


From the Friars



On Sunday, October 2nd we will once again celebrate Francis Fest here at the parish. This celebration goes back over 25 years and is a highlight of our parish social life. I do hope that you will join us for an afternoon of great food, fun, and games for all. It's a great opportunity to meet and get to know better your fellow parishioners—**Francis Fest, October 2nd from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.** on the parish grounds. **We friars look forward to seeing you there!**

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

The **Rosary Guild** meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Please join us **Tuesday, September 27th** 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.

“The two things in life that you are in total control over are: your attitude and your effort.” Need help in getting back in control? Please call **Kathy Walker at 703-221-4312 and then press 4** to learn how well you can benefit from the help of a Stephen Minister!

Bear one another's burdens

St. Camillus, the Franciscan parish in Silver Spring, staffed by our Friars, needs our help. A number of their families were left homeless by the tragic explosion and fire in their apartment complex last month. Some have been left with nothing! During the weekend of **October 8th-9th, we will be holding a second collection** to assist with their needs for home furnishings, clothing and security deposits.




St. Francis of Assisi School is graciously accepting donations of baked goods (cakes, pies, cookies and brownies) for the Francis Fest Cake Wheel. **Baked goods can be dropped off in the Parish Center foyer/lobby the morning of the festival (October 2nd).**

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the 9th Annual Francis Fest!



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 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 weekend of **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 this weekend, **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!



St. Francis House Corner

Thanks to the donations from all our parishioners we were able to provide food for **65** 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
- Hamburger Helper



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

Mommy & Me Program at St. Francis House—We are looking for volunteers who love to share their knowledge with children 4 and 5 years old. The M&M program meets every *Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00am to 11:30am*. Our goal is to get preschoolers ready for kindergarten. No experience is needed, our schedule is very flexible, you can help once a week or once a month. If you are interested, please call **Francia** at **571-572-5862** or email her at calisa3@verizon.net.

The Second Annual Banquet to raise money for the Bill Mehr Drop in Center will be held **Saturday, October 1st, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Woodbridge, 13600 Minnieville Road in**



Woodbridge. It will be catered by Carrabbas Italian Grill and **tickets are \$25 a person or \$45 a couple**. To purchase tickets please go to billmehr.eventbrite.com. If you are unable to attend, but would like to support the Drop in Center and its work with the homeless, donations can be made out to Servants at Work, P.O. 4608, Woodbridge, VA, 22194. For more information please call **Francia Salguero** at **703-221-6344** or email her at calisa3@verizon.net.

Kairos Asks Your Support—The Kairos program is a prison ministry which involves screened volunteers visiting and interacting with those who are incarcerated. Its purpose is to build Christian community internal to the prison. This October, we will be supporting a Kairos weekend at Sussex I State Prison. You can assist in the following manner:



1. **Make Cookies**. The requirements for making cookies are specific and are explained in a flyer, available in a limited quantity, in the church vestibule and posted on our website <http://www.stfrncis.org/prison-ministry/>
2. **Prayer Wheel/Chain**. Intercessory prayer is powerful for those incarcerated as well as their families. The intent is to develop a listing of names from St. Francis of Assisi parish who will offer their prayers.

If you can support either of these expressions of love, please contact Dennis Fargo at 703-472-5518, dennis.fargo@gmail.com or John Cipparone at 703-580-6406 or 603-512-9680, johncip11@verizon.net by October 11th to permit coordination.

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 **65** 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.

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 9/24-9/25 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**.

The monthly meeting for the group, **Many Members, One Body** resumes on **October 6th at 7pm in the Br. Juniper Room**. This group welcomes all Catholics who are gay or lesbian as well as their fends and family members.



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 began 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.

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!



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

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.**

Please Pray For All those who are sick: Jo Murray; Adriana Menjivar; Clyde Richardson; and Annelies Gendron.

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.

Sports:

St. Francis sports is a parish program open to both the school and Religious Education students.

