

From
the
Friars



Statement from Bishop Burbidge on
National Migration Week 2018:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The annual National Migration
Week was from January 7 to 13, 2018.

This year, the United States Conference
of Catholic Bishops has chosen the theme "Many Journeys,
One Family" to remind us of the myriad of migration stories
in our nation, whether they be from recent history or from
many generations ago. While our origins and histories are
varied, we remain united as God's children, sharing the
dignity that flows from being created in His image.

The Diocese of Arlington has a history of
welcoming the stranger among us through the Migration
and Refugee Office and Hogar Immigration Office of
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington, and through
the assistance of parish ministries. I ask that you continue
to support these ministries and all those that respect the
dignity of the migrant, refugee and immigrant.

I also invite all Catholics to join me and my brother
bishops in advocating for legislation that will allow for the
protection and safety of our nation as well as for justly and
charitably providing for the needs of the migrants in our
communities, especially those fleeing violence, extreme
poverty, and persecution.

Please be assured of my prayers for you in this
New Year. May Our Lord bless you and your families with
His peace and draw all people into a greater communion
with Him.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington

On **January 19th** we will be sponsoring a bus to
the annual **Right to Life March**. It would be nice to have
as many as possible participate in this demonstration for
life.

Please be on the lookout for an article in the
Arlington Catholic Herald on Francis House.

A reporter spent part of the day at Francis House
recently, taking photos and interviewing people, with plans
to do an article describing the great work that Francia and
her team do in providing services to those in need.

Sincerely,

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

Votive Candles

Envelopes are provided for the candle money.

**Please place them in the Catch-All slot
located in the vestibule of the church.**



**March for Life,
January 19, 2018**

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
and the Knights of
Columbus will be providing
bus transportation to the
March for Life on January
19th. The rally and march
start at 12:00 p.m. *The
bus will leave from the
Church at **approximately
9:00 a.m.** and return after
the march.*



There will be sign-up sheets in the vestibule of the Church
or you can contact **Marv Floom** at
marv_floom@verizon.net or 703-878-9243.



**Christ-Centered Yoga
Retreat** will be held on
January 20, 2018 in the
**Parish Center Dining
Facility** from **8:30 a.m.-
4:00 p.m.** Please join us
for a day of yoga,
meditation, breath work,

prayer, and more. **The cost of the retreat is \$15 per
person.** All levels are welcome to come. Information can
be found on the parish website or by emailing
sfrancisyoga@gmail.com.

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.stfrancis.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

**Please Note: The parish offices will be closed on Monday, January 15th
in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday**

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:** Pancake Mix and Syrup
- Hamburger Helper
- Pasta
- Cereal (**kid friendly**)
- Peanut Butter & Jelly

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

Bill Mehr Drop-In Shelter (Winter Shelter)

Winter is here, and it is a very rough season for the homeless. **Our parish is committed to providing dinner every Saturday, at 7:00pm** for the Bill Mehr Homeless shelter (winter shelter). At this moment **we are in dire need of your help!** Sign-up sheets, directions, and more information are located on the table in the vestibule of the Church. **For more information, please contact Francia Salguero at francias@stfrncis.org or 571-572-5862.**

Cyber Seniors

Weekly classes on Tuesdays from **9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**
January 9th – February 13th

Br. Juniper Room

All adults are welcome to receive hands-on technology assistance for free, during any of our weekly sessions. Bring your cell phones, laptops or tablets for hands-on training from one of our friendly volunteers. This is the perfect opportunity to learn how to use that shiny Christmas gift to stay in touch with family and friends. **Please contact Lisa Ostendorf at lostendorf@stfrncis.org for more information.**



Get involved in 2018 and join the new Care for Creation Ministry on **Tuesday, January 16th, in the 6th Grade Classroom in the Parish Center.** We need your ideas and action to move forward on conservation education and activities. **Please contact Kathy Radigan at 703-835-7194, or kathyradigan24@gmail.com.**



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:** Mezcla de Panqueques y Jarabe
- Hamburger Helper
- Espagueti
- Cereal (**Para niños**)
- Crema de Maní y Jalea

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, febrero 9.** Las charlas bautismales Son a las 7:00 p.m. en el Salón del Hermano Juniper (Br. Juniper Room). Para más información por favor llamar a la **Señora Salguero al 703-221-6344.**

Craft Ministry



If you like to knit, crochet, quilt, or sew to help spread God's love and comfort to those in need, please join us:

What: Fellowship while working on our own “unplugged” projects for charity

(no sewing machines or irons, please)

When: Thursday, January 18th, 6:30 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.

Where: Grade **5** Classroom (Parish Center)

Who: Adults (**ONLY**) who sew, knit, quilt, crochet, etc.
(No childcare is provided)

For more information, please contact **Katy McClevey at ukkaty@gmail.com.**

Theology on Tap

January 22, 2018

Ornery Beer Company and Public House

14389 Potomac Mills Rd., Woodbridge

Young Adult Gathering at **6:30 p.m.**

Talk Open to All at **7:30 p.m.**

The speaker for the January Theology on Tap will be **Russell M. Testa, Director of the Office for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC), serving Holy Name Province Franciscans and their ministries.** Russell founded JPIC in 2000 and is responsible for developing the Franciscan Action Network (FAN) which furthers the continuum of social justice ministry, from direct service to education and advocacy. His talk will be “Climate Change and Building Community.” Please join us!



