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Share: St. Francis House

Have you ever wondered where all that food goes? St. Francis House is the St. Francis of Assisi parish outreach home, located in the neighborhood of Williamston at 2606 Heth Court in Dumfries. St. Francis House began 23 years ago, when Fr. John O'Connor arrived as pastor and re-evaluated the needs of the local community. A sponsored thrift shop on Jefferson Davis Highway evolved into a more extensive outreach program in the Williamstown neighborhood. With the help of Patty Bann, Anne Tunney, Jane Wilson, Eileen Bolen, and numerous volunteers, St. Francis House was founded in the summer of 1992.

St. Francis House is well recognized in Prince William County for excellent support. We offer the following: a food pantry that provides food for at least 60 families every week; sponsored youth programs in the summer; financial assistance for utilities and rent; prescription drug assistance; lodging assistance for families in crisis; school supplies assistance; adult ESL classes; and a preschool program. We work with ACTS, Salvation Army and many other agencies to help those in needs. During Christmas time we provide presents for at least 600 children who qualify for free or reduced lunches from Dumfries and Triangle Elementary Schools. We provide year-around assistance with meals and supplies to the Bill Mehr Drop in Shelter and The Hilda Barg Shelter. We also work with Prince William County Prevention Services. All of this is only possible because of YOU...every single one of our parishioners who give their time, talents, donations and continued support. Please contact Francia Salguero to become involved at calisa3@verizon.net.



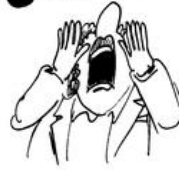
The **Rosary Guild** meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Please join us **Tuesday, September 22nd** from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the **St. Clare Room**. All are welcome. **For more information, please call 703-221-2517.**

The true mark of maturity is when someone hurts you and you try to understand their situation instead of trying to hurt them back. Is that maturity level just out of reach? Please call **Kathy Walker at 703-221-4312 and then press 4** to have a Stephen Minister help you get a grip on it.



Votive Candles—Envelopes are provided for the candle money. **Please place them in the Catch-All slot located in the vestibule of the church.**

Volunteers!



Francis Fest is in great need of more volunteers

to help make the day a success. We have a new simple online process for signing up to volunteer. Please use the following link to sign up to help today:

bit.ly/francisfest2015.

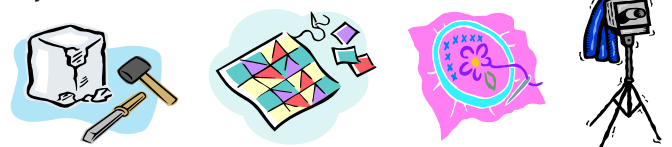
Any questions? Please contact **Brandon Jubar at Jubar:bjubar@stfrancis.org**.

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**. Table space is limited so do not delay!



If you or a family member is in the **hospital or homebound**, please call the parish office if you would like a visit from a friar. The hospitals are not permitted to give out the names of patients, so the only way we will know if you are in the hospital is if you or a family member informs us.



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 "2015 Marriage Jubilee Mass." This Mass will be celebrated at **2:30 p.m.** on **October 25th** 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.**

St. Francis House Corner

Thanks to the donations from all our parishioners we were able to provide food for **80** families this week. Because of the increase of families in need we are in dire need of:

- Canned Tuna
- Canned Fruit
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Spaghetti
- Small/ Medium can or plastic jars Spaghetti Sauce
- Cereal



For more information, please call Francia Salguero at 703-221-6344.

Boletín Semanal

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 **80** familias. En estos momentos nuestra despensa de comida esta escasa de los siguientes alimentos:

- Atún
- Fruta enlatada
- Macarrones con queso
- Espagueti
- Salsa para espaguetis
- Cereal

Muchas gracias por su apoyo constante. Para mas información por favor llamar a la **Señora Salguero al 703-221-6344.**

Festival de San Francisco de Asís

Los invitamos a participar de el Octavo Festival anual de San Francisco de Asís el domingo, octubre 4 de 1pm-5pm en los campos de la iglesia. Tendremos comida, actividades para todas las edades, entretenimiento y mucho mas!

