


From the Friars



In light of the recent tragedy at a church in Texas, several parishioners have asked me about our security arrangements here at St. Francis.

We have been for the last couple of years, participants in the Prince William County Church Safety Program. As part of this program, representatives of the County Police meet with us to periodically review our security procedures and make recommendation where necessary.


As I mentioned in last weeks bulletin, we have recently installed several surveillance cameras on our property. These cameras monitor our surroundings on a 24/7 basis.

Finally, this past Thursday I attended a special program on security issues presented by the Prince William County Police Department.

Sincerely,

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

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 of this program.

There will be a Thanksgiving Eucharist on **Thursday, November 23rd at 8:45 a.m. (this will be a bilingual Mass)**. 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! Hacc unbuena dia de accion de Gracias!




Thanksgiving Eucharist




Happy Thanksgiving! May the blessings of this grateful season be upon you and yours. I for one am very thankful for our wonderful, dedicated, and loving Stephen Ministers. If you know someone who is a Stephen Minister, ask them about why they give so unselfishly. **This open and caring conversation may be the start to a new insight and understanding. A true blessing!**

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



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.**

 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
- Cereal (**kid friendly**)

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

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? Please call:

Terry Danner at 703-680-0860

terrydanner@verizon.net

or

Chuck O'Hern at 910-795-6203

Charles.ohern@usmc.mil



Save the Date!

Women's Cornerstone Retreat

April 6—7, 2018

www.stfrncis.org/cornerstone

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
- Cereal (**Para niños**)

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.**

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.



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 or 609-217-3491.

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. 19 Sunday RE Session
- 23 NO RE—Happy Thanksgiving
- 26 NO RE—Thanksgiving Day Weekend
- 30 Thursday RE Session

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.stfrancis.org under the RE page. Rehearsals are mandatory. **For more information, please call the RE Office at 703-221-4978 or email recoor@stfrancis.org.**



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.

ChristLife is a lay Catholic ministry established in 1995 in response to the Church's call to a New Evangelization. **Discovering Christ will be presented at St. Francis of Assisi beginning in January!!** Participants in this 7 week series will meet on Thursday evenings **beginning January 4th and continuing through February 15th**



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 3rd**. *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@stfrancis.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 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

Saturday, December 2nd

Sunday, December 3rd
AFTER ALL MASSES
Church Lobby
Ornament Fundraiser

Sunday, December 3rd

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

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

Handmade Christmas Ornaments

December 2 & 3



St. Francis High School Youth Ministry

Liturgies For the Week

SATURDAY,	November 18—Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Paul Krieger †Evangelista Foglieta †Lorace Moran
SUNDAY,	November 19—33rd Sunday In Ordinary Time
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
MONDAY,	November 20—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Leona Stumm Andrea George
TUESDAY,	November 21—Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:45 AM	All Souls Novena Jessalyn Schnieder †So Kap Lee
WEDNESDAY,	November 22—St. Cecilia
8:45 AM	†Thomas and †Beverly McClutchy †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
THURSDAY,	November 23—Thanksgiving Day
8:45 AM	†Mary Ann Milo †Bernie Yvon †Roseanne Scruggs
FRIDAY,	November 24—St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions
8:45 AM	†Fr. Joseph Kiernan, O.F.M.
SATURDAY,	November 25—Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Walker Williams †Clyde Richardson †Jean Szwejbka
Mass Intentions on Sunday, November 26, 2017	
7:30 AM	†Muriel Dreswick †Faust Villareale †Deborah Barber McNeill
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Charles Burns †Ann Marie Blake
10:45 AM	All Souls Novena †Diem X. Bui
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy †Girolamo Pisani †Chuck Eiwien
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Juanito and †Margarita Alb †Leona Stumm People of the Parish

Readings for the Week of November 19, 2017

Monday	1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Luke 18:35-43
Tuesday	2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10
Wednesday	2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28
Thursday	1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44; or Sirach 50:22-24; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Luke 17:11-19
Friday	1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chronicles 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Luke 19:45-48
Saturday	1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40
Sunday	Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46



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

Fallen Heroes interred at Quantico National Cemetery

The Quantico Wreath Project, conducted annually by the **SGT MAC FOUNDATION**, will be supported again in 2017 by the Knights of Columbus with assistance from the Columbiettes. Fundraising at St. Francis of Assisi Parish will take place during the weekends of **November 18th-19th and 25th-26th**. On Saturday, **December 2nd**, volunteers will place wreaths on the graves at Quantico National Cemetery. All of the wreaths used to decorate the graves of our fallen heroes are purchased with donated funds (**\$10 for each wreath**). Each year we have been able to raise more money and decorate more graves. **Last year we decorated 10,000 graves in Sections 9 & 10 of Quantico National Cemetery and this year we hope to be able to decorate the 13,000.** Representatives from the Knights and the Columbiettes will accept donations at a table on the center circle after each Mass on the fundraising weekends. Checks will be accepted and should be made payable to the **SGT MAC FOUNDATION**.



Please Pray For All those who are sick: Callie Linscott; and Aaron Childs.

And for those recently deceased: Leona Stumm; Diem X. Bui; and Deborah Barber McNeill (sister of Dr. Tricia Barber).

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.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank
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