

From
the
Friars



**Bishop Burbidge Voices
Solidarity with Refugees**

In his statement (<http://www.usccb.org/news/2017/17-026.cfm>) on the Executive Order halting refugee admissions, Bishop Joe Vasquez, Chair of the

Committee of Migration and Bishop of the Diocese of Austin, highlighted our nation's long and proud tradition of welcoming newcomers and refugees in a humane manner, even as we have pursued a strong vetting system to ensure our safety and security. Together with Bishop Vasquez and my brother bishops, I encourage Catholics to contact our elected officials to make our voices heard: our communities have been and will continue to be hospitable to refugees, in keeping with our legacy of welcoming the stranger. Together, we also pray for comprehensive immigration reform and for peace, safety and harmony within our nation and throughout the world.

Show your support today for immigrants and refugees through this action alert (<http://justiceforimmigrants.org/take-action/action-alerts/>), from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

This past week we had a situation when a family in our parish called the office asking for a priest to respond immediately to a hospital some distance from the parish to anoint a family member. At the time of the call I had just finished daily Mass and was preparing to celebrate a funeral. Fr. John Alderson was helping a family in crisis. Consequently neither of us could respond immediately.

Please note that the parish closest to any given hospital is responsible for responding to emergency call (anointings). The supervising nurse should know which parish to call.

- Sentara Hospital—Our Lady of Angels, Woodbridge
- Stafford Hospital—St. William of York, Stafford
- Mary Washington Hospital—St. Mary's, Fredericksburg
- Fairfax Hospital—St. James, Fairfax

If it is not an emergency, we will be pleased to visit any parishioner who is a patient and anoint them as soon as possible.

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

We have good days and we have bad days. But when the bad seem to loom larger, it's time to start a process of healing. If you want more one-to-one care, call **Kathy Walker at 703-221-4312 and then press 4 or email at kwalker@stfrancis.org** to start the process of healing from the "bad days" with a Stephen Minister.



CAR RAFFLE 2017

All Saints Church (Manassas, VA) has invited us once again to participate in their **5-Car Raffle**. Prizes include five 2017 vehicles from Koons of Manassas (Honda Civic, Buick Verano, GMC Sierra Truck, Honda CRV SUV and Honda Odyssey Van). **One \$5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all five vehicles plus \$20,000 in cash prizes.** *An information letter and tickets will be mailed to your home on Monday, February 6, 2017.* Thank you in advance for your support of the largest parish fundraiser. **Any questions, please contact Kathy Greene at 703-221-3868.**



St. Francis' Cub Scout Pack 1385 and Boy Scout Troop 138 will be holding their 4th annual **Undie Sunday** to collect [mens and/or womens underwear \(new-still in the unopened packages please\)](#). Boxes will be located in

the vestibule for your generous contributions of these items (underwear, thermals, t-shirts, socks, etc.) on **Scout Sunday, February 12, 2017**. These clothing items will be delivered to those in need at the Bill Mehr Drop-In Shelter.

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!



Please Pray For All those who are sick: Loreto Paredes; and Joan Komatsoulis.

And for those recently deceased: Roseanne M. Scruggs; Clyde Richardson; and Valerie Shaw.

Please pray for the following who are serving abroad in harm's way: Nicholas Tsougas; S. Defibaugh; Josh Bookout; Brianna French; Glenn Harms; 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.**



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.

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:



- **Item of the Month**: Cooking Oil (Small Bottles)
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Cereal
- Spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce
- Pasta
- Canned Fruit

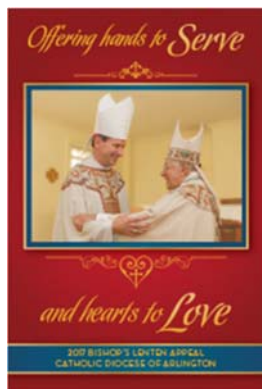
For more information, please call Francia at 703-221-6344. Thank you for your continuing support!



