



Please see below the summary of the meeting our parish leaders had with Bishop Burbidge. It was a Listening Session concerning the current sexual abuse crisis in the Church. Our representatives said it was a very positive experience. It should be noted only lay leaders of parishes, no clergy, were invited to participate.

-Session started on time and was well run with a facilitator establishing ground rules (2 minutes speaking time; respect for speakers; no hidden / off topic agendas, etc.).

-In addition to the victims, the "people in the pews" deserve an apology. Bishop Burbidge agreed.

-The Diocese of Arlington is an independent unit; its resources cannot be tapped for other diocese's liabilities or by the Vatican for liabilities.

-The Diocese of Arlington has insurance coverage for sexual misconduct; the coverage is on a claims made basis (versus occurrence basis), has high excess limits, and has "tail" coverage for past acts.

-Post-2002 Dallas Charter, all allegations are turned over to authorities and investigated, even if the victim/family does not want to make a scene.

-Diocese of Arlington already began the review of files before the recent announcement by the Virginia Attorney General of its investigation; this is essentially the third review.

-Reforms post-2002 Dallas Charter appear to be working; incidence is down.

-When allegations are made, priests are administratively removed from ministry pending results of investigation.

-Past problems are partly attributable to seminaries doing a poor job of "human formation" versus "spiritual formation" etc.; Pope John Paul II emphasized that "human formation" comes first.

-Diocese has 45 men in formation; Bishop Burbidge has open and frank discussions about sexual abuse with them; Bishop Burbidge wants to hear directly from them if there are concerns.

-Perpetrators deserve our forgiveness (per parishioner from other parish); Bishop Burbidge agrees; it is the Gospel message, even though tough in this circumstance.

-Priests with credible accusations are either laicized (Vatican has made the process easier) or live out their priesthood in prayer and penance.

-The Virginia list of priests with credible accusations will include deceased priests; sometimes victims will not step forward until seeing priest publicly accused.

Sincerely,

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



**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!



**St. Francis of Assisi Elementary, Middle and Preschool** will host a **Discover Catholic Schools Week Open House** for new families on **Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.** Please plan to join us for a tour of our school and to meet our wonderful teachers. For admission questions please call the school office at **703-221-3868** or visit our website [www.stfas.org](http://www.stfas.org).



*Please tear-off and return. Envelopes are provided and located in the vestibule of the church.*

**2018 St. Francis Parish Appeal**

**Parishioner Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

• Yes, I/we will make a one time gift (enclosed amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_)

OR

• Yes, I/we will make an annual pledge in the amount of:

\_\_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_\_ \$750 \_\_\_\_ \$1,000 \_\_\_\_ \$1,500 \_\_\_\_ Other Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## 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: Toilet Paper/Paper Towels

- 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.* **As of last**



**Saturday, November 3rd, our responsibilities shifted 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.**



### CARE FOR CREATION CARE FOR THE POOR

All are invited to join the Care for Creation Ministry on **Sunday, November 18th at 10:00 am in the St Catherine**

**Room.** We will begin the meeting by watching video 4, "Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor," of Fr. Dan Horan's series on Understanding Laudato Si (<https://youtu.be/8LloARnNUPE>).

Take time this week to unplug for just one day, or even just one hour from your phone, tv, computer, and the internet. Take a walk, visit a friend, or have fun with your family. Pope Francis reminds us, "When media and the digital world become omnipresent, their influence can stop people from learning how to live wisely, to think deeply and to love generously." (#47, Laudato Si).

Please join us for our **First Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service** being held on **Tuesday, November 20th at St. Francis of Assisi Parish at 7:00 p.m.** with a *Reception immediately following the Service.* The following Communities will be participating: Congregation Ner Shalom; Dar Alnoor Islamic Community Center; Masroor Mosque; St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; and St. Francis of Assisi.



### SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank  
**Lupi Orthodontics**  
for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

## Boletín Semanal

**Charlas Bautismales**—Las próximas charlas bautismales en español serán el **viernes, diciembre 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: Papel Higiénico/Papel Toalla

- 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.**

### Mission 2019

**Join St. Francis Parishioners in June 2019 on a journey to our Sister Parishes in Lima, Peru.**

**Departs Saturday, June 22nd  
Returns Monday, July 1st**



- Applications and **deposit of \$100** now being accepted. The final date for receipt of applications is **January 31, 2019.**
- Fee includes airfare, lodging, most meals and local transportation.
- Full payment (**\$1,750**) is due by **January 31, 2019**
- Applications are available on line at (<http://www.stfrncis.org/sister-parish-in-peru/>) and next to the Sister Parish section of the church bulletin board.

### Questions? Please call:

Sharon or Terry Danner at 703-680-0860  
[terrydanner@verizon.net](mailto:terrydanner@verizon.net)  
or  
Chuck O'Hern at 910-795-6203  
[Charles.ohern@usmc.mil](mailto:Charles.ohern@usmc.mil)

**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. 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
- Dec. 2 Sunday RE Session



If you would like your child to participate in the **Children's Christmas Pageant on December 24<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:recoor@stfrncis.org).**

**Religious Education** is in need of Catechists for the 8:45AM Sunday Session because two additional classes needed to be added to that session. Also, substitutes are needed for all sessions. Please contact **Marianne Hayes** in the Religious Education Office at [recoor@stfrncis.org](mailto:recoor@stfrncis.org) or 703-221-3127, ext. 236, if you can help.

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 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



**Sunday, November 25th**  
Thanksgiving Weekend  
**NO REAL ACTIVITIES**

Questions? Please contact **Brandon Jubar** at [bjubar@stfrncis.org](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> and continuing through February 14<sup>th</sup>** 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 2<sup>nd</sup>**. *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](mailto: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.

**Mass Intentions on Sunday, November 18, 2018**

- 7:30 AM †Arlene Parisi  
People of the Parish  
†Alice Tippit
- 9:00 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik  
†Francis J. Nowaczyk, Sr.  
†John J. Jordan, Jr.
- 10:45 AM †Madeline Wilson  
In Thanksgiving  
†Karis McBride
- 12:15 PM †Clara Kennedy  
†Georgette Keener  
†Phyllis Ponce
- 1:30 PM Misa en español
- 5:30 PM †Margarite Alb  
†Joseph DeLash  
All Souls Novena

**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.

**And for those recently deceased:** Michael Wesley (son of Patrick and Linda Wesley; and Joseph Mele (husband of Ileana Mele).

**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.



# Mass Intentions

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	<b>November 10—St. Leo the Great</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation †Paul Krieger †Cy Kelly †Joe Powers
<b>SUNDAY,</b>  7:30 AM  9:00 AM  10:45 AM  12:15 PM  1:30 PM 5:30 PM	<b>November 11—32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> †M.C. Otto Christofferson †William Zink †Alice Tippit †Marion Yesko †Deacon Kenneth Klear †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Bob Kiah Noah Hammand †Marge Jano †George Beck †Clara Kennedy †Mercedes Gladbach People of the Parish All Souls Novena †Severo and †Virginia Miravalles †James Kubasiak
<b>MONDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>November 12—St. Josphat</b> All Souls In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph †Chuck Eiwen
<b>TUESDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>November 13—St. Frances Xavier Cabrini</b> John Scott †Robert Louis Lorenzo All Souls
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>November 14—Weekday</b> †Elizabeth O. Brown †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
<b>THURSDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>November 15—Weekday</b> †Lourdes A. Aseneta †Clifford 'Tony' Coder All Souls
<b>FRIDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>November 16—Weekday</b> †Harry Ravert †Jay Sign In Thanksgiving
<b>SATURDAY,</b> 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	<b>November 17—St. Elizabeth of Hungary</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation All Souls Novena †Evangelista and †Loretta Foglietta †Cy Kelly

**Please Note: The Mass Intention book for 2019** will open on **Friday, December 14, 2018.**

To schedule a Mass you may come in or call the office. We also have envelopes located on the tables in the vestibule. Just drop the envelope in the catch-all slot. **We will be taking 3 intentions per Mass.**

## