


From the Friars



Our annual Labor Day Picnic was a great success with a large turnout of Parishioners. *Many thanks to those who helped plan the event; those who set-up and cooked; those who provided the beverages (Knights of Columbus) and music. Last but not least, thank you to those who cleaned up.* As we used to say after a fun friar gathering, "A Good Time was had by all".


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

Do you have an empathetic ear, heart and mind?... then Stephen Ministry is looking for you. New formation classes start this October. Please call **Kathy Walker at 703-22-4312 and then press 4** to learn more about Stephen Ministry and all it can do for you and you for it!




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



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.**

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 **Pequitte Schwerin at 703-590-8492 or wislady@comcast.net. Or access the arlingtondiocese.org website for more information.**



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. **Please go to bit.ly/francisfest2016 to sign-up for a shift.**
- **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!



The first official Lunch Bunch will be meeting on Thursday, September 15th at 12:00 pm in the St. Catherine Room.

Anyone who is 55+ is welcome to join us for a year of get-togethers that include charitable causes, guest speakers and developing new friendships! Please bring a bagged lunch and other refreshments will be provided. We will be catching up and discussing the up-coming year! **If you have any questions feel free to contact Becky Traver at Tandovi@aol.com or calling 540-699-2175. See you there!**



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
- Peanut Butter & Jelly

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

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.

Called and Gifted Program

Are you new to the parish? Are you in transition? Are you looking for inspiration on where God is calling you in your faith journey? If so, please consider attending the Called and Gifted program this Fall. **We will meet for five weeks on Monday nights starting on September 26th, from 7-9pm in the Parish Center Library.** For more information about the workshop, or to sign-up, please contact **Bill Sydow at bill.sydownjr@gmail.com or 719-393-5826.**

Please Pray For All those who are sick: Clyde Richardson; Annelies Gendron; Jim Bogley; Anna Garland; Barbara Moore; and Matilde Leopold.

And for those recently deceased: Enrique Aguilera Madrigal

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.

The **Rosary Guild** meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Please join us **Tuesday, September 13th** 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.**



SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **Eastgate Apartments** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

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
- Crema de maní y Jalea

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, octubre 14. **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.**

Registraciones Para Las Clases de Educación Religiosas—Las clases de educación religiosa comenzará el 18 de septiembre para todos los grados sacramentales. Todos los niños que van a tomar clases en el verano o desde su hogar tienen que registrarse en el mes de septiembre. Toda la información de las registraciones se puede encontrar en nuestro sitio web en <http://www.stfrncis.org/welcome-and-introduction/> o completando el formulario de inscripción que se encuentra en el vestíbulo de la iglesia y en el sitio web. El manual de padres de familia también esta disponible en nuestro sitio web en inglés y en español.

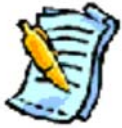


Many thanks to all who recently signed up to provide a meal to a parishioner family in need!! They are so grateful for our tangible and prayerful support. It is a true blessing for ALL of us to belong to a parish made up such generous and thoughtful people! If you would like to be included in future requests, please contact **Sheila Noble at snoble@stfrncis.org or use the link below to register to subscribe to the parish eNewsletter (<http://www.stfrncis.org/e-newsletter/>).**

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



Religious Education classes begin on **September 18th** for all Sacramental grades. Registration **must** take place in September for homeschooling and summer students as well. All registration information can be found on our website at

<http://www.stfrancis.org/welcome-and-introduction/> or by filling out registration forms found in the vestibule and website. Parent Handbook also available on our website in both English and Spanish.

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

MSYM—Middle School Youth Ministry

Attention all middle school students!! Please join us for the *1st Middle School Youth Ministry (MSYM) meeting on Sunday, September 18th from 6:30 – 8:00pm in the Parish Center Dining Hall.* Middle school youth ministry will meet once a month on Sunday evenings this year (**October 16th, November 20th, December 18th, January 22nd, February 26th, March 19th and April 23rd**). If you have any questions or interested in helping with this ministry, please contact **Sheila Noble** at snoble@stfrancis.org. Please bring a friend and join us for a fun evening!!

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!



