if you would like to serve as a sponsor, please contact **Lisa Ostendorf** [lostendorf@stfrncis.org](mailto:lostendorf@stfrncis.org).

**Do you have expertise in these areas?**—We are looking for a part-time Communications Specialist who will work as an independent contractor from an office offsite. The candidate should have a four-year bachelor's degree and at least two years of experience working in the communications field. Proficiency with a variety of digital communication media is a must, and the ability to develop and implement video products is desired. The candidate should also be organized and experienced in managing communications projects from conception through development and implementation, while maintaining websites, updating social media, and communicating routinely with ministry leads to improve and update parish communications methods. **If interested, please contact Lisa Ostendorf at [lostendorf@stfrncis.org](mailto:lostendorf@stfrncis.org) or call 703-221-4044 ext. 277.**




**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).