



From  
the  
Friars

Several parishioners have asked me what the Catholic Church has to say about the issue of migrant children being separated from their families. Please see the statement below from the Catholic Bishops:

**MIAMI**—More than 300 Catholic bishops from across the U.S. gathered Wednesday for their Spring Assembly in Fort Lauderdale, where they made a strong political statement against several immigration policies of the Trump administration, CBS Miami reports. A statement, read by Msgr. J. Brian Bransfield on behalf of Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, said the bishops take issue with Attorney General Jeff Sessions' decision to limit asylum seekers who are fleeing domestic abuse or gang violence from trying to stay in the U.S.

"These vulnerable women will now face return to the extreme dangers of domestic violence in their home country. This decision negates decades of precedence that have provided protection to women fleeing domestic violence," Bransfield read.

The bishops also said the Trump administration's policy of separating parents from their children at the U.S.-Mexico border needs to stop.

"Our government has the discretion in our laws to ensure that young children are not separated from their parents and exposed to irreparable harm and trauma," he said. "Families are the foundational element of our society and they must be able to stay together.

"Separating babies from their mothers is not the answer and is immoral," Bransfield said.

After the statement was read, Cardinal DiNardo asked the crowd of bishops: "Brothers, do I have your support for this statement?" Applause rang out.

Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen said in an interview several days ago that it's a matter of law.

"That's why they're separated," she said. "They're breaking the law. They're coming across the border and they're breaking the law. In the United States, if you break the law, you go to jail and you're separated from your family."

Thomas Wenski, the Archbishop of Miami, said the church should urge Catholics to vote for candidates who want fair and humane immigration reform.

"We have to tell our parishioners to call them out and hold them accountable," Wenski said. Wenski said the policies are misguided.

"We have to make America great, as our president says, but we're not going to make America great by making America mean," Wenski added.

One U.S. bishop from Arizona, Edward Weisenburger, had an even stronger suggestion. He suggested any Catholics involved in separating children from their parents might be stripped of their ability to receive the sacraments or possibly be excommunicated from the church.

CBS Miami reached out to a number of South Florida legislators for comment on the bishops' statement. Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman-Schultz responded, saying, "The Catholic Bishops gathered in Fort Lauderdale Speak for the vast majority of Americans who are horrified by President Trump's cruel and immoral immigration policies. Separating children from their parents, and refusing asylum to women seeking refuge from domestic violence is not just dangerous, it is monstrous and inhumane."

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The company that installed the pews will be working on site the week of July 2nd to complete the warranty work on the pews. Because the continuing work includes re-staining the pews, the daily Mass for July 2nd-6th, will be held in the St. Catherine Room.

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

The parish office will  
be closed on  
Wednesday, July 4th  
and  
Thursday, July 5th



in observance of Independence Day.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to the Meriwether, Reece, LaChance, and Wirth families! These parishioners are CASH winners in the 2018 Car Raffle. Our parish has won prizes, including a car, 7 out of the last 8 years! We are very blessed. **Thank you so much for participating in our parish's largest fundraiser.** See you next year!

**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 Sugar**

- Hamburger Helper
- Cereal
- Spaghetti, Pasta, etc.
- Spaghetti Sauce
- **Paper bags and Reusable bags**

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



When did I see You Hungry, Lord? St. Francis has pledged to provide **Saturday breakfasts to the Drop-In Shelter in Woodbridge from April to October and we are in dire need of your help.** Sign-up sheets are available on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

For more information, please contact Francia Salguero at 571-572-5862. Thank you very much for your support!

Sacred idleness nourishes the soul and teaches us the wisdom of doing nothing in particular with purpose. Need help with all that is going on in your life? With all that is keeping you from sacred idleness? Please call Kathy Walker at 703-221-4044, ext. 233 or email [kwalker@stfrncis.org](mailto:kwalker@stfrncis.org) to have a Stephen Minister help you find your way.



**Please Pray For** All those who are sick: Brian Lapinski; Johanna Yoka Ryan; Herb Harmon; Aaron Childs.

**And for those recently deceased:** Alice Tippit (wife of Lester Tippit).

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

**Boletín Semanal**



**Charlas Bautismales**—Las próximas charlas bautismales en español serán el **miercoles, Julio 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: Aceite de Cocina y Azúcar**

- Hamburger Helper
- Cereal
- Espagueti, Pasta, etc.
- Salsa para Espaguetis.
- **Bolsas de Papel y Reusables**

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

**St. Francis VOICE (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement)** is seeking to put together a

team of parishioners to partner with a local PWC elementary school. If you are interested in school issues such as overcrowding, bullying, and school safety, please attend our next core team meeting. We will meet on **Sunday, July 8th, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass, in the Br. Juniper Room.** For more information, please contact Michelle Nicolai at [michnicolai@concast.net](mailto:michnicolai@concast.net).



**Readings for the Week of July 1, 2018**

- Monday** Amos 2:6-10, 13-16; Matthew 8:18-22
- Tuesday** Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29
- Wednesday** Amos 5:14-15, 21-24; Matthew 8:28-34
- Thursday** Amos 7:10-17; Matthew 9:1-8
- Friday** Amos 8:4-6, 9-12; Matthew 9:9-13
- Saturday** Amos 9:11-15; Matthew 9:14-17
- Sunday** Ezekiel 2:2-5; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6



**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.

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.



**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**

Have a Blessed Summer!  
Classes will resume again in September.

Religious Education Registration for 2018-19 began on May 6<sup>th</sup> for all registered parishioners children grades 1st—8th. High School Sacramental Preparation Class Registration forms are available in the back of the church or online at [stfrncis.org](http://stfrncis.org).

