



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

*Carolina Elizabeth Bilbao  
Paul Jackson Booth  
Ava Marie Bush  
Madelyn Kensley Bush  
Milagros Sinai Castaneda-Guzman  
Bryan David Castaneda Cuevas  
Linda Lucero Castaneda Cuevas  
Nathalie Sarahi Rivera Garcia  
Jesenia Renee George  
Zoey Mae Godenick  
Henry Robert Joseph Harkins  
Kylie Elizabeth Herr  
Haley Anne Jalis  
Cormac Thomas Kline  
Alayna Sachiko Link*

*Ryder Anderson Link  
Emerson Mae Longo  
Josefina Arely Manley  
Eli Owen Montoya  
Emi Elise O' Sullivan  
Jesus Emiliano Gonzalez Rangel  
Danessy Esperanza Melgar Reyes  
Heather Susana Melgar Reyes  
Jonathan Salgado  
Steven Salgado  
Arthur Edmund Skalicky  
Timothy Alexander Sterns, Jr.  
Luke Alexander Sterns  
Anthony Julian DeLaRosa Varela  
Ryan James Whitlow*

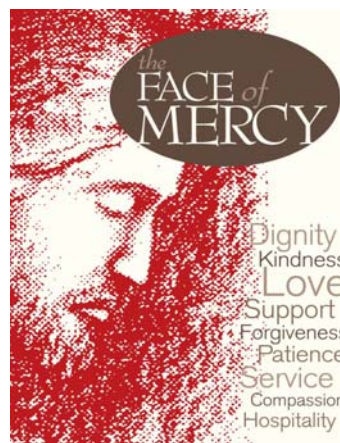
**Baptismal Preparation Class**—Our next class will be held this **Sunday, February 14, 2016 from 1:30p.m.—2:00p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room. **Please call the parish office to register at 703-221-4044.**

St. Francis of Assisi Elementary, Middle and Preschool will host an **open house** for new prospective families on **Sunday, January 31st at 1:15 pm.** Please plan to join us for a tour of our facility and to meet our wonderful teachers. **For admission questions, please contact Lisa Bongiorno at 703-221-3868.**



**When thinking about life, remember this:** No amount of guilt can solve the past and no amount of anxiety can change the future. Need help working things out? Please call **Kathy Walker at Stephen Ministry; 703-221-4312** and then press 4 or email at [kwalker@stfrancis.org](mailto:kwalker@stfrancis.org) to put the past behind you and work towards the future.

### 2016 SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES



Celebrate the **JUBILEE OF MERCY** with friends.

Experience the mercy of Christ while on a five-week journey with a small faith-sharing group, **February 29th to April 4th.**

Mark your calendars now. More details to follow.

**Please Note:**

**The parish offices will be closed Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday.**

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

Our **Care for Creation Committee** (focused on environmental work/integral ecology) is meeting **this Sunday, January 17th**, at 9 a.m. in the **St. Catherine Room**. All are invited!

Our **Anti-Human Trafficking Committee** (engaged in action, awareness and advocacy efforts in the fight against human trafficking) is meeting **this coming Wednesday, January 20th**, at 7 p.m. in the **Grade 6 Classroom**. All are invited to attend!

**Other upcoming FA&A meetings** (all are welcome!): 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, February 7th**, 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, February 20th**, at 11:45 a.m. in the **St. Catherine Room**. Our **Franciscan Action and Advocacy Council (FAAC)** is meeting on **Saturday, February 20th**, 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.)

**9 Days for Life:** Join thousands of Catholics across the country in prayer for a culture of life from Saturday, January 16th—Sunday, January 24th. There are four ways to join: <http://goo.gl/CsZMz5>.

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.

**Called and Gifted**

**Called and Gifted Workshop—Lent is a great time to reflect on how Pope Francis** is calling us to bring Mercy to the world around us. One way we can do this is through our charisms, or gifts of the Holy Spirit. If you'd like to learn more about these gifts, mark your calendar for **February 12th-14th** for the next Called and Gifted Workshop at St. Francis. The workshop will start on Friday night and continue with sessions on Saturday and Sunday afternoon.

**Charism Discernment—**For those parishioners that have already taken the workshop, we invite you to attend a five week small group discernment program aimed at helping you sharpen your awareness of your charisms. These sessions will be held on **Wednesday evenings from February 24<sup>th</sup> through March 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

For more information on both programs, please watch the bulletin, visit the parish website, or contact **Bill Sydow** at [billsydowjr@yahoo.com](mailto:billsydowjr@yahoo.com).

**St. Francis House Corner**

Thanks to the donations from all our parishioners we were able to provide food for **65** families this week. For more information about the **St. Francis House Food Pantry**, please call Francia at 703-221-6344. Thank you for your continuing support.



**Boletín Semanal**

**Charlas Bautismales—**Las próximas charlas bautismales serán el **viernes, marzo 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.

**Despensa de Comida de La Casa de San Francis—**gradecemos a todos nuestros parroquianos por todas sus ofrendas a la Despensa de Comida; con sus donaciones pudimos ayudar a **65** familias. **Muchas gracias por sus donaciones.**

**Confirmaciones para Adultos en la Primavera en La Catedral de Arlington—**Si usted es mayor de edad y esta interesado en hacer la Confirmación, por favor venga a una de las reuniones de información que tendremos con el Padre John Heffernan en su oficina el domingo, **febrero 7 o domingo, febrero 14 a las 12:30pm**. Si no puede venir a ninguna de estas reuniones por favor llamar al **Padre John Heffernan** al 703-864-2053.

**Celebración de Matrimonios Colectivos—**Si usted esta interesado en casarse en la Celebración de Matrimonios Colectivos que tendremos en nuestra iglesia San Francisco de Asís por favor llamar al **Padre John Heffernan** lo mas pronto posible al 703-864-2053.

