

From the Friars



There is a recent article in the papers which speaks of the Vatican directing the Bishops in the United States as well as other countries to “make sure” that the matter—Bread and Wine—used in Eucharistic celebrations (the Mass), follows liturgical guidelines. The article also speaks of the

use of low gluten hosts.

Please know that the Bread and the Wine we use here at St. Francis, including the availability of low gluten hosts, meets all of the guidelines of the Vatican. If someone does have an issue with gluten intolerance, I would ask that they please see one of the Friars or Eucharistic Ministers before Mass and we will arrange to have these special hosts consecrated with the regular hosts.

Sincerely,

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

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!



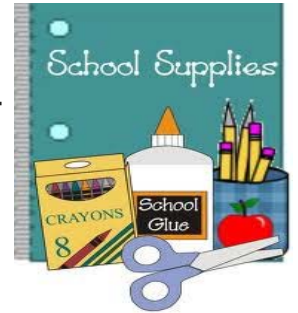
The best feeling in the whole world is watching things finally fall into place after watching them fall apart for so long. I bet dollars to donuts it is because you had a Stephen Minister to help you through it, isn't it? NO? You still watching it all fall apart? Well then you need a Stephen

Minister to help gather up the pieces and *help you* get them back into the correct place! Please contact Kathy Walker at kwlker@stfrncis.org to start.



Calling all families with girls ages 5—18! If you are interested in joining/participating in **St. Francis' American Heritage Girls Troop VA 2172**, please email ahgstfrncis@gmail.com with your information. We will be offering FAITH, SERVICE and FUN starting this Fall!

St. Francis' Boy Scout Troop 138's third annual service project will be to collect much needed school supplies for St. Francis House, during the weekends of **August 5th-6th, 12th-13th, and 19th-20th**. Boxes will be located in the vestibule for your generous contributions of these items (glue sticks, black and white marble composition books, wide-ruled notebook paper, pink erasers, etc.). *This year Virginia's sales tax holiday/tax-free weekend is August 4th-6th* (<https://www.tax.virginia.gov/virginia-sales-tax-holiday>).



If you are interested in becoming a member of *Boy Scout Troop 138*, please contact **Chanel Marquis** at awlk2rmberva@yahoo.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.



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.**

Summer time is a good time to **make** a new friend. How about inviting someone for an iced coffee or a bar-b-que? Can you then **be** a friend, even in need? Once you have made friends, how about **inviting** them to a Cursillo encounter weekend to further their relationship with Christ?



Our upcoming weekends are **September 14th-17th for Women; and October 26th-29th for Men.** Both will be held at the beautiful San Damiano Retreat site near Winchester.

For more information, please email Pequette Schwerin at wislady@comcast.net or access the arlingtoncursillo.org website. We will be looking for you!

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.

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.**

Charlas Bautismales—Las próximas charlas bautismales en español serán el viernes, **agosto 25.** Las charlas bautismales Son a las 7:30pm en el Salón del Hermano Juniper (**Br. Juniper Room**). **No niños.** Para más información por favor llamar a la **Señora Salguero al 703-221-6344.**

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.

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.



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 **DiscoverMass.com** 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
Soccer: Middle School 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.

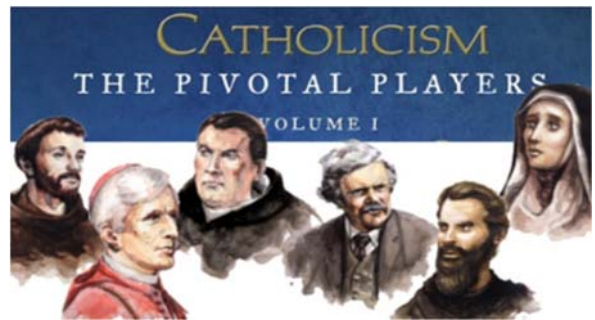


John Paul Golf Tournament

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.

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.



The annual Diocese of Arlington Altar Server Picnic will be held on **Tuesday, August 8th from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** at **Lake Fairfax Park (1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston, VA 20190).**

To R.S.V.P., please contact Paul Jacobsmeyer at pjake4@aol.com.

alleluia Liturgies For The Week

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	July 22—St. Mary Magdalene Sacrament of Reconciliation †Paul Krieger †Dorothy Ostman †Maira Peña
SUNDAY, 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 PM 1:30 PM 5:30 PM	July 23—16th Sunday In Ordinary Time †Janet Sarsfield †Dr. Frank Cariello †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Modesta Estibal †Clara Kennedy †Roger and †Helen Toth †Roseanne Scruggs Misa en español †Lucille Westgate People of the Parish
MONDAY, 8:45 AM	July 24—Weekday John Han
TUESDAY, 8:45 AM	July 25—St. James, Apostle Maura Staten
WEDNESDAY, 8:45 AM	July 26—Sts. Joachim and Anne †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik †Janice and †James Callahan
THURSDAY, 8:45 AM	July 27—Weekday Fr. John Heffernan, O.F.M.
FRIDAY, 8:45 AM	July 28—Weekday
SATURDAY, 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	July 29—St. Martha Sacrament of Reconciliation †Owen Czapiewski †Violet Barton †Arismendi Peña

Mass Intentions on Sunday, July 30, 2017

7:30 AM 9:00 AM	†Don Koontz †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik People of the Parish Sindolfo DeLeon
10:30 AM 12:00 PM	Iker Arzadum †Clara Kennedy †Roseanne Scruggs †Judge Socrates A. Erasmo
1:30 PM 5:30 PM	Misa en español Fr. John Heffernan, O.F.M.

Readings for the Week of July 23, 2017

Monday	Exodus 14:5-18; Exodus 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; Matthew 12:38-42
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28
Wednesday	Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15; Matthew 13:1-9
Thursday	Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Matthew 13:10-17
Friday	Exodus 24:3-8; Matthew 13:18-23
Saturday	Exodus 24:3-8; John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42
Sunday	1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

LEAVING IT BETTER THAN YOU FOUND IT



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.