


**From the Friars**



Many thanks to all who were able to come to the Installation Mass last Saturday. The weather was great and as we used to say in the Seminary (after a celebration), 'A Good time was had by all'.

Over the next couple of months, in conjunction with the Staff and the Parish Council, I plan to review all of the ministry programs of our parish. I will be looking at goals and objectives, expected outcomes, recent history of those helped by the programs, and any changes that need to be made. This review will include the Sacrament, Sacramental and Spiritual programs of the parish.

I will also be reviewing the maintenance needs of our parish facilities. Members of the Staff, including our Maintenance Staff, will "walk the grounds" with myself. We will then make a list of maintenance issues that need to be attended to.

An example, if you take a look at the statue of St. Francis between the Church and the Parish Center, you will notice it has been cleaned.

I will keep you informed as to how these reviews progress.

Sincerely,

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

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

**And for those recently deceased:** Allan Thorpe; and Scott Bartosch.

**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; James Moore; Kyle McVay; Kyle Traylor; Marc Gendron; and Darryl Saungweme.



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

**Calling all families with girls ages 5—18!** If you are interested in joining/participating in **St. Francis' American Heritage Girls Troop VA2172**, please email [ahgstfrancis@gmail.com](mailto:ahgstfrancis@gmail.com) with your information. We will be offering FAITH, SERVICE and FUN starting this Fall!

**We like to think of summer as being a relaxing, enjoyable time.** But hurts, struggles, crises, and problems do not take a vacation. Many times our difficulties seem even worse during the summer because everyone else seems to be enjoying life while you are feeling down. If you are experiencing a difficult time—emotionally, spiritually, or relationally—you do not have to suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers, and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers. It is free. It is confidential. And it will make a difference in your life!



To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders. **Please email Kathy Walker at [kwalker@stfrancis.org](mailto:kwalker@stfrancis.org) to get more information.**


**St. Francis of Assisi School** is currently accepting applications for admission (Preschool—8<sup>th</sup> Grade) for the 2017-2018 school year.



Please visit the school website, [www.stfas.org](http://www.stfas.org), or contact the school office, **703 221-3868** or [phillipss.stfas@gmail.com](mailto:phillipss.stfas@gmail.com), for more information and to schedule a tour of the campus.

**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.stfrancis.org](http://www.stfrancis.org).

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.




**GO ON A PLASTIC DIET**

## St. Francis House Corner

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



- **Item of the Month: Body Soap and Toothpaste**
- Mac and Cheese
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Fruit
- Cereal

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

### Mommy & Me Program at St. Francis House

This is our best year ever with thirteen women graduating from our ESL class! All students made wonderful advances in their classes, both beginning and advanced as well as the children who were enrolled in our Pre-school program. With hard work and regular attendance, each student completed necessary lessons which transformed them to be able to speak English, making them bilingual. Being able to speak both languages makes them available for many job opportunities, advancements in education, and the ability to guide their children with homework. With the help of the excellent instructors, each student progressed through the curriculum at their own pace. Our Pre-school program provides fun education for many of the children which now move forward in to Kindergarten!

Special thanks to all of the teachers at St. Francis House (**Josee Turner, Angie Bachman, Renee Riede, Angela Carroll, Sue Cipparone, Nancy Cummins, Renn Minicucci, Angelica Salguero, Mary Stewart, and Leticia Iglesias**) who with patience and lots of love shared their time and knowledge to help those in need to succeed through learning the skills of English and getting the children ready for Kindergarten. The Mommy & Me program is only possible with the help of our wonderful volunteers. **“Volunteers DO NOT necessarily have the time; they have the heart”** -Elizabeth Andrew-



## 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: Jabón para el Cuerpo y Crema Dental**
- Atún Enlatado
- Fruta Enlatada
- Crema de Maní y Jalea
- Cereal

Muchas gracias por sus donaciones. Para más información contactar a la **Señora Salguero al 703-221-6344.**



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.

**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!



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.

**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.



### SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **Meg Czapiewski, Owner, Realtor** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

## 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.stfrancis.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.**

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, June 18th**

Father's Day

**NO REAL ACTIVITIES**

**SATURDAY, June 24th**

10:00 am to 11:00 pm

**KINGFEST** AT Kings Dominion

**REAL Fun**

Space is limited!

Please contact Brandon for details

**SUMMER 2017**

ACTIVITIES WILL BE ANNOUNCED

### **Baptismal Preparation Class**

Our next class will be held on **Sunday, July 9, 2017 from 1:30p.m.—2:30p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room. **Please call the parish office to register at 703-221-4044.**



**LEAVING IT BETTER  
THAN YOU FOUND IT**

### **Basketball Camp:**

St. Francis of Assisi will be offering **two basketball camps** this year.



