

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

<b>April 9</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>Regular Mass Schedule</b>
<b>April 12</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> 7:30-8:30 PM Individual Confession
<b>April 13</b>	<b>Holy Thursday</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 PM La Cena del Señor en el Gimnasio
<b>April 14</b>	<b>Good Friday</b> 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
<b>April 15</b>	<b>Holy Saturday</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer / Blessing of Easter foods <i>Note: <u>No</u> Saturday 5:30 p.m. Mass</i> 8:00 PM Easter Vigil
<b>April 16</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b> 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**

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.



**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.

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

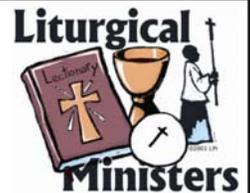
St. Francis of Assisi Parish will host a seminar on **Saturday, April 8th from 10 am—2 pm** in the Parish Center Dining Facility (begins promptly at **10 am**). To attend this workshop you must pre-register with your full legal name. The seminar is **limited to 60 people**, but there are a number of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



**To register:** Go to [www.virtus.org](http://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.

**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.**



**Only one more week** 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](mailto:sfsbookkeeper@gmail.com).** The drawing will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017 and you do not need to be present to win. **Thank you for your support of the Parish's largest fundraiser!**



## St. Francis House Corner

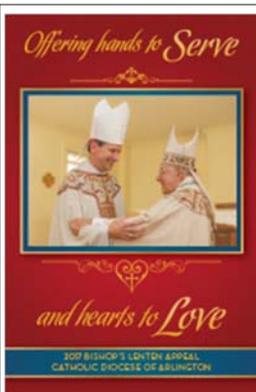
Thanks to the donations from all our parishioners we were able to provide food for **70** families this week. Because of the increase of families in need we are in need of:



- **Item of the Month: Laundry Detergent**
- Mac and Cheese
- Pasta (Spaghetti, Penne, Elbow, Shells, etc.)
- Hamburger Helper

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

**ST. FRANCIS MEN'S GROUP**—Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 11th at 7:30 pm in the Br. Juniper Room**. Due to weather related cancellation of our March meeting, this month's topic will be **Promoting Good Wealth—A Catholic Perspective**. Living in a society blessed with such material abundance, it is sometimes difficult for us as men to understand the meaning of the Gospel on this issue. Faced with the responsibility of providing a good life for our families, we sometimes ask ourselves—How much material wealth must we amass to fully carry out this responsibility? **For more information, please contact Tony Mercogliano at [amercogliano@gmail.com](mailto:amercogliano@gmail.com) or 571-332-7048.**



### 2017 Bishop's Lenten Appeal Offering hands to serve and hearts to love

The Bishop's Lenten Appeal is in full swing and we are asking every household in our parish to support this appeal to the extent that they are able. The BLA funds many programs, services and ministries that serve people in need and further Jesus' Mission in our diocese. Let us join together to do the Lord's work—works that touch the lives and souls of thousands of people in our diocese. Thank you!

**Tell me how many times have you lost your voice to someone who is not even listening?** If you need to be heard, to find yourself and a new way to communicate... get in touch with **Kathy Walker at [kwalker@stfrancis.org](mailto:kwalker@stfrancis.org) and start the process with a Stephen Minister.**



**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**  
We would like to thank  
**Mountcastle Turch Funeral Home**  
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 **70** 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.**

### Horario de La Semana Santa.

**Sábado, 1 de abril**— Misa en honor a 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.

**Many Members, One Body;** our parish support group for Catholics who are gay or lesbian, will meet in the **Br. Juniper Room at 7pm on Thursday, April 6th.** All parents, friends and family members are welcome!



**Soup and Stations**—Fridays during Lent we will celebrate Soup and Stations beginning at **6:00 pm** with a soup and bread dinner in the **Parish Center Dining Facility** followed by the **Stations of the Cross in the church at 7:00 pm.** Each week a different group will sponsor the dinner and St. Francis Lectors will lead the Stations that evening. Please join us in this time of fellowship and prayer.

