


**From the Friars**



On Tuesday, November 7, Virginians will elect their governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general. To help voters prepare for these elections the Virginia Catholic Conference has released its 2017 voter education materials. The Conference has compiled three separate side-by-side comparisons of the positions of candidates for state offices. Conference staff compiled **Know the Positions of the Candidates for Governor, Know the Positions of the Candidates for Lieutenant Governor, and Know the Positions of the Candidates for Attorney General** from policies, public statements, official campaign websites, party platforms and other sources. The Conference, which represents Virginia's bishops on public policy matters, neither supports nor opposes candidates for public office. As they consider these races and also local House of Delegates races, voters are encouraged to turn to the wisdom of the Catholic Church as they form their consciences by consulting the **Four Principles of Catholic Social Teaching**. These materials can be found at [www.vacatholic.org](http://www.vacatholic.org). Spanish translations are also available.

Sincerely,

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

St. Francis of Assisi Elementary, Middle and Preschool will host a **Discover Catholic Schools Week Open House** for new families on **Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am**. Please plan to join us for a tour of our school and to meet our wonderful teachers. For admission questions please call the school office at **703-221-3868** or visit our website [www.stfas.org](http://www.stfas.org).




**Wednesday, November 1st is the feast of All Saints (a Holy Day of Obligation).** Masses will be at:

**October 31st—7:30 p.m.**

**November 1st—6:30 a.m.**  
**8:45 a.m.**  
**7:30 p.m.**

There will **not** be a 12 noon Mass on Wednesday.

The St. Francis Anti-Human Trafficking Committee (engaged in action, awareness and advocacy efforts in the fight against human trafficking) is meeting **Thursday, November 2nd at 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Grade 5 Classroom** (located in the Parish Center). 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).**


**Thanksgiving 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament!**



Attention all athletes ages 8 and up who can dribble and shoot a basketball! Come participate in the Fifth Annual Thanksgiving 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament! **It will start at 9 AM on November 25, 2017 in the Parish Center Gym.** Each team of up to four players will be guaranteed at least three games. **It costs \$50 to sponsor a team**, and all proceeds will be donated to St. Francis of Assisi School. We have raised over \$2,000 since our first tournament in 2013!

To register or if you would like further information, please contact **Dr. Ken Dunn at [dunnkd@comcast.net](mailto:dunnkd@comcast.net); phone 540-657-9006** or **Kevin Horwath at [kev89@comcast.net](mailto:kev89@comcast.net); phone 703-508-0294.**

**\*\*\*Save the date!\*\*\***



ask.  
seek.  
knock.

Discovering Christ will be presented at **St. Francis of Assisi beginning in January 2018!!** Participants in this 7-week series will meet on **Thursday evenings beginning January 4<sup>th</sup>** and continuing through February 15<sup>th</sup> to enjoy dinner and fellowship, listen to a dynamic teaching and join in a small group discussion about the meaning of life in Jesus Christ. There will be a retreat day on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. *The cost for registration for this event is \$25 per person and all meals are included.* **For more information, please contact Sheila Noble at 703-221-3127, ext. 238 or [snoble@stfrncis.org](mailto:snoble@stfrncis.org).**

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc. are sponsoring a National Irish History Writing Contest for students in **Grades 6 through 12**. Cash prizes are awarded.



Please go to: <http://www.stfrncis.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/LAOH-Student-Irish-History-Writing-Contest.pdf> to download a copy of the brochure.

**At Home Self-Paced Bible Studies**

We are now offering online, self-paced Bible studies through Ascension Press. Please see the website [www.stfrncis.org/programs-retreats/](http://www.stfrncis.org/programs-retreats/) to register for Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible (overview) or studies of John, Revelation, Matthew and Acts. Participants must register and purchase a workbook through Ascension Press to gain access to the online videos. Please contact Lisa Ostendorf at [lostendorf@stfrncis.org](mailto:lostendorf@stfrncis.org) if you experience difficulty registering.



## 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!

### Bill Mehr Drop-In Shelter

Many thanks to all of our parishioners who have responded so generously to our requests for breakfast items at the Bill Mehr Shelter. With the help of our parishioners we provided 620 breakfasts. **For the winter season, beginning Saturday, November 4th, our responsibilities will shift to supplying dinner on Saturday evenings.** Directions and sign-up sheets are located on the table directly below the bulletin board in the vestibule. **For more information, please call Francia at 571-572-5862.**

Trick-or-treating, costume parades, jack-o-lanterns, costume parties, and haunted houses. The holiday of Halloween is anticipated by children of all ages. Halloween costumes can be expensive for low-income families who are struggling to make ends meet. **The Costumes for Kids program provides gently used or new Halloween costumes to children throughout St. Francis House** so that they too can fully participate in these festivities. Please donate your gently used Halloween costume(s) to the Children's Fund. We accept all sizes (Infant through Adult)! Please place costumes in the container out in the vestibule.



