

From the Friars



Several parishioners have asked me if I had any plans to reinstate the Parish Family Retreat. We sponsored a couple of these retreats when I was Pastor years ago.

The Retreat took place at a conference center in Canaan Valley, West Virginia, a beautiful setting. Some 120 to 150 parishioners took part in the Retreat, from ages 1 year to 82 years old. We are looking into the possibility of organizing the first Retreat for the weekend of November 9th-10th (Veteran's Day weekend)

I will be in touch with further details. If the Fall does not work out, we will definitely do one in the Spring.

Sincerely,

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

Would you like to learn Spanish and about Latino Culture?

Our visiting student friar, Br. Javier Del Angel De Los Santos will be providing introductory classes (for a five-week period) on how to speak Spanish and a look into the rich Latino culture.



Classes will be held on Saturdays: July 15th, 22nd, 29th, August 5th, and 12th, from 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. in the Br. Juniper Room. All are welcome. For more information and to register for the class, please contact Br. Javier at javierxaire@gmail.com.



Stephen
Ministry

Bear one another's burdens

Are you finding it hard to stop focusing on how stressed you are and remember how blessed you are? We have an amazing ministry here at St. Francis that has trained and used caring lay ministers for just this reason. A prayer filled communications to get back in touch with what you have. A Stephen Minister is a wonderful addition to your prayer life. An addition on the way to get to an attitude of gratitude! **Please email Kathy Walker at kwalker@stfrncis.org for all the information.**

The **Rosary Guild** meetings will resume on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. beginning **Tuesday, September 12th.** All are welcome. For more information, please call Otella Creegan at 571-264-0312.



Bible Study Workshop

Please join Br. Javier in a five-week series Bible Study Workshop titled, 'Jesus and the Gospels'.

This is an overview on each of the four canonical gospels to understand the particular image of Jesus they



portray, as well as their origins, composition, historical background, and theologies they convey. **Classes will be held on Sundays: July 16th, 23rd, 30th, August 6th, and 13th, from 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. in the Br. Juniper Room.** All are welcome. To register, please contact Br. Javier at javierxaire@gmail.com.

Attention all Girl Scouts! You will have the opportunity to earn either the *Mary the First Disciple Medal* (7th to 10th grade girls) or the *Spirit Alive Medal* (High School girls) by participating with a group forming this summer at St. Francis.



Girl Scouts®

We will begin meeting at the end of July and will meet once a month through November. Please contact **Sheila Noble** at snoble@stfrncis.org if you are interested in participating as materials will need to be ordered for you. *The cost for participation is \$10 per girl, which covers all materials including the medal.* Girl Scouts who complete all program requirements will receive their Religious Emblems at the Scout Sunday Mass (**February 11, 2018 at the Family Liturgy Mass**). Please see the following website for specific information regarding each of the programs.

<http://nccgscf.org/programs/mtfd.htm>.

Attention all Boy Scouts! You will have the opportunity to earn either the *Ad Altare Dei Medal* (7th to 10th grade boys) or the *Pope Pius XII Medal* (High School boys ages 15-17 years old or Venturers—male or female, before their 21st birthday) by participating with a group forming this summer at St. Francis.



**BOY SCOUTS
OF AMERICA**

Meetings will commence at the end of July (exact start date to be given out after groups have been formed) in which boys will meet twice a month through January. Please contact **Chanel Marquis** at cmarquis@stfrncis.org if you are interested in participating as materials will need to be ordered for you. *The cost for participation is \$10 per boy, which covers all materials including the medal.* Boy Scouts who complete all program requirements will receive their Religious Emblems at the Scout Sunday Mass (**February 11, 2018 at the Family Liturgy Mass**). Please see the following website for specific information regarding each of the programs. <http://www.nccs-bsa.org/index.php>.

