 **From the Friars**

With the advent of Labor Day weekend we celebrate not only the value of honest work but also the semi official end of Summer.

Children return to school, most summer vacations have taken place and we look forward to the year ahead. For a parish September is like the beginning of a new year.

As you review this bulletin in the weeks ahead you will see notices of the various parish programs that will be starting up. There are two in particular that I would like to call your attention to. The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) which begins on Wednesday, September 5th, and the beginning of **Religious Education classes which will take place on Sunday, September 16th.**

If you are thinking about, or interested in becoming Catholic I encourage you to stop by the **RCIA information session on September 5th.**

If you have not yet registered your child for Religious Education classes, please take the opportunity to do so in the next couple of weeks. We are blessed to have great leaders and teachers in our parish R.E. program. I cannot stress enough how important these classes are for your children in their formation in our Catholic faith.

Please note that in addition to the Religious Education program for Children taking place on Sundays, we will also be offering Adult Faith Formation presentations on several Sundays. Future bulletins will have details as to the topics to be presented.

Sincerely,

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

Save the Date, and Please Plan to Help!

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our **11th annual Francis Fest** on **Sunday, October 7th from 1-5pm** on the Parish



Grounds. Great food, activities for all ages, entertainment and comradery guaranteed!

Lots of assistance from parish members is needed to make the festival the great success it has been in past years. If you would like to join our **Planning Committee**, please attend our first team meeting on **Sunday, September 9th at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Center Library.** Unable to join the Planning Committee? Here is what you can do to help:

- **Check your wine cellar for overstock and start perusing your favorite cake/cookie recipes for our Wine/Cake Wheels.** These two events are very popular and help to offset the cost of the festival. Look for further information in upcoming bulletins, but plan to drop off your wine donations the two weekends before the festival. Cakes/baked goods for cake wheel should be dropped off in the Parish Center Foyer the morning of the festival.
- **Volunteer to help for a shift at the festival.** We need set up and clean-up crews as well as assistance for the various activities during the festival. Volunteer sign-up is simple and is done completely online...look for detailed instructions in the bulletin a few weeks before the festival.

Do you get excited when you hear The Word? Would you like to learn to proclaim The Word better? There will be lector training on **September 15th from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Br.**



Juniper Room with practice in the Church for those who desire it. All are welcome as we work to make you a polished speaker. **For information, please call or email Pequette Schwerin at 703-590-8492 or wislady@comcast.net.**

Altar Server Training



Norm Litterini will conduct altar server training on: **Saturday, September 22nd from 3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.**

Rising 3rd graders and older boys and girls are eligible. Please contact Norm Litterini at normredleg@hotmail.com with any questions.

Participate in the International Day of Prayer for Peace



Our Parish will be leading one of the prayers and songs at the International Day of Prayer for Peace at **St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Woodbridge, VA.** On **Sunday, September 23rd** all are invited to attend both the program, which runs from **3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**, and the dinner, immediately following. This is a wonderful opportunity for interfaith unity in prayer.



Our annual Labor Day Picnic will be held on **Monday, September 3rd** at **Locust Shade Park (Lilac Pavilion)** from **11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with a prayer service at 12:00 p.m.** Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided. **A sign-up poster for family food donations will be available in the vestibule.** Please plan to join us for our family day of fun and good food. *The picnic will be held rain or shine. If it must be cancelled due to extreme conditions, the cancellation will be posted on the parish website (www.stfrancis.org).*

The Parish Office will be closed on September 3rd in observance of Labor Day.

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: Laundry Detergent

- Canned Vegetables
- Spaghetti, Pasta, etc.
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Fruit

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



Save the Date St. Francis Inn Philadelphia PA September 10-14, 2018

We are currently forming our mission team to work alongside our sisters and brothers at St. Francis Inn, in Philadelphia, PA. At the Inn, we will live amongst the Friars, religious, lay ministers and Franciscan volunteers as we serve the poor, the homeless, and the marginalized of the Kensington neighborhood in northeast Philadelphia. Please consider joining us as we respond to our call of discipleship standing in solidarity with those who have least in life. **For more information, please contact Desi McGlade, at s.mcglade@verizon.net.**

Summer is the perfect time to make a new friend and share your own spiritual journey. How about inviting your friend to the next **Cursillo encounter on September 13th-16th (women) and September 25th-28th for (men)?** The encounter includes where you see Christ in your life, what you study to increase your relationship and a way to put your faith in action. **For more information, please call or email Pequette Schwerin at 703-590-8492 or wislady@comcast.net.**



Please Pray For All those who are sick: Laurie Coligan; David Tekverk; Herb Harmon; Kathy Miracco; and Aaron Childs.