### 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](http://www.stfrncis.org).

### SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank  
**Enchanted Florist**  
for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

## 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, noviembre 10**. 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.**

### 55+ Ministry Presents

**Symphony and Dinner Social  
Presented by the 55+ Ministry  
December 2, 2017**



Our new and improved 55+ Ministry invites you to enjoy an evening out with a performance by the **Manassas Symphony Orchestra at 4:30 p.m., followed by dinner as a group at Bella Vita Restaurant in Manassas at 7:00 p.m.** Symphony tickets must be purchased on your own through <http://www.manassassymphony.org/> and the performance will take place in the Hylton Performing Arts Center in Manassas, near George Mason. Please reserve your seat for the group dinner in advance by contacting Pat Koch [pmkoch01@verizon.net](mailto:pmkoch01@verizon.net) or 609-217-3491.

### Mission 2018

**Join St Francis Parishioners in June 2018 on a journey to our Sister Parishes in Lima, Peru.  
Departs Saturday, June 16th  
Returns Monday, June 25th**

- Applications and **deposit of \$100** now being accepted. The final date for receipt of applications is January 31, 2018.
- Fee includes airfare, lodging, most meals and local transportation.
- Full payment (**\$1,500**) is due by **January 31, 2018**
- Applications are available on line at (<http://www.stfrncis.org/sister-parish-in-peru/>) and next to the Sister Parish section of the church bulletin board.

### Questions? Call:

Terry Danner at 703-680-0860  
[terrydanner@verizon.net](mailto:terrydanner@verizon.net)  
or  
Chuck O'Hern at 910-795-6203  
[Charles.ohern@usmc.mil](mailto:Charles.ohern@usmc.mil)

**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. 29 Sunday RE Session
- Nov. 2 Thursday RE Session
- 5 Sunday RE Session
- 9 **NO RE Veteran's Day Weekend**
- 12 **NO RE Veteran's Day Weekend**
- 16 Thursday RE Session
- 19 Sunday RE Session
- 23 **NO RE—Happy Thanksgiving**
- 26 **NO RE—Thanksgiving Day Weekend**
- 30 Thursday RE Session

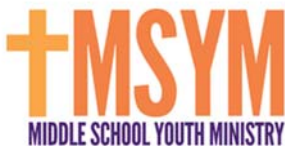
We have an **urgent need for two first grade catechists for the 8:45am session of Religious Education.** Training will be provided. Please call **Marianne Hayes, DRE at 703-221-3127.**

If you would like your child to participate in the **Children's Christmas Pageant on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm before the 4PM Mass in the Church,** please return your completed form to the Religious Education Office or in the Catch-All slot located in the vestibule of the Church (please label envelope 'RE-Christmas Pageant Registration'). Children



ages 4 years of age and up are eligible if they are not in the Christmas Choir. **Deadline for forms is November 26th. No late registrations will be accepted.** Forms are available at [www.stfrncis.org](http://www.stfrncis.org) under the RE page. Rehearsals are mandatory. **For more information, please call the RE Office at 703-221-4978 or email [recoor@stfrncis.org](mailto:recoor@stfrncis.org).**

**Join us for Middle School Mayhem!!!**



All middle school students are welcome to join us on **Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the Parish Center Dining Hall** for an evening of fun, food and fellowship!! Come and bring a friend!

Please contact Sheila Noble at [snoble@stfrncis.org](mailto:snoble@stfrncis.org) if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

**MY COKE GIVES PROGRAM**

Turn Coke product caps into cash for St. Francis School! Look for My Coke Rewards stamps on individual and multi-pack products of Coke, Sprite, Dasani, Powerade, Minute Maid, Fanta, Barq's, Fresca, Mr. Pibb, Mello Yello, Fuze, Seagram's Ginger Ale, and Tab. Simply bag the caps and bring them to the school. We will 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).** God bless!



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 29th**

6:30 PM—8:30 PM  
St. Catherine Room

**REAL FUN HALLOWEEN PARTY**

All teens grades 9-12



**Sunday, November 5th**

6:30 PM—8:30 PM  
St. Catherine Room

**REAL Time (Youth Group)**

All teens grade 9-12

**Sunday, November 12th**

**NO REAL ACTIVITIES**  
Veteran's Day Weekend

Questions? Please contact Brandon Jubar at [bjubar@stfrncis.org](mailto:bjubar@stfrncis.org).