Basketball (Teams are non-coed 4th-8th grade girls and boys)—registration and parents meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 5th, at 7:30pm in the Parish Center Dining Hall.**



Cheerleaders (3rd-8th grade boys and girls)—registration and parents meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 5th 8:15pm in the Parish Center Dining Hall.**

Registration forms can be found on the school website - www.stfas.org, Tab School Life, Sports, Forms.

YOU ARE INVITED!



Are you interested in sewing, knitting, quilting, or crocheting, etc. to help spread God's love and

comfort to those in need? The parish is organizing a "one night only" meeting to discover if there are enough people interested in gathering routinely for fellowship and for using their creative gifts to form a new parish ministry. You may also contact **Sharon McClelland** sewstfrancis@gmail.com to communicate your interest.

What: Sewing Ministry Interest Meeting

Who: All adults who sew, knit, quilt, crochet, needlepoint, etc.

When: One Night Only - Thursday, *September 29th*
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Where: Br. Juniper Room (located in the Parish Office)

Why: Determine if there is enough interest to launch a new parish ministry.

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](http://www.stfrancis.org).

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!



SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank
Brightness House Cleaning
for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

Readings for the Week of September 25, 2016

Monday Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50
 Tuesday Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Luke 9:51-56
 Wednesday Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Luke 9:57-62
 Thursday Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12a; John 1:47-51
 Friday Job 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Luke 10:13-16
 Saturday Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10:17-24
 Sunday Hebrews 1:2-3, 2:2-4--; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10



Celebrate the Mass with Your Family

Come celebrate the Mass in a special way with your family. We are seeking host families who would act as readers and gift bearers during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. What a great

way to get the whole family involved in the mass! Readers can be 4th grade and up. The sign-up is on the bulletin board in the foyer of the church. **For more information, please contact Colleen Wells at cwells@stfrancis.org or 703-221-4044, ext. 231.**

Follow us on:

Facebook: *St. Francis of Assisi Church*
 Twitter: @StFrancisVA
 Instagram: *stfranchischurchva*



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

(jililly@stfrancis.org or 703-221-3127, ext. 237).

Liturgies For the Week

SUNDAY, September 25—26th Sunday In Ordinary Time
 5:30 PM †Helen and †Frank Cordes
 Special Intention
 †Diane Tomasinski
 7:30 AM †Robert E. Williams
 People of the Parish
 Special Intention
 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 †Marjorie and Augustine Carroll
 †Michael Creegan
MONDAY, September 26—Weekday
 8:45 AM †Isabella Lineberry
 †Justice Antonin Scalia
 †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
TUESDAY, September 27—St. Vincent de Paul
 8:45 AM †James Beatty
 Michael Rodman
WEDNESDAY, September 28—Weekday
 8:45 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
 †Kathryn Gonsorcik
THURSDAY, September 29—Sts. Michael, Gabriel, And Raphael, Archangels
 8:45 AM †Deborah Jean McGrath
 †Helen and †George Callaway
FRIDAY, September 30—St. Jerome
 8:45 AM †Joseph Bigalke
 †John O'Shea
 †Helen and †George Callaway
 10:00 AM **Mass in the Park**
SATURDAY, October 1—St. Therese of the Child Jesus
 12:00 PM **Blessing of the Animals**
 4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
Mass Intentions on Sunday, October 2, 2016
 5:30 PM †Diane Tomasinski
 †Kathleen Noone
 †Joseph Pergolizzi
 Karen Dennison
 Macita Winston
 7:30 AM †Kathy Noone
 †Marianne Williamson
 9:00 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
 †Pauline Misenko
 †Seth Mitcho
 10:30 AM †Darlene and †Margaret McMeekin
 †Samuel Williamson
 12:15 PM **Bilingual Mass**
 †Clara Kennedy
 †Richard Welsh
 †Robert Mercer, Sr.
 1:45 PM **NO MASS**
 5:30 PM People of the Parish
 †Helen and †George Callaway

Please Note: On October 2nd there will be a bilingual Mass at 12:15 p.m. and there will be NO 1:45 p.m. Mass.