

 **From the Friars**

Congratulations to our young girls and boys who celebrated their first communion this weekend. Our prayers and thoughts go out to them and their families.

I have always found First Communion and Confirmation to be one of the those special times in a parish. In no small part because it represents a furthering of the commitment of our young boys and girls, young women and men, but also because these are occasions when ones extended family, grandparents, godparents, and others come together. Best wishes to all!

As I mentioned in last weeks column, I have been in Rome for meeting at the Curia (headquarters) of the Franciscan Order. There are two major international financial commissions of the Franciscan (OFM) Order. I serve on one of those commissions, the one that deals with financial development.

We had an excellent series of meetings last week that involved friars and lay advisors from several different countries in the world.

I was also privileged last Sunday to be asked by the Minister General (Leader) of the Franciscan Order to preside and preach at Mass at a private chapel at our Curia, attended by himself and a small group of friars including the newly elected Franciscan Provincial from Poland.

As much as I enjoy these opportunities to be involved on the international level, it's good to be home again here at the parish, and with all of you. Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

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

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

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.

Share a Ministry with Your Children During the Mass

Come celebrate the Mass in a special way with your family. **The Family Liturgy offers your family a unique opportunity to share in the liturgy ministry as children and parents work together as readers and gift**



bearers during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. What a great way to get the whole family working together in ministry! All materials are provided for the families ahead of time. For more information, sign-up on the bulletin board in the foyer of the church or contact **Colleen Wells** at cwells@stfrncis.org or 703-221-4044, ext. 231.



Happy Mother's Day! Things we moms love to hear... "Great job mom, I turned out awesome." Or "You were right, there I said it." And let's not forget this one. "I have become my mother, are you happy now?" Enjoy your day! Blessings from the Stephen Ministry!

Do you like to sing?
The Saint Francis Music Ministry welcomes singers of ALL ages to come check out a rehearsal



Sometimes we sit listening to the choirs and wish we were singing with them. *Now is your chance!* Please, come check out a rehearsal and learn more about the choirs. All singers are welcome. **Please consider joining us in making joyful music through one of our choirs:**

- The **Adult Choir**, which sings at the 9:00 a.m. Mass every Sunday, rehearses every **Monday evening from 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.**
- The **Worship Ensemble** sings at the 12:00 Noon Mass every Sunday. Rehearsals are held every **Thursday from 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.**
- The **Teen/Young Adult Choir** sings several times monthly, usually in conjunction with the Youth Ministry Schedule, at the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday. Rehearsals are held every **Monday evening from 6:00 p.m. until 7:15 p.m.**
- The **Family Liturgy Choir** sings at the 10:30 a.m. Mass and is open to all children of the Parish grades 2 through 8. The last rehearsal for the school year is **Wednesday, May 17th from 6:45 p.m. until 7:45 p.m.**

All rehearsals take place in the choir area of the Church. For more information, please contact Nikole Girdali at nikoleg@stfrncis.org.

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!**

Brighten a Child's Summer: Donate Gently Used or New Summer Toys!



St. Francis House is collecting summer toys for our children in the communities of Williamstown and Triangle. Donations will be collected in the vestibule of the Church the weekends of **May 20th and May 28th**. The following are items are needed:

Water balloons, Frisbees, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, soccer balls, basketballs, jump ropes, toss games, ball sets, outdoor throwing toys.

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

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!

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—Las próximas charlas bautismales en español serán el viernes, junio 9. 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.**



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, May 18th, 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.

Please Pray For All those who are sick: Eileen Williamson; Vince Kanala; Sherry Sutton; and Benjamin.

And for those recently deceased: Phyllis Shaw.

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.

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.**



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 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 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, 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

Sunday, May 28th
Memorial Day Weekend
NO REAL ACTIVITIES

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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

Invitation from John Paul H.S.


Please join the JP community: **Diamonds and Demin Gala at The Clubs at Quantico, May 20th**; Emerald Raffle, with a grand prize of \$15K! **Applications for admission and financial aid still being accepted!** For more information, please visit www.jpthegreat.org or call 703-445-0314.



CHANGE OF ADDRESS
 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.



 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 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.



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.



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.

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Liturgies For The Week

SATURDAY, May 13—Easter Weekday
 4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:30 PM †Marion Richmond
 †Thomas and †Beverly McClutchy
 †James F. Callahan, II

SUNDAY, May 14—5th Sunday of Easter
 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 People of the Parish
 5:30 PM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
 †Donna Bowman Olds
 Mother's Day Novena

MONDAY, May 15—Easter Weekday
 8:45 AM †Marg Egan
 Mother's Day Novena
 Xavier Palmer

TUESDAY, May 16—Easter Weekday
 8:45 AM †Souls in Purgatory
 Mother's Day Novena
 Xavier Palmer

WEDNESDAY, May 17—Easter Weekday
 8:45 AM †Margaret O'Connor
 †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
 Mother's Day Novena

THURSDAY, May 18—Easter Weekday
 8:45 AM †Kathryn Gonsorcik
 Mother's Day Novena
 †Gerrie Adams

FRIDAY, May 19—Easter Weekday
 8:45 AM †Rev. Joseph P. Fallon
 †James Gudenkauf
 Mother's Day Novena

SATURDAY, May 20—Easter Weekday
 4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:30 PM †Rev. Peter J. Doherty
 †Paul Krieger
 †Linda Armstrong

Readings for the Week of May 14, 2017

Monday Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26
Tuesday Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a
Wednesday Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8
Thursday Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11
Friday Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17
Saturday Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21
Sunday Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18;
 John 14:15-21

Mass Intentions on Sunday, May 21, 2017

7:30 AM †Harry Ravert
 Special Intention
 †Kristi Adcock
 9:00 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
 †Joseph Quang Vinh Pham
 †William A. Murphy
 10:30 AM †Keith Bassett
 †Anna Reis
 †Oligario Tornes
 12:00 PM †Roseanne Scruggs
 †Clara Kennedy
 †Mary Smith
 1:30 PM Misa en español
 5:30 PM People of the Parish
 Mother's Day Novena
 †Phyllis Shaw



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Happy Mother's Day

