



**From
the
Friars**

Congratulations to all of our young men and women who were Confirmed this weekend. May the Holy Spirit be an ever constant companion to you as you continue your journey as disciples.

Speaking of Confirmation, below are some of the powerful statements of the young men and women who were confirmed.

"I want to be closer to God. If I am able to receive this sacrament, then I feel it's my way of DECLARING the faith I love so much in my life as my own."

"I also want to confirm because I want to be a full member of the church community. I want to learn more about God. I want to follow the journey God has set for me, and me following my path means everyone around me following their path."

"I think that Confirmation is the sacrament that strengthens your faith. It builds on the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Eucharist. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are reinforced, helping me become closer to God and the church."

"For me confirmation is about accepting my place in the church and the kingdom of God."

I think the sacrament of Confirmation is when I assure God that I want to be his follower. Confirmation is how I would tell God that I am willing to try my best to love him and allow him to love me."

Following the difficult news of last weekend, a number of parishioners have asked me when a new pastor will be appointed. Bishop Burbidge has informed me that an announcement will be forthcoming in the next couple of weeks.

I am away this weekend attending a meeting in Rome, Italy at the headquarters of the Franciscan Order. This is a meeting with the Minister General and Key Financial Advisors of the Franciscan Order (O.F.M.) I have been asked to do on of the presentations.

It is a brief trip, no sightseeing! I will return to the states tomorrow (Monday).

Sincerely,

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

I am learning to love the sound of my feet as I walk away from things not meant for me... Sometimes walking away is the hardest movement in the world. If you need help taking that first step, please email **Kathy Walker** at kwalker@stfrancis.org and have a Stephen Minister walk with you on your journey.



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



The **Rosary Guild** meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Please join us **Tuesday, May 9th** 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.**



CAR RAFFLE 2017

CONGRATULATIONS to the Brown and Wilson families!

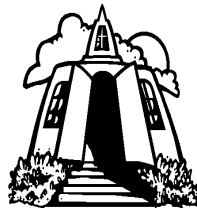


These parishioners are CASH winners in the 2017 Car Raffle. Our parish have won prizes, including a car, 6 out of the last 7 years! We are very blessed. Thank you for participating in the largest parish fundraiser. See you next year!

A Novena of Masses will be offered for all Mothers, living and deceased, and will begin on May 14th. **Spiritual Bouquet Cards** are available on the tables in the vestibule. Please drop the inside envelope in the Catch-All Slot in the vestibule or in the parish office **no later than Thursday, May 11th.**



COME HOME—TAKE ANOTHER LOOK



If you have been away or know someone who has been away from the Catholic Church for whatever reason; divorce, birth control, lifestyle, invalid marriage, or any other reason, we would love for you or your friend to take another look.

The Christian calendar is full of times of great joy as we celebrate the birth, life, and resurrection of the Messiah. But you or your friends may not be experiencing much joy and or feel that you or they don't belong to this rejoicing church. St. Francis Parish in Triangle is inviting you and/or your friends to "Take Another Look" without feeling pressure or experiencing a "recapture" mentality.

We will have a short three night program on three consecutive Mondays, May 8th, 15th, and 22nd. Each night will begin at 7:30 and last no more than 2 hours.

If you or someone you know has an interest, let us know by calling the parish at 703-221-4044 or **Joe Mitcho at 703-967-9959**. We will send you more detailed information.

St. Francis House Corner



Thanks to the donations from all our parishioners the item of the month has been very much appreciated by our clients. With your generosity we will continue to serve those that are in need.

- **Item of the Month: White Rice and Salt**
- Mac and Cheese
- Pasta (Spaghetti, Penne, Elbow, Shells, etc.)
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Fruit

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

Please Give Us Your Empty Egg Cartons



St. Francis House clients have been blessed by the donations from a farmer who has donated eggs to the food pantry. The donor is in need of **empty Egg Cartons** in order to pack the eggs. Please drop your empty egg cartons

in the vestibule of the church. **Thank you very much!**

ST. FRANCIS MEN'S GROUP—Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 9th at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center Library** (*please note change of meeting location*) featuring presentations by representatives of the VOICE and St. Francis Inn Ministries. For more information please contact **Tony Mercogliano** at amercogliano@gmail.com or 571-332-7048.

