


 From the Friars

Please remember our annual Labor Day picnic. I hope you and your family can join us. It is a great opportunity to meet fellow parishioners and enjoy a fun afternoon

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



The parish will celebrate Labor Day with a BBQ at **Locust Shade Park on Monday, September 5th from 11am-3pm, with prayer service at 12pm.** There will be a sign-up sheet in the vestibule **this weekend.** We ask that each family bring either fruit, vegetables or salads for at least 10 people. Also, please bring games to enhance the fun! **The BBQ items (hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls/buns, and condiments) will be supplied as well as the refreshments.** *The picnic will be held rain or shine. If it must be cancelled due to extreme conditions, the cancellation will be posted on the parish website.*


 **Marriage Jubilee Mass:** Are you celebrating your **Silver or Golden Marriage Jubilee this year?**  **Were you married in 1966 or 1991?**

Then contact the parish office to make sure that you are registered for the "2016 Marriage Jubilee Mass." This Mass will be celebrated at **2:30 p.m. on October 16th** at the **Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington, VA.** The parish office must submit all registrations to the *Office for Family Life* as soon as possible. Registrations forms are available in the vestibule. Please contact **Chanel Marquis** (cmarquis@stfrancis.org or 703-221-4044, ext. 222) in the parish office with any questions. Do not delay. **Registration is due no later than September 21st.**

 **Marriage Preparation Workshop** will be held on **October 29, 2016 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. (Parish Center Dining Facility).** *This is our last workshop for this year. The next will be held in the Spring.* **For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 703-221-4044.**

Marriage Preparation

What Is Stephen Ministry? Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2.). Stephen Ministry is the one-to-one lay caring ministry. Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower lay caregivers—called Stephen Ministers—to provide one-to-one, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. If you are interested in what Stephen Ministry can do for you, please call **Kathy Walker at 703-221-4312 or email at kwalker@stfrancis.org** for more information.

 **Stephen Ministry**
Bear one another's burdens

Francis Fest: Important Notes!

 Our **9th Annual Francis Fest** is scheduled for **Sunday, October 2nd from 1-5pm** on the parish grounds. Great food, activities for all ages, entertainment and comradery guaranteed! Although the festival occurs "rain or shine", we do have an inclement weather date in case of an impending natural disaster (such as the hurricane predicted at last year's festival!). **Our inclement weather date is Sunday, October 16th.**

Lots of assistance from parish members is needed to make the festival the great success it has been in past years. Here is what you can do to help:

- **Check your wine cellar for overstock for our Wine Wheel.** Boxes will be in the church foyer for wine drop off the weekends of **9/17- 9/18 and 9/24-9/25, as well as the weekend of the festival.**
- **Cakes/baked goods for our cake wheel should be dropped off in the school foyer the morning of the festival.** Both the cake and wine wheel are two very popular events which help to offset the cost of the festival.
- **Volunteer to help for a shift at the festival.** We need set up and clean-up crews as well as assistance for the various activities during the festival. Volunteer sign up is simple and is done completely online. **Volunteer sign-up will start the weekend of September 3/4.** Look for detailed instructions in a separate bulletin announcement.
- **Festival tickets on sale at a discount!** Buy your festival tickets ahead of time and save! Festival tickets will be on sale the weekends of **9/17-9/18 and 9/24-9/25** after all Masses. **Pre-sale tickets are 6/\$5.** The day of the festival tickets will be \$1 each. All events, food and drink at the festival are charged by the ticket, so plan to buy ahead and take advantage of the discount.

55 and Over Craft Show

Are you 55 or over? Do you do needlepoint, quilting, photography, stamping, painting, sculpting, sewing, stained glass, woodworking, or any other craft you would like to show off to the parish?

As part of our **Annual Francis Fest on October 2nd**, we will again be having a 55 and Over Craft Show where you can present your crafts and sell them if you wish. We will provide the space, and ask only if you do choose to sell your craft, that you donate a portion of the profits back to the parish.



Each year the show has been more and more successful, and we would like to include even more crafters this year. **Please call or email Jeanne Mitcho with questions, or to request space at 703-670-8039 or jcmitcho45@gmail.com.** Table space is limited so do not delay!

Please Pray For All those who are sick: Jim Bogley; Anna Garland; Barbara Moore; Matilde Leopold; Clyde Richardson; Ricky Mendez; and Gene Wilhem.

And for those recently deceased: Helen C. Buckley (Mother of Jean Dumoulin).

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

Calling all Women and Men to celebrate!

