



Congratulations and best wishes to the following couples who celebrated the sacrament of marriage at St. Francis in the months of **February and March:**

*Gladis Ascencio Solis
and
Mario de Jesus Argueta*

*Mayra Fabiola Gallegos Perez
and
Jose Luis Ganzalez Castaneda*

*Yanci Lizbeth Sagastizado
and
Oscar Rene Ramirez Salazar*

*Maria Esthela Garcia Rangel
and
Rodrigo Rodriguez*

*Leticia Iglesias Martinez
and
Gerardo Antonio Ponce*

*Maria Antonia Martinez
and
Jose Barbaro Amaya Romero*

*Maria Angelica Barrientos de Mayen
and
Juan Mayen Sandoval*

*Elizabeth Ann Orsini
and
Richard Samuel Newman*

*Valerie Alexis Klemencic
and
Brian Christopher O'Connor*

A Novena of Masses will be offered for all Mothers, living and deceased, and will begin on May 8th. **Spiritual Bouquet Cards** are available on the tables in the vestibule. Please drop the inside envelope in the Catch-All Slot in the vestibule or in the parish office **no later than Thursday, May 5th**.



Do you know someone who has not been to church in a while? We encourage you to bring them to our Come Home program in May. Everyone deserves to be welcomed into a loving community and experience God's love. **The first of three meetings will begin on Tuesday, May 3rd in the Br. Juniper Room at 7:00 p.m.** Please contact **Joe Mitcho** (jfmitcho44@gmail.com or 703-967-9959) for more information.



Ask yourself if what you are doing today is getting closer to where you want to be tomorrow. If not, please give **Kathy Walker** a call at 703-221-4312 and then press 4 or email kwalker@stfrncis.org to put your actions into gear. Let a Stephen Minister be there to help you on your journey.



Interested in learning about Liberation Theology?

Fr. Joe Nangle, O.F.M. will discuss Liberation Theology with our parishioners going to Peru this summer

All are Invited

**When: 7:30pm-9:00pm, Tuesday, May 3rd
Where: Parish Center Library**

Fr. Joseph Nangle, O.F.M. served as a missionary for many years in Peru and is former executive director and co-director of the Franciscan Mission Service (FMS). As FMS director for 12 years, Fr. Joe brought his experiences as a missionary; he was a sought-after peace and justice activist and lecturer to the lay mission program. He integrated Catholic social teaching, a radical Franciscan commitment to the Gospel, a preferential concern for the poor and a sense of humor into the formation of more than 80 lay women and men who answered the call to international mission.



**2016 Bishop's Lenten Appeal
Go forth as heralds of God's mercy**

The Bishop's Lenten Appeal is in full swing and we are asking **every household** in our parish to support this appeal to the extent that they are able. *We are at 88% of our goal.* We are almost there. **The BLA funds many programs, services and ministries that serve people in need and further Jesus' Mission in our diocese.** During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, let's join together to do the Lord's work—works that touch the lives and souls of thousands of people in our diocese. Thank you!

St. Francis House Corner

Thanks to the donations from all our parishioners we were able to provide food for **60** families this week. Because of the increase of families in need We are in need of:

- Canned Fruit
- Hamburger Helper
- Peanut Butter and Jelly



For more information, please call **Francia at 703-221-6344**. Thank you for your continuing support.

Boletín Semanal

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 **60** familias. En estos momentos estamos necesitados de **Hamburger Helper y Fruta En Latas. Muchas gracias por sus donaciones. Para mas información contactar a la Señora Salguero al 703-221-6344.**

Charlas Bautismales—Las próximas charlas bautismales en español serán las siguientes fechas:

- Viernes, mayo 20
- Viernes, Junio 17

Las charlas bautismales son a las 7:00pm en la librería de la escuela. Para más información por favor llamar a la **Señora Salguero al 703-221-6344.**

**Knights of Columbus Council 9259
Fraternal Benefits Night**

April 28th at 7:30 pm
in the Parish Center Dining Facility



We are extending an open invitation to all men of the parish and their spouses to join us at this event. It is a great opportunity for current Knights to be brought up to date on their benefits, and for those who are not already Knights, a chance to learn more about the benefits and rewards of being part of this special,

and largest, fraternity of Catholic men. Refreshments will be served.

Many Members One Body, a support group for gay and lesbian Catholics and their families, will be held on **Thursday, May 5th, at 7 pm in the Br. Juniper Room.** For more information, please contact **Fr. Kevin Downey at 703-221-4044.**

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **Mid-County Physical Therapy** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

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

The next **Prescription Drug Take-Back Day** is here! On **Saturday, April 30th**, the Prince William County Police Department and the Manassas City Police Department will join with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to provide a safe and legal way to dispose of unused or expired prescription medications. Simply bring them to the collection sites at **Novant Health Prince William Medical Center, Sentara Lake Ridge, or Novant Health Haymarket Medical Center** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This nationwide prescription drug "Take-Back" initiative seeks to prevent pill abuse and theft. According to the DEA, rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are increasing at alarming rates.

- Unused or expired prescription medications are a public -safety issue, leading to accidental poisoning, overdose, and abuse.
- Pharmaceutical drugs can be just as dangerous as street drugs when taken without a prescription or a doctor's supervision.
- The majority of those abusing prescription drugs, including teens, get them from family and friends – and the home medicine cabinet.
- Unused prescription drugs thrown in the trash can be retrieved and abused, or illegally sold.
- Unused drugs that are flushed contaminate the water supply. Proper disposal of unused drugs saves lives and protects the environment.
- **Take-back programs are the best way to dispose of old drugs.** But if a program is not available, do NOT flush them down the toilet! Instead:
 - ◇ Take the meds out of their bottles;
 - ◇ Mix them with something unappealing like used kitty litter or coffee grounds;
 - ◇ Seal them in a bag or disposable container, and throw that away.

