

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

the history of our country. It is only by dialogue and working together to cross the boundaries that divide us that we can overcome the violence that is becoming too common in our society.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, I have included in the bulletin this week a statement from our Franciscan Provincial, Fr Kevin Mullen. He is addressing it to the Friars but I believe his challenge is a challenge to all Catholics and Christians. We are indeed witnessing a difficult moment in

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

Dear Brothers,

Sad to say that each day seems to be filled with more and more stories which indicate the spread of violence increasing on global, national, and local levels. This blanket of violence seems to be like a plague that knows no boundaries. In just the past week or so, we are repulsed to learn about the senseless loss of life in Istanbul, Dhaka, Bagdad, Orlando, Falcon Heights (Minnesota), Baton Rouge, and Dallas. People have been targeted and killed because of their religion, ethnicity, race, sexuality, and profession. The perpetrators of these killings seem to be filled with ignorance, fear, and hatred. They tragically disregard the intrinsic value of life and commit crimes against God and humanity.

We, Franciscan friars, must recognize that the current context of our world has a profound impact upon the way we choose to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Now more than ever, we must choose peace and we must witness to the value of non-violence. We must see ourselves first and foremost as instruments of peace, healing, and reconciliation. We are called to be bridge-builders. We enter into the midst of the ignorance, fear, and hatred, and we offer a different response—not an “eye-for-an eye” or a “get even” type of response, but rather an alternate approach that walks in the midst of suffering, injustice, pain and death and calls out in a non-violent voice for understanding, dialogue, healing, justice, mercy and peaceful resolutions.

As friars, our attitudes, words and actions express our deeply held convictions. Each friar must resolve to intensify his relationship with God through individual and communal prayer, especially through the celebration of the Eucharist. As members of local fraternities-in-mission we must live at peace with one another in order to give credible witness to the people we serve. In our work and in our ministries, we must always promote peace, harmony, and the cause of justice. Our words should be expressed in ways that help to build-up and bring people together as opposed to the words—expressed all too frequently in these times—that tear down and cause disruption and divisions.

Fifty-three years ago within our country when basic human and civil rights were being denied to African-Americans, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. writing from his prison cell in Birmingham, Alabama, reminded people of some fundamental truths. Dr. King wrote: *I am cognizant of the interrelatedness of all communities and states. I cannot sit idly by in Atlanta and not be concerned about what happens in Birmingham. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. Never again can we afford to live with the narrow, provincial "outside agitator" idea. Anyone who lives inside the United States can never be considered an outsider anywhere within its bounds.*

His words challenged and united people then and they can hopefully do the same for us now. We must remember we are all sisters and brothers.

Fraternally,



Kevin Mullen, O.F.M.  
Provincial Minister

All a Stephen Minister asks is to be “Someone’s sunshine when their skies are grey”; or at least an umbrella when it seems like more of a down pour. **Please call 703-221-4312 and then press 4 or email Kathy Walker at [kwalker@stfrncis.org](mailto:kwalker@stfrncis.org) to start a caring relationship with someone waiting to help.**



**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.stfrncis.org](http://www.stfrncis.org).

**RESPECT  
CREATION**



## Franciscan Action and Advocacy (FA&A)

**FA&A summer reading:** consider two books by Robert D. Lupton: *"Toxic Charity: How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help, And How to Reverse It"* and *"Charity Detox: What Charity Would Look Like If We Cared About Results"*

**From our Respect Life Committee:** All are invited to attend a **Project Rachel** monthly intercessory prayer holy hour to pray for the healing of our culture and for our brothers and sisters affected by abortion. The holy hours are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. Mary of Sorrows Historic Church in Fairfax Station. **For more information, please contact 703-841-2504 or [info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.org). Visit their website at [www.helpafterabortion.org](http://www.helpafterabortion.org).**

To read the **Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy's** summer newsletter, visit <http://www.virginiainterfaithcenter.org/summer-newsletter/>.

**Michele Trampe**, executive director of the **Central Virginia Justice Initiative**, will be joining us at our **Anti-Human Trafficking Committee** (engaged in action, awareness and advocacy efforts in the fight against human trafficking) meeting on **Wednesday, August 10th, at 7 p.m.** in the **St. Catherine Room**. All are invited!