And for those recently deceased: William Zink (father of Kathy Walker); Terry Traywick; and Marcus Wilson (husband of Jennifer Wilson).

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

Nuestro Picnic anual del Día del Trabajo, que se celebrará el lunes 3 de septiembre en el Parque de Locust Shade (Lilac Pavillion) desde las 11:30 a.m. a 3:00 p.m. con un servicio de oración a las 12:00 p.m., hamburguesas, perros calientes y bebidas serán proporcionadas por la iglesia. En el vestíbulo de la iglesia habrá una cartelera de suscripción para que las familia puedan inscribirse con donaciones de comidas como: fruta, postres, ensaladas etc.. durante el fin de semana del 26 de agosto. Por favor haga planes para unirse a nosotros para un día de diversión y buena comida. El picnic tendrá lugar llueva o brille el sol. Si debe ser cancelado debido a condiciones extremas del clima, la cancelación será publicada en el sitio web de la parroquia (www.stfrncis.org).



Charlas Bautismales—Las próximas charlas bautismales en español serán el **viernes, septiembre 14**. 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: Detergente de Lavar Ropa

- Vegetales enlatados
- Espagueti, Pasta, etc.
- Tuna Enlatada
- Fruta Enlatada

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

Kairos Prison Ministry Asks for Your Support

Kairos is a prison ministry, which involves screened volunteers visiting and interacting with those who are incarcerated. Its purpose is to build a Christian community within a prison. On September 13th-16th, John Cipparone will support the Kairos weekend at Deep Meadows Correctional Center. You can assist him in two ways:

1. **Sign up for Prayer Chain.** Intercessory prayer is powerful for those incarcerated as well as their families. A Prayer Chain is a visible way of showing offenders that people are praying for them. It is done by linking paper strips with people's names who pray, for any amount of time, for them during this weekend. You can sign-up after Masses on September 8th-9th. Please contact **John Cipparone** if you would like to pray for a specific period of time. His contact information is johncip11@verizon.net; home: 703-580-6406; cell: 603-512-9680.
2. **Bake Cookies.** Kairos volunteers bring cookies as a metaphor for abundant love. If this is something you desire to do, please use only the required recipes, due to prison restrictions, that are available on the parish website <http://www.stfrncis.org/prison-ministry/>. Any number of cookies is appreciated and they can be dropped off at the Parish Office up to **September 11th**.

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 starts in Two Weeks on
September 16th!

You can register your child(ren) online at
<http://www.stfrancis.org/welcome-and-introduction/>
Questions? Please call 703-221-3127.




RCIA
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you or someone you know is considering being initiated into the Roman Catholic faith, please make plans to attend our first RCIA meeting on **Wednesday, September 5th at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Catherine Room**. It will be a great opportunity to discover more details about the program and ask questions. To register for RCIA, please go to www.stfrancis.org/becoming-catholic/. For more information, please contact **Friar Henry Fulmer** at friarhenry@stfrancis.org.

RCIA Sponsors Needed

Sponsoring an RCIA Candidate/Catechumen is a unique opportunity to share your faith. If you are a confirmed Catholic and are interested in sharing the journey with an adult seeking full initiation, please contact **Friar Henry Fulmer** at friarhenry@stfrancis.org.

The 55+ Ministry will host a weekly small faith group meeting on **Tuesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in the St. Catherine Room, beginning September 25, 2018**. We will be studying various forms of Catholic prayer. Please register online and purchase your workbook/journal directly from Ascension Press before the first meeting using <https://ascensionpress.com/studies/29759/registrations/new> and contact Lisa Ostendorf with any questions at lostendorf@stfrancis.org.



Baptismal Preparation Class
Our next class will be held on
Sunday, September 9, 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**.

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.stfrancis.org](http://www.stfrancis.org).

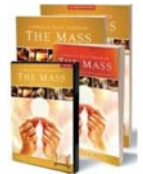
SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank
Kristin Burns, Redwood Realty
for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

Discover Bible Studies for Adults

Sunday Study: "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass"

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in St. Catherine Room
Classes begin September 23, 2018



Monday Study: "The Psalms"

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in St. Catherine Room
Classes begin September 24, 2018

Self-paced Home Studies Available **September 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018:**

"Matthew," "John," "Acts," "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible," "The Psalms," "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass," "Oremus: A Guide to Catholic Prayer".

