

 **From the Friars**

Congratulations to the newest members of our Parish Council: **Jean Allen; Barbara Hammond; Clarence Neason; Angelica Salguero; Dan Sullivan; and Ulli Vaerst.** To those who ran for election but did not get elected, please know of my deepest appreciation for your generosity in putting your name in for election. Hopefully you will be able to help us in leadership in other endeavors here at the Parish.

By now you should have received my letter announcing our yearly Financial Appeal. I would ask that you please be as generous as possible in responding to this year's appeal. Many thanks to those who I have already heard from, who have indicated that they will increase their weekly offering and contribute to the appeal.

This Tuesday is Election Day. Please take the time to stop by your local voting center and vote. There is perhaps nothing more important that one does in a democracy than to cast one's vote. Let us not take our freedom and liberty for granted.

Thanks also to those who attended our annual Chili Cook-Off last Saturday. It was a very enjoyable, and fun evening!

Sincerely,

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

How big is the problem on the scale of one to GOD? Need help figuring it out? Stephen Ministry is here to help! No problem to big or too small. Please call **Kathy Walker at 703-221-4044, ext. 233** or email kwalker@stfrancis.org to get your problems under control!



Thanksgiving Eucharist



There will be a Thanksgiving Eucharist on **Thursday, November 22nd at 8:45 a.m., in the Church.** *Please bring your Thanksgiving food baskets and place them on the steps of the sanctuary.* During this special Liturgy of thankfulness, the food to be eaten around our family table will be blessed, as will our lives of Christian living and witness! Hace unbuen dia de accion de Gracias!


SAVE THE DATE!

Please join us for the annual **Taste of Assisi—Spaghetti Dinner, Silent Auction and Raffle** on **Saturday, November 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center Gymnasium.** *The cost is \$10 per person (ages 12 and up) and \$6 for children ages 3 to 11.* Price includes spaghetti, salad, bread, and beverages. Beer and wine will be available for purchase.




Included among this year's auction items: Gift Certificates, Autographed Books, Art, Jewelry, and so much more!

Thanksgiving 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament!



Attention all athletes ages 8 and up who can dribble and shoot a basketball! Come participate in the Sixth Annual Thanksgiving 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament! **It will start at 9 AM on Saturday, November 24, 2018 in the Parish Center Gym.** Each team of up to four players will be guaranteed at least three games. **It costs \$50 to sponsor a team,** and all proceeds will be donated to St. Francis of Assisi School. We have raised over \$2,000 since our first tournament in 2013!

To register or if you would like further information, please contact **Dr. Ken Dunn** at dunnkd@comcast.net; phone **540-657-9006.**

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR



Our first rehearsal for the St. Francis Children's Christmas Choir takes place this **Sunday, November 4th from 3:15 p.m.—4:30 p.m. in the Church.** Registration forms are available online at <http://www.stfrancis.org/music-ministry-choirs/#childrenchoir> or at the first rehearsal. Questions? Please contact **Colleen Wells** at cwells@stfrancis.org.



Mark Your Calendars for the Annual Festival of Praise!

December 14th at 7:30 p.m.

Enjoy a wonderful evening of Christmas Praise presented by the combined choirs and instrumentalists of the St. Francis Music Ministry, full of music that will stir your heart and leave you feeling joyful!



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: Toothpaste and Shampoo

- Hamburger Helper
- Spaghetti, Pasta, etc.
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Fruit
- Peanut Butter and Jelly

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



Many thanks to all of our parishioners who have responded so generously to our requests for breakfast items at the Bill Mehr Shelter. *With the help of our parishioners we provided 1,520 breakfasts for the Spring and Summer seasons.* **Beginning Saturday, November 3rd, our**

responsibilities will shift to supplying dinner on Saturday evenings to the Overnight Shelter. *Directions and sign-up sheets are located on the table directly below the bulletin board in the vestibule of the Church.* **For more information, please call Francia at 571-572-5862.**



