



St. Francis Week

September 30 – October 7, 2018

Oct. 3rd	Transitus Service 7:30pm Church
Oct. 4th	Francis Day (Mass) In the Park 10:00am Locust Shade Park Amphitheater
Oct. 4th	St. Francis School Walk-A-Thon 11:00am Locust Shade Park
Oct. 6th	Blessing of the Animals 12:00 pm Parish Grounds
Oct. 6th	Catholicism: The Pivotal Players Series 'St. Francis of Assisi: The Reformer' 6:30pm Br. Juniper Room
Oct. 7th	Bilingual Mass 12:15 pm Church
Oct. 7th	Francis Fest 1:00pm-5:00pm Parish Grounds



Mark your calendars for our **Annual Chili Cook-Off** to be held on **Saturday, October 27th at 6:30 p.m.** in the **Parish Center Gymnasium!** *This is a fun family event with something for everyone: Children's Halloween Costume Parade and Contest; Pumpkin Carving and Decorating Contest; Kids Activity Zone; and Dessert and Chili Competitions!* **The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family to attend.**

Please return the flyer (which can be found on the parish website www.stfrancis.org) with payment to the **School (Parish Center) office by Wednesday, October 24th** for advance registration. **Walk-ins are welcome on October 27th.**

We are looking for competitors for our Chili, Dessert, and Pumpkin Competitions. *Chili / Dessert drop-off and set-up begins at 5:30 p.m. on October 27th.* Please bring your already decorated and carved pumpkin to the Chili Cook-Off to compete for great prizes!

If you would like to participate and/or volunteer, please visit the SignUpGenius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0844AEA628A75-2018>.

Mass Intentions on Sunday, October 7, 2018

7:30 AM	†Mary Cotton †Harold Cotton †Dominic Ky Ngoc Vu
9:00 AM	†Deacon Kenneth Klear †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Patricia Condron
10:45 AM	†Diem Bui †Aurelio Tumpap
12:15 PM	Bilingual Mass Clara Kennedy Paula E. Parada
1:30 PM	NO MASS
5:30 PM	People of the Parish

Francis Fest: Important Notes!



Our 11th Annual **Francis Fest** is scheduled for **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. Here is what you can do to help:

- **Check your wine cellar for overstock for our Wine Wheel.** Boxes will be in the church foyer for wine drop off the weekend of **9/29-9/30, as well as the weekend of the festival.**
- **Gently used, clean stuffed animals needed for our game prize booth.** Please drop off donations in church foyer, **clearly marked for Francis Fest** the same weekend as mentioned above for wine donations.
- **Cakes/baked goods for our cake wheel should be dropped off in the school foyer the morning of the festival.** Both the cake and wine wheel are two very popular events which help to offset the cost 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.** Please go to bit.ly/francisfest2018 to sign-up.
- **Festival tickets on sale at a discount!** Buy your festival tickets ahead of time and save! Festival tickets will be on sale **9/29-9/30** after all Masses. **Pre-sale tickets are 6/\$5.** The day of the festival tickets will be \$1 each. All events, food and drink at the festival are charged by the ticket, so plan to buy ahead and take advantage of the discount.



As part of our **Annual Francis Fest** on **October 7th**, we will again be having a **55 and Over Craft Show** where you can present your crafts and sell them if you wish. We will provide the space, and ask only if you do choose to sell your craft, that you donate a portion of the profits back to the parish. Each year the show has been more and more successful, and we would like to include even more crafters this year. Please contact **Rosemary Schatz with questions, or to request space at 703-670-2450.** Table space is limited so do not delay to reserve your spot.



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: Dish Soap

- Hamburger Helper
- Spaghetti, Pasta, etc.
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Fruit

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

Angels and Goblins Wanted...Costumes that is!

If you have accumulated unused/used Halloween costumes, please consider donating them to St. Francis House. Please place costumes in the container located in the vestibule of the Church.



Donations needed for The Envoy Nursing Home



St. Francis House is collecting items for the Envoy Nursing Home in Woodbridge, VA. A list of the items needed are as follows: coloring books, markers/crayons/colored pencils, paints, paint brushes, notepads, word searches, pens, pencils, erasers, arts and crafts, card games,

board games, nail polish, nail care kits. Please place your donations in the container located in the vestibule of the Church. For more information, please contact Francia Salguero at 703-221-6344.

Walking Together, Learning Together

In his Encyclical, Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home, Pope Francis says, "I believe that St. Francis is the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically. He is the patron saint of all who study and work in the area of ecology, and he is also much loved by non-Christians. He was particularly concerned for God's creation and for the poor and outcast. He loved, and was deeply loved for his joy, his generous self-giving, his openheartedness. He was a mystic and a pilgrim who lived in simplicity and in wonderful harmony with God, with others, with nature and with himself. He shows us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace."