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 2018

- Jan. 14 NO RE—MLK HOLIDAY
18 Thursday RE Session
21 Sunday RE Session
25 Thursday RE Session
28 Sunday RE Session
- Feb. 1 Thursday RE Session
4 Sunday RE Session
8 Thursday RE Session
11 Sunday RE Session

We have a need for **Substitute Catechists** for all sessions and all grades, Sunday 8:45 AM, Sunday 10:30AM and Thursday 5PM. Training will be provided. If you are able to help, please contact **Marianne Hayes, DRE** at 703-221-3127.

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, January 14th
Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend
NO **REAL** ACTIVITIES

Sunday, January 21st
6:30 PM—8:30 PM
St. Catherine Room
REAL TIME (Youth Group)
All Teens Grade 9-12

Sunday, January 28th
6:30 PM—8:30 PM
St. Catherine Room
REAL Leadership
Leadership Teams Only

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

St. Francis of Assisi Elementary, Middle and Preschool will host an open house for new prospective families on **Sunday, January 28th at 1:00 pm**. Please plan to join us for a tour of our facility and to meet our wonderful teachers.



For admission questions, please contact **Shari Phillips** at 703-221-3868 or phillipss.sfas@gmail.com.



Baptismal Preparation Class

Our next class will be held this **Sunday, January 14, 2018 from 1:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible for Couples

Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
Beginning January 16th
Parish Center Dining Facility



Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible is an 8-part study which provides an excellent overview, simplifies the complex timeline, and demonstrates how the Bible is the foundation of our faith. Please register and purchase your workbook through Ascension Press by visiting our parish website <http://www.stfrncis.org/programs-retreats/#biblestudy> and bring it to the first, weekly session, on **January 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center Dining Facility**; when we will discuss the first chapter. Please contact **Lisa Ostendorf** at lostendorf@stfrncis.org for more information.

Please Pray For All those who are sick: Angie Powell; Tom Hines; Aaron Childs; Nancy Brown; S.P. Defibaugh; B. Lyle; and Judy Mitchell.

And for those recently deceased: Tim McCormick; and Virginia Ramos (Sister of Estrella Monzon)

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.

Valentine Dinner Dance

The Columbiettes are sponsoring a Valentine's Dinner Dance on **February 10, 2018, from 6:30 PM to 10 PM in the Parish Center Dining Hall**

18825 Fuller Heights Road, Triangle VA 22172.

Cost is \$38 per person/\$75 per couple

All profits will be going to Parish needs.

Tickets will be sold after masses on:

January 20th-21st, 27th-28th, and February 3rd-4th.

Please contact **Irene Sullivan** if you have any questions at dan_irene@verizon.net.



You can also buy tickets on line at Columbiettes.yapsody.com



Music By Slable

CATERING
By Darlene

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **DiscoverMass.com** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY,	January 13—Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Clyde Richardson †Bryan Richardson †Paul Krieger
SUNDAY,	January 14—2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time
7:30 AM	†Patricia Mooney †Noel Longuemare †Julie Longuemare
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
10:45 AM	†Mary Colby
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy †George Beck
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	People of the Parish †John A. Shookster
MONDAY,	January 15—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Agustina Peña †Gina Balistreri
TUESDAY,	January 16—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Sheila Weir
WEDNESDAY,	January 17—St. Anthony, Abbot
8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
THURSDAY,	January 18—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Andy Weber
FRIDAY,	January 19—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Deborah Barber McNeill
SATURDAY,	January 20—Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†James M. Ryan †Cyril Kelly
Mass Intentions on Sunday, January 21, 2018	
7:30 AM	Leroy Barton Donna Barton †Henry Barratt
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
10:45 AM	†Carlos Polanco, Jr. †Martha Perez
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy †Eftimia Liaskova
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	People of the Parish

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.

Readings for the Week of January 14, 2018

Monday	1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22
Tuesday	1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28
Wednesday	1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6
Thursday	1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12
Friday	1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19
Saturday	2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mark 3:20-21
Sunday	Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

2018 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL BEGINS!



This month many of us will receive a mailing from Bishop Burbidge regarding the 2018 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). The theme for the 2018 BLA is "Living in Faith~Giving in Gratitude." After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge to this important appeal that funds many programs and ministries that serve the people in our diocese. Together, through the BLA, let us renew our personal commitment to the Lord's work in our diocese.

On **January 16, 2018 at 6:00 PM**, the **Museum of the Bible** will be hosting a discussion on the Bible's impact on religious liberty called "The Biblical Influences on Religious Freedom." The speakers will be discussing the ways the Bible and its interpretations informed the writings and philosophies of John Locke, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and Martin Luther King Jr.



The speakers are:

- Dr. Byron Johnson – Distinguished Professor of the Social Sciences at Baylor University; Founding Director, Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion.
- Dr. Jacqueline Rivers – Lecturer, Harvard University. Executive Director and Senior Fellow for Social Science and Policy of the Seymour Institute for Black Church and Policy Studies.
- Dr. Timothy Shah – Research Professor in Government, Institute for Studies of Religion, Baylor University. Director of International Research, Religious Freedom Research Project, Georgetown University.
- Dr. Robert Wilken – William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor Emeritus of the History of Christianity at the University of Virginia.

End of Year Statements: Parishioners will be provided with a statement of their donations for 2017. Statements will be mailed by the end of January. It is not necessary to request a statement.