Save the date: **Tuesday, November 6th**, for a **Human Trafficking Seminar "Hidden in Plain Sight"**. This seminar will be presented by Sentara's Forensic Nursing Program at **Sentara Northern VA Medical Center, Hylton Education Center (2300 Opitz Blvd., Woodbridge, VA 22191)** from **6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.**

The St. Francis Anti-Human Trafficking Committee (engaged in action, awareness and advocacy efforts in the fight against human trafficking) will be meeting on **Thursday, November 8th from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.** in the **Parish Center Grade 5 Classroom**. All are welcome!

For more information, please contact

Margie Petrizza at

540-408-2408, margie.petrizza@gmail.com

or

Bob Eves at

703-304-9259, evesrc@verizon.net.

Boletín Semanal

Charlas Bautismales—Las próximas charlas bautismales en español serán el **viernes, noviembre 9**. 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: Crema Dental y Champú

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

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



Muchas gracias a todos nuestros feligreses que han respondido tan generosamente a nuestras peticiones para desayunar en el Albergue de Bill Mehr. Con la ayuda de nuestros

feligreses proporcionamos 1,520 desayunos para la primavera y el verano. A partir del sábado 3 de noviembre, nuestras responsabilidades cambiará a suministrar la cena del sábado por la noche al Albergue de la noche Las direcciones y las hojas de inscripción se encuentran en la tabla directamente debajo del tablón de anuncios en el vestíbulo. **Para más información, por favor llame a Francia al 571-572-5862.**

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.**



Please Pray For

All those who are sick: The Fafs Family; S. Jamorski; D. Mitchell; Mary Ashburn; Christina Lehmeier; Laurie Coligan; Kathy Miracco; Aaron Childs; and Herb Harmon.

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

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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

- Nov. 4 Sunday RE Session
 - 8 **NO RE Veteran's Day Weekend**
 - 11 **NO RE Veteran's Day Weekend**
 - 15 Thursday RE Session
 - 18 Sunday RE Session
 - 22 **NO RE—Happy Thanksgiving**
 - 25 **NO RE—Thanksgiving Day Weekend**
 - 29 Thursday RE Session
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- Dec. 2 Sunday RE Session



If you would like your child to participate in the **Children's Christmas Pageant on December 24th at 3:15pm, before the 4PM Mass in the Church**, please return your completed form to the Religious Education Office or in the Catch-All slot located in the vestibule of

the Church (please label envelope 'RE-Christmas Pageant Registration'). Children that are 4 years of age and up are eligible if they are not in the Christmas Choir. **The Deadline for forms is November 25th. No late registrations will be accepted.** Forms are available at www.stfrncis.org under the RE page. Rehearsals are mandatory. **For more information, please call the RE Office at 703-221-3127 or email recoor@stfrncis.org.**

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, November 4th
6:30 PM—8:30 PM
St. Catherine Room
REAL TIME (Youth Group)
All Teens Grades 9-12

Sunday, November 11th
Veteran's Day Weekend
NO REAL ACTIVITIES

Sunday, November 18th
6:30 PM—8:30 PM
St. Catherine Room
REAL Leadership
Leadership Team ONLY

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

Save the date!! Discovering Christ will be presented at St. Francis of Assisi in January 2019!! Participants in this 7-week series will meet on Thursday evenings **beginning January 3rd and continuing through February 14th** to enjoy dinner and fellowship, listen to a dynamic teaching and join in a small group discussion about the meaning of life in Jesus Christ. There will be a retreat day on **Saturday, February 2nd**. *The cost for registration for this event is \$25 per person and all meals are included.* **For more information, please contact Sheila Noble at 703-221-3127, ext. 238 or snoble@stfrncis.org.**



Let's Talk Faith



Sunday speaker series
November 18, 2018
10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Parish Center Dining Facility

On **Sunday, November 18th** our Let's Talk Faith speaker series continues with a *presentation by Fr. John O'Connor on how we can experience visible signs of God's love through the sacraments.* 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.

