

**Schedule for
Holy Week and Easter Sunday
April 9th—April 16th**

April 9 Palm Sunday
Regular Mass Schedule

April 12 Wednesday
7:30-8:30 PM Individual Confession

April 13 Holy Thursday
9:00 AM Morning Prayer
7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:30 PM La Cena del Señor en el Gimnasio

April 14 Good Friday
9:00 AM Morning Prayer
3:00 PM Musical Meditation on the Stations of the Cross (Presented by all of St. Francis' Choirs and Musicians)
6:00 PM Via Crucis/The Way of the Cross—Church Parking Lot
7:30 PM Liturgy of Good Friday
7:30 PM Liturgy of Good Friday en español en el Gimnasio

April 15 Holy Saturday
9:00 AM Morning Prayer / Blessing of Easter foods
Note: No Saturday 5:30 p.m. Mass
8:00 PM Easter Vigil

April 16 Easter Sunday
7:30 AM Mass—Church
9:00 AM Mass—Church
9:00 AM Mass—in Parish Center
10:30 AM Mass—Church
10:30 AM Mass—in Parish Center
12:00 PM Mass—Church
12:00 PM Mass—in Parish Center
1:30 PM Misa en Español

Note: No 5:30 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday

Communal Reconciliation—will be held on **Wednesday, March 29th, at 7:30 p.m.** We trust this will help all who respond to have a sacred encounter with the God of mercy. There will be extra clergy on hand to assist that evening.



Confession Schedule for Lent

Confessions will be heard every Wednesday during Lent from **7:30 pm until 8:30 pm.**
In addition to Saturday's from 4—5pm.

If you would like to make a donation for **Easter Memorial Flowers**, and remember your loved ones in this way please fill out the information on the envelope on the table in the vestibule and drop it in the catch-all slot. These names will be listed in the bulletin during the Easter Season.



You play an important role in our Stephen Ministry. Here is what you can do: **Pray** for God to bring hope and healing to hurting people through Stephen Ministry. **Accept care** from a Stephen Minister during your time of need. God does not expect you to bear your burdens alone. And **tell a friend**, neighbor, co-worker about Stephen Ministry and give them the contact information. In any case, please email **Kathy Walker at kwalker@stfrncis.org to get started.**



Very Special Presentation on Christian-Islam Relations at the March 27th Theology on Tap

We have opened up the March Theology on Tap to adults of all ages for a very special talk from a renowned expert in Islam—Christian relations, **Fr. Michael Calabria, O.F.M., PhD.** Fr. Michael is a friar and Director of the Center for Arab and Islamic Studies at St. Bonaventure University. He has earned three Master's Degrees as well as a PhD and has presented more than 40 papers and articles all over the world on the topic. Please join him at the **Ornery Beer Company, located in Woodbridge, VA on March 27th at 6:30 p.m. for food and beverages and the talk at 7:30 p.m.**



Only two more weeks to return all unsold tickets and ticket stubs with payment. Need more tickets? **Please contact Mrs. Kathy Greene at 703-221-3868, ext. 239 or sfsbookkeeper@gmail.com.** Thank you for your support of the Parish's largest fundraiser!



The **Rosary Guild** meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Please join us **Tuesday, March 28th** 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 **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: Laundry Detergent**
- Spaghetti
- Pasta
- Hamburger Helper

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

Bill Mehr Drop-In Shelter



Many thanks to all who have responded so generously to requests for dinner items at the Drop-In shelter. With the help of our parishioners we provided

1,260 meals. **Beginning Saturday, April 1st, our responsibility will shift to supplying breakfast on Saturday mornings** as the Winter Shelter programs end. Directions and sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the vestibule. **For more information, please call Francia at 571-572-5862.**

Please Pray For All those who are sick: Phyliss Shaw.

And for those recently deceased: Julie Durbin; Keith Bassett; and Michael Bridges.

Please pray for the following who are serving abroad in harm's way: Andrew Wagner; Leo N. Company; 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.

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.

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.