Misa Bilingüe

El domingo, octubre 4; día del **Festival de San Francisco** tendremos una misa **bilingüe a las 12:15 PM** y después daremos comienzo al festival. Este día **Octubre 4 NO tendremos misa en español.**

CLOW

Invitamos a todos los niños de 4 a 8 años de edad a participar de la Liturgia de la Palabra durante la misa en español en el Salón del Hermano Juniper. La liturgia de la Palabra para los niños se realizara el tercer y cuarto domingo del mes comenzando el domingo, septiembre 20.

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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE: FRANCISCAN ACTION AND ADVOCACY (FA&A)

Save the dates! On the heels of the Planned Parenthood scandal, join the parish as we participate in the 2015 fall **40 Days for Life** effort on **Saturday, October 17th** from **1 p.m.-3 p.m.** (come for an hour or stay for all two) and **Saturday, October 31st** from **10 a.m.-12 p.m.** (come for an hour or stay for all two). We will meet near the Amethyst Health Center for Women (9380-B Forestwood Lane in Manassas) for a time of peaceful, prayerful, pro-life outreach. Please contact Rob to get more details. Sponsored by our parish **Respect Life Committee**. Advocating for the consistent ethic of life from conception to natural death, we *pray* for, *advocate* for, and *celebrate* life!

Upcoming FA&A meetings (open to all!): Our **Care for Creation Committee** (focused on environmental work/ integral ecology) is meeting **this Sunday, September 20th**, at **9 a.m.** in the **Br. Juniper Room**. The **V.O.I.C.E.** (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement) team here at the parish is meeting to work on community issues on **Sunday, October 11th**, 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, October 14th**, at **7 p.m.** in the **Grade 6 Classroom**. Our **Respect Life Committee** is meeting on **Saturday, November 21st**, at **11:45 a.m.** in the **St. Catherine Room**. Our **Franciscan Action and Advocacy Council (FAAC)** is meeting on **Saturday, October 17th**, 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.



LEAVING IT BETTER
THAN YOU FOUND IT

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!

Our Women's Group will kick off the new school year on **Thursday, September 24th** from 9:00am – 10:15am in the Parish Center Dining Facility.



Registration forms are available in the church vestibule. Dues are \$20.00 for the year and an additional \$20.00 if you need child care. We will be studying the book, **The Power of a Praying Woman** by Stormie Omartian. The study explores how women can learn to pray for themselves and become the women they want to be. To participate, please purchase the workbook (available on Amazon for approximately \$14.00) and join us. If you require childcare, please contact **Mary Smith** at errolmary@gmail.com to secure your spot.



Kairos Asks for Your Support

The Kairos Program is a prison ministry, which involves screened volunteers visiting and interacting with those who are incarcerated. Its purpose is to build a Christian community internal to the prison. During October, two parishioners will visit Sussex I Correctional Center with one also visiting Greenville Correctional Center. You can assist our Kairos representatives in the following manner:

1. **Prayer.** Intercessory prayer is powerful—for those incarcerated as well as their families. Kairos asks for prayers that will be displayed in one of two methods: a *prayer chain* (i.e., a paper representation depicting people who have prayed/will be praying for those going through the Kairos weekend; and a *prayer wheel* (i.e., a clock depiction of 30-minute time slots spanning the Kairos weekend). Both visuals project the intensity of love.
2. **Cookies.** Each volunteer is responsible for bringing 100 dozen cookies—a metaphor for abundant love. These cookies are given to those involved in the Kairos Weekend as well as all the prisoners in each correctional center. As one released prisoner said, “There’s a whole world in a dozen cookies.”

You can deliver cookies to the parish office up to Monday, September 28, 2015.