#### **Camp I**

Date: **June 26th - June 30th**

Time: **8:30am - 3:30pm**

Place: **St. Francis Gym**

Cost: **\$100.00**

Who: **Boys and Girls ages 8-14**

#### **Camp II**

Date: **July 10th - July 14th**

Time: **8:30am - 3:30pm**

Place: **St. Francis Gym**

Cost: **\$100.00**

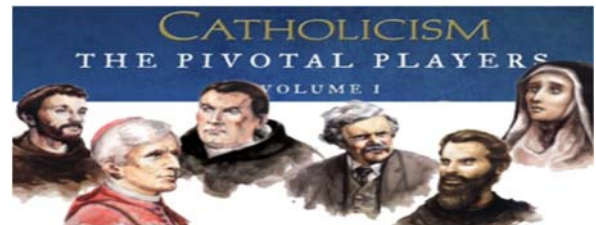
Who: **Boys and Girls ages 8-14**

*You may attend both camps.*

For registration please go to [www.stfas.org](http://www.stfas.org), tab school life, sports, sports forms.

**The deadline for registration is June 23rd.**

For questions, please contact **Terry DeVito at [Devitot.sfas@gmail.com](mailto:Devitot.sfas@gmail.com).**



**CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players** showcases a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of western civilization. **Join us this summer on Thursday evenings at 7pm in the Parish Center Library** to view and discuss the lasting influence of these *Pivotal Players*. Please contact, **Sheila Noble at [snoble@stfrancis.org](mailto:snoble@stfrancis.org) if you have any questions.**

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>**—St. Catherine of Siena, the Mystic, gave testimony to the reality of the spiritual dimension here and beyond.

**July 6<sup>th</sup>**—St. Thomas Aquinas, the Theologian, demonstrated that faith and reason are not at odds, as they come from the same source.

**July 13<sup>th</sup>**—G.K. Chesterton, the Evangelist, publicly, humbly, and humorously announced the paradoxes and truth of Christianity.

**July 20<sup>th</sup>**—Michelangelo, the Artist, dramatically demonstrated that beauty and creativity are a primary route of access to God.

**August 3<sup>rd</sup>**—St. Francis of Assisi, the Reformer, radically and literally lived as Jesus commanded to transform the Church.

**August 10<sup>th</sup>**—Blessed John Henry Newman, the Convert, left a prestigious career to seek and preach the apostolic faith.

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**Liturgies For The Week**

<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>June 17—Weekday</b>
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Bill Richmond †Paul Krieger †Barry McDonough
<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b>June 18—The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</b>
7:30 AM	†John F. O'Connor †Robert Earl Williams †Gloria Norris
9:00 AM	†Marion Mitchell †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Joseph Quang Vinh Pham
10:30 AM	†John Dumoulin, Sr. †Harry Ravert †Joseph Berlesky
12:00 PM	†Marion Mitchell †Clyde Richardson †Clara Kennedy
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	Father's Day Novena †Walker Williams People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY,</b>	<b>June 19—Weekday</b>
8:45 AM	†Rev. Joseph P. Fallon Father's Day Novena Bernadette Higgins
<b>TUESDAY,</b>	<b>June 20—Weekday</b>
8:45 AM	†Rev. Peter J. Doherty Father's Day Novena Frances Erhart
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b>	<b>June 21—St. Aloysius Gonzaga</b>
8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik Father's Day Novena
<b>THURSDAY,</b>	<b>June 22—Weekday</b>
8:45 AM	†Lillian and †James Callahan Father's Day Novena Charlie Cassidy
<b>FRIDAY,</b>	<b>June 23—Sacred Heart of Jesus</b>
8:45 AM	†Nick Pirko †Joseph Bigalke Father's Day Novena
<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>June 24—Birth of St. John the Baptist</b>
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Juanito Alb †Barbara Racicot †Diana Green

**Readings for the Week of June 18, 2017**

<b>Monday</b>	2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Matthew 5:38-42
<b>Tuesday</b>	2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Matthew 5:43-48
<b>Wednesday</b>	2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
<b>Thursday</b>	2 Corinthians 11:1-11; Matthew 6:7-15
<b>Friday</b>	Deuteronomy 7:6-11; 1 John 4:7-16; Matthew 11:25-30
<b>Saturday</b>	Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80
<b>Sunday</b>	Jeremiah 20:10-13; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33

**Mass Intentions on Sunday, June 25, 2017**

7:30 AM	†Maria Park People of the Parish †Phyllis Shaw
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Joseph Quang Vinh Pham †Andy Misenko
10:30 AM	Father's Day Novena †Cameron Williams †Maria Orille
12:00 PM	†Thomas and †Roseanne Scruggs †Clara Kennedy †Elizabeth Garland
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Veronica Hess †Sara Belli †Alcira Camacho

## Around the Diocese

The IHM National Homeschool Conference will be held at the *Fredericksburg Expo and Convention Center, 2371 Carl D. Silver Parkway, in Fredericksburg, VA* on **Friday, June 23rd (9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.)** and on **Saturday, June 24th (9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)**. This is the perfect event for those who are curious and want to discover more about Catholic homeschooling. Father Jeffrey Kirby, Dr. Ray Guarendi, Mr. Jeff Cavins, and Mrs. Mary Ellen Barrett are confirmed speakers!

Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. For more information, please visit [www.ihmconference.org](http://www.ihmconference.org) or email: [info@ihmconference.org](mailto:info@ihmconference.org).

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**Diocesan Multicultural Mass & Fair**

**On Saturday, June 24th**, please 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**. Mass is at 5 p.m. with a reception and cultural fair to follow. All are welcome.

# Happy Father's Day