

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

Currently our parish has reached **85%** of our goal for the Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). We are very grateful to those who have already supported this year's appeal.



We know that there are families who have not yet made a pledge to the BLA and we are asking for support from every parish household.

There are BLA envelopes in the vestibule of the church that you may fill out and place in the Catch-All slot or bring to the Parish Office or you may go to our parish website ([www.stfrancis.org](http://www.stfrancis.org)), which will take you to the diocesan website, to make a one-time donation or a pledge that can be paid throughout the year.

Please reflect on your blessings and consider joining in support of the BLA. Every pledge is important! Thank you!



Eucharistic Ministers and Altar servers are needed for **Confirmation services on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> (10:00am and 2:00pm)**. Please contact **Sheila Noble at [snoble@stfrancis.org](mailto:snoble@stfrancis.org) if you are available and would like to help. Thank you!!!**



**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.

As we prepare to celebrate Fr. John O'Connor's Golden Anniversary as a friar, we would like to share our memories of his years of ministry as our pastor. A video is being prepared and we need your input! Digital photos can be emailed to Jeanne Mitcho [jcmitcho45@gmail.com](mailto:jcmitcho45@gmail.com). Photos may be dropped off at the parish office. If you would like your photo returned, please write your name and address on the back. The deadline for submission is **April 29th**. Help us make our celebration great!



**Please Pray For** All those who are sick: Diva Camacho; Herb Harmon; Warren Greaver; Patrick Leo Redmond; and Aaron Childs.

**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.

**COME HOME—TAKE ANOTHER LOOK**

If someone you know has been away from the Catholic Church for whatever reason; divorce, birth control, lifestyle, invalid marriage, or any other reason, we encourage you to have them "Take Another Look".

Easter will be a time of great joy as we celebrate the resurrection of the Messiah. But your friend may not be experiencing this joy and feel she/he doesn't belong to this rejoicing church. St. Francis is inviting her/him to "Take Another Look: without feeling pressure or experiencing a "recapture" mentality.

**We will have a short program on three Monday nights: May 14th, May 21st, and June 4th. Each night will begin at 7:30 p.m. and last no more than 2 hours.**

*If your friend has an interest, have them contact Lisa Ostendorf at 703-221-3127, ext. 277 or Joe Mitcho at 703-967-9959 or [jfmitcho44@hotmail.com](mailto:jfmitcho44@hotmail.com). We will send them more detailed information.*

**CARE FOR CREATION and CELEBRATE Earth Day**, on **Sunday April 22nd** by planting a tree seedling. The Care for Creation Committee will be giving away 1,000 Black Locust tree seedlings after Sunday Masses on April 22nd.



It is best to plant the seedling immediately, so that the roots do not dry out. *Please clear a 3'x3' area of all vegetation before planting. Water your baby tree once a week. Your tree will grow up to be 50 feet tall and a foot in diameter. Flowers on this tree are an important nectar source for honey bees, and the honey bees need our help!* Please feel free to take a picture of you and your tree and e-mail it to us at [sfaccm2018@gmail.com](mailto:sfaccm2018@gmail.com).



If you or a family member is in the **hospital or homebound**, please call the parish office if you would like a visit from one of the friars. The hospitals are not permitted to give out the names of patients, so the only way we will know if you are in the hospital is if you or a family member informs us.

**There is a book located in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel** next to the Tabernacle for you to write your own prayers of petition. During the *Prayer of the Faithful* during weekend liturgies, an intercession will call to mind those prayers in a general way. In this manner, the public prayer of the church is bound to the many prayers of the faithful who live in the body of Christ!



