



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

Spencer Robert Austin
Claire Catherine Bellanca
Gael Alexander Escobar Mora
Hayden Angelina Fajfar
Grace Marie Healy
Alyvia Abelle Larkins
Leah Sophia Rodriguez-Sedano
Michael Lorenzo Sanchez
Leah Marylynn Smith

Baptismal Preparation Class—Our next class will be held on **Sunday, November 12, 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 **Rosary Guild** meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Please join us **Tuesday, October 10th** 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**.



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, October 16, 2017** in the **Parish Center Library!** We will gather at 6:45 pm. The meeting will last from 7:00-8:00 pm.

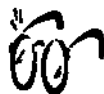
Criteria to join this group of ladies? You must be an Irish Catholic female of 16 years of age or older, Irish descent OR married to an Irish gentleman.

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.

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 Life Committee

October is Respect Life Month. Are you looking for renewal and freedom after abortion? There is help and healing available for mothers and fathers of children who have been aborted. Please contact Project Rachel for confidential, compassionate care. For more information, please call 888-456-HOPE or email info@helpafterabortion.org.

We have begun a new program called Spiritual Adoption where you can pledge to pray for nine months for a baby in danger of abortion. While this child will remain unknown to his or her "spiritual parent," God knows who the child is. Many people have found that naming "their child" helps to keep them focused on the reality that their prayers are helping to save a particular baby from the harm of abortion. There are pledge cards on the table in the vestibule. Please complete and leave the right hand portion in the basket.

The next meeting of the Respect Life Committee will be at **4:00PM on October 14, 2017, in the Parish Center Library**. For more information, please contact **Marv Floom** at marv_floom@verizon.net or **703-878-9243**.

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.**



Cyber Seniors

October 10th, 17th, and 24th
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, through October 24th, 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@stfrncis.org.

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.

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
- Canned Fruit
- Spaghetti and Pasta
- Spaghetti Sauce

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

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 or 571-332-7048.

55+ Ministry Presents

Five Wishes "Living Will" Presentation
Thursday, October 26th

Two Times: **9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.**

Location: **Parish Center Dining Facility** (for both meetings)

Parishioner, Mark Teodosio CMFC, MBA, will be explaining how the *Five Wishes* instrument can be used to easily identify your desires for your personal healthcare if you become unable to communicate them. This is something so many of us put off until tomorrow. Please consider making **October 26th** your "tomorrow."



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**
- Fruta Enlatada
- Espagueti & Salsa Para Espagueti

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 8 NO tendremos misa en español.**

Please Pray For All those who are sick: Jack Haneklau; Richard Pembricks; Chad Burns; Aaron Childs; Mary Fearing; Bev Lyle; Barbara Kraus; Patricia French; Kimberly Klesen; Anabella Van Kempen; and Angie Powell.

And for those recently deceased: Enrique Lizarralde.

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!



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

Oct. 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 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!



Sunday, October 8th
FRANCIS FEST
NO REAL ACTIVITIES

Sunday, October 15th
6:30 PM—8:30 PM
St. Catherine Room
REAL Time (Youth Group)
All teens grades 9-12

Sunday, October 22nd
6:30 PM—8:30 PM
St. Catherine Room
REAL Leadership
Leadership Team ONLY

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

MYSM (Middle School Youth Ministry) is looking for a few new volunteers! Please contact **Sheila Noble** (snoble@stfrncis.org) if you are interested and available to help plan and/or supervise monthly middle school youth group meetings. **Middle school students are AWESOME and never dull!!**



We guarantee all volunteers will have a great time and very rewarding experience!!

John Paul Open House

Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School turns 10 this year! Please come to the Open House on Sunday, **November 5th, from 1 -4pm** to learn about all that has been accomplished in the last decade! *The first 100 8th graders to pre-register will receive a free t-shirt!* Please visit jpthegreat.org or email admissions@jpthegreat.org or call **703-445-0300** for more information!



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.**



St. Francis of Assisi School is seeking Lunchroom Staff and Substitute Teachers.

Our lunchroom staff oversees lunch and recess for each of the three lunches (6-8, K-2 & 3-5).

Duties include but are not limited to:

- Monitoring the students during lunch
- Assisting younger students with opening milk cartons, food containers, etc.
- Supervising recess
- Tidying up after each lunch (cleaning tables and sweeping the floors)



Hours are Monday—Friday from 10:55AM to 12:55PM. If you are **unable to work Monday-Friday, but able to work 2-3 set days a weeks**, we can certainly accommodate your schedule. This is a paid SFAS staff position.

