


From the Friars



Tuesday, October 4th is the Feast of St. Francis, a very special day for all of us here at the Parish. In honor of St. Francis we are once again this year sponsoring a series of events, such as the annual blessing of animals and the Transitus.

I want to especially call your attention to the Transitus. This is a very moving ceremony that commemorates the passing of St. Francis from this life to eternal life. **I hope that you will join us friars and the Secular Franciscans on Monday evening, October 3rd at 7:00 pm.**

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

A unicorn does not stand around and worry about what the other unicorns think of it. It just sparkles! We all need to sparkle from time to time, but life can get in the way. **Please call Kathy Walker at 703-22-4312 and then press 4** to have a Stephen Minister be by your side as you go through life and fine your sparkle again!




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

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' Cub Scout Pack 1385 will be collecting gently used winter coats, mittens, gloves, and hats. Boxes will be located in the vestibule for you generous contributions of these items between **October 9th thru 16th.** These clothing items will be delivered to those in need through St. Francis House.



ST. FRANCIS MEN'S GROUP

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, **October 11th (in the Br. Juniper Room).** Our topic will be an article written by Dr. Daniel Sumasy on End Of Life Ethics. A copy of this article can be found on 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.**

Our Knights of Columbus are offering Christmas wreaths, centerpieces and table top holiday trees again this year. We will be taking orders after Masses on **October 8th-9th, 15th-16th, and 22nd-23rd.** The Holiday Evergreens you purchase for yourself, family, and friends will be delivered via Fed-X in a festive carton with your personalized message in early December. A tree will be planted for every item sold. If you wish to order online, please go to www.mickmanholidaygifts.com and use our coupon code **KNIGHTVA003.** You will get a \$3 discount and our Council gets a \$5 donation. **Free shipping on orders over \$60.**




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.

If you are moving/changing your address, please notify the office so we can keep our records up-to-date. If you are changing your phone number because you are using a cellular phone and/or forgoing your land phone, the office would also like that information. Please call us at 703-221-4044. Thank you.



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.



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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
- 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.

Angels and Goblins Wanted...Costumes that is! If you have accumulated unused/used Halloween costumes, please consider donating them to St. Francis House this month. **Please place costumes in the container out in the vestibule.**



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!



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**.

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.

Open AA Step Study Group Friday night
Group meets 7-8:00 p.m. in the **Br. Juniper Room**.
Come study the 12 Steps to Recovery.

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.stfrncis.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@stfrncis.org, Marianne Hayes, DRE recoor@stfrncis.org, Sheila Noble snoble@stfrncis.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!



Sunday, October 2nd
FRANCIS FEST
NO REAL Activities

Sunday, October 9th
6:30 PM—8:30 PM
St. Catherine Room
REAL Leaders
Leadership Teens ONLY

Sunday, October 16th
6:30 PM—8:30 PM
St. Catherine Room
REAL Time (Youth Group)
All teens grades 9-12

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.**

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank
Mary's Flower Shop
for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

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.

Social Action Linking Together (SALT) will sponsor the SALT Fall Advocacy Training Conference on Saturday, October 15th, 9:00 AM– 11:30 AM, at the Virginia International University (VIU), Conference Room (VD-102), 4401 Village Drive, Fairfax, Virginia. Mark Shriver, President of Save the Children Action Network, will be the keynote speaker. Mark is the son of the late Sargent Shriver and Eunice Kennedy Shriver. He is the author of ***A Good Man***, an inspirational and deeply personal story about a son discovering the authentic meaning of his father's legacy. There will be additional presentations by **Virginia Delegate Alfonso Lopez** (“Tools for Effective Advocacy in the State Legislature”) and by **Michelle Krockner, Executive Director, Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance** (“Addressing the Commonwealth's Unmet Housing Needs for Low-Income Households”) and **Senator Barbara Favola, 31st Senate District, Arlington, (Report on the Commission on Youth, TANF Subcommittee) and Debbie Weinstein, Executive Director, Coalition for Human Needs, “Making TANF Work for Poor Families”.**

This event is free. All are welcome! Come early for the book signing by the keynote speaker and to meet and greet other social justice advocates in the community.

For more information: Contact John Horejsi at jhorejsi@cox.net or visit the SALT web site at www.S-A-L-T.org.

**BE A FRANCIS-CAN
NOT A FRANCIS-CAN'T**




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.

Readings for the Week of October 2, 2016

Monday Galatians 1:6-12; Luke 10:25-37
 Tuesday Galatians 1:13-24; Luke 10:38-42
 Wednesday Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14; Luke 11:1-4
 Thursday Galatians 3:1-5;
 Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Luke 11:5-13
 Friday Galatians 3:7-14; Luke 11:15-26
 Saturday Galatians 3:22-29; Luke 11:27-28
 Sunday 2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 2:8-13;
 Luke 17:11-19



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.**

SALUTE TO THE BIG BAND ERA



BIG BAND CABARET SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22nd

The 20 member Bob Gibson Big Band will have a special appearance at St. Francis of Assisi on **Saturday, October 22nd at 7:30 PM**. Please come and enjoy live **big band music and dancing**. Proceeds from the Hibernian sponsored entertainment will be used help the our parish community.

All Cabaret tables seat 8 at \$25 per ticket. Get your group together and have one person buy the table (\$200). The AOH will provide the first round of beverages FREE.

Watch the Band perform and
Purchase tickets at www.aohconcerts.org
 For more information, please call,
703-221-4044, and [then press 5](tel:703-221-4044)

The 20 member Bob Gibson Big Band was formed in 2006 to explore the full dimension of Big Band Jazz. Their repertoire includes classics from the great Big Bands of Duke Ellington, Glenn Miller, Count Basie, Benny Goodman, Cab Calloway, Tommy Dorsey, and many more.



Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, October 2—27th Sunday In Ordinary Time
 5:30 PM †Diane Tomasinski
 †Kathleen Noone
 †Joseph Pergolizzi
 Karen Dennison
 Macita Winston
 7:30 AM †Paul and †Connie Arcudi
 †Kathy Noone
 †Marianne William
 9:00 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
 †Pauline Misenko
 †Seth Mitcho
 10:30 AM †Darlene and †Margaret McMeekin
 †Samuel Williamson
 Clyde Richardson
 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

MONDAY, October 3—Weekday
 8:45 AM Souls in Purgatory
 †Janis Naiomi Maurer

TUESDAY, October 4—St. Francis of Assisi
 8:45 AM Gretchen May

WEDNESDAY, October 5—Weekday
 8:45 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
 †Kathryn Gonsorcik

THURSDAY, October 6—Weekday
 8:45 AM †Chuck Holtzlander
 Shirley Meland and Family

FRIDAY, October 7—Our Lady of the Rosary
 8:45 AM †Thomas and †Beverly McClutchy
 †Mary Rita King
 †Michael Ryan

SATURDAY, October 8—Weekday
 4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
Mass Intentions on Sunday, October 9, 2016
 5:30 PM †Andy Weber
 †Diane Tomasinski
 †Michael Creegan
 7:30 AM People of the Parish
 Special Intention
 Mary Cipparone and Family
 9:00 AM †Daniel Yesko
 †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
 †Pauline Misenko
 10:30 AM †George Beck
 12:15 PM †Clara Kennedy
 Special Intention
 1:45 PM Misa en español
 5:30 PM