**Other upcoming FA&A meetings** (all are welcome to attend/visit!): Our **Respect Life Committee** (advocating for the consistent ethic of life from conception to natural death) is meeting on **Saturday, August 20th, 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, August 21st, at 9 a.m.** in the **Br. Juniper Room**. Our **Franciscan Action and Advocacy Council (FAAC)** is meeting on **Saturday, August 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.*)

**Four Lessons on Divine Mercy from the Woman at the Well:** <http://goo.gl/TvOONr>—*"(Jesus) is not the voice of a wishy-washy relativist, an anything-goes peddler of pseudo-mercy and cheap grace. Rather, it is the commanding voice of one who knows that extreme mercy awakens extreme demand."*—Bishop Robert Barron

**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 703-221-3127, 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 **80** families this week. Because of the increase of families in need we are in need of:

- Spaghetti Sauce
- Pasta
- Cereal



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



**When Did I see You Hungry, Lord?** St. Francis has pledged to provide *Saturday breakfasts to the Drop-In Shelter in Woodbridge from April to October and we are in dire need of your help.* Sign-up sheets are available on the bulletin board in the vestibule. For more information, please contact **Francia Salguero** at **571-572-5862**. Thank you very much for your 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 **80** familias. En estos momentos estamos necesitados de:

- Salsa para Espagueti
- Pasta
- Cereal

**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, agosto 12. **Las charlas bautismales son a las 7:00pm en el Salón del Hermano Juniper (Brother Juniper Room)**. Para más información por favor llamar a la **Señora Salguero** al **703-221-6344**.

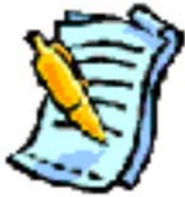
All young adults, college students through mid-thirties, are invited to **Theology on Tap** on **Monday, July 18th** at Ornerly Beer Company in Woodbridge. *Our speakers for the night are two fellow young adults, Maria Beben and Meghan Meros, who both work at the Franciscan Mission Service in DC.* They will be speaking on **Living a Ministry of Presence in a Distracted World**. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. and the talk starts around 7:30 p.m. Check out the Facebook event for more details or contact **John Lilly** ([jjilly@stfrancis.org](mailto:jjilly@stfrancis.org) or 703-221-4044, ext. 237).

## Faith Formation Office

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

### Registration has begun for Religious Education for 2016-2017

Just a reminder that there are changes for next year in the RE Program, please read the registration packet and Parent Handbook carefully.



The RE Parent Handbook and registration packet are online on the RE homepage [www.stfrncis.org](http://www.stfrncis.org). Please read and turn the forms at the end of the handbook in to the RE Office. The handbook will take the place of the General Parent Meeting that typically takes place in the Fall.

For questions regarding Registration call or e-mail the RE Office Liz Brack: [lizb@stfrncis.org](mailto:lizb@stfrncis.org), Marianne Hayes, DRE [recoor@stfrncis.org](mailto:recoor@stfrncis.org), [snoble@stfrncis.org](mailto:snoble@stfrncis.org) ADRE( Sacramental Preparation) 703-221-3127.

### **Bishop Barron's Catholicism Series**

Join us in the library of the parish center on Fridays at 7pm to view and discuss Bishop Barron's Catholicism series. The sessions do not build upon each other, so please feel free to drop in any Friday night that you are in town and available. All are welcome! Please see the schedule for remaining topics and contact Sheila Noble, [snoble@stfrncis.org](mailto:snoble@stfrncis.org), with any questions.

<b>July 22nd</b>	Lesson Seven: <i>Liturgy &amp; Eucharist</i>
<b>July 29th</b>	Lesson Eight: <i>The Communion of Saints</i>
<b>August 5th</b>	NO MEETING
<b>August 12th</b>	Lesson Nine: <i>The Fire of His Love</i>
<b>August 19th</b>	Lesson Ten: <i>The Last Things</i>

**Please Pray For** All those who are sick: Jorge Rios; Teddy Placek; Rebecca Ocasio; Gene O'Connor; Danny O'Connor.

**And for those recently deceased:** Sergei Semyrog; and Betty Tomaine.

**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.

### **SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

We would like to thank  
**Rheingarten Restaurant**  
for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

### Readings for the Week of July 17, 2016

Monday	Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Matthew 12:38-42
Tuesday	Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Matthew 12:46-50
Wednesday	Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10; Matthew 13:1-9
Thursday	Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Matthew 13:10-17
Friday	Jeremiah 3:14-17; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; John 20:1-2, 11-18
Saturday	Jeremiah 7:1-11; Matthew 13:24-30
Sunday	Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13



### FREE MOVIE SCREENING AT THE PARISH!

In continued appreciation of Divine Mercy, we will hold a special, free screening of the documentary, "The Original Image of Divine Mercy: *The Untold Story of an Unknown Masterpiece*" on Saturday, July 23rd, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center Dining Hall.

