

From the Friars



One of our best parish celebrations is the annual Fall Festival. This year it will take place on October 7th. Maureen Deutermann who has faithfully coordinated this event for many years will not be able to do so this year because of impending knee surgery.

Friar Henry has generously volunteered to take her place this year. Maureen and Friar Henry will be working together to begin planning for the festival. As in years past we will be looking for additional volunteers to work with the Fall festival committee. More details will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead.

Several have asked as to the status of the proposed Columbarium.

As you know we have received permission from the Bishop to examine the possibility of constructing a Columbarium on parish property. A committee was formed and has had several meetings including two with firms that are in the business of constructing columbiums.

Our next step will be to survey parishioners to determine the level of interest in having such a facility on our parish grounds.

On a very different topic, I am pleased to announce that for the first in several years we have a full class registered for our parish school kindergarten, and a waiting list!

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

Reaching up and reaching out. In this ministry we cannot FIX anything, but we know God can. Stephen Ministers are here to share of themselves. **Please call Kathy Walker at 703-221-4044, ext. 233 or email kwalker@stfrncis.org and allow us to reach out to you!**



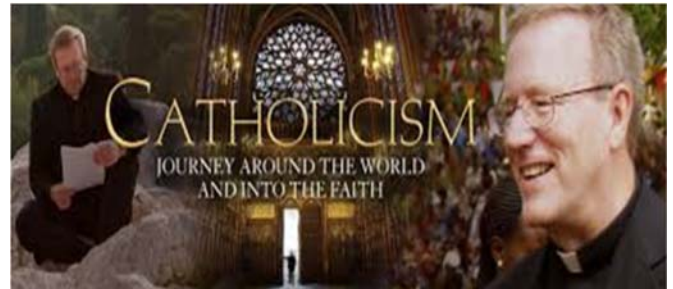
There is a book located in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel next to the Tabernacle for you to write your own prayers of petition. During the *Prayer of the Faithful* during weekend liturgies, an intercession will call to mind those prayers in a general way. In this manner, the public prayer of the church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



St. Francis' Boy Scout Troop 138 will be holding their fourth annual School Supplies Drive. This service project will be to collect much needed school supplies for St. Francis House, during the weekends of **August 4th-5th, 11th-12th, and 18th-19th.** Boxes will be located in the vestibule for your generous contributions of these items (crayons, backpacks, glue sticks, black and white marble composition books, wide-ruled notebook paper, pink erasers, etc.). *This year Virginia's sales tax holiday/tax-free weekend is August 3rd-5th* (<https://www.tax.virginia.gov/virginia-sales-tax-holiday>).

If you are interested in becoming a member of *Boy Scout Troop 138*, please contact **Chanel Marquis at awlk2rmberva@yahoo.com.**

Bishop Barron's Catholicism Series



Join us in the **St. Catherine Room on Wednesdays at 7pm** to view and discuss Bishop Barron's Catholicism series. The sessions do not build upon each other, so please feel free to drop in any Wednesday night that you are in town and available. All are welcome! **Please see the schedule for topics and contact Sheila Noble, at snoble@stfrncis.org, with any questions.**

- July 25th** Lesson Two: *Teachings of Jesus*
- August 1st** Lesson Four: *Mary, the Mother of God*
- August 8th** Lesson Five: *Peter, Paul, and the Missionary Adventure*
- August 15th** Lesson Seven: *The Mystery of the Liturgy and the Eucharist*

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.



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: Toilet Paper

- Canned Vegetables
- 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!

Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce
Event Date: September 7-9, 2018



Come for a greater understanding of the wound of divorce and its effects, for advice concerning love and trust of others, and for an experience of the Catholic faith that will lead to greater self-knowledge and healing. For more info and to register, please visit: www.arlingtondiocese.org/healingretreat.

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

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.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **Mountcastle Turch Funeral Home** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

Boletín Semanal

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: Papel Higiénico

- Vegetales enlatadas
- 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.**

"Everything is related, and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures and which also unites us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river and mother earth".

(Laudato Si', 9)



Please join the CARE FOR CREATION MINISTRY! Our next meeting will be on **Sunday, July 29th, at 10:00 am 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.