## 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: Insect Repellent

- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Tuna

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

### 55+ Ministry Invites You to

Sight and Sound Theatres' Production of *Jesus*  
**Wednesday, April 25th in Lancaster, Pennsylvania**  
**Cost: \$140 per person**



Bluebird Tours of Prince William County is organizing a day trip to Sight and Sound Theatres in Lancaster, Pennsylvania to see the production, *Jesus*. This is an action-packed musical stage adventure that takes you on a

miraculous journey alongside the most famous person to ever walk the earth. The cost includes a ticket to the 11:00 a.m. performance, a buffet luncheon at the Eden Roc Resort and round trip bus fare. Reservations opened on January 26<sup>th</sup> and are by phone only through Bluebird Tours 703-339-0333 until the tour is full. For more information, please visit [www.pwcgov.org/bluebird](http://www.pwcgov.org/bluebird). **The 55+ Ministry will host a post-show discussion on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the St. Catherine Room.**

If you are moving/changing your address, please notify the office so we can keep our records up-to-date. If you are changing your phone number because you are using a cellular phone and/or forgoing your land phone, the office would also like that information. Please call us at 703-221-4044. Thank you.



### 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).

## Boletín Semanal

**Charlas Bautismales**—Las próximas charlas bautismales en español serán el **viernes, mayo 11**. 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: Repelente Para Insectos

- Fruta Enlatada
- Crema de maní y mermelada
- Atún Enlatado

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

**Celebración de Jubileo**—Por favor, únase a nosotros en la **celebración del Fr. John O'Connor en su 50 aniversario como un Fraile Franciscano el sábado 5 de mayo, a las 5:30 p.m.** Misa vespertina; seguido por una recepción en el Centro Parroquial.

**En el Hospital o Enfermo en Casa**—Si usted o un miembro de la familia está en el hospital o en casa enfermo, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial (703-221-4044) o a La Casa de St. Francis (703-221-6344) si desea una visita de uno de los frailes. Los hospitales no están autorizados a revelar los nombres de los pacientes, por lo que la única manera de saber si usted está en el hospital o enfermo en casa, es si usted o un miembro de la familia nos informa.

### Interested in learning about Liberation Theology?

Fr. Joe Nangle, O.F.M. will discuss Liberation Theology with our parishioners going to Peru this summer.

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 All are Invited

**When: 7:30p.m.-9:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 1st**  
**Where: Br. Juniper Room**

Fr. Joseph Nangle, O.F.M. served twelve years as the Co-Director of Franciscan Mission Service. He spent fifteen years as a missionary in Bolivia and Peru and is currently engaged in ministry to the Hispanic community of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Arlington, Virginia. Fr. Joe is also a member of the Assisi Community in Washington, DC, an intentional Catholic community of lay and religious men and women dedicated to a simple life-style and social change.



**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**

- Apr. 15 Sunday RE Session
- 19 Thursday RE Session
- 22 Sunday RE Session
- 26 Thursday RE Session
- 29 Sunday RE Session
  
- May 3 Thursday RE Session
- 6 Sunday RE Session
- 10 **NO RE** Mother's Day Weekend
- 13 **NO RE** Mother's Day Weekend
- 17 **LAST** Thursday RE Session
- 20 **LAST** Sunday RE Session

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



**Confirmation Year II (2018)**  
**Important Dates**

Questions, please contact  
**Sheila Noble at [snoble@stfrncis.org](mailto:snoble@stfrncis.org)**

**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

**Baptismal Preparation Class**

Our next class will be held on **Sunday,**  
**May 13, 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.**



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.

**Votive Candles**

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



St. Francis of Assisi School is seeking  
**Lunchroom Staff and**  
**Substitute Teachers for the**  
**2018-2019 academic year.**

**Our lunchroom staff** oversees lunch and recess for each  
of the three lunches (6-8, K-2 & 3-5).

**Duties include but are not limited to:**

- Monitoring the students during lunch
- Assisting younger students with opening milk cartons,  
food containers, etc.
- Supervising recess
- Tidying up after each lunch (cleaning tables and  
sweeping the floors)

**Hours are Monday—Friday from 10:55AM to 12:55PM.** If  
you are **unable to work Monday-Friday, but able to work**  
**2-3 set days a weeks,** we can certainly accommodate your  
schedule. This is a paid SFAS staff position.