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.



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; and Angela Menjivar.

And for those recently deceased: Phyllis Shaw; Roger Toth (Father-in-Law of Peggy Toth); and Jean Desdunes.

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.

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: Arroz Blanco y Sal
- Atún Enlatado
- Fruta Enlatada
- 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**.



GREAT NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Could you give 2-3 hours a week to assist teachers and students at Dumfries Elementary School? St. Francis VOICE is organizing to begin helping as soon as possible because the need is so great. Please contact **Sharon Danner** with your questions and your availability at Sharondanner1@verizon.net or 703-680-0860

POTOMAC COLUMBIETTES #9259

We are recruiting Catholic women over 18 years of age, married, or single, who want to enrich their lives while supporting her church and her community. Spouses need not be Knights of Columbus. Our purpose is to promote the spiritual, social and charitable welfare of our members while being involved in multiple church and community events through-out the year.



For an application and more information, please contact **Dee Weikert** at deeweikert@hotmail.com.

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!

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.

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

- May 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

VBS 2017



Register now for VBS 2017! **June 19th -23rd**
Space is limited.
Registration deadline is May 29, 2017.

Forms can be found on our website at 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.

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, May 7th
6:30 PM—8:30 PM
St. Catherine Room
REAL Time (Youth Group)
All teens grades 9-12

Sunday, May 14th
Mother's Day
NO REAL ACTIVITIES

Sunday, May 21st
6:30 PM—8:30 PM
St. Catherine Room
REAL Leadership
Leadership Team ONLY

Columbiettes of Potomac Invite you to Their Annual Spring Tea

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

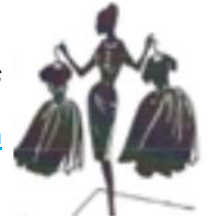


St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center
English Style Tea and Fashion Show (tea sandwiches, tea and lemonade, and desserts); Basket Raffles—Door Prizes

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.



Baptismal Preparation Class—Our next class will be held this **Sunday, May 14, 2017 from 1:30p.m.—2:30p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room. **Please call the parish office to register at 703-221-4044.**



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.

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.

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.



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.

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.**



SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **The Enchanted Florist** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

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Liturgies For The Week

SATURDAY,	May 6—Easter Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Pfc. Anthony L. Sanzaro †Michael Bridges St. Anthony
SUNDAY,	May 7—4th Sunday of Easter
7:30 AM	†Harry Ravert Lisa Burrige
9:00 AM	†Paul and †Connie Arcudi †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Andy Misenko †Bob Walker
10:30 AM	Stanislaw Family Sallie Flickenger Donald Austin
12:00 PM	†Roseanne Scruggs †Clara Kennedy †Elizabeth Garland
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	People of the Parish †Mary Elizabeth Wenzel Obdulio DeLeon
MONDAY,	May 8—Easter Weekday
8:45 AM	†Janice A. and †James F. Callahan Joseph Carhart
TUESDAY,	May 9—Easter Weekday
8:45 AM	†Giovannina and †Gaetano Corvetto †Chuck Schanuel Tina Lee
WEDNESDAY,	May 10—Easter Weekday
8:45 AM	†Phyllis Dumoulin †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
THURSDAY,	May 11—Easter Weekday
8:45 AM	†George Beck †Henry Grabowski
FRIDAY,	May 12—Easter Weekday
8:45 AM	Agatha Park
SATURDAY,	May 13—Easter Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Marion Richmond †Thomas and †Beverly McClutchy †James F. Callahan, II

Readings for the Week of May 7, 2017

Monday	Acts 11:1-18; John 10:11-18
Tuesday	Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30
Wednesday	Acts 12:24—13:5a; John 12:44-50
Thursday	Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20
Friday	Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6
Saturday	Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14
Sunday	Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

Mass Intentions on Sunday, May 14, 2017

7:30 AM	†Teodosia Herrera †Vilma Zelvaggio †Ruth Glasser
9:00 AM	†Laura Garcia de Quevedo †Rita Lapinski †Flor Rodriguez
10:30 AM	†Helen C. Buckley †Phyllis Dumoulin †Clara Kennedy
12:00 PM	†George Beck †David Bertocci †Roseanne Scruggs
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Donna Bowman Olds Mother's Day Novena



Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

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

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.



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