

From the Pastor's Desk

Over the next few weeks you will notice a number of visiting friars who will be helping with the weekend Masses. This week, Fr. David Blake, O.F.M. from St. Bonaventure University will be with us and next week, Fr. Brian Smail, O.F.M. from our parish on 31st Street in New York City.

I established the practice of asking friars to visit our parish and help with weekend Liturgies when I was pastor here in the late 1990's and early 2000's. It gives the friars of our Holy Name Province a chance to see our great parish, and it gives parishioners a chance to meet the different friars and hear their homilies. I have always been a believer that variety is the spice of life!

Also, a reminder that our annual Labor day picnic is coming up. I hope that you can join us for a fun afternoon.



What a wonderful summer we are having! Or maybe you are not? Our outstanding Parish has resources to help you in a number of ways. Look at the front of the bulletin to see... And remember Stephen Ministry is just a call away to help you for a long or short term caring relationship. Please call

Kathy Walker to talk about it, at 703-221-4312 and then press 4 or email at kwalker@stfrancis.org.

St. Francis' Boy Scout Troop 138's second annual service project will be to collect much needed school supplies for St. Francis House, during the weekends of **August 6th-7th, 13th-14th, and 20th-21st.**

Boxes will be located in the vestibule for your generous contributions of these items (glue sticks, black and white marble composition books, wide-ruled notebook paper, pink erasers, etc.). *This year Virginia's sales tax holiday/tax-free weekend is August 5th-7th (<http://www.tax.virginia.gov/content/sales-tax-holiday>).*



If you are interested in becoming a member of *Boy Scout Troop 138*, please contact **Chanel Marquis at awlk2rmberva@yahoo.com.**



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!

All young adults, college students through mid-thirties, are invited to **Theology on Tap on Monday, August 22nd at Ornerly Beer Company in Woodbridge.** Our speaker for the evening is our very own **Br. Henry Fulmer, O.F.M.!** The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. and the talk starts around 7:30 p.m. For more info, please check the Young Adult Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1058823590816944/>) or contact John Lilly (jlilly@stfrancis.org or 703-221-4044, ext. 237).



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.

The VIRTUS Protecting God's Children is the adult safe-environment program being offered by the Diocese of Arlington. **The Diocese requires all adult employees and also volunteers who have substantial contact with children to attend the seminar. This includes:**

- ⇨ Vacation Bible School volunteers
- ⇨ Nursery volunteers
- ⇨ Confirmation retreat parent volunteers
- ⇨ School parent volunteers, who chaperone field trips, volunteer in the classroom, etc.
- ⇨ Mommy & Me volunteers
- ⇨ Coaches for all sports
- ⇨ Boy Scout/Girl Scout leaders and assistants (regardless of whether they are parishioners)
- ⇨ Catechists and Assistant Catechists
- ⇨ CYM and MSYM volunteers
- ⇨ All church and school employees

St. Francis of Assisi Parish will host a seminar on Sunday, August 21st from 11 am—3 pm in the Parish Center Dining Facility (begins promptly at **11 am**).



To attend this workshop you must pre-register with your full legal name. The seminar is **limited to 60 people**, but there are a number of seminars offered throughout the Diocese; please check availability on the VIRTUS website.

To register: Go to www.virtus.org and click on the yellow link labeled "Registration" (you may either view a list of sessions or begin the registration process). To register for a specific session, select "Begin the Registration Process". Then, from the pull-down menu, select "Diocese of Arlington, VA". Then follow the online prompts.

Every adult member of the parish is invited to register and attend the workshop—it is our duty as members of this community of faith to be aware of how we can support and protect all children.

Franciscan Action and Advocacy (FA&A)

This coming **Wednesday, August 10th**, at **7 p.m.** in the **St. Catherine Room**, Michele Trampe, executive director of the Central Virginia Justice Initiative, will be joining us at our **Anti-Human Trafficking Committee** meeting. All are invited!

Other upcoming 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.)

The **Virginia Catholic Conference** is the public policy advocacy organization representing Virginia's two Catholic Bishops and their dioceses in matters before the Virginia General Assembly, the U.S. Congress, and the state and federal administrations and their agencies. To learn more and to sign-up for action alerts, visit <http://www.vacatholic.org/>.

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 or 703-221-3127, ext. 228.

Ignatian volunteers work to improve the lives of the materially poor. Share your knowledge, skills and compassion and impact someone's life. If you want to know more contact **Joanie Coolidge** 703-534-4140 or jcoolidge@ivcusa.org. The next information sessions are **August 11th and August 31st from 10:00 am-11:15am (both days)** at **7115 Leesburg Pike, Suite 304, Falls Church, VA 22043**.



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.

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:



- 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 **60** familias. En estos momentos estamos necesitados de:

- Salsa para Espaguetti
- 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 (Br. Juniper Room)**. Para más información por favor llamar a la **Señora Salguero al 703-221-6344**.

Se llevará a cabo un Matrimonio Comunitario el Sábado, 24 de septiembre. Eso es una misa con varias parejas con el motivo de compartir una misa por su casamiento. Es una opción económica y alegre. Si se interesa, pronto comuníquese con el Padre John.

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Twitter: *@StFrancisVA*
Instagram: *stfrancischurchva*



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. 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, Marianne Hayes, DRE recoor@stfrncis.org, Sheila Noble 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, with any questions.