If you are **interested in being on our SFAS Substitute**  
**Teacher list,** please contact the school for an application.  
You are welcome to indicate specific grades and/or core  
subjects that you would like to be considered for when an  
occasion to 'sub' becomes available. This is a paid SFAS  
staff position.

**If you are interested in either of these positions,** you  
must undergo a background check and complete VIRTUS  
training. **Please contact Shari Phillips in the school**  
**office ([phillipss.sfas@gmail.com](mailto:phillipss.sfas@gmail.com) or 703-221-3868)** to  
apply for either position or for any further questions.

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, April 15th**  
6:30 PM—8:30 PM  
St. Catherine Room  
**REAL TIME (Youth Group)**  
All Teens Grades 9-12
- Saturday, April 21st** (Begins at 8:00 PM)  
(Ends at 7:30 AM) **Sunday, April 22nd**  
Parish Center  
**REAL FUN (LOCK-IN)**  
All Teens Grades 9-12
- Sunday, April 29th**  
6:30 PM—8:30 PM  
St. Catherine Room  
**REAL LEADERSHIP**  
Leadership Team Only
- Questions? Please contact Brandon Jubar at**  
**[bjubar@stfrncis.org](mailto:bjubar@stfrncis.org).**



*alleluia*  
**Liturgies For The Week**

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	<b>April 14—Easter Weekday</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation †Paul Krieger †Cy Kelly †John Restante
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 7:30 AM  9:00 AM  10:45 AM  12:15 PM  1:30 PM 5:30 PM	<b>April 15—3rd Sunday of Easter</b> †Eileen Bolen People of the Parish †Mary Mancuso †Celine Nebbia †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Claudina Tornes †Tom Bellino †John Lyons †Clara Kennedy †Michael Slade †Bob Anderson Misa en español †Sebert Guckian †Dan Maris Ethyl Comyns
<b>MONDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>April 16—Easter Weekday</b> †Janet Sarsfield
<b>TUESDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>April 17—Easter Weekday</b> †Mariam Longo
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>April 18—Easter Weekday</b> †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
<b>THURSDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>April 19—Easter Weekday</b> Aidan Zovak
<b>FRIDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>April 20—Easter Weekday</b> †Carole A. Kelley †Bamidele Abogunrin †Manny Escobar
<b>SATURDAY,</b> 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	<b>April 21—St. Anselm</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation †Brian Lamb †Cy Kelly †Rosalie Frazier
<b>Mass Intentions on Sunday, April 22, 2018</b>	
7:30 AM	Lauren Sullivan Graham Sullivan People of the Parish
9:00 AM	†Jean Desdunes †Larry Dreis †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
10:45 AM	†Virginia and †Joseph Wohlers †Laura and †Frank McNierney †Cheryl McNierney
12:15 PM	†Donald Widener †Clara Kennedy †Kathleen Korzeniowski
1:30 PM 5:30 PM	Misa en español †William Ignatuck †Lois Brown †Helga Hoskins

**Readings for the Week of April 15, 2018**

<b>Monday</b>	Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 7:51—8:1a; John 6:30-35
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59
<b>Saturday</b>	Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69
<b>Sunday</b>	Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18




**Hearing Assistance Earphones** are available for those who would like sound amplification. They have been checked and are functioning well. See one of the friars or come to the sacristy before Mass.

# Respect Life Mass

& Rosary with Bishop Michael F. Burbidge

Saturday, April 21 at 9:00am  
Cathedral of St. Thomas More  
Arlington, VA

—  
Rosary to follow in front of the abortion facility  
located at 900 South Washington St.,  
in Falls Church, VA 22046



“Every day is  
Respect Life Day.”

—Bishop Michael F. Burbidge

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