



**From
the
Friars**

Below are statements from Bishop Burbidge and the leadership of the Franciscan (O.F.M) friars in the United State concerning the recent decision to rescind DACA. We friars echo the words of Bishop Burbidge. We are disheartened by the news of this decision by President Trump.

St. Francis friars:

Ours is a nation of immigrants and has been since its founding. It is especially disappointing that children who were brought here by their parents and obviously had no say in the decision, may now be penalized. They could potentially be sent back to countries that for them are foreign lands.

The time has come for the leadership of our country to move beyond partisan differences and pass effective immigration reform legislation.

As I look out from the altar on Sundays, I see people from every race, from counties all over the world. It is a beautiful sight!

It is who we are as a nation, and with the correct moral leadership, who we will be in the future.

Bishop Michael F. Burbidge:

I join my voice with those who are disheartened by the news that President Trump will rescind DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals). Standing with my brother Bishops, I urge Congress and the President to enact legislation that will safeguard those currently protected by this important program.

While the issue of immigration is complicated—and our government has many consideration to balance in responding to the influx of those who seek safety, and personal and economic security in our country—offering special protection to those who only know the United States as home is a reasonable measure of compassion.

This news is undoubtedly troubling for the hundreds of thousands approved through DACA. I ask all Catholics and people of good will in the Diocese Arlington to keep these individuals, as well as our government officials, in prayer. May we as a country be considerate of our neighbors and defend those whom we have offered protection and safe harbor.

US Franciscan Statement:

As leaders and members of the Franciscan Order in the United States, we object in strenuous terms to the decision to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). This decision constitutes a rejection of the 2012 executive order by President Barack Obama that allowed young immigrants, who were brought to the United States by their parents, to seek the opportunity to realize their full potential. President Obama's executive order was not only moral, it also responded to the highest ideals of our nation.

The 780,000 "dreamers" (those who have received deferred action) are good, generous, talented and hard-working individuals. Many of them we know personally in and through various Franciscan ministers. We have celebrated the DACA program with them as a modern response to the Biblical imperative to "welcome the stranger."

We call upon all to contact their members of Congress and urge them to pass legislation that will fully welcome "dreamers" to our nation, remove the permanent shadow of their temporary status and make it illegal to deport or harm them. We join the U.S. Catholic Bishops in advocating for the bi-partisan "Dream Act of 2017", H.R.3440 and S. 1615. This legislation can help "dreamers" receive a piece of the security and human dignity they and all people deserve.

Sincerely,

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



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

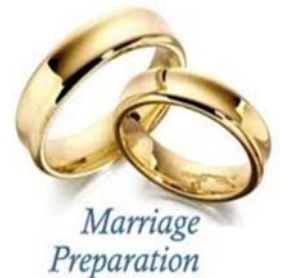


Then contact the parish office to make sure that you are registered for the "2017 Marriage Jubilee Mass." This Mass will be celebrated at **2:30 p.m.** on **October 15th** at **Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church, in Potomac Falls, VA.** The parish office must submit all registrations to the *Office for Family Life* as soon as possible. Registration 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.**

Marriage Preparation Workshop
Saturday, October 7, 2017
9 am – 3:30 pm
Br. Juniper Room

This will be our last workshop for this year.

The next workshop will be held on April 7, 2018. Please contact the parish office at 703-221-4044 to register.



Marriage Preparation



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 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!

On September 24, 2017 at 10:45am, in the Br. Juniper Room there will be an organizational meeting for those interested in planning for our first International Festival of Pentecost. We would love to invite the multi-cultural communities here at St. Francis to be present. Questions? Please contact Friar Henry at 703-221-4044, ext. 227.

Christ Centered Yoga begins multi-week sessions on **Tuesday evenings started on September 12th and Saturday mornings will start on September 16th.**

Beginner and mixed level classes are available. Information can be found on the parish website or email/ call. For Tuesday classes, please contact Rita Evans at 540-270-0667 or breathofheavenyoga@outlook.com and for Saturday classes, please contact Tracy Morgan at 540-446-9426 or spiritualyogava@gmail.com.



Please join the **CARE FOR CREATION COMMITTEE**: We are meeting on **Tuesday, September 19th at 6:30 pm in the Grade 6 Classroom (located in the Parish Center).** For more information, please contact **Kathy Radigan at 703-835-7194, kathyradigan24@gmail.com.** During this Season of Creation, September 1st—October 4th, let us pray with Pope Francis, “Lord, teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of creation and reawaken our gratitude and sense of responsibility.”



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: Jabón de Lavar Platos**
- Atún Enlatado
- Espaguete & Salsa Para Espaguete
- 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, octubre 13. Las charlas bautismales Son a las 7:00pm en el Salón del Hermano Juniper (Br. Juniper Room). Para más información por favor llamar a la Señora Salguero al 703-221-6344.

Festival de San Francisco de Asís

Los invitamos a participar del Décimo Festival anual de San Francisco de Asís el domingo, octubre 8 de 1pm-5pm en los campos de la iglesia. ¡Tendremos comida, actividades para todas las edades, entretenimiento y mucho más!

Misa Bilingüe

El domingo, octubre 8; día del Festival de San Francisco tendremos una misa bilingüe a las 12:15 PM y después daremos comienzo al festival. **Este día Octubre 4 NO tendremos misa en español.**

Readings for the Week of September 17, 2017

Monday	1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 7:1-10
Tuesday	1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 7:11-17
Wednesday	1 Timothy 3:14-16; Luke 7:31-35
Thursday	Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13
Friday	1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3
Saturday	1 Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15
Sunday	Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16a

Stephen Ministry is here to help all in our Parish who need someone to talk to; some one that will listen to them. Pray.

