



From the Friars

Welcome to the newest Friar joining the staff of our Parish, Fr. Ignatius Harding, O.F.M.! Fr. Iggy, as he likes to be called, comes to us from many years of ministry to the poor in Bolivia. He is fluent in Spanish and as such, will be the first full-time Friar on the staff, in a number of years, who speaks Spanish. Please introduce yourselves to Father Iggy.

Please note that there will be a change in the weekend Mass schedule beginning the weekend of **September 16th-17th**. [The 10:30 a.m. Mass will now begin at 10:45 a.m. and the 12 noon Mass will begin at 12:15 p.m.](#) We have made these changes to hopefully help alleviate the issues we have with traffic flow on Sundays. We will monitor the traffic situation. If the changes are not helpful, we may have to return to the practice of hiring county police to direct traffic.

Sincerely,

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

How big is the problem on the scale of one to GOD? Need help figuring it out? Stephen Ministry is here to help! No problem to big or too small. Please call **703-221-4044** and then press 4 or email Kathy Walker at kwalker@stfrancis.org to get your problems under control!



Marriage Jubilee Mass: Are you celebrating your **Silver or Golden Marriage Jubilee this year?** [Were you married in 1967 or 1992?](#)

Then contact the parish office to make sure that you are registered for the "2017 Marriage Jubilee Mass." This Mass will be celebrated at **2:30 p.m.** on **October 15th** at **Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church, in Potomac Falls, VA.** The parish office must submit all registrations to the *Office for Family Life* as soon as possible. Registrations forms are available in the vestibule. Please contact **Chanel Marquis** (cmarquis@stfrancis.org or **703-221-4044, ext. 222**) in the parish office with any questions. Do not delay. **Registration is due no later than September 21st.**

Next Sister Parish Ministry Meeting

What: Agenda topics include a debrief on the 2017 Mission, recommendations for the 2018 Mission and to determine projects to support with the October collection.

When: 7:30pm, Tuesday, September 5th

Where: Br. Juniper Room

All Are Welcome!

Save the Date, and Please Plan to Help!



Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our **10th annual Francis Fest on Sunday, October 8 from 1-5pm** on the parish grounds. Great food, activities for all ages, entertainment and comradery guaranteed! We'll be making this year's festivities extra special to mark our 10th anniversary!

Lots of assistance from parish members is needed to make the festival the great success it has been in past years. Here's what you can do to help:

- **Check your wine cellar for overstock and start perusing your favorite cake/cookie recipes for our Wine/Cake Wheels.** These two events are very popular and help to offset the cost of the festival. Look for further information in upcoming bulletins, but plan to drop off your wine donations the two weekends before the festival. Cakes/baked goods for cake wheel should be dropped off in the school foyer the morning of the festival.
- **Volunteer to help for a shift at the festival.** We need set up and clean-up crews as well as assistance for the various activities during the festival. Volunteer sign up is simple and is done completely online...look for detailed instructions in the bulletin a few weeks before the festival.

Are you 55 or over? Do you do needlepoint, quilting, photography, stamping, painting, sculpting, sewing, stained glass, woodworking, or any other craft you would like to show off to the parish?



As part of our Annual Francis Fest on October 8th, we will again be having a 55 and Over Craft Show where you can present your crafts and sell them if you wish. We will provide the space, and ask only if you do choose to sell your craft, that you donate a portion of the profits back to the parish. Each year the show has been more and more successful, and we would like to include even more crafters this year. Please call or email **Jeanne Mitcho with questions, or to request space at 703-670-8039 or jcmitcho45@gmail.com**. Table space is limited so do not delay to reserve your spot.

Save the Date St. Francis Inn, Philadelphia, PA September 11th-15th, 2017



We are currently forming our mission team to work along side our sisters and brothers at St. Francis Inn, Philadelphia, PA. At the Inn we will live amongst the Friars, religious, lay ministers and Franciscan volunteers as we serve the poor, the homeless, and the marginalized of the Kennsington neighborhood in northeast Philadelphia. Please consider joining us as we respond to our call of discipleship standing in solidarity with those who have least in life. **For more information contact John Habel, jxhabel@comcast.net.**

The Parish Office will be closed on September 4th in observance of Labor Day.