During this initiative, prescription and over-the-counter solid -dosage medications (i.e., tablets and capsules) will be accepted. Intravenous solutions, injectables, and needles will not be accepted. Illicit substances, such as marijuana or methamphetamine will also not be accepted. **For more information, please call the Crime Prevention Unit at 703-792-7270.**

Note: On **April 30th**, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., **Stafford Hospital** (101 Hospital Center Blvd., Stafford) will also be participating in the Drug Take-Back Day.

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 or 703-221-3127, ext. 228.

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

Apr. 24	Sunday RE Sessions I&II
28	Thursday RE Session
May 1	Sunday RE Sessions I&II
5	Thursday RE Session
8	NO RE —Happy Mother's Day
12	Thursday RE Session
15	Sunday RE Sessions I&II

Important Dates—Confirmation 2016

Thursday, May 19th (6:30pm or 8:00pm)—Confirmation Rehearsal

- 6:30pm—St. Francis School, Thursday RE, CYM
- 8:00pm—All Sunday RE sessions, Homeschool

Saturday, May 21st (10:00am or 2:00pm)—Confirmation

- 10:00am—St. Francis School, Thursday RE, CYM
- 2:00pm—All Sunday RE sessions, Homeschool



VBS Save the Date!!
VBS is June 20th -24th!

Many volunteers are needed to make this a great week! Please contact **Sharon Gardner** for

information gardners.vbs@gmail.com.

Baptismal Preparation Class—Our next class will be held on **Sunday, May 8, 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 Girl Scout Troop 2979 is hosting the "Rock the Ages" Father/Daughter Dance at the **Dumfries United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 30th**. *Daisies and Brownies can bring their special guy from (CORRECTION) 4:00pm-6:00pm, and then Juniors,*



Cadettes, and Seniors can bring their special guy from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Dancing, beverages, snacks, Photo Booth and Professional Photographer will be provide to make this a special night to remember. **Price is \$25 per couple** and the Troop is offering a personalized tumbler with straw. For information on

registration, please contact **Carole Rogan** at carole.rogan@sbcglobal.net or 815-690-3997. **We look forward to seeing you!!**

Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction Ticket Sales

The St. Francis of Assisi School PTO will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction on Saturday, April 30th immediately following 5:30 pm Mass. All parishioners are invited to attend this family friendly event. **Tickets will be on sale April 23rd-24th after each Mass.** Checks, cash or Facts payments will be accepted. Tables for 8 people may be purchased for \$70. Individual ticket prices are as follows: \$10 for 12 years and up, \$6 for children 3-11. Please stop by the displays in the church vestibule for additional information.



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!

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



Please Pray For **All those who are sick:** Lorraine Autobus; Mary Hayden; Kurt Nagel; Annelies Gendron; and Bruce Meisner, Col. U.S, Army Retired.

And for those recently deceased: Mildred Ruth Malley (Mother of Marianne Hayes); Michael Creegan (Husband of Otella Creegan).

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

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Liturgies For The Week

SUNDAY, 5:30 PM	April 24—5th Sunday of Easter †Agustina Peña †Joseph and †Julia Flood †Deborah Jean McGrath †John Bernard MacKinnon Gerald R. Furniss, III
7:30 AM	†Susie Yates
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik Maura Beltha Ntoh
10:30 AM	People of the Parish
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy †Claudia Tornes Cecilia Zink
1:45 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Michael Creegan
MONDAY, 8:45 AM	April 25—St. Mark, Evangelist
TUESDAY, 8:45 AM	April 26—Easter Weekday †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Mike Creegan
WEDNESDAY, 8:45 AM	April 27—Easter Weekday †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
THURSDAY, 8:45 AM	April 28—St. Peter Chanel Dirk French †Michael Creegan
FRIDAY, 8:45 AM	April 29—St. Catherine of Siena †Mike Creegan
SATURDAY, 4:00 PM	April 30—Easter Weekday Sacrament of Reconciliation

Mass Intentions on Sunday, May 1, 2016

5:30 PM	People of the Parish †Timothy Halpin †James Allan
7:30 AM	Thomas Lee
9:00 AM	†Catherine Murphy †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
10:30 AM	†Therese Boutin LaFontaine Renato Lentija
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy
1:45 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Michael Creegan †Victoria Maier



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!

Readings for the Week of April 24, 2016

Monday	1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20
Tuesday	Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a
Wednesday	Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8
Thursday	Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11
Friday	Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17
Saturday	Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21
Sunday	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29

**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 be meeting on Saturday, April 30, 2016** in the Br. Juniper Room (located on the left side of the church) **from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.**

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. There is also a way to become an associate member...come check us out!

You may further seek admittance to the FINEST Irish Catholic Organization in the World—all we 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.

The **Rosary Guild** meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Please join us **Tuesday, April 26th** from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the **St. Clare Room**. All are welcome. **For more information, please call Otella Creegan at 703-221-4692.**



ANNUAL SPRING TEA

The Columbiettes are hosting their annual spring tea and fashion show on **May 1st at 2PM in St Francis of Assisi Parish Center Gym**. Please join us for this worthwhile fundraising event. **Tickets are \$25 each. Tickets will be on sale on our web site: columbiettes.yapsody.com or after the masses on April 23rd, and 24th.**



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.