August 12th Lesson Nine: *The Fire of His Love*
August 19th Lesson Ten: *The Last Things*

RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you or someone you know is considering being initiated into the Roman Catholic faith, make plans to attend our first RCIA meeting on **Wednesday, August 31st at 7:30 pm in the Br. Juniper Room**. It will be a great opportunity to discover more details about the program and ask questions. You may also contact **Friar Henry Fulmer** at friarhenry@stfrncis.org.

RCIA Sponsors Needed


Sponsoring an RCIA Candidate/Catechumen is a unique opportunity to share your faith. If you are a confirmed Catholic and are interested in sharing the journey with an adult seeking full initiation, please contact **Friar Henry Fulmer** at friarhenry@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.**

Please Pray For All those who are sick: Clyde Richardson; Ricky Mendez; Gene Wilhem; and Annelies Gendron.


And for those recently deceased: Jorge Rios; and Bogdan J. Zaborowski (Brother of Vicky Hales).

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




**HOSTED BY OUR
KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS**

Place: ST. FRANCIS of ASSISI PARISH
When: 5:30 pm After Saturday's Mass
DATE: 24 SEPT 2016
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**LET'S SUPPORT THE KNIGHTS AND YOU WILL
SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY LET'S GET THE WORD.
TICKETS WILL BE HERE SOON.**



John Paul Golf Tournament

Saint John Paul the Great High School is hosting "Golfing with Wolves" on **Thursday, September 15th, at the spectacular Potomac Shores Golf Club**. This is the only publicly accessible Jack Nicklaus Signature golf course in the DC area! Join friends and make new ones while enjoying a beautiful day on the greens in support of Catholic education. Sponsorship opportunities also available! **For more information, and to register, please visit www.jpthegreat.org, or please call 703-445-0306, or email: golf@jpthegreat.org.**

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank
Todos Supermarket
for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

Readings for the Week of August 7, 2016

Monday Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28c; Matthew 17:22-27
Tuesday Ezekiel 2:8—3:4; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26
Thursday Ezekiel 12:1-12; Matthew 18:21—19:1
Friday Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Matthew 19:3-12
Saturday Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Matthew 19:13-15
Sunday Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53



Theology Courses at Christendom Graduate School

Registration is now open for Fall theology courses at the Christendom Graduate School. Earn your MA in theology or take a courses casually in your area of interest! The fall lineup at our convenient Alexandria campus

includes Sexual and Biomedical Ethics, The Virtues, Methods of Catechesis and Evangelization, God the Father, Philosophy of God and Man, and Church History. This semester only, we are also offering a special Monday night lecture series on Spiritual Theology. Additionally, we have several online courses including a real-time, interactive course on the Pentateuch, taught by Fr. Sebastian Carnazzo. **The semester runs from September 6th until December 17th**, and there is a special discounted rate for professional catechists, seniors, and religious who wish to audit courses. **For more information, please visit <http://graduate.christendom.edu/>, email us at graduate.school@christendom.edu, or call 703-658-4304.**

Thomas Marquis (St. Francis' Boy Scout Troop 138) Life Scout, Eagle Scout Project:

An **outdoor Stations of the Cross** will be constructed here at St. Francis of Assisi in late September. The site will be located to the right of the labyrinth.



Please stop by the information table after all the Masses the weekends of **August 20th-21st and August 27th-28th**, to learn more about this project. Or please contact **Thomas Marquis at bsatrop138.stfrancis@gmail.com**. There will also be naming opportunities to honor or remember a loved one as a lasting tribute.

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.



Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, August 7th—19th Sunday In Ordinary Time
 5:30 PM †Paul Krieger
 †Diane Tomasinski
 †Louis Mancine
 Special Intention
 Thomas Lee
 7:30 AM Br. Henry Fulmer, O.F.M.
 9:00 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
 Special Intention
 10:30 AM †Clara Kennedy
 12:15 PM †Joseph P. Banko
 †William Rozon
 †Teresita Tornes
 †Vergilio Lalican
 Misa en español
 1:45 PM †Gene Montague
 5:30 PM †Kevin Carroll
MONDAY, August 8—St. Dominic
 8:45 AM †Rose Thurston
TUESDAY, August 9—Weekday
 8:45 AM
WEDNESDAY, August 10—St. Lawrence, Deacon
 8:45 AM John Paul Floom
 †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
 †Kathryn Gonsorcik
THURSDAY, August 11—St. Clare
 8:45 AM †Joseph and †Julia Flood
 †Deborah Jean McGrath
 Charles Dennison
FRIDAY, August 12—Weekday
 8:45 AM
SATURDAY, August 13—Weekday
 4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

Mass Intentions on Sunday, August 14, 2016

5:30 PM †Thomas and †Ellen Sheehan
 †Helen and †Frank Cordes
 †Mary and †Samuel Deitz
 †Diane Tomasinski
 †Louis Mancine
 †Jane and †Ted Radigan
 7:30 AM †Naldo Ponsi
 †William Zatt
 †Betty Tomaine
 9:00 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
 10:30 AM Special Intention
 12:15 PM †Gayle Chaney
 †John J. McGrath
 †Clara Kennedy
 1:45 PM Misa en español
 5:30 PM †Gene Montague

Votive Candles

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