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: Cooking Oil**
- Mac and Cheese
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Fruit
- Cereal

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

Egg Cartons Donations



Thank you very much for all of your egg carton donations. **At the moment, we will not be collecting anymore due to storage limitations.**

Felicitemos a estas hermanas y hermanos que celebraron el Sacramento de Confirmación. Se celebraron el día 11 de junio en Santa Teresa en Ashburn, VA y el día 25 de junio en la Catedral de San Carlos Borromeo. Les bendicimos y estamos orgullosos por ellos. Que Dios les bendiga Abundantemente.



Marcelino Maldonado Morales
María Alicia Domingo Felipe
Lisseth DelCid Machado
Yesenia Castañeda García
María Guadalupe Guzmán Ortiz
Gerardo Gallegos Pérez
Roberto Ignacio Gallegos Pérez
Jorge Lenín Enamorado Aguilar
Bryan Maldonado Chavarría
Xitlali Valenzuela Espinoza



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.**

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: Aceite para Cocinar**
- 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.**

Programa de Formación Bíblica **“JESUS Y LOS EVANGELIOS”**

- **Instructor:** Br. Javier Del Ángel, OFM, teólogo biblista.
- **Fechas:** Julio 10, 17, 24, y 31, Agosto 7.
- **Hora:** 7:00 a 8:30 p.m.
- **Lugar:** Salón Br. Juniper, en la parroquia St. Francis,
- **Traer:** Biblia, cuaderno, bolígrafo, mentalidad abierta y muchas ganas de aprender.
- **Cupo limitado para 40 personas.** Para participar es necesario confirmar asistencia antes del 4 de julio. El programa es totalmente gratis.
- Habrá disponibilidad para cuidar a sus niños entre 2 y 8 años.
- Más informes: javierxaire@gmail.com ó Hna. Francia Salguero al teléfono: 703-221-6344.

Retiro Bíblico

“JESUS Y LOS VALORES DEL REINO DE DIOS”

- **Instructor:** Br. Javier Del Ángel, OFM, teólogo biblista.
- **Fecha:** Sábado 22 de Julio
- **Hora:** 9:00 a.m. a 4:00 p.m.
- **Lugar:** Salón Br. Juniper, en la parroquia St. Francis,
- **Traer:** Biblia, cuaderno, bolígrafo, mentalidad abierta y muchas ganas de aprender.
- **Cupo limitado para 40 personas.** Para participar es necesario confirmar asistencia antes del 14 de julio. El retiro es totalmente gratis.
- Habrá disponibilidad para cuidar a sus niños entre 4 a 10 años.
- Más informes: javierxaire@gmail.com ó Hna. Francia Salguero al teléfono: 703-221-6344.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank
Hair and Nail Designers
 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 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!



SUMMER 2017
ACTIVITIES WILL BE ANNOUNCED

Baptismal Preparation Class

Our next class will be held on
Sunday, August 13, 2017 from
1:30p.m.—2:30p.m. in the
Br. Juniper Room. **Please call the parish**
office to register at
703-221-4044.



Coaches needed for school year 2017—2018

Basketball: 4th grade girls and boys (2 teams—non-coed)
Basketball: High School—Church team
Cheerleaders: 3rd—8th grade girls and boys
Volleyball: 6th-8th Grade girls



Questions? Please contact:
Terry DeVito—Sports Director at
devitot.sfas@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.

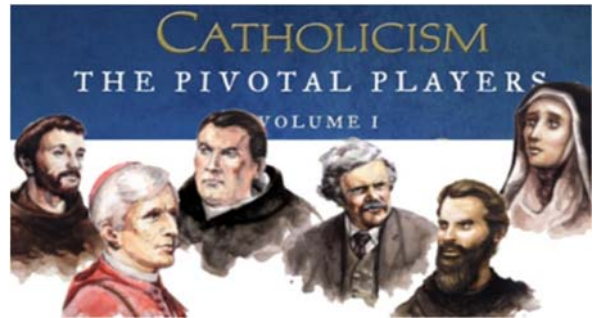


John Paul Golf Tournament

Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School is hosting "Golfing with Wolves" on **Thursday, September 21st, at the spectacular Potomac Shores Golf Club.** This is the only publicly accessible Jack Nicklaus Signature golf course in the DC area! Join friends and make new ones while enjoying a beautiful day on the greens in support of Catholic education. Sponsorship opportunities also available!