For more information, please contact the Religious Education Office at 703-221-3127 or [recoor@stfrncis.org](mailto:recoor@stfrncis.org).

Religious Education is in need of Catechists for the upcoming 2018-19 school year. Training is provided and takes place in August. If you would like to share your faith with the children of the Parish, please contact Marianne Hayes, DRE at 703-221-3127 or [recoor@stfrncis.org](mailto:recoor@stfrncis.org).



**All RE fees are waived for Catechists and Co-Catechists.**



**Spend Your Summer With Saint John Paul the Great!**

Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School is excited to announce that we will be offering several athletic and enrichment camps this Summer for rising 4th - 12th graders! *Camps include Girls Cheerleading, Boys Lacrosse, Boys Football, Intro to Computers, Art, and new this year Camp Quintessential*

which is a leadership camp for rising 4th - 8th graders. For information about registration and all our camp offerings, please visit our website at <http://www.jpthegreat.org/2018/03/2018-summer-camps-announced/>. For any questions, please email [camps@jpthegreat.org](mailto:camps@jpthegreat.org).

**Baptismal Preparation Class**

Our next class will be held on **Sunday, July 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.



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!



**SUMMER 2018**  
Activities will be announced  
As they are scheduled

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Questions? Please contact Brandon Jubar at [bjubar@stfrncis.org](mailto:bjubar@stfrncis.org).

**St. Francis of Assisi School** is currently accepting applications for admission (**Preschool—8<sup>th</sup> Grade**) for the 2018-2019 school year.



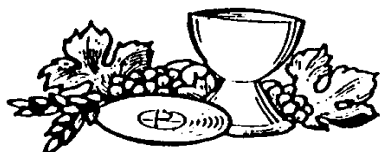
Please visit the school website, [www.stfas.org](http://www.stfas.org), or contact the school office, 703-221-3868 or [phillipss.stfas@gmail.com](mailto:phillipss.stfas@gmail.com), for more information and to schedule a tour of the campus.

Our Kindergarten has always been a full day program with a strong curriculum and a stimulating learning environment. Spanish, Music, PE, Health, Art and Technology are all part of the K through 8 curriculum. Band is offered from grades 4-8 as are sports. All teachers are Virginia certified and assisting teachers have degrees.

**St. Francis of Assisi School Office—Summer Hours**

**July 3rd and 5th**  
(Tuesday and Thursday)—**By Appointment Only**

**July 10th-August 16th**  
(Tuesdays-Thursdays)—**9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**



## Mass Intentions

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	<b>June 30—Weekday</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation †Cy Kelly People of the Parish †Alcira Camacho
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 7:30 AM  9:00 AM  10:45 AM  12:15 PM  1:30 PM 5:30 PM	<b>July 1—13th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> †James E. Hamilton †Marguerite Hamilton †Therese Burroughs †Ben Badami †Nicholas Colletti †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Diem Bui People of the Parish †Clara Kennedy Hazel and Fiona Winston †Janet Logel Misa en español †John Waite
<b>MONDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>July 2—Weekday</b> Sarah Ecklund †James Lee Poland
<b>TUESDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>July 3—St. Thomas, Apostle</b> †Rocco Nuzzo Gretchen May †Ted Geary
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>July 4—Independence Day</b> †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
<b>THURSDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>July 5—Weekday</b> †George Meyer
<b>FRIDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>July 6—Weekday</b>
<b>SATURDAY,</b> 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	<b>July 7—Weekday</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation †Cy Kelly †Anthony Catalano †Gladys L. Berger
<b>Mass Intentions on Sunday, July 8, 2018</b>	
7:30 AM	†Philip Clark †Frank Kovalchik Elizabeth Ryan
9:00 AM	†Deacon Kenneth Klear †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Esther Jean Matochik
10:45 AM	†Eileen Bolen
12:15 PM	†George Beck †Clara Kennedy †Clyde Richardson
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Will MacDonald People of the Parish

The **Rosary Guild** meetings will resume on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. beginning **Tuesday, September 11th**. All are welcome. For more information, please call Otella Creegan at 571-264-0312.



**St. Francis' Cub Scout Pack 1385 and Boy Scout Troop 138** will be marching in this year's **Dale City 4th of July parade at 10 am**. You are invited to come and cheer the Pack and Troop on, or if you are of Cub Scout age (rising 1st-5th graders); or of Boy Scout age (ages 11-17) you are welcome to join the Pack and Troop, and march!



For more information please contact **Chanel Marquis (Membership Chair)** at [awlk2rmberva@yahoo.com](mailto:awlk2rmberva@yahoo.com) or visit our websites at [www.pack1385triangle.scoutlander.com](http://www.pack1385triangle.scoutlander.com) (for Cub Scouts)

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<http://troop138stfrancistriangle.Scoutlander.com> (for Boy Scouts)

# Hello, Dolly!

### URTM Presents *Hello Dolly*: July 17th—22nd

Do not miss the Upper Room Theatre Ministry's production of the beloved Broadway musical, *Hello Dolly!*, July 17th-22nd at the All Saints Performing Arts Center stage in Manassas. Considered one of the great American musicals, this family-friendly Broadway favorite features a cast of delightful characters with a fabulous ensemble and well-loved music backed by a live orchestra. With a record 10 Tony Awards, including Best Musical, it is currently one of the Top 20 all-time longest running shows. Tickets for this enduring treasure are available online at [www.UpperRoomTickets.com](http://www.UpperRoomTickets.com).

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