If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Fargo at 703-472-5518 or John Cipparone at 703-580-6406 or 603-512-9680.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank
Knights of Columbus, Potomac Council #9259
for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

Faith Formation Office

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

Religious Education Calendar

Welcome Back to Religious Education! Our classes started today and this coming Thursday. We still have room in all grades if you need to register your child. Also, we are in need of a few more Catechists. **Please call the RE Office for more information at 703-221-3127 or email recoor@stfrncis.org.**

Sept. 20	Sunday RE Sessions I&II
24	Thursday RE Session
27	Sunday RE Sessions I&II
Oct. 1	Thursday RE Session
4	NO RE—Francis Festival
8	NO RE—Columbus Day Weekend
11	NO RE—Columbus Day Weekend
15	Thursday RE Session
18	Sunday RE Sessions I&II
22	Thursday RE Session
25	Sunday RE Sessions I&II
29	Thursday RE Session
Nov. 1	Sunday RE Sessions I&II
5	Thursday RE Session
8	Sunday RE Sessions I&II

Do not be afraid of presenting Christ to someone who does not yet know him. Christ is the true answer, the most complete answer to all the questions which concern the human person and his destiny. Without Christ, the human person remains an unsolvable riddle. Therefore, have courage to present Christ! Certainly, you must do this in a way which respects each person's freedom of conscience but you must do it.

Saint John Paul II

Please Pray For **All those who are sick:** Clyde Richardson, Tim McCormick, Annelies Gendron, Katherine Gonsorcik, Paul E. Tekverk, Richard L. Laffman, Donna Stoyas, Barbara Angell, DiMarzio Family, and Rice Family.

And for those recently deceased: Madelyn Lane.; James Slakie (Son of Patricia Slakie).

Please pray for the following who are serving abroad in harm's way: Jeffrey Monken, 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, October 11, 2015 from 1:30p.m.—2:00p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room. **Please call the parish office to register at 703-221-4044.**

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for the Week of September 20, 2015

Monday Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13
Tuesday Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21
Wednesday Ezra 9:5-9; Tobit 131; Luke 9:1-6
Thursday Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9
Friday Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22
Saturday Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jeremiah 31; Luke 9:43b-45
Sunday Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



The Ladies of the Fr. Mychal Judge, O.F.M. Ladies Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians **will meet at 10 am on Saturday, September 26, 2015** in the Br. Juniper Room....room to left of the Parish office (sometimes we get moved to the St. Catherine Room by the Nursery). You must be: Catholic female of 16 years of age or older and Irish, Irish decent OR married to an

Irish gentlemen, you are welcome to join us. You may further seek admittance to the FINEST Irish Catholic Organization in the World—all we would ask is for you to live our motto of:

"Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity"

For more information and/or if you are eligible and interested in joining, please contact Mary Kay Jones at 540-287-4383 or jonesmk@aol.com.

The Lion's Club has 2 donation drop boxes located on the window sill in the vestibule. Please consider donating your used eyeglasses to the Lion's Club. Your unwanted glasses will help someone see better. Thank you for always being so generous.



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.**



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Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, September 20—25th Sunday In Ordinary Time
 5:30 PM †David Kane
 7:30 AM †Joan Weber
 †Robert Randolph
 †Rita Kelly
 9:00 AM †Charles Hart
 †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
 †Joseph Pennell
 10:30 AM People of the Parish
 12:15 PM †Don and †Joyce McVay
 †Clara Kennedy
 †George Beck
 †Claudina Wright
 †Gerald Bigalke
 C.J. Haase
 1:45 PM †Rafael Andres Reyes
 5:30 PM †Brian Dominic Kerns

MONDAY, September 21—St. Matthew, Apostle
 8:45 AM †Katherine Freel

TUESDAY, September 22—Weekday
 8:45 AM Andrea Lee
 Elizabeth Choi

WEDNESDAY, September 23—St. Pio of Pietrelcina
 8:45 AM †Brian and †Janet Sarsfield
 †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
 †Joseph Pennell
 †John B. MacKinnon

THURSDAY, September 24—Weekday
 8:45 AM

FRIDAY, September 25—Weekday
 8:45 AM

SATURDAY, September 26—Weekday
 4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

Mass Intentions on Sunday, September 27, 2015

5:30 PM †Isabella Lineberry
 †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
 †Claudina Wright
 7:30 AM †Eileen Bolen
 9:00 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
 10:30 AM †Helen and Frank Cordes
 †Madelyn Lane
 12:15 PM †Bob Ferenschak
 †Clara Kennedy
 †Claudina Wright
 1:45 PM †Carlos Alberto Lopez Quiroz
 5:30 PM People of the Parish

Please Note: On October 4th there will be a bilingual Mass at 12:15 p.m. and there will be NO 1:45 p.m. Mass.