Votive Candles

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



SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **Lawn Mowing—General Yard Tasks** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

Boletín Semanal

Despensa de Comida de La Casa de San Francisco— Agradecemos 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: Detergente De Lavar Ropa**
- Pasta
- Espaguetis

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

Charlas Bautismales—En el mes de abril no tendremos charlas bautismales. Las próximas charlas bautismales en español **serán el viernes, mayo 12.** 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.**

Sábado, 1 de abril – una Misa de la Virgen de los Dolores – 7 p.m. en el Templo.

Domingo de Ramos – 9 de abril – la Misa de la Llegada en Jerusalén – 1:30 p.m. en el Templo.

El Jueves Santo – 13 de abril – la Misa de la Última Cena – 7:30 p.m. en el gimnasio.

El Viernes Santo – 14 de abril

El Vía Crucis a las 4:30 p.m.:

En “Grayson Village”, Rt 234, Dumfries Rd, at Shell Station (near I-95) En “Old Triangle Rd Trailers”, En “Crystal Lake Trailers”, Route 1 en Stafford

La Liturgia de la Pasión de Jesús comienza a las 6 p.m. frente de la escuela y termina en el gimnasio a las 8 p.m.

Domingo de Pascua – 16 de abril – misa de la Resurrección a las 1:30 p.m. en el Templo.

Religious Education Service Project

“Love Packs” for the Homeless

Please donate to our Religious Education Service Project. We will be making “Love Packs” for the homeless. The following items are needed:

- Travel sized toiletries
- New tube or crew socks (for men and women)
- Washcloths
- Packs of instant oatmeal, hot chocolate, protein bars, hard candy, tuna salad/cracker pack
- Plastic cups, silverware, napkins
- Water bottles



Donations can be dropped off in the back of the church in the box provided or to the RE Office in the school. Deadline for donations is **March 27th.**

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

Mar. 26 Sunday RE Session 10:30am-11:45am & 4-5:15pm
30 Thursday RE Session 5-6:15pm
Apr. 2 Sunday RE Session 10:30am-11:45am & 4-5:15pm
6 Thursday RE Session 5-6:15pm
April 9th—April 23rd **NO RE, Easter Break. Classes will resume on April 27th.**

Encounter Lent—Join our faith community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a life changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS



(Catholic Relief Services). Each Religious Education student and SFAS student have received a rice bowl. We will also provide additional rice bowls for anyone who would like one in the vestibule of the church. They are

available in English and Spanish. This is a great form of Almsgiving for children. Perhaps they can give up a movie, toy, fast food or do some chores in order to donate to Rice Bowl. **At the end of Lent, please return all Rice Bowls to the RE or Parish Office. Please do not put them in the catch all-slot.** Join us in working together to better the lives of others this Lent. For more information, please contact **Marianne Hayes, DRE** at recoor@stfrncis.org or on our website at stfrncis.org.

First Communion

The First Communion retreat is scheduled for **Saturday, April 1st from 10:00am to 3:00pm in the Parish Center.** Students will need to bring a bag lunch and dress comfortably. We need many volunteers to help this retreat go smoothly for the students, so please contact **Sheila Noble** at snoble@stfrncis.org to volunteer.

First Communion is Saturday, May 13th.



Reconciliation for Confirmation candidates

As a requirement for Confirmation, it is necessary that candidates receive the sacrament of Reconciliation in close proximity to being confirmed. Unless you have made prior arrangements, all Confirmation candidates must attend the Confirmation Reconciliation service on **Saturday, April 1st.** You will find specific session times listed below.

12:00pm

All Sunday RE (except High School)
All Thursday RE

1:30pm

St. Francis of Assisi School
Homeschool
High School
Aquinas

Confirmation is Saturday, May 6th.



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, March 26th
NO REAL ACTIVITIES**

**Saturday, April 1st-Sunday
April 2nd
Lenten Cross Sale**

Handmade Lenten Crosses to help raise funds for the **REAL!** program. The crosses will be offered for donation after all the Masses in the vestibule of the church. Your support is greatly appreciated!!

NO REAL MEETING

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



Adult Confirmation classes will begin Tuesday, April 25th at 6:30 p.m. in the Br. Juniper room (church side of campus).

