

From
the
Friars



Our next Theology on Tap (November 27th) will feature Fr. Dominic Monti, O.F.M. Fr. Dominic is a world renown scholar and historian. He is an expert on the history and traditions of the Franciscan Order, including insights into the person of St. Francis himself.

Fr. Dominic is an excellent speaker. Some of you may remember him from years past when he helped out here in the parish.

As part of our efforts to increase security here at the parish, we have recently installed cameras on the grounds. We now have 24/7 monitoring of the Church and Parish Center.

It has come to my attention that a number of individuals have been on the parish grounds soliciting money from parishioners as you leave the Church on Sundays. Our outreach staff and public safety individuals ask that you do not give them cash.

These individuals should be directed to members of the Parish Staff, or Friars. As you are aware, we have a full service outreach center, St. Francis House. This is the appropriate resource to help those in need.

On November 12th the second collection is for the fund for Retired Religious. Please note that the retired Friars of our Province do not receive funds from this collection. It is mostly used to support retired Religious Sisters. Having said that, I ask that you please be as generous as possible.

Finally, we recently purchased cards for the pews that contain the parts of the Mass, Gloria, Creed, etc. Some of these were already damaged and consequently by mistake a member of our cleaning company threw all of them out. We will be replacing them in the near future.

Sincerely,

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

The **Rosary Guild** meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Please join us **Tuesday, November 14th** 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.**



St. Francis of Assisi parish has supported the **Un-Trim-A-Tree Program** for more than **16 years**, providing assistance for families in need in Dumfries, Triangle, and Quantico. This year St. Francis of Assisi will also be providing gifts for a number of refugee families' sponsored by Catholic Charities and the Bill Mehr Homeless Shelter. To assist you in the process we have some answers to your frequently asked questions (FAQ'S) below:



What do I do with the tag? Take it home, shop for the gift and return the tag taped to the present by the request date. **Do Not Wrap the present**

What is the tag for? **The tag is very important** as it indicates the individual information, what the individual wants and also the way the gifts are sorted and distributed. When you get the tag home, copy the information down or take a picture to ensure that if you lose the tag you still have the pertinent information like: name, sex, age, code, and wish.

Where do I drop the Present? On November 19th, St. Francis of Assisi will place a Christmas Angel Giving Tree on display in the vestibule of the church; gifts may be placed under the tree. They are removed daily. **Presents must be returned by Sunday, December 10th. (NO Exceptions)**

Can I give additional items than those requests on the tag? Yes, we always welcome and make good use of additional presents.

If you have questions about the Un-trim-A-Tree Program? Please contact **Francia Salguero 703-221-6344 or 571-572-5862 calisa3@verizon.net**. Thank you very much for your continuing support to this program.

I am pleased to announce the election of the following individuals to the Parish Council: **John Hales, Margaret 'Maggie' Eves, Michelle Nicolai, Pequitte Schwerin, Phillip Bongiorno, and Terrence 'Terry Danner'**. My deepest appreciation to all who volunteered to become candidates, and to parishioners who voted in the election.

There will be a Thanksgiving Eucharist on **Thursday, November 23rd at 8:45 a.m.** Please bring your Thanksgiving food baskets and place them on the steps of the sanctuary. During this special Liturgy of thankfulness, the food to be eaten around our family table will be blessed, as will our lives of Christian living and witness! Hace unbuen dia de accion de Gracias!



Please tear-off and return. Envelopes are provided and located in the vestibule of the church.
2017 St. Francis Parish Appeal

Parishioner Name: _____

Address: _____

• Yes, I/we will make a one time gift (enclosed amount \$ _____)

OR

• Yes, I/we will make an annual pledge in the amount of:

____ \$250 ____ \$500 ____ \$1,000 ____ Other Amount \$ _____

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: Coffee and Sugar**
- 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. **As of Saturday, November 4th (for the winter season), our responsibilities have shifted 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.**



The holidays are coming, the holidays are coming! With the store getting in the festive spirit earlier and earlier it seems that once we pack our flip flops away Christmas music starts playing. For some that's ok? For some it brings the pain of the holidays to the forefront much sooner than necessary. **If you would like to have a Stephen Minister walk the next few months with you, please call 703-221-4044, ext. 233 or email kwalker@stfrncis.org.** A Stephen Minister is a good listener, caring, and non-judgmental lay minister that will be by your side through this time and afterwards.

Theology on Tap

Ornery Beer Company and Public House
November 27th
 6:30 p.m.—Young Adult Gathering
 7:30 p.m.—Talk Open to Everyone



Fr. Dominic Monti, O.F.M. is a Distinguished Professor of Franciscan Studies at St. Bonaventure University and author of *Francis and His Brothers*. His specialty is history of Christianity and St. Francis. He is a popular professor and past Vicar Provincial for the Holy Name Province. It is an honor for us to hear him speak at TOT in Woodbridge.

