

**Only One More Week till Francis Fest!!**

As you know, our annual Francis Fest was postponed for the first time ever due to weather. Francis Fest Fans only one more week to wait!!!! Francis Fest is rescheduled for **Sunday, November 15, 2015 from 1pm to 5pm on the parish grounds.** Please join us for an extra special, long awaited **Thanksgiving Francis Fest!** Some important announcements regarding the festival:

- **REDSKINS FANS:** Games will be shown on widescreen T.V!!
- **VOLUNTEERS PLEASE NOTE:**  
If you signed up to volunteer for the original date and are able to honor your time commitment on November 15th, no action is necessary. Your sign up remains the same.

If you signed up to volunteer and will not be able to fulfil your commitment, please go online at [www.bit.ly/francisfest2015](http://www.bit.ly/francisfest2015) and click on: **I need to change my sign up.**

**MANY VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!!** If you are available to help us on November 15th, please, **please** visit the volunteer sign up site (see link above) and volunteer for setup, cleanup, or a shift during the event.

Any questions, concerns about volunteer sign up? Please contact Brandon Jubar at: [bjubar@stfrancis.org](mailto:bjubar@stfrancis.org).

- **WE ARE IN GREAT NEED of gently used, clean stuffed animals looking for a new adopted home!!** Please leave your donations of "stiffies" in the back of the church, marked for Francis Fest.
- **Advance discounted ticket sales** will be sold after Masses this weekend.
- **Wine Wheel** donations will be gratefully accepted in the back of church the weekend of **November 7th-8th**
- **Basket donations and Cake Wheel** donations can be dropped off in the school foyer the **morning of the festival.**

As most of the parish knows, our very own friar-in-residence and former pastor, **Fr. John O'Connor, OFM**, is a chaplain for Prince William County Department of Fire & Rescue. He has a long and distinguished career serving our community in this capacity. **This past month, Chaplain John O'Connor was named Lead Chaplain for the department!** Fr. John, we join Chief Kevin McGee in congratulating you in your new role and thanking you for your dedicated service! In addition to this appointment, Fr. John also recently **received an honorary doctorate from St. Bonaventure University** and was named the recipient of the **2015 Anselm Moons Award** (Franciscan Mission Services' highest award). **Congratulations, Fr. John!**



The **Rosary Guild** meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Please join us **Tuesday, November 10th** from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the **St. Clare Room**. All are welcome. **For more information, please call Otella Cregan at 703-221-4692.**

**Saint John Paul Open House**

All are invited to the Fall Open House at Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School on **Sunday, November 15th, from 1—4pm.** Meet the entire team of educators, tour the beautiful building, and learn more about John Paul's successful programs and welcoming community. A presentation begins at 1:15pm in the Theater. Pep-rally and House games begin at 3pm. **For more information, please visit [jpthegreat.org](http://jpthegreat.org) or call 703-445-0300.**



**Please Pray For** All those who are sick: Nancy Brown, Mary Claire Bright, Celine Nebbia, Gizzy Slocum, Fran Phoenix, Annelies Gendron, Michael McLean, Clyde Richardson, Teresa Drapaeu, Bill Gucker, Steve Dowell, Gregory Dowell, Patricia Littlefield, and Michael Cregan.

**And for those recently deceased:** Andrew Hite; Nancy Lee Cooper; and Andrew Hartigan (Father of Eileen Hartigan).

**Please pray for the following who are serving abroad in harm's way:** Ian French, Jeffrey Miller, Jeffrey Monken, Elizabeth L. Keegan, James Moore, Kyle McVay, Kyle Traylor, Kasey Eggie, Eustaquio Castro-Mendoza, Marc Gendron, and Darryl Saungweme.



Please tear-off and return. Envelopes are provided and located in the vestibule of the church.

**2015 St. Francis Parish Appeal**

Parishioner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

- Yes, I/we will make a one time gift (enclosed amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_)

OR

- Yes, I/we will make an annual pledge in the amount of:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$360    \_\_\_\_\_ \$720    \_\_\_\_\_ \$960    \_\_\_\_\_ \$1,200    \_\_\_\_\_ Other Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### St. Francis House Corner

Thanks to the donations from all our parishioners we were able to provide food for **82** 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
- Hamburger Helper
- Canned goods (vegetables and soup)



Many thanks to all who have responded to the request for breakfast items at the Drop-In Shelter. Beginning **Saturday, November 7th**, our responsibility will shift to supplying **DINNERS** on Saturday evenings as the Winter Shelter Programs begin. Directions and sign-up sheets are in the vestibule.



For more information on any of the above and/or to get involved, 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 **82** familias. En estos momentos nuestra despensa de comida esta escasa de los siguientes alimentos:

- Atún
- Fruta enlatado
- Macarrones con queso
- Espagueti
- Salsa para espaguetis
- Cereal
- Canecas con vegetales
- Canecas con sopa

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

**Charlas Bautismales**—Las próximas charlas bautismales serán el **viernes, noviembre 6** a las 7:00pm en el Salón de San Catherine. Para mas información por favor llamar a la Señora Salguero al 703-221-6344.

**Misa Bilingüe**—El domingo, **noviembre 15**, día del **Festival de San Francisco** tendremos una **misa bilingüe a las 12:15pm** y después daremos comienzo al festival. Este día noviembre 15 **NO** tendremos misa en español.

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

**Can we be the Use-Less Generation?** To learn more about how we can change the way we make, use, and throw away stuff, please visit <http://storyofstuff.org/movies/>.

*We are disciples of Jesus Christ—not social activists—bringing Gospel values into the public square: Upcoming FA&A meetings (open to all!):*

- Our **Anti-Human Trafficking Committee** (engaged in action, awareness and advocacy efforts in the fight against human trafficking) is meeting **this coming Wednesday, November 11th**, 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, November 21st**, 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, November 22nd**, at 9 a.m. in the **St. Catherine 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, January 3rd**, at 10 a.m. in the **Br. Juniper Room**.
- Our **Franciscan Action and Advocacy Council (FAAC)** is meeting on **Saturday, November 21st**, 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

(<http://www.stfrancis.org/welcome-introduction/>) and/or contact Rob Goraieb, O.F.S. at [rgoraieb@stfrancis.org](mailto:rgoraieb@stfrancis.org) or 703-221-4978, ext. 228.

**Are you looking for a place to exercise your faith and participate in an organization** is that was established by St. Francis of Assisi in the 13th century? We are an official Franciscan Secular Order within the Catholic Church and we promise to follow a Rule of Life approved by Pope Paul VI. If you would like to know more please visit us **9:30 a.m. Saturday, November 14th** in the **Br. Juniper Room** ([\*please note the change in room location\*](#)). If you have questions please contact **John Carlson** at [twinspappy@gmail.com](mailto:twinspappy@gmail.com).



#### SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **Christopher K. Brown, CPA, PLLC** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

We are beginning a regular ministry for young adults here at St. Francis. We hope to encourage those in their 20's and 30's to join us in this new, dynamic community. Our first event will be on **Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at AMF Bowling. \$10 gets you unlimited bowling for two hours.** Please

contact John Lilly ([jlilly@stfrancis.org](mailto:jlilly@stfrancis.org)) for more details. Be sure to take the survey as well! Go to this link on the website—<http://www.stfrancis.org/programs-retreats/#YoungAdult>.



**CALLING.....ALL YOU IRISH LADIES  
by BIRTH OR MARRIAGE**

Come by and see what is going on within our group! We would enjoy meeting you and having you JOIN us.

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, November 21, 2015** in the Br. Juniper Room....room to left of the Parish office (sometimes we get moved to the St Catherine's 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 or/and if you are eligible and interested in joining, please contact Mary Kay Jones at 540-287-4383 or [jonesmk@aol.com](mailto:jonesmk@aol.com).



**Thanksgiving 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament!**



Attention all athletes aged 8 to 68 who can dribble and shoot a basketball! Come participate in the Third Annual Thanksgiving 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament! **It will start at 9 AM on November 28, 2015 at the St. Francis school 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 all proceeds from this event will be donated to St. Francis of Assisi School.** We have donated over \$1,500 to the school since our first tournament in 2013. For further details, please contact either **Dr. Ken Dunn** at [dunnkd@comcast.net](mailto:dunnkd@comcast.net) or 540-657-9006 or **Kevin Horwath** at [kev89@comcast.net](mailto:kev89@comcast.net) or 703-508-0294.

**Baptismal Preparation Class**—Our next class will be held this **Sunday, November 8, 2015 from 1:30p.m.—2:00p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room.

**Faith Formation Office**

Phone: 703-221-3127 Fax: 703-221-3246  
Office Hours: Monday—Thursday: 8:00 am—2:00 pm  
Friday: 8:00 am—1:00 pm

**Religious Education Calendar**

We still have room in all grades if you need to register your child. Also, we are in need of **two** more Catechists for Sundays at 8:45 a.m.-10:00a.m. and 10:30a.m.-11:45 a.m. **For more information, please call the RE Office at 703-221-3127 or email [recoor@stfrancis.org](mailto:recoor@stfrancis.org).**

Nov. 8	Sunday RE Sessions I&II
12	Thursday RE Session
15	<b>NO RE—Thanksgiving Francis Fest</b>
19	Thursday RE Session
22	Sunday RE Sessions I&II
26	<b>NO RE—Thanksgiving Day Holiday</b>
29	<b>NO RE—Thanksgiving Day Holiday</b>
Dec. 3	Thursday RE Session
6	Sunday RE Sessions I&II
10	Thursday RE Session
13	Sunday RE Sessions I&II
17	Thursday RE Session