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: Dish Soap**
- Hamburger Helper
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Canned Tuna
- Spaghetti and Pasta
- Cereal
- Spaghetti Sauce

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

Parish VOICE Committee REMINDER

Catholics Care. Catholics Vote. Register to vote. New to the area? In addition to registering in our parish, please remember to register to vote. The U.S. Catholic bishops remind Catholics, "We are called to bring together our principles and our political choices, our values and our votes, to help build a better world" You can pick up a mail-in voter registration form at DMV offices, libraries, etc. **For a full list of locations or to register online go to:** <http://www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/how-to-register/>.

ST. FRANCIS MEN'S GROUP

Our first meeting for the new year will be on **Tuesday, September 12th at 7:30 p.m. in the Br. Juniper Room.** Our topic will be: Conscience—When it conflicts with Moral Teaching. The question of what to do when your conscience conflicts with moral teaching is very complex especially for Catholics who by our creed of beliefs affirm there is one holy apostolic Church in matters of faith and morals each time we attend mass. In considering issues like the sanctity of life (abortion, capital punishment, euthanasia; affordable healthcare, etc.); the environment; promoting "good wealth"; marriage; and women's role in the church (among others) there sometimes is a distinct difference between the teaching of the Catholic Church and our personal beliefs. Please check the parish website (under Faith/Groups/Men's Group) for articles which provide insight on the topic. **For more information please contact Tony Mercogliano at amercogliano@gmail.com or 571-332-7048.**

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: Papel Higiénico**
- Atún Enlatado
- Espagueti & Salsa Para Espagueti
- Crema de Maní y Jalea
- Cereal

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

RECORDATORIO DEL COMITE PARROQUIAL VOICE

Los Católicos se preocupan. Los católicos votan. Regístrese para votar. ¿Eres nuevo en el área de Triangle? Además de estar registrado en nuestra parroquia recuerda también registrarte para votar. Los obispos católicos de Estados Unidos les recuerdan a los católicos que: "Somos llamados a considerar nuestros principios y nuestras opciones políticas, nuestros valores y nuestros votos, para ayudar a construir un mundo mejor." Puedes encontrar y llevar un formulario de registro para votar por correo en las oficinas del DMV, bibliotecas, etc. Para una lista completa de los lugares donde puedes encontrar el formulario o para registrarte online, puedes ir al sitio web: <http://www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/how-to-register/>.


Sunday Afternoon Bible Study


Begins September 17th from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. St. Catherine Room

Our popular Sunday afternoon Bible study will begin meeting again on September 17th. Note that the start time for the 90 minute class has changed to 2:00 p.m. Please join us at the beginning of our study of Matthew by registering online and purchasing a student workbook through Ascension Press https://ascensionpress.com/study_registrations/new?study_id=20685.

Matthew demonstrates how the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament are fulfilled in Christ, who establishes a New Law and inaugurates the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Participants will see Jesus as the awaited Messiah who relives the life and struggles of Israel to become the faithful and victorious King.

Questions? Please contact Lisa Ostendorf at lostendorf@stfrncis.org or 703-221-3127, ext. 277.

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. 

 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.

Respect Creation Live Simply

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 Classes will begin in a couple weeks!

Classes begin Sunday, September 17th and Thursday, September 21st. If you have not already, please register your children for classes. If we receive registrations the day of classes, your child will be placed in a class for the next week. So do not delay! Registration can be completed online at <http://www.stfrancis.org/welcome-and-intoduction/>. Paper registration is also available online or in the vestibule of the church.

We are in great need of Catechists to teach for all sessions. If interested please contact the RE Office at 703-221-3127 or Marianne Hayes, DRE at recoor@stfrancis.org



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!



Questions? Please contact Brandon Jubar at bjubar@stfrancis.org.

Please Pray For All those who are sick: Patricia French; Kimberly Klesen; Anabella Van Kempen; Angie Powell; Aaron Childs; Bev Lyle; Liman Le; Karen Davis; Nancy Brown; S.J. Defibaugh; Pat Littlefield; Woody Littlefield; Elena Eladia Brazil; and Richard L. Laffman.

And for those recently deceased: Lawrence O'Brien.

Please pray for the following who are serving abroad in harm's way: Jonathan Boron; Tyler Jones; Drew; Andrew Wagner; Leo N. Company; S. Defibaugh; Josh Bookout; Brianna French; James Moore; Kyle McVay; Kyle Traylor; Marc Gendron; and Darryl Saungweme.

Baptismal Preparation Class

Our next class will be held on
Sunday, September 10, 2017 from
1:30p.m.—2:30p.m. in the Br. Juniper Room.
Please call the parish office to register at
703-221-4044.



PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD SOON

If you are interested in serving your parish as a member of the Pastoral Council, candidate questionnaires are now available in the vestibule and the parish website. Nominations will be accepted until **September 24, 2017**.

Purpose of the Pastoral Council

Fulfill and sustain the purpose of the Parish Mission and Vision Statement

Assist the pastor in the ministerial development of the parish through recommendations and active cooperation in the setting of broad policy and direction for the parish

Responsibilities:

Attend monthly meetings during a term of two and one-half years

Participate in the planning and execution of parish events

Participate in open forums of communications with the pastor, associate pastors, staff members, and members of the pastoral council

Actively encourage vigorous and effective volunteerism and participation in the life of the parish

Be available to greet parishioners at weekend liturgies

Please Note:

All nominees will be reviewed by the Pastor and nominating committee and ten (10) will be selected for the October election.

For additional information, please contact a member of the nominating committee.

Joe Mitcho, Chair jfmitcho44@gmail.com

Mary Battista, maryorsal@comcast.net

Antonio Mayorga, antoniomayorga@gmail.com

Tony Mercogliani, Amercogliano@gmail.com

CALLING ALL YOU IRISH LADIES By BIRTH OR MARRIAGE



The Fr. Mychal Judge, O.F.M. Ladies Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians **will be meeting on Monday, September 18, 2017** in the **Parish Center Library!** We will gather at 6:45 pm. The meeting will last from 7:00-8:00 pm.

Criteria to join this group of ladies? You must be an Irish Catholic female of 16 years of age or older, Irish descent OR married to an Irish gentleman.

Once a part of this Irish Catholic Organization—all we would ask is for you to live our motto of:

"Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity"

Come by and see what is going on within our group! We would enjoy meeting you and having you JOIN us. **For more information or/and if you are eligible and interested in joining, please contact Mary Kay Jones at 540-287-4383 or jonesmk@aol.com.**

alleluia Liturgies For The Week

SATURDAY,	September 2—Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Felicitas Castaneda †Cecilia Zink †Antonietta Minarchi
SUNDAY,	September 3—22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time
7:30 AM	†Pam Hodge †Harry Ravert Thomas Lee
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Florence Fogarty Patricia Manley
10:30 AM	†Jane Sequeira †Armando Andaya
12:00 PM	†Donald Widener †Clara Kennedy †Joan Berard
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	Alcira Camacho People of the Parish †Theresa Aug
MONDAY,	September 4—Labor Day
8:45 AM	†Eileen Bolen
TUESDAY,	September 5—Weekday
8:45 AM	Gretchen May †William Salesses Bill Ignatack, Jr.
WEDNESDAY,	September 6—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik †Mike Dowd
THURSDAY,	September 7—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Janet Sarsfield
FRIDAY,	September 8—Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:45 AM	†Scott Bartosch †Kathy Monti
SATURDAY,	September 9—St. Peter Claver
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Paul Krieger †Ray Swanson †Adelaide Jaskot

Readings for the Week of September 3, 2017

Monday	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11; Luke 4:31-37
Wednesday	Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44
Thursday	Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11
Friday	Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Saturday	Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5
Sunday	Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

Mass Intentions on Sunday, September 10, 2017

7:30 AM	†Harry Ravert
9:00 AM	Gary and Marcia Holmes †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Andy Misenko
10:30 AM	†Agnes Thorne
12:00 PM	†George Beck †Keith Bassett †Clara Kennedy
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	People of the Parish

**St. Francis Anti-Human Trafficking Committee & ACTS/
Sexual Assault Services**

Every 98 seconds an American is sexually assaulted and every eight minutes child protective services substantiates, or finds evidence for, a claim of child sexual abuse. Learning about sexual violence is important because more than likely, someone you know has been victimized. ACTS Sexual Assault Services is the organization in Prince William County and the cities of Manassas and Manassas Park that provides sexual assault services to children, teens and adults. ACTS provides individual and group support, counseling, hospital accompaniment, court advocacy and accompaniment, community education, Hispanic Services, and a 24/7 hotline...all at no charge.

To learn more about sexual violence and opportunities to volunteer. **The St. Francis Anti Human Trafficking Committee has asked ACTS Sexual Assault Services to speak at their monthly meeting on Thursday, September 7th at 7:00 in the Br. Juniper Room. For more information, contact Margie Petrizza at 540-408-2408, margie.petrizza@gmail.com or Bob Eves at 703-304-9259, evesrc@verizon.net.**

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).

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank
Todos Supermarket
for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

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.