For more information, and to register, please visit
www.saintjohnpaulthegreatgolf.org or call
703-445-0306, or email: golf@jpthegreat.org.



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 if you have any questions.**

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

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

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

Please Pray For

All those who are sick: Elena Eladia Brazil; Richard L. Laffman; Paul E. Tekverk; and Aaron

Childs.

And for those recently deceased: Cecilia Zink (Mother of Kathy Walker).

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.

alleluia Liturgies For The Week

SATURDAY,	July 15—St. Bonaventure
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Linda Armstrong People of the Parish †Ramon Tavarez
SUNDAY,	July 16—15th Sunday In Ordinary Time
7:30 AM	†Betty Jane Johnson †Faust Villareale †Thomas M. Nally
9:00 AM	†Bud and †Toni Evans †Dr. Frank Cariello †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
10:30 AM	Fiona Winston †Elias Eugenio
12:00 PM	†Clara Kennedy †Roseanne Scruggs †Godofredo Lalican
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Conchita Alorro †Rose Ahoungbenagnon Idohou †Sebastien Idohou
MONDAY,	July 17—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Nichole Danielle Houdek Hill †Elias Eugenio
TUESDAY,	July 18—Weekday
8:45 AM	In Thanksgiving †Elias Eugenio
WEDNESDAY,	July 19—Weekday
8:45 AM	Souls in Purgatory †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
THURSDAY,	July 20—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Martha Vierheller Special Intention
FRIDAY,	July 21—Weekday
8:45 AM	Dominic Han
SATURDAY,	July 22—St. Mary Magdalene
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Paul Krieger †Dorothy Ostman †Maira Peña

Mass Intentions on Sunday, July 23, 2017

7:30 AM	
9:00 AM	†Dr. Frank Cariello †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
10:30 AM	
12:00 PM	†Clara Kennedy People of the Parish †Roseanne Scruggs
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Lucille Westgate

Readings for the Week of July 16, 2017

Monday	Exodus 1:8-14, 22; Matthew 10:34—11:1
Tuesday	Exodus 2:1-15a; Matthew 11:20-24
Wednesday	Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12; Matthew 11:25-27
Thursday	Exodus 3:13-20; Matthew 11:28-30
Friday	Exodus 11:10—12:14; Matthew 12:1-8
Saturday	Song of Songs 3:1-4b or 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; John 20:1-2, 11-18
Sunday	Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

The **VIRTUS Protecting God's Children** is the adult safe-environment program being offered by the Diocese of Arlington. **The Diocese requires all adult employees and also volunteers who have substantial contact with children to attend the seminar. This includes:**

- ⇒ Vacation Bible School volunteers
- ⇒ Nursery volunteers
- ⇒ Confirmation retreat parent volunteers
- ⇒ School parent volunteers, who chaperone field trips, volunteer in the classroom, etc.
- ⇒ Mommy & Me volunteers
- ⇒ Coaches for all sports
- ⇒ Boy Scout/Girl Scout leaders and assistants (regardless of whether they are parishioners)
- ⇒ Catechists and Assistant Catechists
- ⇒ CYM and MSYM volunteers
- ⇒ All church and school employees

St. Francis of Assisi Parish will host a seminar on Sunday, August 20th from 11 am—3 pm in the Parish Center Dining Facility (begins promptly at 11 am). To attend this workshop you must pre-register with your full legal name. The seminar is limited to 60 people, but there are a number of seminars offered throughout the Diocese; please check availability on the VIRTUS website.



To register: Go to www.virtus.org and click on the yellow link labeled "Registration" (you may either view a list of sessions or begin the registration process). To register for a specific session, select "Begin the Registration Process". Then, from the pull-down menu, select "Diocese of Arlington, VA". Then follow the online prompts.

Every adult member of the parish is invited to register and attend the workshop—it is our duty as members of this community of faith to be aware of how we can support and protect all children.

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.