

The Christian community of St. Francis of Assisi welcomes with great joy the following new members of our parish baptized in the month of and October:



*Christiana Antoinette Berg  
Jackson Daniel Berg  
Brianna Castro  
Fernando Castro  
Vanessa Darlene Crandell  
William Benedict Ellersick  
Reagan Elizabeth Godshall  
Maxwell Aramis Gros-Reyes  
Carson Andrew Hayes  
Dayton James Hayes  
Larken John Kelliher  
Jackson Reilly Kingman  
Anthony Santo Lisi  
Owen Keahua Kento Meisels  
Bailey Ann Mudd  
Micaela Marie Nunez  
Isabella Grace Oakley  
Skyler Daniel Rivera-Sepulveda  
Jayden Gerardo Sanchez Perez  
Giovanni Gerardo Sanchez Perez, Jr.  
Henry Michael Smith  
Marie Francesca Weir  
Mylin Solana Windley  
Jameson Michael Zahand*

**Baptismal Preparation Class**—Our next class will be held on **Sunday, December 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.**

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!



The holiday season is creeping up again. Need help handling the influx of family or friends, the shopping, cooking, cleaning and all that goes along with these festive times? The holidays are supposed to be fun, right? But what if you just don't feel it? Maybe "life" does not care if it's the holidays for you right now. Please call Stephen Ministry and start a relationship of talking with someone who will listen and help you through these holiday times and *beyond*. **Please call 703-221-4312 and then press 4 or email Kathy Walker at [kwalker@stfrancis.org](mailto:kwalker@stfrancis.org) to get started.**



**Please Pray For** All those who are sick: Michael Creegan, Hunter Harris, Katherine Gonsorcik, Deidre Jett, Nancy Brown, Celine Nebbia, Gizzy Slocum, Fran Phoenix, Annelies Gendron, Michael McLean, Clyde Richardson, Teresa Drapaeu, Bill Gucker, Steve Dowell, Gregory Dowell, and Patricia Littlefield.

And for those recently deceased: Frank Plati.

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.

**LUNCH BUNCH!!**

Where are you from and what is your favorite family tradition? All those 55+ please join us for our second **Lunch Bunch** on **Thursday, November 19th at 12:30 in the St. Catherine Room.**

Please bring your own brown bag lunch and a picture to share from where you grew up. We will also be sharing favorite family traditions. Refreshments will be provided. **If you are in need of transportation or would like any further information, please contact Becky Traver at [Tandovi@aol.com](mailto:Tandovi@aol.com) or 540-699-2175.**



**Pope Francis's Encyclical:**

"Humanity is called to recognize the need for changes of lifestyle, production and consumption, in order to combat this warming or at least the human causes which produce or aggravate it."

**(Chapter 1, paragraph 23)**

—Compiled by  
*Chelsea Miller and Adam Petrizza*  
from our parish  
*Care for Creation Committee*

### St. Francis House Corner

Thanks to the donations from all our parishioners we were able to provide food for **65** 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)



We need your help to provide dinner on Saturdays at 7pm for The Bill Mehr Drop In Shelter. 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 **65** 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, diciembre 18** a las 7:00pm en la librería de la escuela . Para mas información por favor llamar a la Señora Salguero al 703-221-6344.

### SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank  
**Abigail Miller, Attorney at Law**  
for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

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

**March for Life** event organizers recently announced the 2016 theme: *Pro-life and Pro-Woman Go Hand-in-Hand.*

**Celebrating 10 years of ONE and (RED):** ONE is hosting a special evening in New York City on World AIDS Day, December 1st, to celebrate the incredible progress that's been made in the fights against HIV/AIDS and extreme poverty, and to honor those who have made that progress possible. There's even a chance to enter a sweepstakes, where you and a guest can win hotel and airfare for two days in NYC and tickets to attend the event at Carnegie Hall, which will feature Bono and The Edge of U2, among others. For more information, please contact Rob.

**Upcoming FA&A meetings** (all are welcome!): 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 **Anti-Human Trafficking Committee** (engaged in action, awareness and advocacy efforts in the fight against human trafficking) is meeting on **Wednesday, January 20th, at 7 p.m.** in the **Grade 6 Classroom.** 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.stfrncis.org/welcome-introduction/>) and/or contact Rob Goraieb, O.F.S. at [rgoraieb@stfrncis.org](mailto:rgoraieb@stfrncis.org) or 703-221-4978, ext. 228.

