

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

Dear Parishioners,

Below is the announcement that the Bishop and our Minister Provincial asked me to read at the Masses last weekend. As noted in the announcement I have been asked to serve as the Parochial Administrator of the Parish until this matter is resolved. Fr. Frank Critch, O.F.M., has returned temporarily to the Parish to assist me and Br. Henry Fulmer, O.F.M., who has joined our Parish staff on a permanent basis.

This is obviously a very difficult moment for our Parish and especially for Fr. Kevin. Please keep him in your prayers. If you would like to contact him, I would ask that you please bring your cards and letters to the Parish Office and we will forward them to him, as Fr. Kevin has moved from this area.

While serving as your Parochial Administrator, I am her to be of assistance to you in any way possible. I very much appreciate your support and prayers.

Fr. John O'Connor, O.F.M.

*"I need to share with you some unfortunate news. Fr. Kevin Downey, O.F.M., our Pastor here at St. Francis of Assisi, was placed on administrative leave this past Friday pending the investigation of an allegation against him of abuse of a minor. This allegation dates back to 1990, and did not involve anyone at our Parish or in this diocese.*

*Fr. Kevin has denied the accusation, but it is a matter that must be investigated. The investigation is in the early stages and no final determination has been made.*

*The diocese and the Franciscans of Holy Name Province are committed to full cooperation regarding this allegation. The diocese's formal announcement is available on the diocesan web page as is its child protection policy. This will also be announced in the Catholic Herald.*

*During this investigation, I have been asked to serve as the Parochial Administrator of St. Francis, to assist in the administrative and spiritual care of our Parish family. If I can be of any assistance to you, please feel free to contact me. We have asked Fr. Frank Critch, O.F.M., who most of you know, to return for a few weeks to help me.*

*The Bishop has informed me that we, the St. Francis Parish Community are in his prayers as well as the prayers of the entire diocesan community. Be assured also of the prayers of the friars of Holy Name Province.*

*Please keep Fr. Kevin and all those involved in this unfortunate situation in your prayers."*

**In Stephen Ministry we guard against "Pink Thinking."**

Wondering what that is? You can email **Kathy Walker** at

[kwalker@stfrancis.org](mailto:kwalker@stfrancis.org), stop by the **Stephen Ministry office** and ask **Kathy** or call **703-221-4312** and then

**press 4** to get the answer and to talk about what Stephen Ministry is about...



A Novena of Masses will be offered for all Fathers, living and deceased, and will begin on June 19<sup>th</sup>. **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 12 noon on Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>**.



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



**Rachel Lauren Brown**  
and  
**Charles Edward Hamilton**

**Faustine Marie Licudine Dela Cruz**  
and  
**Michael Chase Zamora**

**Rachel Erin MacLeod**  
and  
**Casey Brendan Breslin**

**Wendy Elizabeth O'Toole**  
and  
**John Pete Garilli**

**Lorenza Morales-Rodriguez**  
and  
**Proceso Gonzalez-Cruz**

## Franciscan Action and Advocacy



Our parish is honored to be featured in the just-released **Eco-Parish Guide: Bringing Laudato Si' to Life**, a publication of the **Global Catholic Climate Movement**. Fr. Kevin is quoted, as well as included within a write-up on our GreenFaith Certification and in a picture with Fr. Frank. Pictures of the church are also part of this comprehensive resource. To get a free digital copy and to learn more, please visit <http://www.stfrncis.org/eco-parish-guide/>. Congratulations again to our GreenFaith teams, our Care for Creation Committee, our friars, parish and school staff, and to everyone who contributed—and to all those who continue to contribute—to environmental-stewardship efforts here at the parish and beyond. FYI: Our next **Care for Creation Committee** meeting (focused on environmental work/integral ecology) is on **Sunday, June 12th**, at **9 a.m.** in the **Br. Juniper Room**. All are welcome!

Other upcoming meetings: Our **Anti-Human Trafficking Committee** (engaged in action, awareness and advocacy efforts in the fight against human trafficking) is meeting on **Wednesday, June 8th**, 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, June 18th**, at **11:45 a.m.** in the **St. Catherine Room**. Our **Franciscan Action and Advocacy Council (FAAC)** is meeting on **Saturday, June 18th**, 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.)

“Everybody, according to his or her particular opportunities and responsibilities, should be able to make a personal contribution to putting an end to so many social injustices.”  
– Pope Francis

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 703-221-3127, ext. 228.



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

## St. Francis House Corner

Thanks to the donations from all our parishioners we were able to provide food for **50** families this week. Because of the increase of families in need We are in need of:

- Spaghetti
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Pasta



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 **50** familias. En estos momentos estamos necesitados de:

- Espagueti
- Salsa para Espagueti
- Pasta

**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, 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.**



**Many Members One Body**, a support group for gay and lesbian Catholics and their families, will be held on **Thursday, June 9th**, at **7 pm in the Br. Juniper Room**. This will be the last meeting until September. For more information, please contact **The Parish Office 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!



**GO ON A PLASTIC DIET**

### 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

## Have a Blessed Summer!

*Classes will resume again in September.*



Thank you for participating in the **Operation Rice Bowl** Lenten Service Project. Because of your generosity we raised **\$1,583.00** this year!