Please join us on **Thursday, February 9, 2017, from 9:30 to 11:00 in the Br. Juniper Room for our second session of Cyber Seniors.** These are entry level sessions and designed for seniors who want to become more comfortable with the electronic devices that are now part of all our lives. No prior computer experience or vocabulary required, and you need

2017 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL BEGINS!

This month many of us will receive a mailing from Bishop Burbidge regarding the 2017 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). The theme for the 2017 BLA is "*Offering hands to serve and hearts to love.*" After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge to this important appeal that funds many programs and ministries that serve the people in our diocese. Through your support of this important appeal, you become the hands and heart of our Lord Jesus!



ST. FRANCIS MEN'S GROUP—Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 21st at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center Library**—Our topics will be the Sister Parish Ministry (presentation will be given by Terry Danner) and the Franciscan Secular Program (presentation will be given by John Carlson, OSF). All men of the parish are welcome.

For more information, please contact **Tony Mercogliano** at amercogliano@gmail.com or 571-332-7048.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **Rheingarten Restaurant** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

Boletín Semanal

Charlas Bautismales—Las próximas charlas bautismales en español **serán el viernes, febrero 10.** 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 Francisco—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:

- **Artículo del mes:** Aceite para cocinar (botellas pequeñas)
- Crema de Maní Y Mermelada
- Cereal
- Pasta
- Fruta en Caneca
- Espaguetis & Salsa Para los Espaguetis

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

Cena Romántica de San Valentín—Los invitamos el sábado, febrero 11, 2017 a una Cena del Día de San Valentín. Las puertas y el bar abrirán a las 6:30pm, la cena se empezara a servir a las 7:15pm y el baile durara hasta las 10:30pm. El vino y la cerveza se pagaran en efectivo. La comida estará a cargo Darlene y la música por el DJ Slable Powerful Solutions. El costo es de \$38 por persona o \$75 por pareja si se compra en avance. El costo será de \$45 por persona si se compra en la puerta. Este evento es Una Cena Romántica de Los Días de San Valentín. Este evento tuvo excelentes críticas el año pasado. El Menú incluirá entremeses, plato principal, ensalada y postre.

Misa de Sanación Oficiada por el Reverendo José Eugenio Hoyos—La Renovación Carismática Católica Y el Grupo de Oración De San Francisco de Asís los invita el viernes, febrero 24 del 2017 a las 7:00pm en Nuestra Parroquia San Francisco de Asís. ¡Te Esperamos! ¡Dios tiene grandes bendiciones preparadas para ti!

Obispo Burbidge expresa su solidaridad con los refugiados—En su declaración (<http://www.usccb.org/news/2017/17-026.cfm>) sobre la Orden Ejecutiva que detiene las admisiones de refugiados, el Obispo Joe Vásquez, Presidente del Comité de Migración y Obispo de la Diócesis de Austin, destacó la larga y orgullosa tradición de nuestra nación de dar la bienvenida a los recién llegados y refugiados de una manera humana, aun cuando hemos perseguido un sistema de investigación riguroso para garantizar nuestra seguridad. Junto con el Obispo Vásquez y mis hermanos obispos, animo a los católicos a que se pongan en contacto con nuestros funcionarios electos para hacer oír nuestra voz: nuestras comunidades han sido y seguirán siendo hospitalarias para los refugiados, de acuerdo con nuestro legado de dar la bienvenida al extranjero.

Demuestre su apoyo hoy a los inmigrantes y refugiados a través de esta alerta de acción, (<http://justiceforimmigrants.org/take-action/action-alerts/>) de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos.

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

- Feb. 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**
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We are need of volunteers for VBS 2017! Our theme this year is:



For more information contact **Marianne Hayes, DRE** at recoor@stfrncis.org or fill out form found on our website www.stfrncis.org or in the vestibule of the church.

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!



Saturday, February 4th
3:00 PM—5:15 PM
St. Catherine Room
Lenten Cross Making
All teens grades 9-12

Sunday, February 5th
NO REAL ACTIVITIES
Enjoy The Super Bowl!