Come watch as a team of documentarists travel through Europe and the U.S. uncovering the answers to many unanswered questions about the little-known original image of Divine Mercy—the only image of Divine Mercy that Saint Faustina ever saw! The film includes a special appearance by Pope Francis, and features key witnesses, as well as commentary by notable historians, religious, and artists discussing the image from a variety of angles and perspectives, including conversations with Jim Gaffigan, Harry Connick, Jr., Bishop Robert Barron, and many others. Despite the popularity of the devotion to the Divine Mercy around the world, very few realize that there is only one original Divine Mercy image. How did so many other renderings of Saint Faustina's vision become more well-known around the world, while the original image remains in obscurity?



To learn more and to view the trailer, please visit <http://www.divinemercurfilm.com/> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uSB7uiE7sTA> or please contact **Sheila Noble** at 703-221-3127, ext. 238 or [snoble@stfrncis.org](mailto:snoble@stfrncis.org).

**Baptismal Preparation Class**—Our next class will be held on **Sunday, August 21, 2016 from 1:30p.m.—2:00p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room. **Please call the parish office to register at 703-221-4044.**





## Mass Intentions

<b>SUNDAY,</b> 5:30 PM	<b>July 17th—16th Sunday In Ordinary Time</b> †Nancy Gonzalez †Maureen Galary †Elias Macarayo Eugenio †Diane Tomasinski
7:30 AM	†Elias Macarayo Eugenio Fr. Kevin Downey, O.F.M. and all the Friars
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Mike Espina †Bob Walker
10:30 AM	†William McNamara †Joyce and †Don McVay Mary and †Charles Devoe Fr. Kevin Downey, O.F.M.
12:15 PM	†George Beck †Clara Kennedy Fr. Kevin Downey, O.F.M. and all the Friars Chris Andrizzi
1:45 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Gene Montague
<b>MONDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>July 18—Weekday</b> John Han
<b>TUESDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>July 19—Weekday</b> †Palmira Coimbra †Frank Kovalchik
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>July 20—Weekday</b> †Martha Vierheller †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
<b>THURSDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>July 21—Weekday</b> Dominic Han
<b>FRIDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>July 22—St. Mary Magdalene</b> Marco Aquino and Family
<b>SATURDAY,</b> 4:00 PM	<b>July 23—Weekday</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation

### Mass Intentions on Sunday, July 24, 2016

5:30 PM	†Nancy Gonzalez †Diane Tomasinski
7:30 AM	Br. Henry Fulmer, O.F.M. Thomas Lee
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Luke Brennan
10:30 AM	Fr. Kevin Downey, O.F.M.
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy
1:45 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	Eugene Montague



We will celebrate Labor Day here in the parish with a BBQ at **Locust Shade Park on Monday, September 5th from 11am-3pm, with prayer service at 12pm.** Details will follow in future bulletins. This will be a great time to come together in fellowship and fun. **Please reserve the date with your family and friends!**

**Attention all Girl Scouts!** You will have the opportunity to earn either the *Mary the First Disciple Medal* (7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> grade girls) or the *Spirit Alive Medal* (High School girls) by participating with a group forming this summer at St. Francis. **We will begin meeting at the end of July and will meet once a month through November.** Please contact



**Girl Scouts®**

**Sheila Noble** at [snoble@stfrncis.org](mailto:snoble@stfrncis.org) if you are interested in participating as materials will need to be ordered for you. *The cost for participation is \$10 per girl, which covers all materials including the medal.* Girl Scouts who complete all program requirements will receive their Religious Emblems at the Scout Sunday Mass **(February 12, 2017 at the Family Liturgy Mass).** Please see the following website for specific information regarding each of the programs.

<http://nccqscf.org/programs/mtfd.htm>.

**Attention all Boy Scouts!** You will have the opportunity to earn either the Ad Altare Dei Medal (7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> grade boys) or the Pope Pius XII Medal (High School boys ages 15-17 years old) by participating with a group forming this summer at St. Francis. **Meetings will commence at the end of July (exact start date to be given out after groups have been formed) in which boys will meet twice a month through January.** Please contact **Chanel Marquis** at [cmarquis@stfrncis.org](mailto:cmarquis@stfrncis.org) if you are interested in participating as materials will need to be ordered for you. *The cost for participation is \$10 per boy, which covers all materials including the medal.* Boy Scouts who complete all program requirements will receive their Religious Emblems at the Scout Sunday Mass **(February 12, 2017 at the Family Liturgy Mass).** Please see the following website for specific information regarding each of the programs.



**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

<http://www.nccs-bsa.org/index.php>.

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