 **From the Friars**

We often receive requests from parishioners for a "sponsor letter". A sponsor letter confirms that you are an active, practicing catholic in a parish and have received the appropriate sacraments. In this case St. Francis parish.

In order for me to write such a letter I have to see some indication that the person is indeed active in the parish. If the person is registered and involved in volunteering for parish ministries, it is no problem writing such a letter.

I am aware that of the thousands of parishioners in our parish, most do not get involved in the different ministries for a variety of reasons; not the least of which is time constraints. I fully understand when one cannot get involved. However, it does become a problem writing a 'sponsor letter' when our files indicate that the person is not even registered in the parish.

For us to write the letter, a person has to be registered in the parish for at least three months. Why the time of three months? Because we cannot write that a person has been active in the parish if we have no indication that they have a history of membership in the parish. It would be a dishonest letter.

I have been told that in 2014 a parish census was taken in order to update the parish files. Apparently some parishioners did not respond to the census or census reminders and consequently their names were dropped from our files as the staff assumed that they had either moved out of the area or to a different parish.

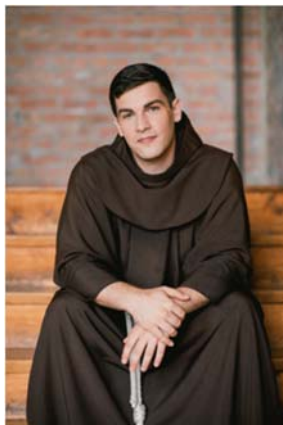
If you did not respond to that 2014 census, I ask that you please contact the Parish Office (703-221-4044, ext. 222) to make sure that you are registered.

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

Parish Mission

Do you want to know where God is calling you to go next? Do you want to grow deeper in your commitment to Christian life?

If so, please join **Br. Casey Cole, O.F.M., on a two-night Parish Mission, on August 12th-13th at 7:00 p.m. (both nights) here at St. Francis Church.** Where he will be presenting two talks, "We Are All Called" and "What Happens After Saying Yes to God."



Br. Casey is a solemnly professed friar from Holy Name Province (New York) studying for the priesthood. He is the author of the blog "Breaking in the Habit," produces YouTube videos about evangelization and catechesis, and recently published his first book, *Called: What Happens After Saying Yes to God.*

**Pray when you feel like worrying.
Give thanks when you feel like complaining.
Keep going when you feel like quitting.**

Please call **Kathy Walker** at **703-221-4044, ext. 233** or email kwalker@stfrncis.org for a Stephen Minister to keep you centered on the positive.



The VIRTUS Protecting God's Children is the adult safe-environment program being offered by the Diocese of Arlington. **The Diocese requires all adult employees and also volunteers who have substantial contact with children to attend the seminar. This includes:**

- ⇒ Vacation Bible School volunteers
- ⇒ Nursery volunteers
- ⇒ Confirmation retreat parent volunteers
- ⇒ School parent volunteers, who chaperone field trips, volunteer in the classroom, etc.
- ⇒ Mommy & Me volunteers
- ⇒ Coaches for all sports
- ⇒ Boy Scout/Girl Scout leaders and assistants (regardless of whether they are parishioners)
- ⇒ Catechists and Assistant Catechists
- ⇒ CYM and MSYM volunteers
- ⇒ All church and school employees

St. Francis of Assisi Parish will host a seminar on Sunday, August 19th from 11 am—3 pm in the Parish Center Dining Facility (begins promptly at 11 am). To attend this workshop you must pre-register with your full legal name. The seminar is limited to 60 people, but there are a number of seminars offered throughout the Diocese; please check availability on the VIRTUS website.



To register: Go to www.virtus.org and click on the yellow link labeled "Registration" (you may either view a list of sessions or begin the registration process). To register for a specific session, select "Begin the Registration Process". Then, from the pull-down menu, select "Diocese of Arlington, VA". Then follow the online prompts.

Every adult member of the parish is invited to register and attend the workshop—it is our duty as members of this community of faith to be aware of how we can support and protect all children.

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.



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.**

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!

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Remember...

1st Annual Missing Children's Awareness Day



Serving Families and Children of the Washington, DC Metropolitan Community, as well as Families and Children Nationally.

Saturday, August 4, 2018

1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Springfield Town Center

6500 Springfield Mall

Springfield, VA 22150

Bring your teenage children to this family-friendly FREE EVENT. Awareness, prevention measures, workshops, open forums, and much more! Free pizza, ice cream, and snacks.

