



**From
the
Friars**

Many thanks to all who made the celebration of Confirmation such a wonderful experience. We were blessed to have Bishop Burbidge with us for the celebration. He is an excellent presider at the Eucharist and his homilies are brief, well crafted, and to the point. I told the Bishop that I believe it was the first Confirmation that I had ever been a part of that lasted only one hour!

Specific thanks to our School Faculty and Staff, Religious Education Faculty, Faith Formation Staff, Parish Staff, and Darlene Dowdy and her Catering Staff. Thanks also to Nikki Giraldi, Colleen Wells and our Choirs and Musicians. Finally, our gratitude to Jim Mudd, our Parish Photographer.

Congratulations to Fr. Ignatius Harding! Fr. Iggy received the Franciscan Mission Services highest award Friday evening at a reception in Washington DC. Several members of our parish community were in attendance. Fr. Ignatius ministered for some 45 years in Bolivia and was instrumental in creating mission opportunities for young men and women from the United States.

Please note that on Saturday, May 19th we will have a special Multi-Cultural Pentecost Celebration. Details will be forthcoming.

Sincerely,

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

The **Rosary Guild** meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Please join us **Tuesday, May 8th** 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.**



Honor Your Mom with the Gift of Prayer in our Mother's Day Novena

A Novena of Masses will be offered for all Mothers, living and deceased, and will begin on May 13th. **Spiritual Bouquet Cards** are available on the tables in the vestibule. Please drop the inside envelope in the Catch-All Slot in the vestibule or in the parish office **no later than Thursday, May 10th**.



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.**



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.

CAR RAFFLE 2018

All Saints Church (Manassas, VA) has invited us once again to participate in their **5-Car Raffle**. Prizes include five 2018 vehicles from Koons of Manassas (Honda Civic, Buick Encore, GMC Sierra Truck, Honda CRV SUV & Honda Odyssey Van). **One \$5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all five vehicles plus \$20,000 in cash prizes.** An information letter and tickets will be mailed to your home on Monday, May 7, 2018. Thank you in advance for your support of the largest parish fundraiser. **Any questions, please contact Chanel Marquis at 703-221-4044, ext. 222.**



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.

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

- Hamburger Helper
- Cereal

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

**Mission 2018
Vitamin Campaign**



Our Missioners traveling to Peru in June will again be carrying children’s vitamins for the parish medical clinics at Santa Ana and in the Pastoral Zone. The children of the “squatter towns” suffer greatly from the developmental effects of poor nutrition. Children’s vitamins are expensive and hard to obtain in Peru.

This year Fr Tony specifically requested that we bring “gummies” for the very young children.

Our goal is to carry 500lbs / 72,000 gummies with us.

\$9 provides about 320 gummy vitamins

Donations of any amount would be appreciated

Envelopes can be found on the bulletin board on your right as you leave church.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **Mid-County Physical Therapy** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

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

- Hamburger Helper
- Cereal

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

Misa de Pentecostés y Festival Multicultural:



Te invitamos a participar de nuestro Primer Festival Multicultural en nuestra Iglesia St. Francisco de Asís. Ven y comparte con nosotros tu cultura, comida, danzas, trajes típicos y todo lo que te haga sentir orgulloso de tu país.

Fecha: Sábado, Mayo 19, 2018. **Hora Y Lugar:** 5:30pm Misa de Pentecostés en la iglesia, seguido por el festival en el Gimnasio de la parroquia. Para mas información y para ayudar con los preparativos del festival por favor llamar a la señora **Francia Salguero al 703-221-6344**.

Please join the CARE FOR CREATION MINISTRY!

Our next meeting will be on **Sunday, May 20th at 10:00 a.m. in the Br. Juniper Room**. All are welcome to become members. Our activities are member-driven. If you have an idea for a project or event, you can lead it!



For more information, please contact **Kathy Radigan at 703-835-7194, or kathyradigan24@gmail.com**. “There is nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions.” – Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*, no.211. Please try this little action: Avoid using styrofoam at parish and family functions. Styrofoam can rarely be recycled, and it takes up to 500 years to decompose in landfills!

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**.

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

May 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

Religious Education Registration for 2018-19 will begin on **May 6th** for all registered parishioners children grades 1st—8th.

High School Sacramental Preparation Class Registration forms will be available on **May 6th** in the back of the church or online at stfrncis.org.