**Baptismal Preparation Class**—Our next class will be held on **Sunday, June 12, 2016 from 1:30p.m.—2:00p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room. **Please call the parish office to register at 703-221-4044.**

**Please Pray For** All those who are sick: Clyde Richardson; Jorge Rios; Betty Pacheco; Amalia Carballo; Julie Ocasio; Margaret Renfro; Teddy Placek; and Annelies Gendron.

**And for those recently deceased:** Gene Montague (Husband of Lisette Montague); and Jackson McGuire (Great Grandson of Gene and Laurie Zeisler).

**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.

**St. Francis of Assisi School** has several openings available in our *Kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd grade, 3rd grade, 4th grade and 5th grade classes for the 2016-2017 school year.* Our Kindergarten

has always been a full day program with a strong curriculum and a stimulating learning environment. Spanish, Music, PE, Health, Art and Technology are all part of the K through 8 curriculum. Band is offered from grades 4-8 as are sports. All teachers are Virginia certified and

assisting teachers have degrees. **Please call the school office for more information at 703-221-3868.**



#### SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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

### Basketball Camp:

Date: **June 27th - July 1st**  
Time: **8:30am - 3:30pm**  
Place: **St. Francis Gym**  
Cost: **\$100.00**  
For registration please go to [www.stfas.org](http://www.stfas.org), tab school life, sports, sports forms.



### Coaches needed for school year 2016—2017

Cheerleaders: 3rd—8th grade girls and boys  
Basketball: 4th grade girls and boys ( 2 teams—non-coed)  
Basketball: High School—Church team



Questions? Please contact:  
**Terry DeVito—Sports Director at**  
[devitot.stfas@gmail.com](mailto:devitot.stfas@gmail.com) or  
**540-752-0492**

St. Francis Youth Ministry is open to all High School teens. Here is what is happening soon:

## **GRADUATION Mass and Reception**



**Who:** All Graduating Seniors

**Date:** Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>

**MASS:** 5:30 – 6:30 PM

**Reception:** 6:30 – 7:30 PM in the Parish Center Dining Facility. Graduates will be called up during Mass and given a blessing. There will be a reception with light refreshments immediately following the Mass.



### **Father's Day 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament!**

Attention all athletes ages 8 and up who can dribble and shoot a basketball! Come participate in the Third Annual Father's Day 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament! It will start at **9 AM on June 18, 2016 at the St. Francis Parish Center 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 \$2,000 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); phone 540-657-9006

or

Kevin Horwath at

[kev89@comcast.net](mailto:kev89@comcast.net); phone 703-508-0294.



# alleluia Liturgies For The Week

**SUNDAY, June 5th—10th Sunday In Ordinary Time**

5:30 PM †Mielen Garlit Arquines  
 †Evangelisto and †Loretta Foglietta  
 †Susan Rusnak  
 †Guillermo and †Alcira Camacho  
 7:30 AM †Judy Trautman  
 9:00 AM †Mielen Garlit Arquines  
 †Joseph Murphy  
 †Vivian Deal  
 10:30 AM †Richard Mance, Sr.  
 Frederico Casupang, Jr.  
 12:15 PM †Clara Kennedy  
 †Anne Kennedy  
 †Maria Hofer  
 1:45 PM Misa en español  
 5:30 PM People of the Parish

**MONDAY, June 6—Weekday**

8:45 AM †Mielen Garlit Arquines  
 Olivia Choi  
 †Erik Eastvedt

**TUESDAY, June 7—Weekday**

8:45 AM Gretchen May  
 †Mielen Garlit Arquines  
 Ron Carbone

**WEDNESDAY, June 8—Weekday**

8:45 AM †Mary Bryant

**THURSDAY, June 9—Weekday**

8:45 AM †Michael Creegan

**FRIDAY, June 10—Weekday**

8:45 AM †Felicitas Castaneda

**SATURDAY, June 11—St. Barnabas, Apostle  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Mass Intentions on Sunday, June 12, 2016**

5:30 PM †Mildred Ruth Malley  
 †John Kock  
 7:30 AM Thomas Lee  
 9:00 AM †Mielen Garlit Arquines  
 People of the Parish  
 10:30 AM †George McElroy  
 †Laura Aveni  
 12:15 PM †Joyce and †Don McVay  
 †George Beck  
 †Vernon Lineberry  
 †Clara Kennedy  
 1:45 PM Misa en español  
 5:30 PM †Gene Montague

**Readings for the Week of June 5, 2016**

Monday 1 Kings 17:1-6; Matthew 5:1-12  
 Tuesday 1 Kings 17:7-16; Matthew 5:13-16  
 Wednesday 1 Kings 18:20-39; Matthew 5:17-19  
 Thursday 1 Kings 18:41-46; Matthew 5:20-26  
 Friday 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-16; Matthew 5:27-32  
 Saturday Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Matthew 5:33-37  
 Sunday 2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13;  
 Galatians 2:16, 19-21;  
 Luke 7:36—8:3 or 7:36-50

The Lion's Club has 2 donation drop boxes located on the window sill in the vestibule. Please consider donating your used eyeglasses to the Lion's Club. Your unwanted glasses will help someone see better. Thank you for always being so generous.

**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.



**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).

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