

## From the Pastor's Desk

From the Franciscans of Holy Name Province Office of Justice and Peace, I received this letter written by Bishop Oscar Cantú, and I was asked to share it with everyone in the parish. (After reading this letter, if you would like some more information or would like to support Franciscan advocacy efforts, please contact Rob Goraieb here in the parish at [rgoraieb@stfrancis.org](mailto:rgoraieb@stfrancis.org)). Here is the letter:

As Chair of the Committee on International Justice and Peace of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, I welcome the momentous agreement just reached between the United States and its P5+1 partners with Iran. This significant achievement aims to curb Iran's development of nuclear weapons while allowing them to use nuclear energy for peaceful purposes. More importantly, this agreement signals progress in global nuclear non-proliferation. In January 2015, Pope Francis said, "I express my hope that a definitive agreement may soon be reached between Iran and the P5+1 Group regarding the use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, and my appreciation of the efforts already made in this regard."

Since 2007, our Committee on International Justice and Peace, reflecting the longstanding position of the Holy See, has urged our nation to pursue diplomacy to ensure Iran's compliance with its obligations under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. For years, we have supported dialogue and a negotiated resolution of the conflict in collaboration with international partners.

It is no small achievement that the United States, the United Kingdom, the Russian Federation, China, Germany and France have reached this agreement with Iran. We hope that the full implementation of the agreement will gradually foster an environment in which all parties build mutual confidence and trust, so that progress will be made toward greater stability and dialogue in the region. In that spirit, our Committee will continue to urge Congress to endorse the result of these intense negotiations because the alternative leads toward armed conflict, an outcome of profound concern to the Church.

The United States and its international partners have taken a remarkable step with Iran in reaching this agreement. We encourage Congress to support these efforts to build bridges that foster peace and greater understanding. In the words of Pope Francis, may the negotiated framework "be a definitive step toward a more secure and fraternal world," a goal we all share.

Sincerely yours,

*Most Reverend Oscar Cantú*

Bishop of Las Cruces  
Chairman, Committee on International Justice and Peace  
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

### Forget it enough to get over it.

Remember it enough so it never happens again. And just in case, get a Stephen Minister to help you through the tough times and memories. **Please call 703-221-4312 and then press 4 to get the conversation started.**



### Save the Date, and Save your Stuff!



Our 8<sup>th</sup> 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 next planning meeting will be held on **Sunday, September 13th from 10-11am in the St. Catherine Room.**

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

### 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!



### 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).

**The Parish Office will be closed on September 7th in observance of Labor Day.**

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

The OFM Franciscans Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) Office in Rome has created a **free study guide for Pope Francis's new encyclical, "Laudato Si'."** To get it, please visit: <http://francis35.org/>.

**Knocking at your door: human trafficking on sales crews?** Pledge to not buy magazines or other items from door-to-door sales crews, which are not clearly affiliated with a local organization, such as a school. Please contact Rob for more information.

Our **Anti-Human Trafficking Committee** (engaged in action, awareness and advocacy efforts in the fight against human trafficking) is meeting **this coming Wednesday, September 9th, at 7 p.m.** in the **Grade 6 Classroom**. All are welcome!

Other upcoming FA&A meetings (open to all!): 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**. Our **V.O.I.C.E.** (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement) team is meeting to work on community issues on **Sunday, October 4th, at 10 a.m.** in the **Br. Juniper Room**.

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.

**St. Francis House Corner**

The St. Francis House Food Pantry Provided food for **85** families this week. We are in dire need of **Paper Bags, Tuna, Canned Fruit, Macaroni & Cheese, Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce 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 **85** familias. Muchas gracias por su apoyo constante.



**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.**



**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).

**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.



**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)**.



Our Women's Group will kick off the new school year on **Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:errolmary@gmail.com) to secure your spot.

### 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 pm, 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).

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

**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:** Jeffrey Monken, Elizabeth L. Keegan, James Moore, Kyle McVay, Kyle Traylor, Kasey Eggie, Eustaquio Castro-Mendoza, Marc Gendron, and Darryl Saungweme.

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## 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).**

### 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 for all choirs began 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).

**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.**



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for the Week of September 6, 2015

- Monday Colossians 1:24—2:3; Luke 6:6-11
- Tuesday Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30;  
Matthew 1:1-16; 18-23 or 1:18-23
- Wednesday Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 6:20-26
- Thursday Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 6:27-38
- Friday 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; Luke 6:39-42
- Saturday 1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 6:43-49
- Sunday Isaiah 50:5-9a; James 2:14-18;  
Mark 8:27-35

**NOW WHAT?**  
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**Ways to SHARE Your Faith**

As baptized Christians, we are commissioned to evangelize. How can we engage people in a life-transforming relationship with Jesus Christ and pass on the Catholic faith from generation to generation?

To make the greatest impact, we model the Catholic faith by expressing and practicing it in everyday life. At home, we can connect faith with routines, such as: praying at mealtime; displaying religious objects; engaging in caring conversations; serving those in need; celebrating Mass and religious traditions; praying when we wake up and when we go to sleep; and reading the Bible alone and with others. At work, we can: be an example of a hard worker; develop and cultivate friendships; be joyful and fun to work with; talk about our families, including the ways we practice our faith; ask others about their faith; call or visit them when they are ill or have experienced a loss in their life; and ask them to come with us to Sunday Mass.

We can also take a leap and become involved in parish activities that reach out to others. Very active programs and committees address a variety of needs in our local area. V.O.I.C.E., the Anti-Human Trafficking Committee, Respect life Committee and Care for Creation Committee are successful examples of parishioners assisting neighbors. Likewise, volunteering with St. Francis House or meals for the homeless directly impacts the lives of many people living in the surrounding area. Another option is to join an organization like Knights of Columbus, Columbiettes, Ancient Order of Hibernians or Secular Franciscans who practice evangelization through service.

How are you being called to SHARE your faith?



**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 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.**



**Mass Intentions**

- SUNDAY, September 6—23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time**
  - 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
- MONDAY, September 7—Weekday**
  - 8:45 AM
- TUESDAY, September 8—Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
  - 8:45 AM †Helen Harris
- WEDNESDAY, September 9—St. Peter Claver**
  - 8:45 AM †Billie Bilodeau
  - †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
- THURSDAY, September 10—Weekday**
  - 8:45 AM
- FRIDAY, September 11—Weekday**
  - 8:45 AM
- SATURDAY, September 12—Weekday**
  - 4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Mass Intentions on Sunday, September 13, 2015**
  - 5:30 PM †Bill and †Marion Richmond
  - 7:30 AM †Sammie Milhouse
  - †Diane Kizer
  - 9:00 AM †Daniel Yesko
  - †Marion Yesko
  - †Everett Newman
  - †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
  - 10:30 AM †Fehrenbach and †Wright Families
  - 12:15 PM †Clara Kennedy
  - †George Beck
  - †Elizabeth and †John Fitz Simmons
  - Bill and Nelda Kastner
  - 1:45 PM †Fausto Rosero
  - 5:30 PM People of the Parish

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