Empathize. And we cannot do this all on our own. We need new people to step forward to keep Stephen Ministry moving forward, by adding to the wonderful ministers that we have.

If you think you have what it takes to be a part of this loving and caring ministry, please call **Kathy Walker at 703-221-4044 and then press 4 or email at kwalker@stfrancis.org and get a conversation started. You won't regret it!!!**



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 2017-2018

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: Aaron Childs; Mary Fearing; Bev Lyle; Barbara Kraus; Patricia French; Kimberly Klesen; Anabella Van Kempen; and Angie Powell.

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, October 8, 2017 from 1:30p.m.—2:30p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room. **Please call the parish office to register at 703-221-4044.**



 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.

Did you know that through the Holy Spirit, you were given unique gifts called charisms, at your baptism? These charisms are designed specifically for you by God for your personal vocation as a disciple of Jesus. If you would like to learn more about these spiritual gifts, come to our next **Called & Gifted workshop** scheduled for the weekend of **September 22nd-24th**. To get more information or to register, read our parish newsletter, visit our parish website, or contact **Bill Sydow** at bill.sydowjr@gmail.com.

Cyber Seniors
Begins September 19th
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Br. Juniper Room

Capable volunteers are eager to work with our 55+ parishioners to master their electronic devices. This popular ministry will begin meeting weekly for six weeks, on Tuesdays, following morning Mass. Bring any portable, electronic device, including (but not limited to) PC laptop, Macbook, ipad, tablet, iphone or Android phone. It is not necessary to attend all sessions. Questions? Please contact **Lisa Ostendorf** at lostendorf@stfrancis.org.



Craft Ministry

If you like to knit, crochet, quilt, or sew to help spread God's love and comfort to those in need, please join us:

What: Fellowship while working on our own "unplugged" projects for charity (no sewing machines or irons, please)

When: Thursday, September 21st, 6:30 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.

Where: Grade 5 Classroom (Parish Center)

Who: Adults (ONLY) who sew, knit, quilt, crochet, etc. (No childcare is provided)

For more information, please contact **Katy McClevey** at ukkaty@gmail.com.

Have you been looking for a way to enrich your faith and biblical knowledge in the company of a lively group of adults? Please join us at the beginning of our study of Acts by registering online and purchasing a student workbook through Ascension Press https://ascensionpress.com/study_registrations/new?study_id=20680

Monday Morning Bible Study began on September 11th (from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in the St. Catherine Room). It is no too late to sign up.

We, as the Church and living body of Christ, are empowered to renew Christ's Kingdom on earth. The book of Acts describes how the first Christians carried on Christ's mission by preaching, healing and restoring the outcasts. Delve into their stories and discover how we may further that same mission.

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

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Liturgies For The Week

SATURDAY,	September 16—Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Margaret Renfro People of the Parish Maira Peña
SUNDAY,	September 17—24th Sunday In Ordinary Time
7:30 AM	†Margaret Curry
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Bill Murphy †Joseph and †Catherine Murphy
10:45 AM	†Jim †Everett Newman
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy †Barbara Blagriff †Mary Louise Fitzsimmons
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	Chris Maris Angie Powell †Alcira Comacho
MONDAY,	September 18—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Jim and Betty Dart
TUESDAY,	September 19—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Robert Earl Williams Mary Beth and PeteCaddigan
WEDNESDAY,	September 20—Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions
8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
THURSDAY,	September 21—St. Matthew, Apostle
8:45 AM	†John and †Phyllis Dumoulin, Sr.
FRIDAY,	September 22—Weekday
8:45 AM	Elizabeth Choi †Helayne Maher Duffy Arismendi Peña
SATURDAY,	September 23—St. Pio of Pietrelcina
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Cecilia Zink †Joseph Pennell †Gladys Spring
	Mass Intentions on Sunday, September 24, 2017
7:30 AM	†Earl Rayhel People of the Parish
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Andy Misenko †Addie Cason
10:45 AM	
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy †Ester Ortola †Donald Widener
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Marjorie Carroll †Teopisto Alorro John Maris

Francis Fest: Important Notes!



Our 10th Annual *Francis Fest* is scheduled for **Sunday, October 8th from 1-5pm on** the parish grounds. Great food, activities for all ages, entertainment and comradery guaranteed!

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

- **Check your wine cellar for overstock for our Wine Wheel.** Boxes will be in the church foyer for wine drop off the weekends **of 9/23-9/24 and 9/30-10/1, as well as the weekend of the festival.**
- **Gently used, clean stuffed animals needed for our game prize booth.** Please drop off donations in church foyer, **clearly marked for Francis Fest** the same weekends as mentioned above for wine donations.
- **Cakes/baked goods for our cake wheel should be dropped off in the school foyer the morning of the festival.** Both the cake and wine wheel are two very popular events which help to offset the cost 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 a separate bulletin announcement.
- **Festival tickets on sale at a discount!** Buy your festival tickets ahead of time and save! Festival tickets will be on sale the weekends of **9/23-9/24 and 9/30-10/1** after all Masses. **Pre-sale tickets are 6/\$5.** The day of the festival tickets will be \$1 each. All events, food and drink at the festival are charged by the ticket, so plan to buy ahead and take advantage of the discount.



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.

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