**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**

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@stfrancis.org](mailto:recoor@stfrancis.org) or on our website at [stfrancis.org](http://stfrancis.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!

**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

**Sunday, April 16th**

† EASTER †

**NO REAL ACTIVITIES**

**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@stfrancis.org](mailto:lostendorf@stfrancis.org) or 703-221-3127, ext. 277.

**Please Pray For**

All those who are sick: Phyliss Shaw.

**And for those recently deceased:** Mary Jane Perry; and Julie Durbin.

**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.

**2017 St. Francis of Assisi Annual Spring Auction**

"Totally Awesome 80's—the Decade that Made Most of Us"

St. Francis of Assisi  
Parish Center  
Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 pm

\$30 per person/\$50 per couple  
Tickets to go on sale April 10<sup>th</sup>



80's attire is welcomed

**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!

**Votive Candles**

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



**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**

# Fifth Sunday of Lent

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	<b>April 1—Lenten Weekday</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation †Bud Annan †Joseph Eugene Koehl †Thomas Dempster
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 7:30 AM  9:00 AM  10:30 AM  12:00 PM  1:30 PM 5:30 PM	<b>April 2—5th Sunday of Lent</b> Thomas Lee †Agatha Back †Joseph Eugene Koehl †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Andy Misenko †Mary Ann Kubicki †William A. Murphy †Keith Bassett †Carolyn Heather Forsyth †Clara Kennedy †Roseanne Scruggs †Jim Kearns People of the Parish †Donald Widener †Edward Collier †Christine Kiessling
<b>MONDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>April 3—Lenten Weekday</b> †Joseph Eugene Koehl †Jerome Rehiel
<b>TUESDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>April 4—Lenten Weekday</b> Gretchen May †Alacia McGinnis †Glenwood Clark
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>April 5—Lenten Weekday</b> †Michael Creegan †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
<b>THURSDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>April 6—Lenten Weekday</b> †Pfc. Anthony L. Sanzaro †Alacia McGinnis †Roseanne Scruggs
<b>FRIDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>April 7—Lenten Weekday</b> Olivia Miravalles †Mendell W. Knighton †Curt Larrabee
<b>SATURDAY,</b> 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	<b>April 8—Lenten Weekday</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation †Janice A. and †James F. Callahan †Claudina Wright †Valerie Shaw

## Mass Intentions on Sunday, April 9 2017

7:30 AM	†John Restante †Harry Ravert †Keith Bassett
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Normand Richard Marquis †Kristin Adcock
10:30 AM	†Clara Kennedy †Josephine Papio †Charles Justin Johnson
12:00 PM	†Giovannina and †Gaetano Corvetto †George Beck †Clyde Richardson
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Merrit Causey †Anita Marasigan †Eugenio Tecson

## Readings for the Week of April 2, 2017

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; John 8:1-11</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; John 8:31-42</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Ezekiel 37:21-28; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; John 11:45-56</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54</b>



## Future with Hope Women

**Catholic women over 40:** Register now for the Future with Hope women's conference on **October 20-21, 2017**, at the Falls Church Marriott Fairview Park! Speakers include Pat Gohn, author of *All In: Why Belonging to the Catholic Church Matters* and *Blessed, Beautiful, and Bodacious: Celebrating the Gift of Catholic Womanhood*, and Mary Lenaburg, Blessed Is She blogger.

**Lenten Special! \$129 through Easter Sunday; \$149, Easter Monday-Labor Day; \$175, thereafter.**

Learn more at [www.futurewithhopewomen.com](http://www.futurewithhopewomen.com) or email [info@futurewithhopewomen.com](mailto:info@futurewithhopewomen.com). Sponsors include the Arlington Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

For media inquiries only, please contact: **Melanie Rigney—[melanie@rejoicebeglad.com](mailto:melanie@rejoicebeglad.com) or 703-863-3940.**



**Hearing Assistance Earphones** are available for those who would like sound amplification. They have been checked and are functioning well. See one of the friars or come to the sacristy before Mass.

**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.