Please join us on **Saturday, July 28th at 10:00 am to pick up litter starting in the Parish parking lot,** and traveling to the park next to us, through the woods, and back to the church property. All supplies are provided.

For more information and to sign-up, please contact **Scott Deane at 757-696-7192, or vadeanes@yahoo.com.**

LEAVING IT BETTER THAN YOU FOUND IT



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 6th 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.

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



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

Attention Class of 2018: The Associates of St. John Bosco invites rising college freshmen to attend a College Night at the following parish:

July 25th: St. Mary's in Fredericksburg



College Nights are free to all students and provide resources and support for keeping your Catholic faith when entering college this fall. Catholic student representatives from George Mason, UVA, The University of Mary Washington, William & Mary, Virginia Tech, and other private and public schools will be on hand to share their experiences of being a Catholic college student. This is a great opportunity to network with other Catholic students and to receive resources for the transition to college only a few months away. The Nights begin at 7:00 PM, and students are encouraged to wear their college t-shirt to the event! To register for one of the College Nights and for additional information, please visit our website at www.asjb.org. Registration is limited to 50 students per night.

Baptismal Preparation Class

Our next class will be held on **Sunday, August 12, 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.



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

Please visit the school website, www.stfas.org, or contact the school office, 703-221-3868 or phillipss.sfas@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 10th-August 16th
(Tuesdays-Thursdays)—**9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY,	July 21—Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Cy Kelly †Evelyn Lincourt †Alice Tippit
SUNDAY,	July 22—16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM	Lauren Sullivan Graham Sullivan †Alice Tippit
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathy Morton †Frances Santella
10:45 AM	†Evelyn Lincourt People of the Parish †Martin Kastner
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy John Falck Johnny Farr
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	Marie Cherry
MONDAY,	July 23—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Catherine Moran †Evelyn Lincourt
TUESDAY,	July 24—Weekday
8:45 AM	Emma Berry Betsy Jensen and Family
WEDNESDAY,	July 25—St. James, Apostle
8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik †Paul E. Tekverk
THURSDAY,	July 26—Sts. Joachim and Anne
8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
FRIDAY,	July 27—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Pat Humphrey †Deborah McGrath †Julia and †Joseph Flood
SATURDAY,	July 28—Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†John Shookster †Cy Kelly St. Anthony

Mass Intentions on Sunday, July 29, 2018

7:30 AM	†Anais Adrienne Nall Leroy Barton Donna Barton
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Scott Kujawa
10:45 AM	People of the Parish
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy †Connie Johnson †Raymond Borden
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Guillermo Camacho

Readings for the Week of July 22, 2018

Monday	Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Matthew 12:38-42
Tuesday	Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Matthew 12:46-50
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28
Thursday	Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Matthew 13:10-17
Friday	Jeremiah 3:14-17; Jeremiah 31:10-17, 11-12abcd, 13; Matthew 13:18-23
Saturday	Jeremiah 7:1-11; Matthew 13:24-30
Sunday	2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: As parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, our mission is to LIVE the GOSPEL, celebrating our Franciscan Spirituality in the midst of a diverse and ever-changing global culture.

VISION: We, led by the Spirit of God and blessed with great diversity, will joyfully welcome all people. As a community of faith, with the Sunday Eucharistic celebration as the source of our strength, and inspired by the vision of Saints Francis and Clare,

- ✠ We come together seeking the face of Christ in each individual, respecting the dignity, and affirming the value of each individual.
- ✠ We come together as partners in ministry, reaching out in compassion and justice to people of diverse cultures, the poor, the elderly, the shut-ins, the lonely, single parents, children and young adults, those alienated, and those un-welcomed.
- ✠ We come together embracing and celebrating the gifts of each parishioner. Through God's grace, we are empowered to share these gifts with each other, with our community and with our Church, whether we are at St. Francis for a brief period of time or for the rest of our lives.
- ✠ We come together as a reconciling community, trusting in God *who turns our minds and hearts to thoughts of peace*. We stand as a people committed to seek the kingdom of God where *enemies begin to speak to one another and those who are estranged join hands in friendship*.

In these ways, we strive to *build up the Church*, fulfill the message and mission of Jesus Christ, and to love God and all of God's creation.

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.

If you are moving/changing your address, please notify the Parish 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 Parish Office would also like that information. **Please call us at 703-221-4044. Thank you.**