Please visit www.stfrancis.org/resources for course descriptions and to register for any study, and please contact **Lisa Ostendorf** at lostendorf@stfrancis.org with questions.



CARE FOR CREATION MINISTRY

The Season of Creation is here! Please join Catholics around the world from **September 1st until October 4th**, the Feast of St. Francis, to pray and care for creation. *The 2018 theme is "Walking Together."* Each week in the bulletin, the Care for Creation Ministry will give everyone a way to journey together with our St. Francis community toward better care of our common home.

Let's Walk Together to the grocery store this week by buying and using reusable shopping bags. Approximately 4 trillion plastic bags are used worldwide every year. *Only 1% of plastic bags are returned for recycling. Americans throw away 100 billion bags annually. That is about 307 bags per person!* All that waste can be eliminated by switching to reusable shopping bags.

All are welcome to come to our next Care for **Creation meeting on Sunday, September 9th in the St. Catherine Room**. We will be planning activities for 2018-2019. For more information, please contact **Kathy Radigan** at 703-835-7194, or kathyradigan24@gmail.com.

Let's Talk Faith

Sunday speaker series

September 23, 2018

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Parish Center Dining Facility

On **Sunday, September 23rd** we will kick off our Let's Talk Faith speaker series with a *presentation by Mr. Joe Mitcho on where to look for God*. Let's Talk Faith presentations are monthly opportunities for parishioners to gather and learn about their Catholic faith, while enjoying a cup of coffee and breakfast pastry. *The series compliments the book, Believing in Jesus: A Popular Overview of the Catholic Faith by Leonard Foley, O.F.M., which is available for purchase from Amazon. Each talk is separate, so please plan to attend one or all of them.*

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	September 1—Weekday Sacrament of Reconciliation †William D. Stoddart, III †Michael Joseph Strati †Cy Kelly
SUNDAY, 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:45 AM 12:15 PM 1:30 PM 5:30 PM	September 2—22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time †Robert Earl Williams †Alice Tippit †Jim Castro †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Doug McGrady †Pham Vinh Quang †Diem Bui †Mildred Stearns †Elaine Walz †Donald Widener †Clara Kennedy †Claudina Wright Misa en español People of the Parish †Rev. Raymond J. Kelley
MONDAY, 8:45 AM	September 3—Labor Day †John McCain
TUESDAY, 8:45 AM	September 4—Weekday Gretchen May †Henry Degan †Frank and †Ann Kovalchik
WEDNESDAY, 8:45 AM	September 5—Weekday †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
THURSDAY, 8:45 AM	September 6—Weekday †Mike Dowd †Felicitas Castaneda
FRIDAY, 8:45 AM	September 7—Weekday †Paul Hrabsky, Sr. †Deborah Barber McNeill
SATURDAY, 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	September 8—Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sacrament of Reconciliation †Paul Krieger †Helene Degan †Cy Kelly

Mass Intentions on Sunday, September 9, 2018

7:30 AM	†James E. Hamilton, Jr. †Iris Hamilton †Rhoda Brindle
9:00 AM	†Everett Newman, III †Deacon Kenneth Klear †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
10:45 AM	†Philomena D'Souza †Hugh Murphy George McGrady
12:15 PM	†George Beck †Clara Kennedy †Diane Marie Beck
1:30 PM 5:30 PM	Misa en español †Michael Creegan People of the Parish

Readings for the Week of September 2, 2018

Monday	2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12; Matthew 23:13-22
Tuesday	2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17; Matthew 23:23-26
Wednesday	2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18; Mark 6:17-29
Thursday	1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Matthew 24:42-51
Friday	1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Matthew 25:1-13
Saturday	1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 25:14-30
Sunday	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Ladies
ANCIENT ORDER
OF
HIBERNIANS

Become A Member

**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, September 17, 2018** in the **Parish Center Library!** We will gather at 6:45 p.m. The meeting will last from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

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.**

Marriage Jubilee Mass

Are you celebrating your **Silver or Golden Marriage Jubilee this year?**

Were you married in
1968 or 1993?



Then please contact the parish office to make sure that you are registered for the "2018 Marriage Jubilee Mass." This Mass will be celebrated at **2:30 p.m.** on **October 14th** at the **Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington, VA.** The Parish Office must submit all registrations to the *Office for Family Life* as soon as possible. Registrations forms are available in the vestibule of the Church and on the parish website (www.stfrncis.org). Please contact **Chanel Marquis at cmarquis@stfrncis.org or 703-221-4044, ext. 222** with any questions.

Do not delay. **Registration is due no later than Thursday, September 13th.**