



The Christian community of St. Francis of Assisi welcomes with great joy the following new members of our parish baptized in the month of August:

*Jessica Castro*  
*Silas Jude Davis*  
*Sarah Madeline Johnson*  
*Maise Elizabeth Kelliher*  
*Matthew Josue Marquina Funes*  
*Giselle Elise Marquis*  
*Gianna Rose Ramirez*  
*Penelope Gianna Vega*  
*Henry James VonBremen*  
*Mark Edward Wagner*  
*Adeline Noelle Wingfield*

**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.**

**We are in need of an interpreter** for a deaf member of our parish. If someone has this skill, please contact the **Parish Office at 703-221-4044.**



**Fr. Ignatius Harding O.F.M.**, is Franciscan priest with many years of pastoral ministry in Latin America as well as working in Franciscan Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation on the national, regional and international level. He was regional President of the Permanent Assembly of Human Rights and was a member of the Franciscan Order's International Animating Committee for JPIC.

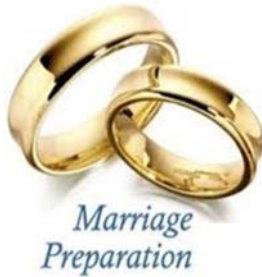
For six years, he was Co-Director of Franciscans International, the Franciscan Family mission in General Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of United Nations at headquarters in NYC.

This month's Theology on Tap is open to all young adults and to all parishioners in the parish are invited to the **Ornery Beer Company and Public House (Woodbridge, VA) on Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm-9:00 pm for Theology on Tap.** Our newest friar, Fr. Ignatius, will be sharing his years of experience with the United Nations and Franciscans International on global peace and justice efforts.



**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.



Seeking God's Goodness Through Our Five Senses



Register Online Today!  
[www.stfrncis.org/retreats](http://www.stfrncis.org/retreats)

**Parishioners of all ages are invited to participate in our parish retreat at beautiful Canaan Valley Resort**, located only 3 hours away in West Virginia. By combining the theology of God's omnipresence with the concept of mindfulness, participants will learn to expand their image of God by raising awareness of the present and blocking out distractions. The retreat is designed to appeal to parishioners of all ages with appropriate, interactive breakout sessions. The retreat begins in the evening of **Friday, November 10th (Veteran's Day Observed) and ends Sunday, November 12th following breakfast and morning Mass.** *The cost is \$79/night per hotel room, plus a retreat fee of \$110 per adult and \$45 per child ages 6 – 12 (children 5 and under are free).* The retreat fee covers all meals throughout the retreat as well as space rental and materials. **Registration is online at [www.stfrncis.org/retreats](http://www.stfrncis.org/retreats).** Please contact Lisa Ostendorf [lostendorf@stfrncis.org](mailto:lostendorf@stfrncis.org) with any questions.



**It is okay to be scared.** Being scared means you are about to do something really, really brave. Start a conversation with Kathy Walker to learn how a Stephen Minister will be there, by your side, never faltering in your scary times and beyond. **Please call 703-221-4044 or email at [kwalker@stfrncis.org](mailto:kwalker@stfrncis.org).**

There are now separate numbers for the **Parish Office (703-221-4044)**, **School Office (703-221-3868)**, and **Religious Education Office (703-221-3127)**. If a parishioner wishes to reach someone in those offices, we ask that they please call the designated number. This is a change from the previous arrangement where you would be able to dial an extension after reaching the general number of the parish. **We had to make this change to correct problems we were having with the former system.**



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NOT A FRANCIS-CAN'T**



## 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!

### Volunteers Needed!

A little of your time could make a big difference in a child's life. **Dumfries Elementary School** has a need for several types of volunteers during the school day and tutors after school. Could you help? *Male volunteers would be especially appreciated.* This program is sponsored by St. Francis VOICE. **Please contact Sharon Danner at 703-680-0860, or [sharondanner1@verizon.net](mailto:sharondanner1@verizon.net).**



### ST. FRANCIS MEN'S GROUP

Our October meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 10th at 7:30 pm in the Br. Juniper Room.** Please join us for presentations by Francia Salguero, Director of the St. Francis House and John Cipparone representative from the Kairos Prison Ministry—which involves trained and screened volunteers visiting and interacting with those who are incarcerated to build Christian community internal to the prison.

For more information, please contact Tony Mercogliano at [amercogliano@gmail.com](mailto:amercogliano@gmail.com) or 571-332-7048.