**Miércoles de Ceniza—**El Miércoles, **febrero 10** celebraremos el miércoles de Ceniza con una misa en español a las **8:00pm** en la iglesia.

**LUNCH BUNCH TIME—**Anyone 55+ please join us for our January Lunch Bunch on **Thursday, the 21st, at 12:30 in the St. Catherine room**. Please bring your own brown bag lunch and all other refreshments will be provided. *We will have a law enforcement professional as our guest speaker providing tips on personal safety.* For more information, please contact **Becky Traver** at 540-699-2175 or [Tandovi@aol.com](mailto:Tandovi@aol.com). We are a fun "bunch" so please join us!



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Twitter: *@StFrancisVA*  
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**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**

- Jan. 17 **NO RE—MLK Holiday**
- 21 Thursday RE Session
- 24 Sunday RE Sessions I&II
- 28 Thursday RE Session
- 31 Sunday RE Sessions I&II
  
- Feb. 4 Thursday RE Session
- 7 Sunday RE Sessions I&II
- 11 **NO RE—Presidents' Day Holiday**
- 15 **NO RE—Presidents' Day Holiday**
- 18 Thursday RE Session
- 21 Sunday RE Sessions I&II
- 25 Thursday RE Session
- 28 Sunday RE Sessions I&II

**Please Pray For** All those who are sick: Annelies Gendron, Anahel McGill, Patricia Littlefield, The Cooley Family, James Joseph, G. Kraus, Mike Creegan, Fran Phoenix, Clyde Richardson, G.C. Kraus, Teddy Placek.

**And for those recently deceased:** Deacon Charles Allen.

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

**Could not find the perfect Christmas gift for your friend?** Why not sponsor someone for the next Cursillo weekend? This is a weekend opportunity to get closer to Christ, and share in the Catholic community. **The women's weekend will be held March 3rd-6th**, at San Damiano Retreat Center at White Post. **The men's weekend will be April 21st-24th** at Missionhurst.

If you are interested in more information, please call **Pequette Schwerin at 703-590-8492 or email at [wislady@comcast.net](mailto:wislady@comcast.net)**. You can also access the website at [arlingtoncursillo.org](http://arlingtoncursillo.org).

**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.



**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

We would like to thank **CatholicMatch.com** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

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!



**2016 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL BEGINS!**

This month many of us will receive a mailing from **Bishop Loverde** regarding the 2016 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). The theme for the 2016 BLA is "**Go forth as heralds of God's mercy.**" After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge of support to this important appeal that funds many programs and ministries that serve the people in our diocese. **Every pledge is an expression of God's love and mercy!**

If you or a family member is in the **hospital or homebound**, please call the parish office if you would like a visit from one of the friars. 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.



**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).

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.



**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!**



**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**Mass Intentions**

<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b>January 17—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
5:30 PM	†John Oakey †Yancey Stern †Bryan Richardson †Lena Baskis
7:30 AM	†Helen Chietro †Joan Rose Rudge
9:00 AM	Michael Ryan †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik Carl A. Rodriguez Jim Ryan Marion Plunkett
10:30 AM	†Lucas Kurkowski
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy †Joyce and †Don McVay †Kathleen O'Brien †Numeriano Tornes
1:45 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY,</b>	<b>January 18—Weekday</b>
8:45 AM	†Andy Weber †Martha Lizarralde Wilson †Sherry Schanuel Jim Ryan
<b>TUESDAY,</b>	<b>January 19—Weekday</b>
8:45 AM	†Henry Eisenzopf
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b>	<b>January 20—Weekday</b>
8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Anabel McGill †Sherry Schanuel Kathy Weir
<b>THURSDAY,</b>	<b>January 21—St. Agnes</b>
8:45 AM	Maria Han
<b>FRIDAY,</b>	<b>January 22—Weekday</b>
8:45 AM	†Thomas Sheehy
<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>January 23—Weekday</b>
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	<b>Mass Intentions on Sunday, January 24, 2016</b>
5:30 PM	Special Intention †Robert Patey †Rosemary Hall †John Bernard MacKinnon
7:30 AM	Richard Ardoin †Kenneth Fohn †Judy Cloy
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Eric Basil Phillips, Sr.
10:30 AM	†Joseph Manno
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy †Manoj Pattni
1:45 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	People of the Parish

**Readings for the Week of January 17, 2016**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1 Samuel 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mark 3:20-21</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27; Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21</b>

**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.

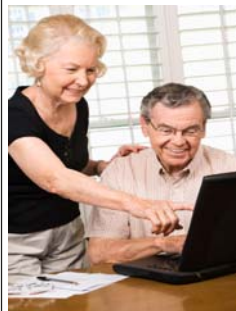
The Ladies of the Fr. Mychal Judge, O.F.M. Ladies Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians **will meet at 10 am on Saturday, January 30, 2016** in the Br. Juniper Room....room to left of the Parish office (sometimes we get moved to the St Catherine's Room by the Nursery). You must be: Catholic female 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).**

**Are you frustrated using your new iphone, tablet, computer?** Do you feel all your new electronic devices are smarter than you are?



Then come for an **Introductory Session of Cyber Seniors on Thursday, January 21, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the St. Catherine Room.** We will help you make friends with the technology that has become such an integral part of all our lives. In the coming months we will be addressing your issues with your phone, tablet, computer, etc.... and help you make those personal electronic devices work for rather than against you!

*"I am still learning." Michelangelo at age 87.*

**End of Year Statements: Parishioners will be provided with a statement of their donations for 2015. Statements will be mailed by the end of January. It is not necessary to request a statement.**