

**From  
the  
Friars**



On behalf of the friars and staff here at St. Francis, I wish all of you a blessed Easter! Easter is a time of Joy and Hope.

As we survey the events of our world today we may question if we really can be joyful and hopeful. The newspapers each day tell us of the suffering of people in the world.

We ourselves face, on a daily basis, the challenges of life.

The good news of Easter is that sin and suffering is not the last word. Good Friday is followed by Easter Sunday. Jesus' resurrection has defeated even death itself. That is the basis for our Joy and Hope. Happy Easter!

Sincerely,

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

**The Easter flowers were donated  
in memory of the following:**



Badami Family; Taravella Family; Fallen Columbiettes; Julia and Andrew Vasko; Loni Deirdre Angulo; Marc Oliver; Dotty Stephens; Margaret Dickie; Thomas and Tarantino Families; Rayhel and Larke Families; Blaine and Mary Hoover; Ted Geary; Audrey Jones; Gaston and Zelmira Gianni; Lawrence Dreis; Virginia and Joseph Wohlers; Clifford and Ruth Brady, Sr.; Clarence O'Neal; Mary Smith; Charles and Betty Miller; Sheila Teague Varner; Laura and Frank McNierney; Colevin Mazur; Joseph Pennell; Lynne and David Teodosio; Jeffrey Proscia; Audrey and Joseph Proscia; James Teodosio; Phyllis May Taylor; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Determan; Mr. and Mrs. Patrick and Catherine Reidy; Louis and Mary Gesper; Dan Morris; Grandma O'Brien; Grandpa Rogan; Charlotte M. Stafira; John Francis Carpino; Laurence E. O'Brien' Elizabeth Devlin (Agnes); Marcelino Maldonado; Ryan and Herrmann Families; Eleanore Lewandowski; John A. Shookster; Eileen McManus; Denis McManus; Jim Longi, Jr.; Agnes and Joseph Harrison, Sr.; Carmella and Ralph Oropallo; Kristin Diane Adcock; John and Christl Renzo; Thomas Cox, Sr.; Mr. and Mrs. John Tiano; Carmen and Anna Paglio; Claudina and Thomas Wright; Marjorie and Augustine Carroll; Bob and Irene Eastvedt; Erik Eastvedt; Mary Atkins; Buck Van Cleef; Jim and Geri Cotton; Clyde Richardson; Caldari and Eldebrando Families; Stanley and Josephine France; Jean Jurick; Vernon and Gloria Unger; Trudy Lavadera; Kenneth E. Lieb; Gillespie and Halpin Families; Jean Suhoski; Lorenzo Manno; Marco Imbarlina; Candida Imbarlina; Joe Imbarlina; and Ward and Richmond Families.

**Happy Easter!!**

Easter is a time to rejoice and be thankful for the gift of life, love and joy. Have a Blessed day!!!



**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**



Workshops for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be held this year on:

**Saturday, April 22, 2017 at Cathedral of St. Thomas More (in the upper Church)** in Arlington.

**Saturday, April 29, 2017 at Our Lady of Hope (in the upper Church)** in Potomac Falls.

**Saturday, May 13, 2017 at Holy Trinity** in Gainesville.

**Saturday, May 20, 2017 at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception (in the upper church)** in Fredericksburg.

The time frame for all workshops will be from **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.**

To register for one of the workshops or if you have any questions, please contact Chanel Marquis at 703-221-4044, ext. 222 or [cmarquis@stfrncis.org](mailto:cmarquis@stfrncis.org).

Please do **NOT** exit the Parish Grounds (parking lot) by way of the Entrance driveway. Traffic on Fuller Heights Road is increasing and *last weekend* a person exiting the parish parking lot by way of the entrance almost caused a major accident.



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



**10 DAYS IN THE HOLY LAND  
October 31 - November 9, 2017**

Hosted By

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For a detailed brochure, please contact Friar Henry L. Fulmer, OFM at:

703-221-4044, ext. 227 or at [friarhenry@stfrncis.org](mailto:friarhenry@stfrncis.org)  
DON'T MISS THIS TRIP OF A LIFETIME!!

**Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, April 17th**

### St. Francis House Corner

Thanks to the donations from all our parishioners we were able to provide food for **50** 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!