The St. Francis Anti-Human Trafficking Committee (engaged in action, awareness and advocacy efforts in the fight against human trafficking) is meeting **Thursday, October 5th at 7:00-8:30 in the Br. Juniper Room.** All are welcome! For more information please contact Margie Petrizza at 540-408-2408, [margie.petrizza@gmail.com](mailto:margie.petrizza@gmail.com) or Bob Eves 703-304-9259, [evesrc@verizon.net](mailto:evesrc@verizon.net).

## 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
- 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.**

**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.**

**Festival Internacional**—Los invitamos el domingo, septiembre 24, 2017 a las 10:45am en el Salón del Hermano Juniper a una reunión de organización para los interesados en la planificación de nuestro primer Festival Internacional de Pentecostés. Nos encantaría invitar a las diferentes comunidades multicultural de San Francisco, Iglesia católica para estar presentes. Para información por favor llamar a la **Señora Francia Salguero 703-221-6344.**



**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.

The **Rosary Guild** meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Please join us **Tuesday, September 26th** from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the **St. Clare Room.** All are welcome. **For more information, please call Otella Creegan at 571-264-0312.**



**Votive Candles**—Envelopes are provided for the candle money. **Please place them in the Catch-All slot located in the vestibule of the church.**



**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**

- Sep. 21 Thursday RE Session
- 24 Sunday RE Session
- 28 Thursday RE Session
- Oct. 1 Sunday RE Session
- 5 **NO RE—Columbus Day Weekend**
- 8 **NO RE—Columbus Day Weekend**
- 12 Thursday RE Session
- 15 Sunday RE Session
- 19 Thursday RE Session
- 22 Sunday RE Session
- 29 Thursday RE Session
- Nov. 2 Sunday RE Session
- 5 Thursday RE Session

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@stfrncis.org](mailto:bjubar@stfrncis.org).

**MY COKE GIVES PROGRAM**

Help **St. Francis of Assisi School** turn Coke product caps into points that can be used towards the purchase of physical education, sports, art, technology and/or classroom supplies for the school. Just look for 'My Coke Rewards' stamps on individual and multi-pack products of Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, etc. Simply gather the caps and bring them to the school office; our volunteers will gladly take it from there. **For more information, please contact William Sharp at 571-408-5213 or via e-mail at [youcandance5678@yahoo.com](mailto:youcandance5678@yahoo.com).**



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.

**Readings for the Week of September 24, 2017**

- Monday Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18
- Tuesday Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21
- Wednesday Ezra 9:5-9; Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Luke 9:1-6
- Thursday Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9
- Friday Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12ab; John 1:47-51
- Saturday Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Luke 9:43b-45
- Sunday Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; Matthew 21:28-32

**Please Pray For** All those who are sick: Chad Burns; 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.

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!



COME JOIN OUR **BIBLE Study** 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](https://ascensionpress.com/study_registrations/new?study_id=20680)

**Monday Morning Bible Study began on September 11<sup>th</sup> (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@stfrncis.org](mailto:lostendorf@stfrncis.org) or 703-221-3127, ext. 277.



*alleluia*  
**Liturgies For The Week**

<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>September 23—St. Pio of Pietrelcina</b>
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Cecilia Zink †Joseph Pennell †Gladys Spring
<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b>September 24—25th Sunday In Ordinary Time</b>
7:30 AM	†Earl Rayhel People of the Parish †Louis August Laffman
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Andy Misenko †Addie Cason
10:45 AM	†Gladys Spring
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy †Ester Ortola †Donald Widener
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Marjorie Carroll †Teopisto Alorro John Maris
<b>MONDAY,</b>	<b>September 25—Weekday</b>
8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Everett Newman
<b>TUESDAY,</b>	<b>September 26—Weekday</b>
8:45 AM	†Isabella Lineberry †Bill Murphy †Robert Earl Williams
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b>	<b>September 27—St. Vincent de Paul</b>
8:45 AM	†Frank Cordes †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
<b>THURSDAY,</b>	<b>September 28—Weekday</b>
8:45 AM	†Helen and †George Callaway
<b>FRIDAY,</b>	<b>September 29—St. Jerome</b>
8:45 AM	Andrew Lee Thanksgiving †Helen and †George Callaway
<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>September 30—St. Jerome</b>
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	Jun Ho Choi Maria Lee †Argentina Fernandez
<b>Mass Intentions on Sunday, October 1, 2017</b>	
7:30 AM	Thomas Lee †Helen and †George Callaway †Kathy Danino
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik Tom Woods †Florence Fogarty
10:45 AM	†Susan Flynn People of the Parish †Tom Berta, Sr.
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy Karen Dennison Maritza Winston
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Donald Widener †MaryCabral

**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](mailto:jcmitcho45@gmail.com)**. Table space is limited so do not delay to reserve your spot.

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

We would like to thank  
**Mountcastle Turch Funeral Home**  
for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.