



**From
the
Friars**

My deepest appreciation for your overwhelming personal affirmation as you received word of my appointment as your pastor. I promise that I will do all that I can to continue to build and strengthen our parish worshipping community.

I look forward to working with our friars, parish staff, and all of you in this special endeavor.

Many thanks to Marianne Hayes, Sheila Noble, and all who prepared our young boys and girls for their First Holy Communion. It was a great celebration.

Sincerely,

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



Please plan to join us at the 5:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass on **June 10th**, when Bishop Burbidge will install Fr. John O'Connor, O.F.M. ([followed by a reception, in the Parish Center Gym immediately after the Mass](#)) as the new pastor of our parish. It will be a great opportunity to meet our new Bishop and celebrate with fellow parishioners.



**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@stfrancis.org or 703-221-4044, ext. 231.



St. Francis
Family Liturgy

The **Rosary Guild** meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Please join us **Tuesday, May 23rd** from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the **St. Clare Room**. All are welcome. For more information, please call **Otella Cregan** at 571-264-0312.



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



I may look like I am not doing anything, but at a cellular level I am quite busy. It is ok to take time for yourself. Slow down, unwind, and vent. And who else to get things off your chest to, but a Stephen's Minister. Get started rejuvenating yourself with a caring lay minister by emailing **Kathy Walker** at kwalker@stfrancis.org.



**Father's Day 3 on 3
Basketball
Tournament!**

Attention all athletes ages 8 and up who can dribble and shoot a basketball! Come participate in the Fifth Annual Father's Day 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament! **It will start at 9 AM on June 17, 2017 in the St. Francis Parish Center Gym.** Teams of up to four may be formed, and each team will play at least three games. Teams may be sponsored for \$50 and all proceeds from this event will be donated to St. Francis of Assisi School. We have donated over \$2,000 to the school since our first tournament in 2013! **For further details, please contact either Dr. Ken Dunn at dunnkd@comcast.net / 540-657-9006 or Kevin Horwath at kev89@comcast.net / 703-508-0294.**



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@stfrancis.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-21st and May 27th-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!

Please Pray For All those who are sick: Joan Breeding; Nancy Brown; Pat Littlefield; S. Defigaugh; Eileen Williamson.

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; Marc Gendron; and Darryl Saungweme.

Boletín Semanal

Despensa de Comida de La Casa de San Francisco : Gracias a las donaciones de todos nuestros feligreses el artículo del mes a sido bien recibido por nuestros clientes. Con sus donaciones podremos continuar a los mas necesitados.

- **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.**

Mission 2017 Vitamin Campaign



Our Missioners traveling to Peru in July will again be carrying prenatal and children's vitamins for the parish medical clinics at Santa Ana and in the Pastoral Zone. The children of the "Squatter Towns" suffer greatly from the developmental effects of poor nutrition. Children's vitamins are expensive and hard to obtain in Peru.

- \$10 provides prenatal vitamins for an entire pregnancy.
- \$15 provides a child with vitamins for a year.

Donations of any amount would be appreciated.

Envelopes can be found on the bulletin board on your right as you leave church.

VOICE Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement
Organizing for a New Dominion of Justice and Participation
www.voice-iaf.org

St. Francis VOICE invites you to join 300 Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement (VOICE) leaders and Prince William County parents/teachers/administrators to **work together to improve public education** in our community.

When: 7pm- 8:30 pm, Tuesday, May 23, 2017

Where: Penn Elementary School, 12980 Queen Chapel Road, Woodbridge, VA 22193

To R.S.V.P. or for more information, please contact Michelle Nicolai (St. Francis VOICE) at 571-213-8348 or michnicolai@comcast.net

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

Have a Blessed Summer!

Classes will resume again in September.

**Religious Education Registration for
2017-18 School Year**

Registration is now open for the 2017-18 school year. Online registration is available with electronic payment or printable paper registration is also available on our website at <http://www.stfrncis.org/welcome-and-introduction/>. Please note the change in times for the RE sessions. Please contact our RE Office with any questions at 703-221-3127.

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 of Assisi School is currently accepting applications for admission (Preschool—8th Grade) for the 2017-2018 school year.

Please visit the school website, www.stfas.org, or contact the school office, 703 221-3868 or phillipss.sfas@gmail.com, for more information and to schedule a tour of the campus.



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.**

Baptismal Preparation Class—Our next class will be held this **Sunday, June 11, 2017** from **1:30p.m.—2:30p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room. **Please call the parish office to register at 703-221-4044.**

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

Sunday, May 28th
Memorial Day Weekend
NO REAL ACTIVITIES

Sunday, June 4th
6:30 PM—8:30 PM
St. Catherine Room
GRADUATION PARTY
All teens grades 9-12
Especially graduating Seniors

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!

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.

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.



SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **Ameriprise Financial** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

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Liturgies For The Week

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	May 20—Easter Weekday Sacrament of Reconciliation †Rev. Peter J. Doherty †Paul Krieger †Linda Armstrong
SUNDAY, 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 PM 1:30 PM 5:30 PM	May 21—6th Sunday of Easter †Harry Ravert Special Intention †Kristi Adcock †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Joseph Quang Vinh Pham †William A. Murphy †Keith Bassett †Anna Reis †Oligario Tornes †Roseanne Scruggs †Clara Kennedy †Mary Smith Misa en español People of the Parish Mother's Day Novena †Phyllis Shaw
MONDAY, 8:45 AM	May 22—Easter Weekday †Lillian and †James Callahan †Willie James Knighton Mother's Day Novena
TUESDAY, 8:45 AM	May 23—Easter Weekday †Mary Perry Mother's Day Novena †Jean Desdunes
WEDNESDAY, 8:45 AM	May 24—Easter Weekday †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik †Jean Desdunes
THURSDAY, 8:45 AM	May 25—Ascension In Thanksgiving to Saint Anne †Mike Dowd †Jean Desdunes
FRIDAY, 8:45 AM	May 26—Easter Weekday †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Clara Kennedy †Luke Brennan
SATURDAY, 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	May 27—Easter Weekday Sacrament of Reconciliation †Joan O'Connor-Weber †Marsha McTarsney †Eugenio Telson

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.



Readings for the Week of May 21, 2017	
Monday	Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday	Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11
Wednesday	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; John 16:12-15
Thursday	Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20 or Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20
Friday	Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23
Saturday	Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28
Sunday	Acts 1:12-14; 1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11a; or Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20

Mass Intentions on Sunday, May 28, 2017

7:30 AM	†Kristi Adcock Thomas Lee †Joseph M. Krafft
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Joseph Quang Vinh Pham †William A. Murphy
10:30 AM	†Keith Bassett †Andrew and †Peggy Noone †James Webber
12:00 PM	†Roseanne Scruggs †Clara Kennedy †Claudia Tornes
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Augustine Carroll People of the Parish †Jean Desdunes



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.



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.

Around the Diocese

Diocesan Multicultural Mass & Fair
Saturday, June 24th

Join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge in worship and celebration. All are welcome to share the experience of our one Catholic faith, united in Christ, through the diversity of our local diocesan Catholic cultures at Queen of Apostles Church, 4401 Sano Street, Alexandria, VA. **Mass is at 5 p.m. with a reception and cultural fair to follow.** All are welcome.