



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

Renata Valentina Alvarez Hernandez
Jose Jesus Ambriz Gonzalez
Gustavo Alonzo Barahona Guardado
Alessandra Marie Benabe Bernaola
Leonardo Alexander Coreas
Mallory Ayers Corman
Zachary Robert Csizmadia
Agatha Rose Driggers
Natalie Kay Flood
Charli May Lusby
Mateo Richard Mannes
Addison Elizabeth Moore
Abigail Sawyer O'Connor
Caroline Elizabeth O'Connor
William Joseph Parker, V
Andrew James Peters
Hailey Marie Peters
Amaziah Blessing Rose
Issa Fernanda Valle
Shaira Carlie Vertudes

Baptismal Preparation Class—Our next class will be held this Sunday, January 8, 2017 from 1:30p.m.—2:30p.m. in the Br. Juniper Room.

The Rosary Guild meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Please join us **Tuesday, January 10th** from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the St. Clare Room. All are welcome.

For more information, please call Otella Creegan at 571-264-0312.



The Christmas Flowers were donated in memory of the following families: **Caldari and Ildebrando.**

And the following individuals: **Fallen Columbiettes; and Betty and Jim Dart.**

CALLING ALL YOU IRISH LADIES
By BIRTH OR MARRIAGE



The Fr. Mychal Judge, O.F.M. Ladies Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians *will be meeting on Monday, January 9, 2017* in the Parish Center Library! We will gather at 6:45 pm. The meeting will last from 7:00-8:00 pm.

Criteria to join this group of ladies? You must be a Catholic female of 16 years of age or older, of Irish decent OR married to an Irish gentleman.

Once a part of this Irish Catholic Organization—all we would 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.**



Christ Centered Yoga begins multi-week sessions on Tuesday evenings starting January 10th and Saturday mornings starting January 21st. Beginner and mixed level classes are available. Information can be found on the parish website or email/ call. **For Tuesday classes, please contact Rita Evans at 540-270-0667 or breathofheavenyoga@outlook.com and for Saturday classes, please contact Tracy Morgan at 540-446-9426 or spiritualyogava@gmail.com.**

Christ Centered Yoga Retreat on January 21, 2017 at St. Francis. Join us for a day of yoga, meditation, breath work, prayer and more. **The cost of the retreat is \$15.** All levels are welcome to come. Information can be found on the parish website or by emailing stfrancisyyoga@gmail.com.

Is the Holy Spirit calling you to follow Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis?

Secular Franciscans dedicate their lives to a closer relationship with the Lord. Please come to our Open House to see if Franciscan spirituality is calling you. Join us on **Saturday, January 14th at 9:30 a.m. in the St. Catherine Room.** For more information, please contact **John Carlson at twinspappy@gmail.com.**



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.stfrncis.org.

St. Francis House Corner



Thanks to the donations from all our Parishioners we were able to provide food for **55** families this week.

Because of the increase of families in need we are in need of:

- Sugar
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Reusable Bags

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

Bill Mehr Drop-In Shelter

Winter is here, and it is a very rough season for the homeless. Our parish is committed to providing assistance for the Bill Mehr Homeless shelter. At this moment, they are in great need of the following items:

- Sugar
- Coffee
- Coffee Creamer
- Women's overnight pads with wings
- Dark wash cloths.

For more information call Francia at 703-221-6344 or email her at calisa3@verizon.net. Thank you for your support.

Boletín Semanal

Charlas Bautismales—Las próximas charlas bautismales en español serán el viernes, enero 13. 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.**

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 **55** familias.

En estos momentos estamos necesitados de:

- Azúcar
- Crema de Maní Y Mermelada
- Bolsas Reusables

Muchas gracias por sus donaciones. Para mas información contactar a la Señora Salguero al 703-221-6344.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank www.wolfpacklacrosseclub.org for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

Are you frustrated using your new iphone, tablet, computer, e-reader? Do you feel sometimes your electronic devices are smarter than you are?



Then come for an **Introductory Session of Cyber Seniors** on **Thursday, January 12, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Br. Juniper Room.** We will help you make friends with the technology that has become such an integral part of all our lives. Beginning **February 9th,**

on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays we will be addressing your issues with your phone, tablet, computer, etc.... and helping you make those personal electronic devices work for rather than against you!