If you are **interested in being on our SFAS Substitute Teacher list**, please contact the school for an application. You are welcome to indicate specific grades and/or encore subjects that you would like to be considered for when an occasion to 'sub' becomes available. This is a paid SFAS staff position.

If you are interested in either of these positions, you must undergo a background check and complete VIRTUS training. **Please contact Shari Phillips in the school office** (phillipss.sfas@gmail.com or 703-221-3868) to apply for either position or for any further questions.

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Liturgies For The Week

SATURDAY, October 7—Our Lady of the Rosary

12:00 PM **Blessing of the Animals**
4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM Angie Powell
In Thanksgiving
†Beatrice Gonsalez

SUNDAY, October 8—27th Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:30 AM †Andy Weber
People of the Parish
†Thomas Balwinski
9:00 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
†Andy Misenko
†Seth Mitcho
10:45 AM †John Chapa
12:15 PM **Bilingual Mass**
†George Beck
†Clara Kennedy
†Betty Allen
†Samuel Williamson

1:30 PM **NO MASS**
5:30 PM †Enrique and †Ligia Lizarralde

MONDAY, October 9—Columbus Day

8:45 AM

TUESDAY, October 10—Weekday

8:45 AM

†Everett Newman
†Anita Naylor

WEDNESDAY, October 11—Weekday

8:45 AM

†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
†Kathryn Gonsorcik
†Barry McDonough

THURSDAY, October 12—Weekday

8:45 AM

FRIDAY, October 13—Weekday

8:45 AM

†Olivia Miravalles
†Bertrand Morrill
†Joseph and †Marian Pittel

SATURDAY, October 14—Weekday

4:00 PM

5:30 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation
†George Selepak
People of the Parish
†Joseph Dulin

Mass Intentions on Sunday, October 15, 2017

7:30 AM

†Cirio Bayton
†Berwyn Remulla
†William Marceau

9:00 AM

†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
†Donald F. Raffier
†Nanay Toyang Talento

10:45 AM

12:15 PM

†Clara Kennedy
†Anne Cameron
†Joyce White

1:30 PM

5:30 PM

People of the Parish

Readings for the Week of October 8, 2017

Monday Jonah 1:1—2:2, 11; Jonah 2:3, 4, 5, 8; Luke 10:25-37
Tuesday Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42
Wednesday Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4
Thursday Malachi 3:13-20b; Luke 11:5-13
Friday Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26
Saturday Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28
Sunday Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Kairos Prison Ministry Asks for Your Help

The Kairos Program is a prison ministry involving screened volunteers visiting adults who have been incarcerated. Its purpose is to build a Christian community within the prison. A Kairos weekend will be held at Sussex I State Prison on **October 19—22, 2017**. You can be a part of this expression of love in the following ways:

1. **Bake Cookies.** Kairos volunteers are responsible for bringing dozens of cookies as a metaphor for abundant love. If this is something you desire to do, please use only the required recipes, due to the many prison restrictions. The specific recipes are available on the parish website <http://www.stfrncis.org/prison-ministry/>. Any number of cookies are appreciated and they can be dropped off at the parish office on or before **October 16th** so they can be transported by Kairos volunteers the following morning.
2. **Sign up to Pray.** Intercessory prayer is powerful for those incarcerated as well as their families. The intent is to develop a list of names from our parish who will offer their prayers during the Kairos weekend. It is another way to demonstrate an outpouring of love.
3. **Join Us!**

If you can support any of these activities, please contact **Dennis Fargo (cell: 703-472-5518) or John Cipparone (cell: 603-512-9680).**

Volunteer Prince William

There are many volunteer opportunities within Prince William County and **Volunteer Prince William** is dedicated to mobilizing volunteers to meet the needs of our community. You can volunteer as much or as little time as you can. Whether it be driving a veteran to the doctor, helping a brain injury survivor with gardening, or delivering a hot, midday meal to a homebound senior, there are so many ways to volunteer. There is also a Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (R.S.V.P.) which provides meaningful service opportunities to adults aged 55 and older, matching your skills, life experiences and interests to help meet community needs. **To find a listing of opportunities, please visit www.volunteerprincewilliam.org.**

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **Eastgate Apartments** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.