September 11th
6:30 PM—9:00 PM
St. Catherine Room
REAL Leaders
Leadership Teens ONLY

Saturday, September 24th
6:30 PM—9:30 PM
Fire-Pit Behind Parish Center
BONFIRE
All teens grade 9-12

Sunday, September 18th
6:30 PM—9:00 PM
St. Catherine Room
REAL Time (Youth Group)
All teens grades 9-12

Sunday, September 25th
NO REAL Activities

Baptismal Preparation Class—Our next class will be held this **Sunday, September 11, 2016 from 1:30p.m.—2:30p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room.

NEW DAY AND TIME FOR ALL YOU IRISH LADIES by BIRTH OR MARRIAGE TO COME JOIN US! Bring an Irish friend!

The Ladies of the Fr. Mychal Judge, O.F.M. Ladies Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians **will be meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2016 in the Parish Center Library**, 7:00 pm-8:00 pm. *We will be having a special raffle... just may be something green or Irish in nature who knows. You might have the luck of the Irish and take home the prize!! We will also be enjoying refreshments... soda, wine and cheese/crackers to celebrate the start of our new year.*

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.



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"

Come by and see what is going on within our group! We would enjoy meeting you and having you JOIN us. **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.**

LAST CALL CASTING FISH FRY TICKETS EVENT BEGINS SEPTEMBER 24, 2016



The Knight's will be selling tickets at the door. The number might be limited due to smarter fish.

Place: Parish Center Dining Facility
When: 5:00—9:00PM
DATE: September 24, 2016
Fry Cooks: Al Lowder and Carrol Frederick

All women in the parish are invited to join the Women's Group, which meets Thursday mornings a couple times per month, for a book study and fellowship. Childcare is available for those who have small children. We will start the year on **Thursday, September 15th from 9:00am – 10:15am in the Parish Center Dining Facility.** *Dues are \$20.00 for the year and an additional \$20.00 if you need child care.* We will be studying the book, ***Unleashed: How to Receive Everything the Holy Spirit Wants to Give You*** by Sonja Corbitt. To participate, please register online at www.stfrancis.org/groups/#women and purchase the book (available on Amazon for approximately \$16.00) then join us. If you require childcare, please contact Mary Smith errolmary@gmail.com ahead of time to secure your spot.



Readings for the Week of September 11, 2016

Monday 1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33; Luke 7:1-10
Tuesday 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a; Luke 7:11-17
Wednesday Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17
Thursday 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35
Friday 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 8:1-3
Saturday 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49; Luke 8:4-15
Sunday Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

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, September 25th** 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.

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.

There are *only 10 naming opportunities left*. Please turn in (Parish Office or bsatrop138.stfrancis@gmail.com) your sponsor/engraving form and payment as soon as possible. **Thank you for your support.**



Mass Intentions

SUNDAY,	September 11—24th Sunday In Ordinary Time
5:30 PM	†Joseph Proscia, Sr. †Diane Tomasinski †Manny Aguilar
7:30 AM	Andrea Lee
9:00 AM	†Everett Newman †Lucille Allen †Jackson McGuire †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Normand Richard Marquis
10:30 AM	Special Intention †Melanie Nocera Clyde Richardson
12:15 PM	†George Beck †Clara Kennedy †Mabel St. Clair
1:45 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	People of the Parish
MONDAY,	September 12—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Betty Tomaine
TUESDAY,	September 13—St. John Chrysostom
8:45 AM	Special Intention
WEDNESDAY,	September 14—Exaltation of the Holy Cross
8:45 AM	†Raymond and †Annie Jones †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
THURSDAY,	September 15—Our Lady of Sorrows
8:45 AM	†Bill Richmond
FRIDAY,	September 16—Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian
8:45 AM	†Joseph Bigalke †Margaret Devine
SATURDAY,	September 17—Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Mass Intentions on Sunday, September 18, 2016	
5:30 PM	†Diane Tomasinski †Bogdon J. Zaborowski †Michael Creegan
7:30 AM	†Richard and †Arlene Parisi †Joseph and †Gloria Anzalone
9:00 AM	†Fernando Francisco †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
10:30 AM	†Francis G. Plati, Jr. †Don and †Joyce McVay Mary and †Charles Devoe
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy †Margaret Curry
1:45 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	People of the Parish