Calling all Women and Men to celebrate! Would you like the opportunity to examine and rejoice in yourself, your relationship with Christ and your relationship with the Christian community? Arlington Diocese will hold a **Women's Cursillo weekend on September 15th-18th** and a **Men's Cursillo weekend on October 13th-16th**. This is a chance to reflect and refresh in the beautiful surroundings at San Damiano Retreat Center. If interested, please contact **Pequette Schwerin at 703-590-8492 or wislady@comcast.net**. Or access the arlingtondiocese.org website for more information.



Lunch Bunch is a 55+ group that meets once a month in the St. Catherine room for lunch and a variety of fun, informative topics, guest speakers and charitable causes. This year we will form a committee to help plan the year and use the many talented parish members to enhance our program. Anyone interested in participating on the committee can join us on Wednesday, **September 7th at the Panera Bread (1005 Stafford Market Place) in Stafford at 10 AM.** Please R.S.V.P. by e-mailing **Becky Traver at Tandovi@aol.com or calling 540-699-2175.** We officially kick off our year on September 15th!

ST. FRANCIS MEN'S GROUP—Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 7:30 PM in Br. Juniper Room—Our topic for September will be Pope Francis' recent statement on marriage and family life "The Joy of Love". This topic has been discussed much in the media since the release of the statement by Pope Francis this spring. It covers several sensitive issues facing the Catholic Church as it moves into the 21st century. For more information on this topic please go the parish website under Faith/Groups/ Men's Group.

All men of the parish are welcome. For more information please contact Tony Mercogliano at amercogliano@gmail.com or 571-332-7048.

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 **70** families this week. Because of the increase of families in need we are in need of:



- Canned Fruit
- Tuna
- Paper Bags
- Macaroni & Cheese

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

- Fruta enlatada
- Atún
- Bolsas de Papel
- Macarrones con queso

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 el viernes, septiembre 9 . **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.**

Picnic del Día del Trabajo—Te invitamos a celebrar el Día del trabajo con un Picnic en el



del trabajo con un Picnic en el **Locust Shade Park** el Lunes , Septiembre 5 de 11am-3pm

(Con un servicio de oración a las 12 del mediodía). En el vestíbulo de la iglesia hay una hoja de inscripción y pedimos que cada familia traiga frutas, verduras o ensaladas para al menos 10 personas. El picnic consistirá de (hamburguesas, perros calientes, panecillos, y condimentos) También tendremos refrescos. Solo se cancelara el picnic debido a condiciones. Extremas del clima, si se cancela lo publicaremos en la página web de la parroquia. Esta es una gran oportunidad para nosotros, los integrantes de la familia parroquial para que nos reunamos. ¡Esperamos contar con su presencia!

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **Mountcastle Turch Funeral Home** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

Faith Formation Office

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

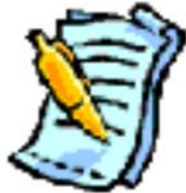
Registration has begun for Religious Education for 2016-2017



We are in need of Catechists for the upcoming year. We need Catechists for Sunday 4PM- 5:15PM and Thursday 5PM-6:15PM for grades 1,2,7,8. Sacramental classes and Special Needs. Training is provided. If interested, please contact **Marianne Hayes** or **Sheila Noble**

in the RE Office at 703-221-3127 or
recoor@stfrncis.org; snoble@stfrncis.org.

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 in the forms at the end of the handbook into 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.

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, September 11, 2016 from 1:30p.m.—2:30p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room. **Please call the parish office to register at 703-221-4044.**

St. Francis High School Youth Ministry is now called **REAL!** **REAL** stands for Respect, Engage, Accept, Live! **REAL** is open to all High School teens. It is a place to connect your life and your faith, to share, support and have fun with other teens who are trying to live out God's call in their everyday lives. Come see what **REAL** is all about!



Sunday, August 28th

6:30 PM – 10:00 PM
Parish Center Dining Room
REAL Time (Youth Group)
BACK TO SCHOOL BASH!
All teens grades 9-12

September 4th

NO REAL ACTIVITIES

September 11th

6:30 PM – 9:00 PM
St. Catherine Room
Leadership Team Meeting
Leadership Teens ONLY

Bible Study

The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy
by Thomas Smith & Sarah Christmyer

If we consider that God is the Divine Bridegroom and the Church is his Bride, then the prophets can be seen as "spiritual marriage counselors." They afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted, calling us to return to our covenant relationship with God. They urge us to repentance, warn us of the dangers of sin, and announce the blessings of faithfulness. Their prophetic words speak to us even today, as they draw us closer to our heavenly Bridegroom, and show us how to share him with others.