### LUNCH BUNCH

All 55+ please join us on **Thursday, April 20th at 12:00 PM for our April Lunch Bunch, in the St. Catherine Room.** Please bring your brown bag lunch and enjoy some added refreshments. We will be planting spring flower and herb seeds to take

home to our gardens and planning our May excursion to end out the year. For further information, please contact **Becky Traver at [Tandovi@aol.com](mailto:Tandovi@aol.com) or 540-699-2175.**

**Christ Centered Yoga** begins multi-week sessions on Tuesday evenings *starting April 18th and Saturday mornings started on April 8th.* 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](mailto:breathofheavenyoga@outlook.com) and for Saturday classes, please contact Tracy Morgan at 540-446-9426 or [spiritualyogava@gmail.com](mailto:spiritualyogava@gmail.com).**



### 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:

- What:** Fellowship while working on our own "unplugged" projects for charity (no sewing machines or irons, please)
- When:** Thursday, April 20th, 6:30 p.m.– 8:30 p.m.
- Where:** Grade 5 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](mailto:sewstfrancis@gmail.com).**

### SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **Eastgate Apartments** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

## Boletín Semanal

**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
- Pasta (Espaguetis, moños, Coditos, etc.)

Muchas gracias por sus donaciones. Para más 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.

### Clases de Ciudadanía—¿Quiere hacerse ciudadano?

¡Aplica ahora! Venga a un taller para aplicar para la ciudadanía ofrecido por las Caridades Católicas, Hogar Immigrant Services.

**CUANDO:** el 22 de abril, registración de 10 am a 1 pm.  
**DONDE:** La Iglesia Metodista San Pablo, 1400 G Street, Woodbridge, VA 20191.

**COSTO:** \$110, efectivo o crédito.

CONTÁCTENOS PARA PRE-REGISTRARSE:

571-339-9872 o [hogarimmigrantservices.org/taller](http://hogarimmigrantservices.org/taller).

**All young adults** are invited to join our friars and other young adults from our area to hang out and hear a talk on "Miracles Still Happen and Other Freaky Catholic Things ..." J.P. De Gance, a local leader in Catholic-Protestant dialogue events, will highlight some of the most amazing miracles and marvels that have been documented in the modern age at the next Woodbridge Theology on Tap, taking place **April 24th at the Ornerly Beer Company and Public House in Woodbridge.** Come to enjoy the camaraderie of other young adults in an informal setting with **"drinks and eats" beginning at 6:30 p.m. and the discussion following at 7:30 p.m.**



**Many thanks** to all who turned out for the Theology on Tap featuring Fr. Michael Calabria. We had some 150 parishioners and young adults attend. His talk was superb.

**The Theology on Tap** program is primarily geared toward young adults, however, because of the success of Fr. Calabria's talk, we will periodically open the evening up to adults of all ages. Please stay tuned to the bulletin and parish website for further announcements.

Sincerely,

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

**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**

April 9th—April 23rd NO RE, Easter Break. Classes will resume on April 27th.

**VBS 2017**



Register now for VBS 2017! **June 19<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Space is limited.

Forms can be found on our website at [stfrncis.org](http://stfrncis.org) or in the vestibule of the church. Adult volunteers needed for group leaders and stations. For more information, please contact **Sharon Gardner** at [gardners.vbs@gmail.com](mailto:gardners.vbs@gmail.com).

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, April 16th**  
+ EASTER +  
**NO REAL ACTIVITIES**

**Sunday, April 23rd**  
Off-Site Leadership Retreat  
**NO REAL ACTIVITIES**

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



**Please Pray For** All those who are sick: Barbara Grubaugh; Paul E. Tekverk; Richard L. Laffman; Steve, Thompson; Fred Wolfe; Angela Menjivar; and Phyllis 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; Eustaquio Castro-Mendoza, Marc Gendron; and Darryl Saungweme.

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



**Looking for Help with Cyber Seniors Ministry**



If you are familiar with the basics of using phones, tablets, PC's and/or Macs to send emails, attach documents, share photos, download apps, etc. and you are available to help parishioners during the week to use their devices, please contact

**Lisa Ostendorf** at [lostendorf@stfrncis.org](mailto:lostendorf@stfrncis.org). Thank you for sharing your expertise!

It is time once again for our **St. Francis Spring Auction**. *This year we are returning to the 80's!* The event is scheduled for **Saturday, April 29th, following the 5:30 pm Mass, in the Parish Center**. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served with a cash bar. The cost is \$30 per person and \$50 per couple.



Some of the exciting auction items this year include: *vacation packages, sports tickets, kitchen items, china, crystal, art work, gift baskets and much more.* **ADULTS ONLY PLEASE.**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Annually the **Knights of Columbus** celebrate a Mass in honor of the founding of the Order in March 1882. **This year we will gather at the 9:00am Mass on April 30th, the Third Sunday of Easter.** We invite all Knights and their families to sit together in the front of the Church that morning. After Mass, Knights will be available to answer any questions about the KofC, or about joining. For more information, please contact the **Grand Knight, Frederick Frey** [f.cameron.frey@gmail.com](mailto:f.cameron.frey@gmail.com).