### Mission 2016

Join St. Francis Parishioners in July 2016 on a journey to our Sister Parishes in Lima, Peru.

**Departs Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Returns Monday, July 11th**

- Applications and deposit of \$100 now being accepted. The final date for receipt of applications is Dec 31, 2015.
- Fee includes airfare, lodging, most meals and local transportation.
- Full payment (\$1,600) is due by Jan 31, 2016
- Applications are available on line at (<http://www.stfrncis.org/sister-parish-in-peru/>) and next to the Sister Parish section of the church bulletin board.

**Questions? Please call: Terry Danner at 703-680-0860/**  
[terrydanner@verizon.net](mailto:terrydanner@verizon.net) or Clarence Thompson at  
703-680-4657/[clarencethompson@verizon.net](mailto:clarencethompson@verizon.net).





**Hearing Assistance Earphones** are available for those who would like sound amplification. They have been checked and are functioning well. See one of the friars or come to the sacristy before Mass.

**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**.



**ST. FRANCIS MEN'S GROUP**

Our group has been meeting monthly from September through May for several years. This year **Fr. John O'Connor, OFM** is our moderator. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM in the Br. Juniper Room**—Our topic will be: Incidents of Mass Gun Violence—What can we do to lessen them in our society? All men of the parish are welcome. **For more information please contact Tony Mercogiano at [amercogiano@gmail.com](mailto:amercogiano@gmail.com) or 571-332-7048.**

**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. 15	NO RE—Thanksgiving Francis Fest
19	Thursday RE Session
22	Sunday RE Sessions I&II
26	NO RE—Thanksgiving Day Holiday
29	NO RE—Thanksgiving Day Holiday
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 4 years 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 703-221-4978 or email [recoor@stfrancis.org](mailto:recoor@stfrancis.org).



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

**Readings for the Week of November 15, 2015**

**Monday** 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;  
Luke 18:35-43  
**Tuesday** 2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Ps 3; Lk 19:1-10  
**Wednesday** 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28  
**Thursday** 1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44  
**Friday** 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59;  
1 Chronicles 29; Luke 19:45-48  
**Saturday** 1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40  
**Sunday** Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 1:5-8;  
John 18:33b-37

**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 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 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."

**St. Francis of Assisi Elementary, Middle and Preschool** will host a Discover Catholic Schools Week Open House for new families on **Wednesday, November 18th at 9:00 a.m.** Please plan to join us for a tour of our facility and to meet our wonderful teachers. **For admission questions please call the school office at 703-221-3868.**



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**Mass Intentions**

**SUNDAY, November 15—33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

7:30 AM †Berwyn Remulla  
†Lisa Marshall  
†Andy Hite  
†Lourdes Aseneta

9:00 AM †Marion Yesko  
†Patricia McCormack  
†Joanne Elizabeth Curtis  
†Mary Stem  
†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik  
†Fern Neumann  
Katherine Gonsorcik

10:30 AM People of the Parish  
12:15 PM †Clara Kennedy  
†William Rozon  
†Mary Rozon  
†Clyde St. Clair  
†Mabel St. Clair

1:45 PM **NO MASS**  
5:30 PM All Souls Novena

**MONDAY, November 16—Weekday**

8:45 AM †Marie and †William Vogts  
†Marie and †Alfred Vogts  
†Luke Brennan  
†Miguel Vizcarra Espinoza

**TUESDAY, November 17—St. Elizabeth of Hungary**

8:45 AM †Frank and †Ann Kovalchik

**WEDNESDAY, November 18—Weekday**

8:45 AM †Yancey Stern  
†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik  
Souls in Purgatory

**THURSDAY, November 19—Weekday**

8:45 AM All Souls Novena  
†Peter J. Gasparino

**FRIDAY, November 20—Weekday**

8:45 AM †Earl and Della Rayhel  
†Will Cannon  
†Andy Hite  
†Ray Zicafoose

**SATURDAY, November 21—Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:30 PM Jessalyn Schneider  
†Mary Stem  
†Ralph Miller  
†Grace S. Moran

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