If you or a family member is in the **hospital or homebound**, please call the Parish Office if you would like a visit from one of the friars. The hospitals are not permitted to give out the names of patients, so the only way we will know if you are in the hospital is if you or a family member informs us.



Baptismal Preparation Class



Our next class will be held on **Sunday, November 11, 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.**



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, November 3—Weekday
 4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:30 PM †Joe Powers
 †Cy Kelly
 †Eileen McManus

SUNDAY, November 4—31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM †Joseph Hoa Vu
 †Terry John Vieire
 †Christopher Fetera
 9:00 AM †Patricia McCormack
 †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
 †George and †June Phillips
 10:45 AM All Souls Novena
 †Diem Bui
 †Oscar Roy Villarreal
 12:15 PM †James Allen
 †Clara Kennedy
 †Leo Maruschak, Jr.
 1:30 PM Misa en español
 5:30 PM †Trevor Noonan
 People of the Parish

MONDAY, November 5—Weekday
 8:45 AM All Souls Novena

TUESDAY, November 6—Weekday
 8:45 AM Gretchen May
 Special Intention
 Sarah Ecklund

WEDNESDAY, November 7—Weekday
 8:45 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
 †Kathryn Gonsorcik

THURSDAY, November 8—Weekday
 8:45 AM All Souls Novena

FRIDAY, November 9—Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome
 8:45 AM †Janet Sarsfield

SATURDAY, November 10—St. Leo the Great
 4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:30 PM †Paul Krieger
 †Cy Kelly
 †Joe Powers

Readings for the Week of November 4, 2018

Monday Philippians 2:1-4; Luke 14:12-14
Tuesday Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 14:15-24
Wednesday Philippians 2:12-18; Luke 14:25-33
Thursday Philippians 3:3-8a; Luke 15:1-10
Friday Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12;
 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17;
 John 2:13-22
Saturday Philippians 4:10-19; Luke 16:9-15
Sunday 1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28;
 Mark 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Mass Intentions on Sunday, November 11, 2018

7:30 AM †M.C. Otto Christofferson
 †William Zink
 †Alice Tippit
 9:00 AM †Marion Yesko
 †Deacon Kenneth Klear
 †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
 10:45 AM †Bob Kiah
 People of the Parish
 †Marge Jano
 12:15 PM †George Beck
 †Clara Kennedy
 †Mercedes Gladbach
 1:30 PM Misa en español
 5:30 PM All Souls Novena
 †Severo and †Virginia Miravalles
 †James Kubasiak

The Virginia Attorney General

announced on October 24th that he will be investigating allegations of sexual abuse of minors by clergy as well as how allegations of abuse have been handled by Church leaders throughout the Commonwealth. Our Bishop and Bishop Knestout of the Diocese of Richmond recently published a statement addressing the investigation. On the diocesan website you will find resources as well as detailed answers to frequently asked questions regarding the critical issues we are facing within our Church. Lastly, on October 26th, Bishop Burbidge published an episode of The Walk Humbly Podcast, during which he directly addresses the investigation and some of the questions he has received. All these resources are available at:



ArlingtonDiocese.org/ChildProtection

In addition to fervent prayer for all victims of sexual abuse, please also offer your prayers that the Church will be purified and made stronger by recommitting to greater accountability and continuing to work for the good of God's people.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank
Hair and Nail Designer's
 for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

JP5K & Fun Run

Timed 5K course or a 1/2 mile Fun Run! Activities for Kids! Pancake Breakfast!



St. John Paul the Great Catholic High School's annual 5K and Fun Run will take place at our beautiful campus on **Saturday,**

November 10th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. There will be both a timed 5K and a fun run, followed by a pancake breakfast. Please join us for this family-friendly event. All proceeds benefit our special education inclusion programs. To sign up: runsignup.com/jp5Krunwalkforoptions.