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: Café y Azúcar**
- 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, Diciembre 8**. 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.**

ST. FRANCIS MEN'S GROUP

Our October meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 14th at 7:30 pm in the Br. Juniper Room**. Please join us to view a presentation by Fr. Richard Rohr, O.F.M. on his book "*Falling Upward*"—a straightforward and bracing book with the message: the spiritual life is not static—you will come to a crisis in your life, and after the crisis, if you are open to it, you will enter a space of spiritual refreshment, peace and compassion that you could not have imagined before. More information on the book can be found on the parish website on the Men's Group page.



CARE FOR CREATION!

Do you have a passion for nature, the outdoors, the earth? Please join the new Care for Creation Committee on **Tuesday, November 14th at 7pm in the Grade 6 Classroom** (located in the Parish Center). All are welcome! We are going to "Adopt A Spot" on Fuller Heights Road to keep litter-free, and are looking for volunteers.

Calling artists of all ages: We will soon be announcing a Care For Creation logo contest.



Please contact Kathy Radigan, at 703-835-7194, or kathyradigan24@gmail.com for more information.

CORNERSTONE
 ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, TRIANGLE, VA

Save the Date!
 Women's Cornerstone Retreat
April 6—7, 2018
www.stfrncis.org/cornerstone

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

- Nov. 12 NO RE Veterans' 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 8:45 am 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 24th 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 under the RE page. Rehearsals are mandatory. **For more information, please call the RE Office at 703-221-4978 or email recoor@stfrncis.org.**

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, November 12th
NO REAL ACTIVITIES
Veterans' Day Weekend

Sunday, November 19th
6:30 PM—8:30 PM
St. Catherine Room
REAL FUN
THANKSGIVING PARTY
All teens grades 9-12



Sunday, November 26th
NO REAL ACTIVITIES
Thanksgiving Weekend

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

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/ 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 if you experience difficulty registering.



Please Pray For

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

And for those recently deceased: Leona Stumm.

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

Project Bread for Life

On the weekend of **November 18th-19th**, our parish will host **Project Bread for Life**, a grassroots Catholic effort which sells bread in order to raise funds to support the work of the Sister of the Community of the Poor Servants of the Mother of God. The Sisters operate the HIV/AIDS Orphanage and Clinic of St. Clare in Kltui and Meru in Kenya, Africa.



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; phone 540-657-9006 or **Kevin Horwath** at kev89@comcast.net; phone 703-508-0294.

Annual Christmas Card Sales

This weekend, **November 11th-12th**, the **Knights of Columbus** are selling **beautiful Christmas Cards** for you to share with your family and friends. Come and see the selection of cards at the display table.



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Liturgies For The Week

SATURDAY,	November 11—Veterans' Day
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Anne Cameron †Joyce White Charles Schnieder
SUNDAY,	November 12—32nd Sunday In Ordinary Time
7:30 AM	All Souls Novena
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kimberly Ann Gianni
10:45 AM	†Eileen Bolen
12:15 PM	†George Beck †Clara Kennedy
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Severo Miravalles †Virginia Miravalles People of the Parish
MONDAY,	November 13—St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
8:45 AM	†Janet Sarsfield
TUESDAY,	November 14—Weekday
8:45 AM	All Souls Novena †Anne Kennedy
WEDNESDAY,	November 15—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Evangelista Foglieta †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
THURSDAY,	November 16—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Charles "Tic" Fike †Harry Ravert †Lourdes Aseneta
FRIDAY,	November 17—St. Elizabeth of Hungary
8:45 AM	†Enrique Lizarralde †Leona Stumm †Deborah Barber McNeill
SATURDAY,	November 18—Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Paul Krieger †Evangelista Foglieta †Lorace Moran
Mass Intentions on Sunday, November 19, 2017	
7:30 AM	†Naldo Ponsi People of the Parish
9:00 AM	†Flor Rodriguez †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Florence Fogarty
10:45 AM	Craig Bradley
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy †Donald Widener †Solpecio Tornes
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	All Souls Novena †Leona Stumm †Loretta Garzke

Please Note: The Mass Intention book for 2018 will open on **Friday, December 15, 2017.**

To schedule a Mass you may come in or call the office. We also have envelopes located on the tables in the vestibule. Just drop the envelope in the catch-all slot. **We will be taking 3 intentions per Mass.**

Readings for the Week of November 12, 2017

Monday	Wisdom 1:1-7; Luke 17:1-6
Tuesday	Wisdom 2:23—3:9; Luke 17:7-10
Wednesday	Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19
Thursday	Wisdom 7:22b—8:1; Luke 17:20-25
Friday	Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37
Saturday	Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Luke 18:1-8 or, Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Matthew 14:22-33
Sunday	Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

St. Francis of Assisi Elementary, Middle and Preschool will host a **Discover Catholic Schools Week Open House** for new families on **Wednesday, November 15th 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.



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, November 13, 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.**



Lector Workbooks for the new year are available for you to pick up on the bookshelf in the sacristy.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **Ameriprise Financial** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.