

From the Friars



I received a letter this past week from the Bishop granting permission for us to proceed with a feasibility study with an eye toward the development of a Columbarium on the parish grounds.

As you may remember, our parish was examining the possibility of developing a Columbarium and Cemetery sever years ago. When I became administrator, in conjunction with the parish finance committee, I reviewed this project and its associated costs.

It became clear to us that the cost of developing a Cemetery would run into the millions of dollars. Money our parish does not have. The cost of developing a Columbarium is considerably less.

There is a practical reason for constructing a Columbarium on parish grounds and a theological reason. I will explore the theological reason in a future bulletin.

The practical reason is two fold. First there is less and less cemetery-grave site space available in Northern Virginia. Consequently more and more of the funerals we have hear at St. Francis are cremainations. Second, a number of parishioners have indicated that when the time comes for their internment, they would very much like for it to take place on parish grounds instead of a public cemetery.

The Finance Committee has established a sub committee to now conduct the feasibility study for a Columbarium. The eventual report of that committee will then be discussed by the entire Finance Committee and the Parish Council. The results of those deliberations and any decisions will then be presented in a parish 'Town Hall' type meeting.

Sincerely,

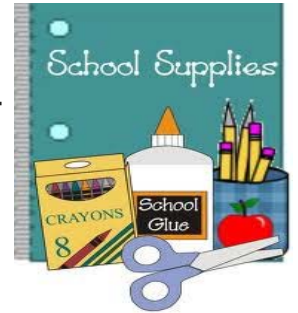
Fr. John O'Connor, O.F.M.

So far you have survived 100% of your worst days. This too shall pass. But why not take a non-judgmental companion along the way with you? A Stephen Minister will listen to you and have you best interest at heart. **Please e-mail Kathy Walker at kwlker@stfrancis.org to make sure you continue on your winning streak.**



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.**

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.

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.

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.**

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!

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.



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: Nancy Brown; S.J. Defibaugh; Pat Littlefield; Woody Littlefield; Elena Eladia Brazil; Richard L. Laffman; and Paul E. Tekverk.

And for those recently deceased: Ronnie Land (Mother of Shawn Land).

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.

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 Pequitte Schwerin at wislady@comcast.net or access the arlingtoncursillo.org website. **We will be looking for you!**

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **Beloved1Care.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



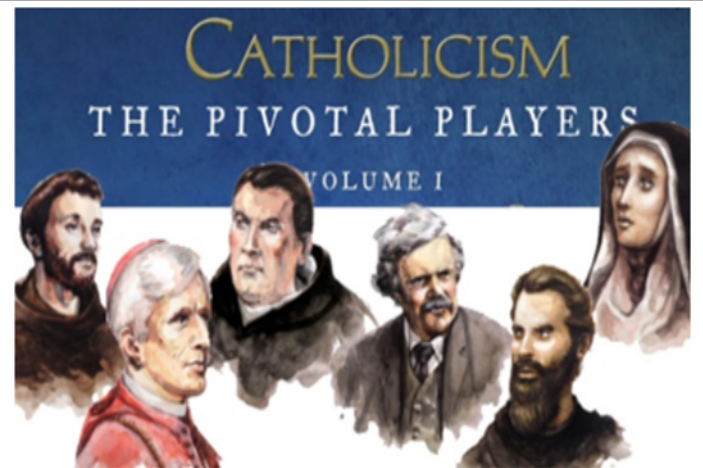
Questions? Please contact:
Terry DeVito—Sports Director at
devitot.sfas@gmail.com

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.



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.



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 29—St. Martha Sacrament of Reconciliation †Owen Czapiewski †Violet Barton †Arismendi Peña
SUNDAY, 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 PM 1:30 PM 5:30 PM	July 30—17th Sunday In Ordinary Time †Don Koontz †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik People of the Parish Sindolfo DeLeon Iker Arzadum †Pam Hodge †Clara Kennedy †Roseanne Scruggs †Judge Socrates A. Erasmo Misa en español Fr. John Heffernan, O.F.M. Dietmar Kleuter
MONDAY, 8:45 AM	July 31—St. Ignatius of Loyola †Lynne Bowey Teodosio †David James Teodosio
TUESDAY, 8:45 AM	August 1—St. Alphonsus Liguori Gretchen May †Alicia Meyer †Scott Kujawa
WEDNESDAY, 8:45 AM	August 2—Weekday †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
THURSDAY, 8:45 AM	August 3—Weekday †James Butler
FRIDAY, 8:45 AM	August 4—Weekday †Richard Michell
SATURDAY, 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	August 5—Weekday Sacrament of Reconciliation †Thomas and †Ellen Sheehan †Esteban Alicea †Maria Gonzalez-Trujillo

Mass Intentions on Sunday, August 6, 2017

7:30 AM 9:00 AM	†Fred and †Anne Gozzi People of the Parish †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
10:30 AM	Sindolfo DeLeon †Hugh James Donohue †Cecilia Zink
12:00 PM	†Clara Kennedy †Jim Kearns †Janet Tetley
1:30 PM 5:30 PM	Misa en español †Guillermo Comacho

Readings for the Week of July 30, 2017

Monday	Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34; Matthew 13:31-35
Tuesday	Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Matthew 13:36-43
Wednesday	Exodus 34:29-35; Matthew 13:44-46
Thursday	Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38; Matthew 13:47-53
Friday	Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Matthew 13:54-58
Saturday	Leviticus 25:1, 8-17; Matthew 14:1-12
Sunday	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9



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 ahgstfrancis@gmail.com with your information. We will be offering FAITH, SERVICE and FUN starting this Fall!

Totus Tuus; We are totally yours, Mary.

Join **Bishop Michael F. Burbidge**,
Bishop of Arlington, for the
Diocesan Pilgrimage
to the Basilica of the National Shrine
of the Immaculate Conception
in Washington.

Save the date

Saturday, October 14, 2017
9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

A journey of grace
for everyone