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

Sunday, February 19th
NO REAL ACTIVITIES
Presidents' Day Weekend

Baptismal Preparation Class—Our next class will be held next **Sunday, February 12, 2017** from **1:30p.m.—2:30p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room. **Please call the parish office to register at 703-221-4044.**



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.

St. Francis will once again offer the Called and Gifted Workshop on the weekend of **February 17th-19th**. This program, created by the Catherine of Siena Institute, helps people discern how to answer God's call to discipleship in our every day lives. **The workshop runs from 7-9pm on Friday night and 1-5pm on Saturday and Sunday afternoon.** Anyone, including past participants are welcome to attend. Please watch the bulletin, parish website and parish newsletter for more information. If you have questions about this program, please contact **Bill Sydow** at Bill.sydowjr@gmail.com or at 719-393-5826.

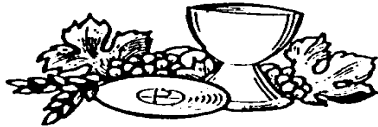
Are you looking for a way to earn a little extra money, while helping parish moms to participate in Women's Group meetings a couple of times a month? You MUST



be already fully compliant with the diocesan child protection policy, including completion of BOTH Virtus training and the diocesan background check. **There is a \$20 stipend offered for each meeting.** Providers are needed from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. for two Thursdays per month. If you are interested and have already met the requirements, please contact **Mary Smith** errolmary@gmail.com or **Lisa Ostendorf** lostendorf@stfrncis.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.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY,	February 4—Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Paul Krieger †Rita Lapinski †Clyde Richardson
SUNDAY,	February 5—5th Sunday In Ordinary Time
7:30 AM	Thomas Lee Dorothy Lee †Lester Ricard
9:00 AM	†Francis X. Burke †Mary Hickethler †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
10:30 AM	†Eileen Bolen †Ligia Catalano Morales †Emile Zambo
12:00 PM	†Numeriano Tornes †Clyde St. Clair, Sr. †Clara Kennedy
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	People of the Parish
MONDAY,	February 6—St. Paul Miki and Companions
8:45 AM	†Ann Kovalchik †Pfc. Anthony L. Sanzaro
TUESDAY,	February 7—Weekday
8:45 AM	Gretchen May †Ed Bowling
WEDNESDAY,	February 8—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Janice A. and †James F. Callahan †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
THURSDAY,	February 9—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Giovannina and †Gaetano Corvetto
FRIDAY,	February 10—St. Scholastica
8:45 AM	†Austin Herr, III †Samantha Aragones †Leonor Londono
SATURDAY,	February 11—Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	Jean Stoddart

Mass Intentions on Sunday, February 12, 2017

7:30 AM	†Roger Kobel †Ryan A. Devins †Violet R. Madora
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Vilwa Zelvaggio
10:30 AM	†Valerie Shaw †Ligia Catalano Morales
12:00 PM	†George Beck †Clara Kennedy †Clyde Richardson
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	People of the Parish

Readings for the Week of February 5, 2017

Monday	Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56
Tuesday	Genesis 1:20—2:4a; Mark 7:1-13
Wednesday	Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mark 7:14-23
Thursday	Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30
Friday	Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37
Saturday	Genesis 3:9-24; Mark 8:1-10
Sunday	Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Romantic Valentine Dinner Dance

February 11, 2017

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center

Doors and bar open at 6:30 PM with dinner starting at 7PM

Dancing until 10:30 PM

Wine and beer cash bar

Catering by Darlene

DJ music by Stable Powerful Solutions

Cost \$38 per person or \$75 per couple; \$45 at door

Reserved table for eight, the first round of drinks on us

Tickets will be on sale after all the masses on February 4th-5th or please go to yapsady.com. Questions, please call Irene Sullivan at 703-670-6858.

This event is a Romantic Valentine Dinner Days. This event had rave reviews last year. Menu will include Hors d'oeuvres, main course and salad and dessert.



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, February 13, 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 an Irish Catholic female of 16 years of age or older, 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.**