



The Christian community of St. Francis of Assisi welcomes with great joy the following new members of our parish baptized in the month of **August**:

*Abigail Juliet Almonte*  
*Lucero Azucena Alvarez Castro*  
*Alejandra Lucia Amaya Leiva*  
*Jhosly Abigail Amaya Leiva*  
*Elisabeth Marie Bourasseau*  
*Averie Elizabeth Burke*  
*Giuliana Aylin Cardenas-Benitez*  
*Sophia Estelle Carpenter*  
*Oskar Andrzej Cavero*  
*Richard Jay Idanan Cordero*  
*Eleanor Grace Dixey*  
*Emiliano Ramon Martinez*  
*Adelaide Maura Medina*  
*Cooper James Mitchell*  
*Bradley Michael Pokusa*  
*Regina Nicole Rivera Gonzalez*  
*William Larson Robb*  
*Anthony Charles Zayas*

**Baptismal Preparation Class**—Our next class will be held on **Sunday, October 9, 2016 from 1:30p.m.—2:30p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room. **Please call the parish office to register at 703-221-4044.**



**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 16<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto: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.**

## Francis Fest: Important Notes!



Our 9<sup>th</sup> 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 extreme inclement weather date in case of an impending natural disaster (such as the hurricane predicted at last year’s festival!). **Our extreme 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](http://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](mailto:jcmitcho45@gmail.com).** Table space is limited so do not delay!




## 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:



- 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.

 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.

### Votive Candles

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



**Please Pray For** All those who are sick: Adriana Menjivar; Clyde Richardson; Annelies Gendron; Jim Bogley; and Anna Garland.

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

**Theology on Tap** is an event for local young adults (college students, singles and married couples in their 20's and 30's) that is engaging and informative. Every fourth Monday of the month, we meet at Ornerly Beer Company in Woodbridge, VA to hear a speaker give their testimony, teach a lesson about the faith, or speak on a particular issue. *Our next event will be held on **Monday, September 26th at 6:30 p.m.*** Carmen Briceno will be speaking on how *Mercy is Our Mission* and how we can continue to live out the Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis.



For more information, please check the Young Adult Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1058823590816944/>) or contact John Lilly ([jlilly@stfrncis.org](mailto:jlilly@stfrncis.org) or 703-221-3127, ext. 237).

## 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:

- 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 está disponible en nuestro sitio web en inglés y en español.

### Festival de San Francisco de Asís

Los invitamos a participar de el Noveno Festival anual de San Francisco de Asís el domingo, octubre 2 de 1pm-5pm en los campos de la iglesia. Tendremos comida, actividades para todas las edades, entretenimiento y mucho mas! Si por motivos del clima tenemos que posponer el festival, nuestra nueva fecha será el domingo 16 de octubre. Los esperamos!

Venta de boletos para el Festival con descuento! Compre sus boletos para el festival con anticipación y ahorre! Los boletos para el festival estarán a la venta el fin de semana del 9/17-9/18 y 9/24-9/25 después de todas las Misas. El costo de los boletos Pre-venta son 6/\$5. El día del festival las entradas costaran \$1 cada una. Todos los eventos, comida y bebida en el festival pagan con los boletos, así es que compre sus boletos con anticipación y aproveche el descuento!

### Misa Bilingüe

El domingo, octubre 6 día del **Festival de San Francisco** tendremos una misa **bilingüe a las 12:15 PM** y después daremos comienzo al festival. Este día **Octubre 6 NO tendremos misa en español.**

## 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 today, **September 18<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:lizb@stfrancis.org), Marianne Hayes, DRE [recoor@stfrancis.org](mailto:recoor@stfrancis.org), Sheila Noble [snoble@stfrancis.org](mailto:snoble@stfrancis.org) ADRE (Sacramental Preparation) 703-221-3127.

### MSYM—Middle School Youth Ministry

Attention all middle school students!! Please join us for the *1<sup>st</sup> Middle School Youth Ministry (MSYM) meeting on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup>, November 20<sup>th</sup>, December 18<sup>th</sup>, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, February 26<sup>th</sup>, March 19<sup>th</sup> and April 23<sup>rd</sup>**). If you have any questions or interested in helping with this ministry, please contact **Sheila Noble** at [snoble@stfrancis.org](mailto: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!



#### Sunday, September 18th

6:30 PM—8:30 PM  
St. Catherine Room  
**REAL Time (Youth Group)**  
All teens grades 9-12

#### Saturday, September 24th

6:30 PM—9:30 PM  
Fire-Pit Behind Parish Center  
**BONFIRE**  
All teens grade 9-12

#### Sunday, September 25th

**NO REAL Activities**

**Sunday, October 2nd**  
**FRANCIS FEST**  
**NO REAL Activities**

#### **SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

We would like to thank  
**J. David Alachnowicz, DDS, PC**  
for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

### *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.sydowjr@gmail.com](mailto:bill.sydowjr@gmail.com) or 719-393-5826.

### **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



**Keep those used printer cartridges coming!** Faith Formation has been helping to reduce the debt and be good stewards of our earth by recycling. With your contribution of used ink cartridges we can help reduce the debt and take care of the earth and it is so easy to do.

### **PLEASE DO NOT DROP THEM IN THE CATCH-ALL SLOT**

(No laser cartridges.)

**You can drop the cartridges off in the basket on the table in the vestibule or stop by the Faith Formation Office. Thank You For Your Continued Support!**

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!



Several have asked about the status of the investigation regarding Fr. Kevin. The investigation is still ongoing and we pray that it will soon conclude.

Readings for the Week of September 18, 2016

Monday	Proverbs 3:27-34; Luke 8:16-18
Tuesday	Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Luke 8:19-21
Wednesday	Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13
Thursday	Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9
Friday	Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22
Saturday	Ecclesiastes 11:9—12:8; Luke 9:43b-45
Sunday	Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31

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](http://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.

Having trouble coping with negative co-workers, peers, family members? Then please call **Kathy Walker at 703-221-4312 and then press 4** to get started with a Stephen Minister who can help you with your self-esteem. Remember; if their name is not God, their opinion does not matter and their approval is not needed.



## Mass Intentions

<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b>September 18—25th Sunday In Ordinary Time</b>
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 †Serfronio Callos
1:45 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY,</b>	<b>September 19—Weekday</b>
8:45 AM	
<b>TUESDAY,</b>	<b>September 20—Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions</b>
8:45 AM	
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b>	<b>September 21—St. Matthew, Apostle</b>
8:45 AM	†Joseph and †Anthony Mandese †Robert Eastved †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Katherine Gonsorcik
<b>THURSDAY,</b>	<b>September 22—Weekday</b>
8:45 AM	Elizabeth Choi
<b>FRIDAY,</b>	<b>September 23—St. Pio of Pietrelcina</b>
8:45 AM	†Joseph Bigalke
<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>September 24—Weekday</b>
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	<b>Mass Intentions on Sunday, September 25, 2016</b>
5:30 PM	†Helen and †Frank Cordes Special Intention
7:30 AM	†Diane Tomasinski †Robert E. Williams People of the Parish
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Pauline Misenko †Kathy Noone
10:30 AM	†Taye Woldesmayat †Joseph Pennell
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy †Charlie McAllister
1:45 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Majorie and Augustine Carroll †Michael Creegan