**Please Pray For**

**All those who are sick:** Leona Stumm; Jack Haneklau; Richard Pembricks; Chad Burns; Aaron Childs; Mary Fearing; Bev Lyle; and Barbara Kraus.

**And for those recently deceased:** Cheryl McNierney

**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; Brianna French; James Moore; Kyle McVay; Kyle Traylor; Marc Gendron; and Darryl Saungweme.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> graders to pre-register will receive a free t-shirt!* Please visit [jpthegreat.org](http://jpthegreat.org) or email [admissions@jpthegreat.org](mailto:admissions@jpthegreat.org) or call **703-445-0300** for more information!



**Baptismal Preparation Class**

Our next class will be held on **Sunday, November 12, 2017 from 1:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room. **Please call the parish office to register at 703-221-4044.**

*alleluia*  
**Liturgies For The Week**

<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>October 28—Sts. Simon and Jude</b>
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Trevor Noonan †Kathleen Berger
<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b>October 29—30th Sunday In Ordinary Time</b>
7:30 AM	†Eileen P. Lewin †Harriet Bischoff
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Florence Fogarty
10:45 AM	†Margaret Malone
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy †Joseph and †Julia Flood †Deborah McGrath
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Maureen Flood People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY,</b>	<b>October 30—Weekday</b>
8:45 AM	
<b>TUESDAY,</b>	<b>October 31—Weekday</b>
8:45 AM	
7:30 PM	
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b>	<b>November 1—All Saints Day</b>
6:30 AM	
8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik †Clifford Buckley
7:30 PM	
<b>THURSDAY,</b>	<b>November 2—All Souls Day</b>
8:45 AM	All Souls Novena †Clyde Richardson †Edgardo and †Helen Chavez
<b>FRIDAY,</b>	<b>November 3—Weekday</b>
8:45 AM	
<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>November 4—St. St. Charles Borromeo</b>
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	Alfred and Stella Decarli People of the Parish †Marie Jerome
<b>Mass Intentions on Sunday, November 5, 2017</b>	
7:30 AM	
9:00 AM	All Souls Novena †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Therese Menzella
10:45 AM	
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy
1:30 PM	Eduardo Mendoza Reyes Ortiz
5:30 PM	

**Readings for the Week of October 29, 2017**

<b>Monday</b>	Romans 8:12-17; Luke 13:10-17
<b>Tuesday</b>	Romans 8:18-25; Luke 13:18-21
<b>Wednesday</b>	Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a
<b>Thursday</b>	Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11 or Romans 6:3-9; John 6:37-40
<b>Friday</b>	Romans 9:1-5; Luke 14:1-6
<b>Saturday</b>	Romans 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Luke 14:1, 7-11
<b>Sunday</b>	Malachi 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10; 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13; Matthew 23:1-12

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS  
CHOIR**

Calling all our young singers from grades 2 through 8! The first rehearsal for the St. Francis Children's Christmas Choir takes place on **November 5th from 3:15 p.m.—4:30 p.m. in the Church.** Rehearsals are each Sunday from November 5th through December 17th. Performances include the **Festival of Praise on Friday, December 15th and Christmas Eve.** Registration forms are available online at <http://www.stfrncis.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Registration-Form-2017.pdf> or at the first rehearsal. Questions? Please contact **Colleen Wells** at [cwells@stfrncis.org](mailto:cwells@stfrncis.org).



**Our Knights of Columbus** are offering *Christmas wreaths, centerpieces, and table top holiday trees* again this year. The Holiday Evergreens you purchase for yourself, family, and friends will be delivered via Fed-X in a festive carton with your personalized message in early December. A tree will be planted for every item sold. Please order online at [www.mickmanholidaygifts.com](http://www.mickmanholidaygifts.com) and use our coupon code **KNIGHTVA003**. You will get a \$3 discount and our Council gets a \$5 donation. **Free shipping on orders over \$60.**



**Eucharistic Ministers' Training**


There will be In-Service Training for all new Eucharistic Ministers and to update all current Eucharistic Ministers on some procedural changes, on **Saturday, November 4th from 11:00 am-12:30 pm, in the Church.** For more information, please contact **Chanel Marquis** at **703-221-4044, ext. 222** or [cmarquis@stfrncis.org](mailto:cmarquis@stfrncis.org).



**Votive Candles**



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

 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.