**To all our Filipino-American Brothers and Sisters in Christ:** You are cordially invited to celebrate with us on our 5th Year Anniversary for the ELShaddai DWXI-Prayer Partners Foundation International which will be held on **April 22, 2017 at the Parish Center Gymnasium form 8:00 a.m-5:00 p.m.** *The Holy Mass will be celebrated by Fr. John O'Connor, OFM at 12:00 noon.* Everyone is welcome and celebrate the Goodness of our Risen Lord! For more information, please call **Alma Jabay, E Shaddai-Filipino Ministry Coordinator at 540-288-7964.**



**alleluia**  
*Liturgies For The Week*

**SATURDAY, April 15—Holy Saturday**  
 9:00 AM Morning Prayer/Blessing of Easter Food  
**8:00 PM** Easter Vigil  
 †Paul Kriegar  
 †Eileen Bolen  
 †Roseanne Scruggs

**SUNDAY, April 16—Easter**  
 7:30 AM †Patricia and †Michael Ryan  
 Cecelia Kim  
 †Robert Earl Williams  
 9:00 AM †Mary Mancuso  
 †Celine Nebbia  
 †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik  
 9:00 AM **(Gym)**  
 In Thanksgiving  
 †Clyde Richardson  
 †Bryan Richardson  
 10:30 AM †Helen C. Buckley  
 †Valerie Shaw  
 †Clara Kennedy  
 10:30 AM **(Gym)**  
 Sharee Sonner  
 Cathy Bennett Moser  
 People of the Parish  
 12:00 PM †Innocent Bobick  
 †Elizabeth Young  
 †David Reader  
 12:00 PM **(Gym)**  
 †Emile Zambo  
 †Philomele Akomo  
 †Alice Akomo  
 1:30 PM Misa en español  
 5:30 PM **NO MASS**

**MONDAY, April 17—Easter Monday**  
 8:45 AM †Michael Slade

**TUESDAY, April 18—Easter Tuesday**  
 8:45 AM Souls in Purgatory  
 †Kathryn Gonsorcik

**WEDNESDAY, April 19—Easter Wednesday**  
 8:45 AM †Rev. Joseph P. Fallon  
 Aidan Zovak  
 †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik

**THURSDAY, April 20—Easter Thursday**  
 8:45 AM †Carole Ann Kelley  
 †Rev. Peter J. Doherty  
 †Kathleen Price

**FRIDAY, April 21—Easter Friday**  
 8:45 AM †Gerald Bigalke

**SATURDAY, April 22—Easter Saturday**  
 4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 5:30 PM †Lillian and †James Callahan  
 †Barry McDonough  
 †James Mancinella

**Mass Intentions on Sunday, April 23 2017**

7:30 AM †Harry Ravert  
 †Irene Stout  
 9:00 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik  
 †John and †Mary Misyak  
 †Mary Jane Perry  
 10:30 AM †Clara Kennedy  
 People of the Parish  
 12:00 PM †Fr. Salvatore Busichio  
 †Roseanne Scruggs  
 †Donald Widener  
 1:30 PM Misa en español  
 5:30 PM †Eileen Carlins

**Readings for the Week of April 16, 2017**

**Monday** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15  
**Tuesday** Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18  
**Wednesday** Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35  
**Thursday** Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48  
**Friday** Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14  
**Saturday** Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15  
**Sunday** Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31



EUCCHARISTIC  
MINISTERS

Eucharistic Ministers and Altar servers are needed for **First Communion Masses on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> (9:00am, 11:00am and 1:00pm)** and **Altar Servers for Confirmation services on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> (10:00am and 2:00pm)**. Please



contact **Sheila Noble** at [snoble@stfrancis.org](mailto:snoble@stfrancis.org) if you are available and would like to help. Thank you!!!

**Columbiettes of Potomac Invite you to Their Annual Spring Tea**



**Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 2:00 PM—4:00 PM**

**St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center**

English Style Tea and Fashion Show (tea sandwiches, tea and lemonade, and desserts); Basket Raffles—Door Prizes

**Ticket Prices: Adults—\$25; Ages 13 and Under—\$12**

*Tickets will be on sale after all the Masses on April 22nd-23rd and 29th-30th or*

<https://www.columbiettes.yapsody.com>

*Proceeds go to local charities sponsored by the Columbiettes.*



**AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS**  
FAITH | SERVICE | FUN

**Calling all families with girls ages 5—18!** If you are interested in participating in **American Heritage Girls here at St. Francis**, please email [ahgstfrancis@gmail.com](mailto:ahgstfrancis@gmail.com) with your information. We will be offering **FAITH, SERVICE and FUN** starting soon!

**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.