For more information, please visit www.notarunaway.org or call 202-800-9004.

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.**



Catholic women over 40: Register now for the Future with Hope women's conference on **October 12-13, 2018**, at St. Agnes Church in Arlington, VA! Speakers include Mary Elizabeth Sperry, author of *Making Room for God: Decluttering and the Spiritual Life*; Maria Suarez Hamm, former executive director of Centro Tepeyac; Alejandra Segura, a children's rights advocate; Catholic blogger Anthony DeCristofaro; and Virginia Storytelling Alliance member Erin Benbennick.

\$159, July 1st-Labor Day
\$175, thereafter.

Learn more at www.futurewithhopewomen.com or email info@futurewithhopewomen.com. Sponsors include the Arlington Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and Joyful Spirit Gifts.

For media inquiries only, please contact: **Melanie Rigney**—melanie@rejoicebeglad.com or 703-863-3940.

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

And for those recently deceased: Rosario Roque (Aunt of Luchie Paredes).

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
Precision Painting and Powerwashing
for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

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.

MY COKE GIVES PROGRAM



Turn Coke product caps into cash for St. Francis School! Look for My Coke Rewards stamps on individual and multi-pack products of Coke, Sprite, Dasani, Powerade, Minute Maid, Fanta, Barq's, Fresca, Mr. Pibb, Mello Yello, Fuze, Seagram's Ginger Ale, and Tab. Simply bag the caps and bring them to the school. We will take it from there. For more information, please contact William Sharp at 571-408-5213 or youcandance5678@yahoo.com. God bless!



If you are moving/changing your address, please notify the Parish Office so we can keep our records up-to-date. Change forms are also available on the tables in the vestibule, from the Parish Office, or from the parish website www.stfrncis.org. 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, ext. 222. Thank you.

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 28—Weekday
 4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:30 PM †John Shookster
 †Cy Kelly
 St. Anthony

SUNDAY, July 29—17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 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
 †Loretta Y. Beaudin
 12:15 PM †Clara Kennedy
 †Connie Johnson
 †Raymond Borden
 1:30 PM Misa en español
 5:30 PM †Guillermo Camacho
 †Hermilo Paredes
 †Rosario Roque

MONDAY, July 30—Weekday
 8:45 AM †Luke Brennan
 †Marie and †William Vogts
 †Marie and †Alred Vogts

TUESDAY, July 31—St. Ignatius of Loyola
 8:45 AM †David and †Lynne Teodosio
 †Potenciano Principe

WEDNESDAY, August 1—St. Alphonsus Liguori
 8:45 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
 †Kathryn Gonsorcik

THURSDAY, August 2—Weekday
 8:45 AM Ethan Allred and Family
 †Frances Santella

FRIDAY, August 3—Weekday
 8:45 AM Mark and Jerri Teodosio

SATURDAY, August 4—St. John Vianney
 4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:30 PM †Cy Kelly
 †Alice Tippit
 St. Jude

Mass Intentions on Sunday, August 5, 2018

7:30 AM †Frank Osak
 Cynthia L. Whetstone
 Erin M. Mooney

9:00 AM †Deacon Kenneth Klear
 †Nancy Krebs
 †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik

10:45 AM †Diem Bui
 †Laura Grieco
 Socorro M. Diaz

12:15 PM †Clara Kennedy
 Hitchcock Family
 †Patrick Wengel

1:30 PM Misa en español
 5:30 PM People of the Parish

Readings for the Week of July 29, 2018

Monday Jeremiah 13:1-11;
 Deuteronomy 32:18-19, 20, 21;
 Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday Jeremiah 14:17-22; Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21; Matthew 13:44-46

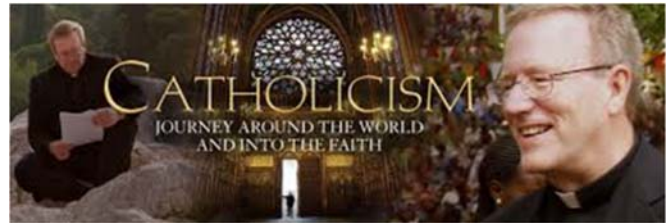
Thursday Jeremiah 18:1-6; Matthew 13:47-53

Friday Jeremiah 26:1-9; Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24; Matthew 14:1-12

Sunday Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15;
 Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35

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.**

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*



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.**