

**From
the
Friars**



Many thanks to all who helped to make Holy Week a prayerful experience and Easter a joyful celebration. I would like to thank in particular, the following persons and ministries: Pequitte Schwerin (Lector Coordinator); Nicole Giraldi and Colleen Wells (Music Ministry); St. Francis Choir; Lisa Ostendorf and Mary (Flowers

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Sincerely,

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

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

George Beck; Ferenschak Families; Larry Harris; Margaret Vittilota; Edward F. Donnan; and Thomas Austin.



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Eucharistic Ministers and Altar servers are needed for **First Communion Masses on Saturday, May 13th (9:00am, 11:00am and 1:00pm)** and **Altar Servers for Confirmation services on Saturday, May 6th (10:00am and 2:00pm)**. Please contact **Sheila Noble at snoble@stfrancis.org** if you are available and would like to help. Thank you!!!



Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

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

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@stfrancis.org.

We would like to extend a huge **thank you** to the ministries that so graciously hosted Soup Suppers during Lent: **Knights of Columbus; ChristLife; Columbiettes; Craft Ministry; Secular Franciscans; and St. Francis Friars.** We would also like to

extend a huge **thank you** to the following Lectors for leading the parish in the inspiring 'Franciscan' version of the Stations of the Cross during Lent: **John Cipparone, Pequitte Schwerin, Jeanne Allen, Marv Floom, Angie Powell, Jan Floom, Pat Koch, Kathy Aux, and Olivia Neason.** Thank you!



The **Rosary Guild** meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Please join us **Tuesday, April 25th** 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.**



Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes... including you. Take the time this Easter season and renew yourself. Talking with a Stephen Minister might be the first step. **Please contact Kathy Walker at kwalker@stfrancis.org.**



**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.**

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.**



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 Francia at 703-221-6344. Thank you for your continuing support!

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. Thank you for sharing your expertise!

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: Vince Kanala; Sherry Sutton; Benjamin; Barbara Grubaugh; Paul E. Tekverk; Richard L. Laffman; Steve, Thompson; Fred Wolfe; Angela Menjivar; and Phyllis Shaw.

And for those recently deceased: Barbara 'Joan' Schafer.

Please pray for the following who are serving abroad in harm's way: Tyler Jones; Drew; Andrew Wagner; Leo N. Company; S. Defibaugh; Josh Bookout; Brianna French; Glenn Harms; Joseph Sheridan; James Moore; Kyle McVay; Kyle Traylor; 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](http://www.stfrncis.org).

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **J. David Alachnowicz, DDS, PC** 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 **70** 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.

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.**



If you or a family member is in the **hospital or homebound**, please call the parish office if you would like a visit from one of the friars. The hospitals are not permitted to give out the names of patients, so the only way we will know if you are in the hospital is if you or a family member informs us.

The **Lion's Club** has **2 donation drop boxes 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.



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. 27 Thursday RE Session 5-6:15pm
- 30 Sunday RE Session 10:30am-11:45am & 4-5:15pm
- May 4 Thursday RE Session 5-6:15pm
- 7 Sunday RE Session 10:30am-11:45am & 4-5:15pm
- 11 Thursday RE Session 5-6:15pm
- 14 **NO RE**—Happy Mother's Day
- 18 **LAST** Thursday RE Session 5-6:15pm
- 21 **LAST** Sunday RE Session 10:30am-11:45am & 4-5:15pm

Thank you to all who donated and assembled the "Love Packs for the Homeless" we were able to make and deliver 200 packs to the Bill Myer Homeless Shelter in Woodbridge!



VBS 2017

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

Forms can be found on our website at stfrancis.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.

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 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

Sunday, May 7th
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@stfrancis.org or **703-221-3127, ext. 277.**



Join Us for the Annual 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.**

Interested in learning about Liberation Theology?

Fr. Joe Nangle, O.F.M. will discuss Liberation Theology with our parishioners going to Peru this summer

All are Invited

When: 7:00-9:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 2nd
Where: Parish Center Dining Facility

Fr. Joseph Nangle, O.F.M. served twelve years as the Co-Director of Franciscan Mission Service. He spent fifteen years as a missionary in Bolivia and Peru and is currently engaged in ministry to the Hispanic community of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Arlington, Virginia. Fr. Joe is also a member of the Assisi Community in Washington, DC, an intentional Catholic community of lay and religious men and women dedicated to a simple life-style and social change.

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.



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.

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Liturgies For The Week

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	April 22—Easter Saturday Sacrament of Reconciliation †Lillian and †James Callahan †Barry McDonough †James Mancinella
SUNDAY, 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 PM 1:30 PM 5:30 PM	April 23—2nd Sunday of Easter †Harry Ravert †Irene Stout †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †John and †Mary Misyak †Mary Jane Perry †Clara Kennedy People of the Parish †Bertha Njoh †Fr. Salvatore Busichio †Roseanne Scruggs †Donald Widener Misa en español †Eileen Carlins
MONDAY, 8:45 AM	April 24—Easter Weekday Ann Garland †Chuck Schanuel
TUESDAY, 8:45 AM	April 25—St. Mark, Evangelist †Mary Bryant †Chuck Schanuel
WEDNESDAY, 8:45 AM	April 26—Easter Weekday †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik †Chuck Schanuel
THURSDAY, 8:45 AM	April 27—Easter Weekday †Chuck Schanuel
FRIDAY, 8:45 AM	April 28—Easter Weekday †Curt Larrabee
SATURDAY, 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	April 29—St. Catherine of Siena Sacrament of Reconciliation †John Shookster †Michael Russell Bridges †Laszlo Koller

Mass Intentions on Sunday, April 30 2017

7:30 AM	†Harry Ravert †Irene Stout †Kristi Adcock
9:00 AM	†Dr. Anthony Mancuso †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Marsha McTarsney
10:30 AM	†Mary Jane Perry Woody Arenas
12:00 PM	†Clara Kennedy †Jim Kerns †Vergilio Ichavaria
1:30 PM 5:30 PM	Misa en español †Martin Egal People of the Parish

Readings for the Week of April 23, 2017

Monday	Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8
Tuesday	1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20
Wednesday	Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21
Thursday	Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36
Friday	Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15
Saturday	Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21
Sunday	Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35



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 with your information. We will be offering FAITH, SERVICE and FUN starting soon!



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.

Around the Diocese

Young Adult GREAT GATSBY 20's DANCE on Saturday, May 13th—Travel back to the Roaring Twenties with young adults from all over the DC area! Featuring the Charleston, Lindy Hop, Foxtrot, & Balboa! The event will be held from 7:30 pm - 11:30 pm at **St. Veronica Church (Parish Hall), Chantilly, VA. Admission: \$10; Optional: Put on your best 20's outfit!**

All young adults in their 20's and 30's are welcome! **Sponsored by St. Veronica Young Adults.** For more information, please email stveronicaya@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/groups/stveronicaya.

Young Adult Retreat—Register now for the 2017 Young Adult Retreat starting on **Friday, May 12th and ending on Sunday, May 14th.** The retreat, taking place at San Damiano Spiritual Life Center, will be led by *Fr. Mark Baron, titled, "100 Years of Our Lady of Fatima: what the Mother of God teaches us about following Her Son."* For more details, please go to <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Family-Life/Young-Adult-Retreat-Weekend/> or email **Brendan Gotta** at yam@arlingtondiocese.org.