"I am still learning." Michelangelo at age 87

Mission 2017

Join St Francis Parishioners in July 2017 on a journey to our Sister Parishes in Lima, Peru.

Departs Sunday, July 2nd

Returns Monday, July 10th

- Applications and a **deposit of \$100** now being accepted. The final date for receipt of applications is **January 31, 2017.**
- Fee includes airfare, lodging, most meals and local transportation.
- Full payment (**\$1,500**) is due by **January 31, 2017** Applications are available on line at <http://www.stfrancis.org/sister-parish-in-peru/> and next to the Sister Parish section of the church bulletin board.

Questions? Please contact:

Terry Danner at

703-680-0860 or terrydanner@verizon.net

or contact

Chuck O'Hern at

910-795-6203 or Charles.ohern@usmc.mil

Craft Ministry

If you like to knit, crochet, quilt, or sew to help spread God's love and comfort to those in need, please join us for our first meeting of this new ministry:



What: Fellowship while working on our own "unplugged" projects for charity (no sewing machines or irons, please)

When: Thursday, January 19th, 6:30 p.m.– 8:30 p.m.

Where: Grade 1 Classroom (Parish Center)

Who: Adults (ONLY) who sew, knit, quilt, crochet, etc. (No childcare is provided)

For more information, please contact Sharon McClelland at sewstfrancis@gmail.com.

Faith Formation Office

Phone: 703-221-3127 Fax: 703-221-3246
Office Hours: Monday—Thursday: 8:00 am—2:00 pm
Friday: Closed

Religious Education for 2016-2017

- Jan. 8** Sunday RE Session 10:30am-11:45am & 4-5:15pm
12 NO RE—MLK Holiday
15 NO RE—MLK Holiday
19 Thursday RE Session 5-6:15pm
22 Sunday RE Session 10:30am-11:45am & 4-5:15pm
24 NET Retreat (all Year I-7th Grade) 4:30-9:30pm
25 NET Retreat (all Year II-8th Grade) 4:30-9:30pm
26 Thursday RE Session 5-6:15pm
28 Bread for Life(Year I-7th Grade) Service Project
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29 Sunday RE Session 10:30am-11:45am & 4-5:15pm
- Feb. 2** Thursday RE Session 5-6:15pm
5 Sunday RE Session 10:30am-11:45am & 4-5:15pm
9 Thursday RE Session 5-6:15pm
12 Sunday RE Session 10:30am-11:45am & 4-5:15pm
16 NO RE—Presidents' Day Holiday
19 NO RE—Presidents' Day Holiday

Change in RE Schedule 2016-17 effective January 8, 2017. **The Summer Program 2017 is being cancelled.** A letter with all the details went out to all RE students. **Please contact the RE office with any questions** lizb@stfrncis.org or 703-221-3127.

Religious Education is still in need of Catechists for the Third and Fourth grades for the Sunday Session at 4pm-5:15pm. If you are interested please contact **Marianne Hayes** at recoor@stfrncis.org.

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. Please come see what **REAL** is all about!



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

Sunday, January 15th
No REAL Activities

Sunday, January 22nd
6:30 PM—8:30 PM
St. Catherine Room
REAL Time (Youth Group)
All teens grades 9-12



Registration Opens January 9, 2017!
Men's Retreat: March 10 – 11, 2017
Women's Retreat: March 24 – 25, 2017

Cornerstone is a 26-hour retreat, held on separate dates for men and women ages 21 and over. It provides the opportunity to get away from all the stress of the outside world and enjoy all that God has to offer, while meeting others in our Christian community.

The retreat begins on Friday evening at 5:00pm and ends at approximately 7:00pm on Saturday evening with Mass. Cornerstone will take place at the San Damiano Spiritual Life Center in White Post, VA. Sleeping accommodations, all meals and snacks are provided. During the weekend, there will be time for prayer, Scripture reading and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

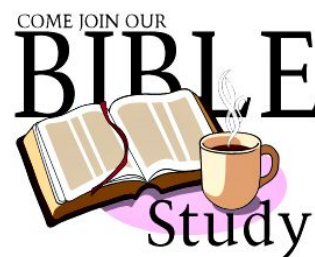
Registration and payment is online today at <http://www.stfrncis.org/cornerstone/>.