In *The Prophets* You Will:

- Discover who the prophets were, what their message was, and why they are important to us.
- See how God is constantly calling you to a deeper relationship with him.
- Discover the areas in your life that prevent you from drawing closer to God.
- Understand how the central message of the prophets is one of love, proclaiming the mercy of God for his children.
- See how their powerful words speak to us today, shedding light on our faith and our lives.
- Discover the ways you are called to be the voice of God to others.

...and much more!

Dates: Sundays, September 11th – November 20th

Time: 3PM-4:30PM

Cost: \$23.95

Location: St. Catherine Room

For more information or to register, please visit the parish website or contact **Brian Bobick** at brianbobick@verizon.net.

Readings for the Week of August 28, 2016

Monday	1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Mark 6:17-29
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 2:10b-16; Luke 4:31-37
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Luke 4:38-44
Thursday	1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Luke 5:1-11
Friday	1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Luke 5:33-39
Saturday	1 Corinthians 4:6b-15; Luke 6:1-5
Sunday	Wisdom 9:13-18b; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33



Do you like to sing? The Saint Francis Music Ministry welcomes you! Rehearsals begin August 29th

Leading the assembly in raising its heart to God through song, the Saint Francis Music Ministry provides extraordinary music for all liturgical celebrations during the Church Year through a variety of groups. Rehearsals are beginning for all choirs. Please consider joining us in making joyful music through one of our choirs:

- The Adult Choir, which sings at the 9:00am Mass every Sunday, rehearses every Monday evening from 7:30 P.M. until 9:00 P.M.
- The Worship Ensemble sings at the 12:00 Noon Mass every Sunday. Rehearsals are held every Thursday from 7:30pm until 9:00 P.M.
- The Teen/Young Adult Choir sings several times monthly, usually in conjunction with the Youth Ministry Schedule, at the 5:30pm Mass on Sunday. Rehearsals are held every Monday evening from 6:00pm until 7:15 P.M.

To join one of the choirs, please come to rehearsal or contact Nikole Girdali at nikoleg@stfrncis.org.

Children's Choir Rehearsals begin September 7 at 6:45 p.m. All children grades 2nd through 8th are welcome to join the Children's Choir. The choir sings at the 10:30 a.m. Family Liturgy Mass each week during the school year and rehearses twice a month on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 p.m. **To join the choir, please come to rehearsal or email Colleen Wells at cwells@stfrncis.org.**

St. Francis of Assisi School is accepting applications for Dining Hall Staff and Substitute Teachers for the 2016-2017 school year.

Dining Hall Staff will be responsible for monitoring and assisting students during lunch and supervise recess. The position is offered Monday through Friday or any combination thereof (Mon., Wed., Fri., or Tues., Thurs.) from 11:00AM to 1:00PM.



Prospective applicants will be subject to a background check and Virtus training. Please contact **Shari Phillips** at phillipss.sfas@mail.com or 703-221-3868 for additional information and application paperwork.



Mass Intentions

SUNDAY,	August 28—22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time
5:30 PM	†Claudina Wright †Diane Tomasinski †Louis Mancine Special Intention
7:30 AM	†Bobby Boggs People of the Parish
9:00 AM	†Arthur Schott †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Flor Rodriguez
10:30 AM	Special Intention Clyde Richardson Barbara Moore
12:15 PM	†George Beck †Clara Kennedy †William Coffell
1:45 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Alfredo Coimbra
MONDAY,	August 29—Passion of St. John the Baptist
8:45 AM	†Al Bahr
TUESDAY,	August 30—Weekday
8:45 AM	Special Intention Sandy Denton
WEDNESDAY,	August 31—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
THURSDAY,	September 1—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Michael Joseph Strati †Robert Earl Williams
FRIDAY,	September 2—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Joseph Bigalke †Carlos Diaz, Jr.
SATURDAY,	September 3—St. Gregory the Great
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	Mass Intentions on Sunday, September 4, 2016
5:30 PM	†Paul Krieger †Diane Tomasinski †Clara Kennedy
7:30 AM	Thomas Lee Jose Guadalupe Rodriguez Barbosa
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik Special Intention †Pauline Misenko
10:30 AM	†Kathy Noone †Mike Ganley †Lorraine Cammeleri
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy †Enrique Aguilera Madrigal †Vergilio Echevaria
1:45 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	People of the Parish †David Lee Maris †Rev. Raymond J. Kelley, T.O.R.