For more information, please contact the Religious Education Office at 703-221-3127 or recoor@stfrncis.org.

VBS Registration has begun!

VBS will be the week of **June 18th -22nd** from 9AM-12:30PM. VBS is open to all grades Pre-K-6th grade. Many volunteers are needed for this fun week. Please sign-up to be a volunteer! Forms are online at stfrncis.org or in the vestibule of the church. **For more information, please contact Sharon Gardner at gardners.vbs@gmail.com.**

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: Patrick Humphrey; and Barbara Cryan.

Please pray for the following who are serving abroad in harm's way: Matthew Byron; Jonathan Boron; Tyler Jones; Drew; Leo N. Company; S. Defibaugh; Brianna French; James Moore; Kyle McVay; Kyle Traylor; Marc Gendron; and Darryl Saungweme.

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.



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.**



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!



Sunday, May 6th

6:30 PM—8:30 PM

St. Catherine Room

REAL TIME (Youth Group)

All Teens Grades 9-12

Sunday, May 13th

Mother's Day

NO REAL ACTIVITIES

Sunday, May 20th

6:30 PM—8:30 PM

St. Catherine Room

REAL TIME—8TH GRADE WELCOME

All Teens Grade 8-12

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

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Liturgies For The Week

SATURDAY,	May 5—Easter Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Cy Kelly †Adolfo and †Maria Pereira †Bobbie Gernor
SUNDAY,	May 6—6th Sunday of Easter
7:30 AM	†Kyle Murray †Mary Phyllis Shaw
9:00 AM	†Dr. Anthony Mancuso †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Deacon Kenneth Klear
10:45 AM	People of the Parish †Ermalinda Fernandes †Jane Sequeira
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy †James Allan Nicole Isherwood
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Barbara Hurlbert
MONDAY,	May 7—Waster Weekday
8:45 AM	Nicholas Peña, Jr. Teresa Broom
TUESDAY,	May 8—Easter Weekday
8:45 AM	John Scott †Barbara Cryan
WEDNESDAY,	May 9—Easter Weekday
8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
THURSDAY,	May 10—Ascension
8:45 AM	†Phyllis Dumoulin Sarah Ecklund
FRIDAY,	May 11—Easter Weekday
8:45 AM	†George Beck †Florencio Abril Talavera †Julio Rios
SATURDAY,	May 12—Easter Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Paul Krieger †Charles A. Deitz †Cy Kelly
Mass Intentions on Sunday, May 13, 2018	
7:30 AM	†Helen Buckley †Phyllis Dumoulin Mothers Day Novena
9:00 AM	†Esther Jean Matochik †Donna Bowman Olds †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
10:45 AM	†Diem Bui †Hien T. Vu †Duc T. Vu
12:15 PM	†George Beck †Manuela Peña †Clara Kennedy
1:30 PM	People of the Parish
5:30 PM	†Claudina Wright †Effie Caragules †Maria-Doan Thi Xuan

Readings for the Week of May 6, 2018

Monday	Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday	Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11
Wednesday	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; John 16:12-15
Thursday	Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20
Friday	Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23
Saturday	Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28
Sunday	Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23 or Ephesians 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mark 16:15-20



**CALLING ALL YOU IRISH LADIES
By BIRTH OR MARRIAGE**

The Fr. Mychal Judge, O.F.M. Ladies Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians **will be meeting on Monday, May 14, 2018** in the Parish Center Library! We will gather at 6:45 pm. The meeting will last from 7:00-8:00 pm.

Criteria to join this group of ladies? You must be an Irish Catholic female of 16 years of age or older, Irish descent OR married to an Irish gentleman.

Once a part of this Irish Catholic Organization—all we would ask is for you to live our motto of:

"Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity"

Come by and see what is going on within our group! We would enjoy meeting you and having you JOIN us. **For more information or/and if you are eligible and interested in joining, please contact Mary Kay Jones at 540-287-4383 or jonesmk@aol.com.**



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For the least of our brothers and sisters L.A.O.H. will be collecting new or gently used shoes for men, women, and children! There will be two boxes in the vestibule of Church for drop-off. We ask that the shoes be banded together and placed in the box. **For more information, please visit www.soles4souls.org or contact Mary Kay Jones at jonesmk@aol.com or 540-287-4383.**

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