**\*\*Please note the change in the RE Calendar: November 15th Sunday RE is cancelled due to the Parish Thanksgiving Francis Fest. June 5th will therefore be the last day of RE for all Sunday RE classes.\*\***

*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**

If you would like your child to participate in the **Children's Christmas Pageant on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:15pm** before the 4PM Mass in the Church, please return your completed form to the Religious Education Office or in the catch-all slot located in the vestibule of the Church (**please label envelope 'RE-Christmas Pageant Registration'**). Children ages 4years of age and up are eligible if they are not in the Christmas Choir. **Deadline for forms is November 29th. No late registrations will be accepted.** Forms are available at [www.stfrancis.org](http://www.stfrancis.org) under the RE page. Rehearsals are mandatory. For more information, please call the RE Office at 703-221-4978or email [recoor@stfrancis.org](mailto:recoor@stfrancis.org).





Readings for the Week of November 8, 2015

Monday Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12;  
1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17;  
John 2:13-22

Tuesday Wisdom 2:23—3:9; Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19

Thursday Wisdom 7:22b—8:1; Luke 17:20-25

Friday Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37

Saturday Wisdom 18:14-16, 19:6-9; Luke 18:1-8

Sunday Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18;  
Mark 13:24-32

**Fallen Heroes interred at Quantico National Cemetery**

The Quantico Wreath Project, conducted annually by the **SGT MAC FOUNDATION**, will be supported again in 2015 by the **Knights of Columbus** with assistance from the **Columbiettes**. Fundraising at St. Francis of Assisi parish will take place during the weekends of **November 7th-8th, 14th-15th, and 21st-22nd**. On Saturday, **December 5th**, volunteers will place wreaths on the graves at **Quantico National Cemetery**. All of the wreaths used to decorate the graves of our fallen heroes are purchased with donated funds (**\$10 for each wreath**). Each year we have been able to raise more money and decorate more graves. **Last year we decorated 8,300 graves in Sections 9 & 10 of Quantico National Cemetery and this year we hope to be able to decorate the 10,000.** Representatives from the Knights and the Columbiettes will accept donations at a table on the center circle after each Mass on the fundraising weekends. Checks will be accepted and should be made payable to the **SGT MAC FOUNDATION**.



**It is Keep Christ in Christmas season again.** The St. Francis Knights of Columbus are again holding their annual KCIC Christmas card sales event **after all Masses for the weekends of November 7th-8th, 14th-15th, and 21st-22nd.**

Keeping Christ in Christmas is more about the way you live your life than the things you say such as "Merry Christmas" "Seasons Greetings" or "Happy Holidays."

**There will be an Open House** meeting for parishioners interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus. It will take place **Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at Potomac Council's meeting room downstairs in St. Francis school from 7:30 pm to approximately 9:00 pm.**

**We are an organization** of Catholic men and their families. Our Council offers many opportunities to be involved in supporting our parish and community, to include: support for St. Francis House, Christmas baskets for local families, the Women's Shelter, Hilda Barg Homeless Shelter, Donut Sundays, Keep Christ in Christmas project, March For Life, several youth activities and more. Our bywords are charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. The Knights are built on family, faith and friendship. Members will be present to answer questions about our programs, goals and activities, as well as how these benefit all members. Please join us.



**Mass Intentions**

**SUNDAY, November 8—32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:30 PM Thomas Lee  
†Jordan Roche  
†Ernie Gregory  
†Ralph Miller

7:30 AM All Souls Novena

9:00 AM †Colby Smith  
†Mary Stein  
†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik

10:30 AM †Brian Kerns  
†Brenda Colburn  
†Fern Neumann

12:15 PM †Clara Kennedy  
†Will Cannon  
†Stephanie Marmorowski  
†Jennie DePerro  
Marie, Marklaine, and Keranie Chery

1:45 PM Misa en español

5:30 PM People of the Parish

**MONDAY, November 9—Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome**

8:45 AM †Mary Jo Pirko

**TUESDAY, November 10—St. Leo the Great**

8:45 AM All Souls Novena  
Joseph and Edna Pietrucha  
John Paul and Kristen Floom

**WEDNESDAY, November 11—Veterans' Day**

8:45 AM All Veterans  
†Robert E. Williams  
Charles Schneider  
†George Herrmann  
†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik

**THURSDAY, November 12—St. Josaphat**

8:45 AM All Souls Novena  
Mary Claire Bright and the Bright Family

**FRIDAY, November 13—St. Frances Xavier Cabrini**

8:45 AM †Patricia McCormack  
†Will Cannon  
†Andy Hite

**SATURDAY, November 14—Weekday**

4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:30 PM Sheila and Joe Grafmuller  
†Ernest Gregory  
†Marge Philbrick  
†Ralph Miller

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