

From
the
Friars



games were fun!

Many thanks to all who came out for our annual Francis Fest last Sunday. A special thanks to Maureen Deutermann and her committee for doing an excellent job in organizing and coordinating the activities of the day. The weather was superb, the food was great, and the

We also had the pleasure last Sunday of two friars visiting our parish. Fr. Kevin Mullen, our Provincial arrived on Saturday and met with the members of our Interim Parish Council and our Finance Committee. Fr. Kevin Mullen also celebrated the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday.

Fr. Charley Miller, the former pastor of St. Francis, was also with us on Sunday. Fr. Charley Miller celebrated the 10:30 a.m. Mass and was assisted by "Brother Herman" at the homily.

As I mentioned previously, it is my hope to have a number of visiting friars celebrate Mass for us on occasion. I believe this is a good way for you to meet some of the friars of our Province and for the friars to get to know St. Francis parish.

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

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP means being sure that you VOTE. *You must be registered to vote no later than October 17th.* If you need to register you can do so on line at www.pwcvotes.com. Forms are also available at the library, DMV, and in the back of the church for your convenience.

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 your generous contributions of these items between **October 9th thru 16th**. These clothing items will be delivered to

those in need through St. Francis House.

This is the last week to turn in applications for Stephen Ministry formation class. If you have any questions or have made a last minute decision to join, please call **Kathy Walker at 703-22-4312 and then press 4** to get the process started.



The **Rosary Guild** meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Please join us **Tuesday, October 11th** from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the **St. Clare Room**. All are welcome. **For more information, please call Otella Cregan at 703-221-4692.**



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.**



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.**



Marriage Preparation

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.**

If you or a family member is in the **hospital or homebound**, please call the parish office if you would like a visit from one of the friars. The hospitals are not permitted to give out the names of patients, so the only way we will know if you are in the hospital is if you or a family member informs us.



St. Francis House Corner

Thanks to the donations from all our parishioners we were able to provide food for **75** 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.



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.**



October is Respect Life Month! In the foyer is a table bounding with resources to inform and educate about matters from conception to natural death. Do you know someone in need of pre-natal care? Do you know how to talk to a friend who has aborted a child? Are you in need of healing? Why would we need a Catholic Medical Directive? **Please take a look and find some great information based on Sacred Scripture and Catholic teaching.**

The Lunch Bunch will be meeting on **Thursday, October 20th at 12:00 PM in the St. Catherine Room.** If you are 55+ please feel free to join us by bringing a brown bag lunch and enjoying provided refreshments and good company. We will be visiting for the first 30 minutes and than, weather permitting, heading up to tour the historic Rippon Lodge in Woodbridge. **The cost is \$5.00 and we will carpool to make transportation easier.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact **Becky Traver** at Tandovi@aol.com or 540-699-2175.



Seniors on the Go!

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.

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 **75** 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**.

El voto es uno de los privilegios más importantes que tiene un ciudadano de los Estados Unidos, y es una manera de participar en la democracia del país. El Grupo VOICE de San Francisco quiere recordarle que usted debe registrarse para votar a más tardar octubre 17. Además, Tiene que registrarse de nuevo cada vez que cambie de dirección o cambie su nombre. Si necesita registrarse puede hacerlo en línea en www.pwcvotes.com. Los formularios también están disponibles en la biblioteca y el DMV.

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 **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! Please 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.

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.

1st Communion Parent meeting (with child)

Sunday and Thursday RE students—meeting will take place during class session time on **October 13th and 16th** in the Parish Center Dining Hall.

Homeschool and St. Francis School students—**Thursday, October 13th (6:30pm-7:45pm)** in the Parish Center Dining Hall.

Year I Confirmation (7th grade) mini retreat with parent
Sunday and Thursday RE students—meeting will take place during class session time on **October 20th and 23rd** in the Parish Center Gym.

Homeschool and St. Francis School students—**Thursday, October 20th (6:30-7:45pm)** in the Parish Center Dining Hall.

