

 From the Friars

A reminder, next Sunday begins Holy Week. I so hope that you can create some time in your schedule to join us for some of the services.

Holy week is that special moment in the history of our faith and a good time to step back from the business of our lives and focus on that which is most important, our relationship with Jesus.

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

“Stephen Ministry can be the glue that helps many put the pieces of their lives back together.” Please call **Kathy Walker** at 703-221-4044, ext. 233 or email at kwalker@stfrancis.org to start your journey to wholeness.



THEOLOGY ON TAP

Theology on Tap
LOCATION CHANGE!!

March 26, 2018
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
PARISH DINING FACILITY

Young Adult Gathering at 6:30 p.m.
Talk Open to Everyone at 7:30 p.m.

Our previous location in Woodbridge has closed, so the March 26th Theology on Tap will be held in the Parish Center Dining Facility with beer, wine and hors d'oeuvres available. Our speaker will be *Katie B. Sullivan, Executive Director of Franciscan Volunteer Ministry.*

2018 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA)
Living in Faith~Giving in Gratitude

The BLA is in full swing and we ask every household in our parish to support this appeal. You may make a pledge or gift online at: www.arlingtondiocese.org. The BLA funds many programs, services and ministries that serve people in need and furthers the Gospel mission of Jesus Christ in our diocese. Let us join together to do the Lord's work – works that touch the lives and souls of thousands of people. Thank you!



If you would like to make a donation for **Easter Memorial Flowers**, and remember your loved ones in this way please fill out the information on the envelope on the table in the vestibule and drop it in the catch-all slot. These names will be listed in the bulletin during the Easter Season.



Jubilee Celebration

Please join us in celebrating **Fr. John O'Connor's 50th anniversary as a Franciscan Friar on Saturday, May 5th** at the 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass; followed by a reception in the Parish Center.



Communal Reconciliation—will be held on **Wednesday, March 21st, from 7:30 p.m-9:00 p.m.** We trust this will help all who respond to have a sacred encounter with the God of mercy. There will be extra clergy on hand to assist that evening.



Schedule for Holy Week and Easter Sunday
March 25th—April 1st

- March 25 Palm Sunday**
Regular Mass Schedule
- March 28 Wednesday**
7:30-8:30 PM Individual Confession
- March 29 Holy Thursday**
9:00 AM Morning Prayer
7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:30 PM La Cena del Señor en el Gimnasio
- March 30 Good Friday**
9:00 AM Morning Prayer
3:00 PM Musical Meditation on the Stations of the Cross (Presented by all of St. Francis' Choirs and Musicians)
6:00 PM Via Crucis/The Way of the Cross—Church Parking Lot
7:30 PM Liturgy of Good Friday
7:30 PM Liturgy of Good Friday en español en el Gimnasio
- March 31 Holy Saturday**
9:00 AM Morning Prayer / Blessing of Easter foods
Note: No Saturday 5:30 p.m. Mass
8:00 PM Easter Vigil
- April 1 Easter Sunday**
7:30 AM Mass—Church
9:00 AM Mass—Church
9:00 AM Mass—in Parish Center Gym
10:45 AM Mass—Church
10:45 AM Mass—in Parish Center Gym
12:15 PM Mass—Church
12:15 PM Mass—in Parish Center Gym
1:30 PM Misa en Español

Note: No 5:30 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday

Confession Schedule for Lent

Confessions will be heard every Wednesday during Lent from **7:30 pm until 8:30 pm.**
In addition to Saturday's from 4—5pm.

For all lectors, ushers, servers, and Eucharistic ministers who wish to serve during Lent, Easter Vigil, and/or Easter Day Masses, the **sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the vestibule.**



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.

- **Items of the Month: Cooking Oil and Salt**
- Pasta
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Tuna

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 requests for dinner items at the Overnight Shelter. With the help of our parishioners, we provided 1,320 meals. **Beginning Saturday, April 7th, our responsibilities will shift to supplying**

breakfast on Saturday mornings as the Winter Shelter program ends. Directions and sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the Church. **For more information, please contact Francia Salguero at francias@st.frcncis.org or 571-572-5862.**

Many Members, One Body; our parish ministry for Catholics who are gay or lesbian, will hold an Easter Potluck on **Thursday, April 5th at 7pm in the Br. Juniper Room.** All parents, friends and family members are cordially invited. **Please R.S.V.P. to Anne Tunney at annetunney@yahoo.com.**



CARE FOR CREATION! Do you have a passion for nature, the outdoors, the earth? Please join the new Care for Creation Ministry **Sunday, March 18 at 10 am in the Brother Juniper room.** EARTH DAY is April 22nd, and we will celebrate by giving away Black Locust tree seedlings to 1,000 families after Masses.



Calling artists of all ages: Create a Care For Creation logo. All entries should be at least 3"x3" in black and white; submit to sfaccm2018@gmail.com by **March 30th.** Please contact **Kathy Radigan, at 703-835-7194, or kathyradigan24@gmail.com for more information.**

Boletín Semanal

Horario de La Semana Santa

Marzo 25 Domingo de Ramos

la Misa de la llegada de Jesucristo a Jerusalén—1:30 p.m. en el Templo.

Marzo 29 Jueves Santo

La Misa de la Última Cena – 7:30 p.m. en el gimnasio.

Marzo 30 Viernes Santo

El Vía Crucis comienza a las 6 p.m. en el frente de la escuela y termina en el gimnasio a las 8 p.m. con La Liturgia de la Pasión de Jesús.

Abril 1 Domingo de Pascua

Misa de la Resurrección a las 1:30 p.m. en el Templo.

Horario de Confesiones Durante el tiempo de

Cuaresma—Las confesiones serán escuchadas todo los miércoles durante la Cuaresma, a partir de las 7:30 pm hasta las 8:30 pm. **En adición a todos los sábados de 4 a 5pm.**

Charlas Bautismales—Las próximas charlas bautismales en español serán el **viernes, abril 13.** 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.**

Despensa de Comida de La Casa de San Francisco:

Gracias a las donaciones de todos nuestros feligreses el Artículo del mes ha sido bien recibido por nuestros clientes. Con sus donaciones podremos continuar ayudando a los más necesitados.

Artículo del mes: Aceite de Cocina y Sal

- Fruta Enlatada
- Espaguetti & Salsa Para Espaguetti
- Crema de maní y mermelada
- Atún Enlatado

Muchas gracias por sus donaciones. Para más información Contactar a la **Señora Salguero al 703-221-6344.**

LAOH Bake Sale: On **Sunday, March 18th,**

The Ladies of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will sponsor a bake sale and an Irish Basket Raffle. Proceeds will benefit St. Francis House and sponsored charities within the Parish. Donated baked goods are appreciated. Please contact **Ginny Murphy at ginmurphy28@gmail.com or 703-203-7933** with any questions about donating baked goods.



Please Pray For All those who are sick: Warren Greaver; Patrick Leo Redmond; Richard Laffman; Aaron Childs; and Scott Evans.

And for those recently deceased: Romeo Sayson (Brother of Estrella Monzon); Bob Anderson (Husband of Julie Anderson).

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.

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

Mar. 18 Sunday RE Session
22 Thursday RE Session

March 25th—April 8th **NO RE, Easter Break.** Classes will resume on April 12th.

ENCOUNTER LENT—Please join our Religious Education community- and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with **CRS Rice Bowls**. Pick up your family's **CRS Rice Bowl** from the RE Office or in the vestibule of the Church. Each RE student and St. Francis of Assisi School student has received a Rice Bowl, but there are plenty more to be filled! **For more information, please go to crsricebowl.org or please contact Marianne Hayes, at recoor@stfrncis.org.**



Please donate small religious items (rosaries, prayer cards, pins, small prayer books, etc.) to Religious Education for incentives for Catechists to use in their classrooms.

Save the Date! VBS will be **June 18th -22nd**. Registration and volunteer forms will be available in April.



First Reconciliation and First Communion Important Dates

First Communion Rehearsal—Friday, April 13th
6:00-6:50pm—Rehearsal for 9:00am Mass—All St. Francis School, RE Homeschool, and SPII students
7:00-7:50pm—Rehearsal for 11:00am Mass—All 2nd grade RE students (Thursday and Sunday)

First Communion – Saturday, April 14th
9:00am Mass—Arrive no later than 8:30 am—All St. Francis School, RE Homeschool, and SPII students
11:00am Mass—Arrive no later than 10:30am—All 2nd grade RE students (Thursday and Sunday)



Baptismal Preparation Class
Our next class will be held on **Sunday, April 8, 2018** 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.**

Confirmation Year II (2018) Important Dates

Questions, please contact **Sheila Noble** at snoble@stfrncis.org

March 18, 2018—Mandatory NET retreat (1:30-7:30pm)
****Please note this is a Sunday and candidates only**