This six-week program is for Catholic adults who have already received the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist (First Communion) and would like to complete their initiation with Confirmation. **Please register with Lisa Ostendorf to obtain the paperwork and to reserve a textbook** lostendorf@stfrncis.org or 703-221-3127, ext. 277.

Mass Intentions on Sunday, April 2, 2017

- 7:30 AM Thomas Lee
†Agatha Back
†Joseph Eugene Koehl
- 9:00 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
†Andy Misenko
†Mary Ann Kubicki
- 10:30 AM †William A. Murphy
†Keith Bassett
- 12:00 PM †Clara Kennedy
†Roseanne Scruggs
†Jim Kearns
- 1:30 PM Misa en español
- 5:30 PM †Donald Widener
People of the Parish

Baptismal Preparation Class—Our next class will be held on **Sunday, April 9, 2017 from 1:30p.m.—2:30p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room. **Please call the parish office to register at 703-221-4044.**

Respect Creation Live Simply

Fourth Sunday of Lent

SATURDAY,	March 25—Annunciation of the Lord
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Michael J. Strati †Seth Mitcho †Brian Shea
SUNDAY,	March—26th 4th Sunday of Lent
7:30 AM	†Joseph Eugen Koehl †Norman Bachman †Harry Ravert
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Joseph Hoa Vu †Katharine Toland Quinn
10:30 AM	†William A. Murphy Steve Thompson †Donald Widener
12:00 PM	†Clara Kennedy †Roseanne Scruggs Dominick “Nick” Zadak
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Napoleon R. Cruz People of the Parish †Julie Pritt
MONDAY,	March 27—Lenten Weekday
8:45 AM	†Joseph Eugene Koehl †Purificacion Bueno †Vicente Saldua
TUESDAY,	March 28—Lenten Weekday
8:45 AM	†George Beck †Joseph Eugene Koehl Special Intention
WEDNESDAY,	March 29—Lenten Weekday
8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik †Joseph Eugene Koehl
THURSDAY,	March 30—Lenten Weekday
8:45 AM	†Charles Schamuel †Joseph Eugene Koehl Special Intention
FRIDAY,	March 31—Lenten Weekday
8:45 AM	Maira Peña †Joseph Eugene Koehl †Austin Alexis Herr, III
SATURDAY,	April 1—Lenten Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Bud Annan †Joseph Eugene Koehl †Thomas Dempster

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!



Readings for the Week of March 26, 2017

Monday	Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54
Tuesday	Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16
Wednesday	Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30
Thursday	Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47
Friday	Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday	Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53
Sunday	Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

For all lectors, ushers, servers, and Eucharistic ministers who wish to serve during the Easter Vigil and/or Easter Day masses, the [sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the vestibule.](#)



The **VIRTUS Protecting God's Children** is the adult safe-environment program being offered by the Diocese of Arlington. **The Diocese requires all adult employees and also volunteers who have substantial contact with children to attend the seminar. This includes:**

- ⇒ Vacation Bible School volunteers
- ⇒ Nursery volunteers
- ⇒ Confirmation retreat parent volunteers
- ⇒ School parent volunteers, who chaperone field trips, volunteer in the classroom, etc.
- ⇒ Mommy & Me volunteers
- ⇒ Coaches for all sports
- ⇒ Boy Scout/Girl Scout leaders and assistants (regardless of whether they are parishioners)
- ⇒ Catechists and Assistant Catechists
- ⇒ CYM and MSYM volunteers
- ⇒ All church and school employees

St. Francis of Assisi Parish will host a seminar on **Saturday, April 8th from 10 am—2 pm** in the Parish Center Dining Facility (begins promptly at **10 am**). To attend this workshop you must pre-register with your full legal name. The seminar is **limited to 60 people**, but there are a number of seminars offered throughout the Diocese; please check availability on the VIRTUS website.



To register: Go to www.virtus.org and click on the yellow link labeled "Registration" (you may either view a list of sessions or begin the registration process). To register for a specific session, select "Begin the Registration Process". Then, from the pull-down menu, select "Diocese of Arlington, VA". Then follow the online prompts.

Every adult member of the parish is invited to register and attend the workshop—it is our duty as members of this community of faith to be aware of how we can support and protect all children.