Year II Confirmation (8th grade) mini retreat with sponsor

Sunday and Thursday RE students—meeting will take place during class session time on **October 27th and October 30th** in the Parish Center Gym.

Homeschool and St. Francis School students—**Thursday, October 27th (6:30-7:45pm)** in the Parish Center Dining Hall.

Baptismal Preparation Class—Our next class will be held this **Sunday, October 9, 2016 from 1:30p.m.—2:30p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank
The Enchanted Florist
for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

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 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

Sunday, October 23rd

REAL Activities

TO BE DETERMINED

Annual St. Francis Chili Cook Off on Saturday, October 15th!

It is that time of year again where you can show off your skills as either a Master of Chili or Dessert! The St. Francis PTO invites you to the annual St. Francis Chili Cook Off on **Saturday, October 15th at 6:30 p.m.** If chili is not for you, then enjoy a hot dog before tasting some dessert.

Families are invited to taste all entries and cast their votes. You can also visit some local vendors at the St. Francis Vendor Boutique. Children can come in costume to join the Halloween parade. There will be arts & crafts and other activities for children to enjoy. We hope you join us in the school for the festivities.
Admission is \$5 per person or \$20 per family.



New! Monday Morning Bible Study

Are you intrigued by reading the Bible but do not know where to begin? *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* is an 8-part study which provides an excellent overview, simplifies the complex timeline, and demonstrates how the Bible is the foundation of our faith. Register and purchase your workbook through the website <http://www.stfrancis.org/programs-retreats/#biblestudy> and bring it to the first, weekly session, **October 24th at 9:30 a.m. in the St. Catherine Room**, when we will discuss the first chapter.

Please contact **Lisa Ostendorf** at lostendorf@stfrancis.org with any questions.

Readings for the Week of October 9, 2016

- Monday Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1; Luke 11:29-32
- Tuesday Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41
- Wednesday Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46
- Thursday Ephesians 1:1-10; Luke 11:47-54
- Friday Ephesians 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7
- Saturday Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12
- Sunday Exodus 17:8-13; 2 Timothy 3:14—4:2; Luke 18:1-8

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](#)

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.

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

And for those recently deceased: Mary Mulholland.

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.

Votive Candles

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



Mass Intentions

- SUNDAY, October 9—28th Sunday In Ordinary Time**
 - 5:30 PM †Andy Weber
 - †Diane Tomasinski
 - †Michael Creegan
 - 7:30 AM Special Intention
 - Mary Cipparone and Family
 - 9:00 AM †Daniel Yesko
 - †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
 - †Pauline Misenko
 - 10:30 AM †Peter Joseph Schwartz
 - 12:15 PM †George Beck
 - †Clara Kennedy
 - Special Intention
 - 1:45 PM Misa en español
 - 5:30 PM People of the Parish
- MONDAY, October 10—Columbus Day**
 - 8:45 AM †James Otter
- TUESDAY, October 11—Weekday**
 - 8:45 AM Armando Andaya, Sr.
 - †Giovita and †Hiuet Vitali
- WEDNESDAY, October 12—Weekday**
 - 8:45 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
 - †Kathryn Gonsorcik
- THURSDAY, October 13—Weekday**
 - 8:45 AM Special Intention
- FRIDAY, October 14—Weekday**
 - 8:45 AM †Mary Rita King
- SATURDAY, October 15—St. Teresa of Jesus**
 - 4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

Mass Intentions on Sunday, October 16, 2016

- 5:30 PM †George Selepak
- †Katie and †Michael Columbo
- †Diane Tomasinski
- 7:30 AM People of the Parish
- †Patricia and †Michael Ryan
- Thomas Lee
- 9:00 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
- †Pauline Misenko
- †Maria Tang Thi Pham
- 10:30 AM †Don and †Joyce McVay
- †Mary and †Charles Devoe
- †Helen C. Buckley
- 12:15 PM †Clara Kennedy
- †Harold DeBarr
- †Joseph and †Julia Flood
- 1:45 PM Misa en español
- 5:30 PM Special Intention
- †Russell Vullo