You can get the text of the encyclical, Laudato Si, online at www.vatican.va. Click on Words of the Holy Father and then Encyclicals. At our Care for Creation monthly meetings, we will start the meeting with a short YouTube video of Fr. Dan Horan's series on Laudato Si, so that we can learn together what it means to care for our common home. Please join the Care for Creation Ministry in the St. Catherine Room on Sunday, October 14th, at 10:00 a.m.

Boletín Semanal

Festival de San Francisco de Asís—Los invitamos a participar del 11 Festival anual de San Francisco de Asís el domingo, octubre 7 de 1pm-5pm en los campos de la iglesia. ¡Tendremos comida, actividades para todas las edades, entretenimiento y mucho más!

Misa Bilingüe—El domingo, octubre 7; día del Festival de San Francisco tendremos una misa bilingüe a las 12:15 PM y después daremos comienzo al festival. **Este día Octubre 7. NO tendremos misa en español**

Charlas Bautismales—Las próximas charlas bautismales en español serán el **viernes, octubre 12**. 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: Jabón de Lavar Los Platos

- Ayudantes de Hamburguesa (Hamburger Helper)
- Espagueti, Pasta, etc.
- Tuna Enlatada
- Fruta Enlatada

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



Queremos ángeles y duendes ...trajes! Si tienes acumulados disfraces de Halloween que ya no usan por favor considere donarlos a la Casa de St. Francisco. Por favor ponga los trajes en el Contenedor en el vestíbulo.

Necesitamos donaciones para el hogar de ancianos Envoy en Woodbridge, VA. Una lista de los artículos que necesitamos son los siguientes: libros para colorear, marcadores, crayones, lápices de colores, pinturas, pinceles, bolígrafos, lápices, borradores, artes y manualidades, juegos de cartas, juegos de mesa, esmaltes de uñas. Por favor coloque sus donaciones en el contenedor en el vestíbulo de la iglesia. **Para obtener más información, póngase en contacto con Francia Salguero al 703-221-6344**



What on earth can you do for Stephen Ministry? More than you know. If you are considering just looking into Stephen Ministry, then you have what it takes. God is calling you. So why not put your doubts aside and inquire as to how you can use your talents and faith to help others. We are waiting for you... **Please call Kathy Walker at 703-221-4044, ext. 233 or email kwalker@stfrancis.org. Classes start October 16th.**

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 2018-2019

- Sep. 30 Sunday RE Session
- Oct. 4 **NO RE—Columbus Day Weekend**
- 7 **NO RE—Columbus Day Weekend**
- 11 Thursday RE Session
- 14 Sunday RE Session
- 18 Thursday RE Session
- 21 Sunday RE Session
- 25 Thursday RE Session
- 28 Sunday RE Session
- Nov. 1 Thursday RE Session
- 4 Sunday RE Session

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, October 7th
FRANCIS FEST
12:00 PM—6:00 PM
SIGN-UP TO HELP
REAL Life
All Teens Grades 9-12

Sunday, October 14th
6:30 PM—8:30 PM
St. Catherine Room
REAL TIME (Youth Group)
All Teens Grades 9-12

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

Companions On Our Journey With Jesus
Holy Family Catholic Church
Dale City, VA
Father Griffin Hall
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

All are invited to attend any or all of the presentations at Holy Family as part of their Journey With Jesus program. This Adult Faith Formation program examines the lives of those who are models for us and companions on our own faith journeys.

- October 7th St. Teresa of Calcutta Fr. Jack O'Hara
- November 4th St. Francis of Assisi Fr. John O'Connor, O.F.M.

Women's Group
Begins Thursday, October 4th
9:15 a.m.— 10:15 a.m.
Parish Center Dining Facility



Women of all ages are invited to join us for food, fellowship and discussion on two Thursday mornings a month, beginning October 4th. **Everyone is asked to pay \$20, and childcare is provided for an additional contribution of \$20 per family.** We will begin this year with the small group study, "What On Earth Am I Here For?" based on the best-selling book, *The Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren. The book and study guide may be purchased through Christianbook.com or Amazon. More information is available on our website www.stfrncis.org/groups or contact **Mary Smith** errolmary@gmail.com 703-201-5681.