April 27, 2018—Confirmation Rehearsal
6:45pm—St. Francis School, Homeschool, and Sun. 8:45am Sessions
8:00pm—Sun. 10:30am, Thursday, and High School Sessions

April 28, 2018—Confirmation
10:00am—St. Francis School, Homeschool, and Sun. 8:45am Sessions
2:00pm—Sun. 10:30am, Thursday, and High School Sessions

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, March 18th
6:30 PM—8:30 PM
St. Catherine Room
REAL TIME (Youth Group)
All Teens Grades 9-12

Sunday, March 25th
6:30 PM—8:30 PM
St. Catherine Room
REAL LEADERSHIP
Leadership Team Only



Sunday, April 1st
NO REAL EVENTS
EASTER SUNDAY



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

Adult Confirmation classes will begin Tuesday, April 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the Br. Juniper Room, on the church side of campus. This six-week program is for Catholic adults who have already received the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist (First Communion) and would like to complete their initiation with Confirmation. **Please register with Lisa Ostendorf to obtain the paperwork and to reserve a textbook at lostendorf@stfrncis.org or 703-221-3127, ext. 277.**



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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

SATURDAY,	March 17—Lenten Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†William D. Stoddart, III †Cy Kelly Maira Peña
SUNDAY,	March 18—5th Sunday of Lent
7:30 AM	†Arlene Parisi Patrick H. Mooney Cynthia Whetstone
9:00 AM	†Edith Hicks †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik Okomo Family
10:45 AM	†Robert F. Guerrero †Manny Escobar
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy People of the Parish †Solpecio Tornes Misa en español
1:30 PM	
5:30 PM	
MONDAY,	March 19—St. Joseph of Mary
8:45 AM	†Donna Bowman Olds
TUESDAY,	March 20—Lenten Weekday
8:45 AM	†Samuel C. Deitz †Eladio Elomina †Rogelio Aseneta
WEDNESDAY,	March 21—Lenten Weekday
8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
THURSDAY,	March 22—Lenten Weekday
8:45 AM	†Mary Bryant
FRIDAY,	March 23—Lenten Weekday
8:45 AM	†Deborah Barber McNeill †Dominic Costanzo †Bamidele Abogunrin
SATURDAY,	March 24—Lenten Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Cy Kelly †Augustine Carroll Karen-Anne McArthur
	Mass Intentions on Sunday, March 25, 2018
7:30 AM	†Marion and Bill Richmond †Tim Johnson †Eugenio Telson
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Seth Mitcho †Deacon Kenneth Klear
10:45 AM	†Stephen Pischock †Moya Healy †Margaret Slimak
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy †Thomas Deback †Rafaela Lacamba
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Michael Joseph Strati People of the Parish †Clemente and †Maria Nardo

Readings for the Week of March 18, 2018

Monday	2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a
Tuesday	Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30
Wednesday	Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; John 8:31-42
Thursday	Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59
Friday	Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42
Saturday	Ezekiel 37:21-28; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; John 11:45-56
Sunday	Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16; Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1—15:47 or Mark 15:1-39

The **VIRTUS Protecting God's Children** is the adult safe-environment program being offered by the Diocese of Arlington. **The Diocese requires all adult employees and also volunteers who have substantial contact with children to attend the seminar. This includes:**

- ⇒ Vacation Bible School volunteers
- ⇒ Nursery volunteers
- ⇒ Confirmation retreat parent volunteers
- ⇒ School parent volunteers, who chaperone field trips, volunteer in the classroom, etc.
- ⇒ Mommy & Me volunteers
- ⇒ Coaches for all sports
- ⇒ Boy Scout/Girl Scout leaders and assistants (regardless of whether they are parishioners)
- ⇒ Catechists and Assistant Catechists
- ⇒ CYM and MSYM volunteers
- ⇒ All church and school employees

St. Francis of Assisi Parish will host a seminar on



Saturday, April 7th from 10 am—2 pm in the Parish Center Dining Facility (begins promptly at **10 am**). To attend this workshop you must pre-register with your full legal name. The seminar is **limited to 70 people**, but there are a number of seminars offered throughout the Diocese; please check availability on the VIRTUS website.

To register: Go to www.virtus.org and click on the yellow link labeled "Registration" (you may either view a list of sessions or begin the registration process). To register for a specific session, select "Begin the Registration Process". Then, from the pull-down menu, select "Diocese of Arlington, VA". Then follow the online prompts.

Every adult member of the parish is invited to register and attend the workshop—it is our duty as members of this community of faith to be aware of how we can support and protect all children.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank
Montclair Family Restaurant
for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.