Rates are:

\$130 for a double room and \$145 for a single room.

New Monday Morning Bible Study!
Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John

Do you ever wonder what someone means when they say they have a "personal relationship with Christ," or are you looking to deepen your own relationship? The Gospel of John invites us, in a unique way, to become intimately involved in the rich stories of Jesus' life and ministry, and witness the transformation of many people along the way. A new session of the Monday morning Bible study begins **January 9th**, and you are invited to join fellow parishioners on the journey to meet Jesus in the Gospel of John. Register and purchase your workbook through the website <http://www.stfrncis.org/programs-retreats/#biblestudy> and bring it to the first session, **January 9th at 9:30 a.m. in the St. Catherine Room.** Monday classes are scheduled for January 9th, 23rd, February 6th, 13th, 27th, March 6th, 13th, 27th, and April 3rd, 10th.



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



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

SATURDAY,	January 7—Christmas Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Marvin Halbur
SUNDAY,	January 8—Epiphany of the Lord
7:30 AM	People of the Parish
9:00 AM	†Roger Bataille
	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
	†Joseph and †Alice Piorkowski
10:30 AM	†Robert Bernosky
	†Charles Giampietro
12:00 PM	†Clara Kennedy
	†Janice A. and †James F. Callahan
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	
MONDAY,	January 9—Baptism of the Lord
8:45 AM	†Giovannina and †Gaetano Corvetto
TUESDAY,	January 10—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Marion Richmond
	†William Davis
WEDNESDAY,	January 11—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
	†Kathryn Gonsorcik
THURSDAY,	January 12—Weekday
8:45 AM	
FRIDAY,	January 13—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Vic Vencus
	†Matthew Yoder
SATURDAY,	January 14—Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Alex Veilleux
	†Helen Merkel
	†John Shookster

Mass Intentions on Sunday, January 15, 2017

7:30 AM	†Estelita Inovio
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
	†Alvin Poutenis
	†Marian Mitchell
10:30 AM	People of the Parish
12:00 PM	†Clara Kennedy
	†Edward Burke
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	

ST. FRANCIS MEN'S GROUP

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 10th at 7:30 p.m. in the Br. Juniper Room.** Our topic will be "*Church & State—The Christian as a Citizen and the Citizen as a Christian*". All men of the parish are welcome. For more information, please contact **Tony Mercogliano** at amercogliano@gmail.com or 571-332-7048.

Readings for the Week of January 8, 2017

Monday	Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17
Tuesday	Hebrews 2:5-12; Mark 1:21-28 or Hebrews 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Mark 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
Wednesday	Hebrews 2:14-18; Mark 1:29-39
Thursday	Hebrews 3:7-14; Mark 1:40-45
Friday	Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Mark 2:1-12
Saturday	Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 2:13-17
Sunday	Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

Please Pray For All those who are sick: Nancy Brown; S.J. Defibaugh; Renato Torrijos; Emerenciana Bernardo; Charissa Bernardo; and Carol Orton.

And for those recently deceased: Joseph William Berry.

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

End of Year Statements: *Parishioners will be provided with a statement of their donations for 2016. Statements will be mailed by the end of January. It is not necessary to request a statement.*

John Paul is hosting a number of events in the new year for middle school students. Sign up today for the soccer and basketball tournaments, band and choir music festival, and baseball clinic! And, applications are being accepted for Fall 2017 enrollment. Please visit jpthegreat.org for more information, or email: Admissions@jpthegreat.org.



Around the Diocese

Mass to celebrate World Marriage Sunday

All married couples are invited to attend the World Marriage Sunday Mass offered at **St. Agnes Church on Sunday, February 12th at 5 p.m.** Fr. Thomas Ferguson, Vicar General and Moderator for the Curia, will celebrate the Mass and offer words of reflection for married couples. Please let us know you are coming by registering at <https://worldmarriagesunday.eventbrite.com>. For more information, please contact **Nancy McKeague** at 703-841-3807.

Sunday Reflections by the Priests of the Diocese of Arlington

Please visit 2minutes2virtue at <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/2minutes2virtue>.