Bishop Robert Barron's
CATHOLICISM
THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS

St. Francis of Assisi: The Reformer

Rebuild my Church! Christ's mission to St. Francis is the perennial task of the Church in every age of its life. But how is that reform and renewal accomplished? The radical simplicity of St. Francis' life demonstrates how the foundations of true and lasting reform are to be built on the solid rock that is the witness of the saints.

In this episode of the series *CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players*, Bishop Barron and his team travel to Italy to visit all of the locations that played a significant role in the formation and vocation of St. Francis of Assisi, which in turn formed the life of the Church.

Please join us to continue the celebration of the life of St. Francis and view this episode on **Saturday, October 6th at 6:30pm in the Br. Juniper room!** Please contact **Sheila Noble** at snoble@stfrncis.org with any questions.

Dinner and Symphony Social
Presented by the 55+ Ministry
October 27, 2018



Our 55+ Ministry invites you to enjoy an evening out on **Saturday, October 27th**, beginning with dinner as a group at *Bella Vita Restaurant in Manassas* at 4:30 p.m., followed by a performance from the **Manassas Symphony Orchestra at 7:30 p.m.** Symphony tickets must be purchased on your own through <http://www.manassassymphony.org/> and the performance will take place in the Hylton Performing Arts Center in Manassas, near George Mason. Please reserve your seat for the group dinner in advance by contacting **Pat Koch** at pmkoch01@verizon.net or 609-217-3491.

Please Pray For All those who are sick: Aaron Childs; Herb Harmon; Mary Ashburn; and Randy Ransom.

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.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY,	September 29—Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Clifford Buckley †Cy Kelly †Margaret Potter
SUNDAY,	September 30—26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM	†Felicite Leguerrier †Palmyra C. D. Longuemare †Alice Tippit
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Helen and †George Callaway †Betty Jane Carmack
10:45 AM	People of the Parish †James E. Hamilton, Jr. †Iris Hamilton
12:15 PM	†Donald Widener †Clara Kennedy †Helen and †George Callaway
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Jack Monaghan †Robert D. Umfer †Helen and †George Callaway
MONDAY,	October 1—St. Therese of the Child Jesus
8:45 AM	Karen Dennison Macita Winston †Lois Brown
TUESDAY,	October 2—Guardian Angels
8:45 AM	Gretchen May Special Intention †Emma Schwartz
WEDNESDAY,	October 3—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik †Anthony Catalano
7:30 PM	Transitus
THURSDAY,	October 4—St. Francis of Assisi
8:45 AM	Brian Shurtleff †Geri English Cathie Maris
10:00 AM	Mass in the Park (Locust Shade Amphitheater) †Martha Vierheller †Alice Tippit †Janet Sarsfield
FRIDAY,	October 5—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Barbara Cryan †Joseph Podeswa †Juanita Ablaza
SATURDAY,	October 6—Weekday
12:00 PM	Blessing of the Animals
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Cy Kelly †Alice Tippit †Joseph A. Unetic

Readings for the Week of September 30, 2018

Monday	Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50
Tuesday	Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Matthew 18:1-5, 10
Wednesday	Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Luke 9:57-62
Thursday	Job 19:21-27; Luke 10:1-12
Friday	Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Luke 10:13-16
Saturday	Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10:17-24
Sunday	Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

WANTED: CANDIDATES FOR PASTORAL COUNCIL:



The Pastoral Council of St. Francis of Assisi Parish is seeking to fill 6 seats in an **October 20-21, 2018** Parish-Wide election. The Pastoral Council serves as a collaborative and consultative body to the Pastor as he carries out the mission, vision, and goals of the Parish. The Pastoral Council is comprised of the Pastor, select Parish Staff, and 12 representatives elected from the Parish at large.

The Pastoral Council meets monthly with the Pastor. Members serve a term of 4 years. In October we will elect 6 new members to join the 6 members elected in October 2017. Please consider putting yourself forward as a candidate or encouraging someone you know. Fill out a candidate questionnaire which may be found on the parish website (www.stfrancis.org); in addition, copies are available in the vestibule of the Church. **Completed questionnaires must be returned to the Parish Office by October 1, 2018.** If you are nominating someone other than yourself, please make sure they know and have them fill out the questionnaire.

All nominees will be reviewed by the Pastor and Nominating Committee and ten (10) will be selected for the October 20-21, 2018 election. Thank you in advance for considering yourself or someone you think would be a good candidate.

The Pastoral Council Nominating Committee.



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For the least of our brothers and sisters. **L.A.O.H. (Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians)** will be collecting new or gently used shoes for the men, women, and children impacted by Hurricane Florence! There will be two boxes in the vestibule of Church during the weekends of **9/29-9/30, and 10/6-10/7** 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.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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