

 **From the Friars**

Congratulations to our young girls and boys who made their First Communion last week! Many thanks to our School and Religious Education faculty for their hard work in preparing these girls and boys for this very special step in their commitments as Catholics and disciples.

This weekend we welcome Fr. David Convertino and Br. Fred Dilger, who will speak at the Masses for the Franciscan Challenge. The Franciscan Challenge is the annual fundraiser for our Franciscan province, Holy Name Province. The funds raised in the Franciscan Challenge will help support our friars in training as well as our retired and infirm friars. I ask that you please be as generous as possible.

On a very different topic; maintenance... We have made a number of repairs and upgrades to our parish facilities and grounds these past few months:

As of this weekend we have added additional handicap parking spaces near the St Catherine room.

We have cleaned and painted the wall outside the Parish Center Dining Room and the wall at the back of the Gymnasium.

Most recently we have installed a drainage system and landscaped the area in back of the school. This should correct the problem of dirt flowing into the parking lot after rain storms.

We have installed surveillance cameras in multiple locations throughout the Parish Facilities.

We will be doing repairs and resurfacing of the pews in the Church this summer. This work is covered under the guarantee.

We continue to replace sections of the Church floor and have recently ordered new tile. Unfortunately the Church floor was not properly installed when the church was built. The wrong adhesive was used. This is causing the floor to "buckle "

We have installed glass doors at the entrance to the Parish Offices. These doors have the effect of stopping the flow of cold air (in the winter) into the reception area of the offices.

We continue to work with the company that installed the new sound system to balance the system and work out the remaining "bugs". We believe we have solved the "popping "noise by replacing a faulty microphone.

If we can find the necessary funds we will install sound panels in the Church to further enhance the quality of the sound system.

Finally we are installing several additional Holy Water Fonts in the Church to make easier access to the Holy Water before and after all the Masses.



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



A special thank you to the Parish from the *Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians* for your "generous" support of our Bake Sale! All proceeds went to Francis House! We are sure the trickle down effect of your generosity will go a long way!

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

Currently our parish has reached **88%** 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), 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!

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

And for those recently deceased: Mary Brough (Mother of Kathleen McClevey).

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.

The **Rosary Guild** meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Please join us **Tuesday, April 24th** 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 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 Francia at 703-221-6344. Thank you for your continuing support!

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

 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 new boxes located on the wall (next to the candles) in the church.**



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.

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.

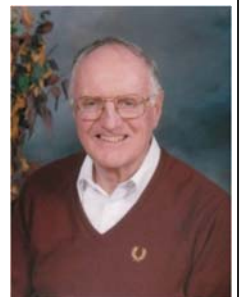
Interested in learning about Liberation Theology?

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

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. 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 18th -22nd. Registration and
volunteer forms will be available in
April.



Confirmation Year II (2018)
Important Dates

Questions, please contact
Sheila Noble at 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.



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.



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 encore
subjects that you would like to be considered for when an
occasion to 'sub' becomes available. This is a paid SFAS
staff position.

Please contact Shari Phillips in the school office
(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!



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

Sunday, May 6th
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@stfrncis.org.

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Liturgies For The Week

SATURDAY,	April 21—St. Anselm
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Brian Lamb †Cy Kelly †Rosalie Frazier
SUNDAY,	April 22—4th Sunday of Easter
7:30 AM	Lauren Sullivan Graham Sullivan People of the Parish †Jean Desdunes †Larry Dreis †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
9:00 AM	†Virginia and †Joseph Wohlers †Laura and †Frank McNierney †Cheryl McNierney
10:45 AM	†Donald Widener †Clara Kennedy †Kathleen Korzeniowski
12:15 PM	Misa en español †William Ignatuck †Lois Brown †Helga Hoskins
1:30 PM	
5:30 PM	
MONDAY,	April 23—Easter Weekday
8:45 AM	†Judy Pigott
TUESDAY,	April 24—Easter Weekday
8:45 AM	†Eleanore Lindsay
WEDNESDAY,	April 25—St. Mark, Evangelist
8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik †Mary Bryant
THURSDAY,	April 26—Easter Weekday
8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
FRIDAY,	April 27—Easter Weekday
8:45 AM	†Irvin Keys †Frances Adams †Nicolas Pena, Jr.
SATURDAY,	April 28—Easter Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†John Shookster †Cy Kelly †Laura Grieco

Mass Intentions on Sunday, April 29, 2018

7:30 AM	Caitlin M. Downs Chris Downs
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Gregory Sanderson †Andy Misenko
10:45 AM	†Teodosia Apacible †Maria-Doan Thi Xuan Jonathan Yabes
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy †Thomas Deback †Timothy Halpin
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	Eva and Dietmar Klueter People of the Parish Jonathan Yabes

Readings for the Week of April 22, 2018

Monday	Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10
Tuesday	Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30
Wednesday	1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20
Thursday	Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20
Friday	Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6
Saturday	Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14
Sunday	Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

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. 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!



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. We will send them more detailed information.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **Meg Czapiewski, Owner, Realtor** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.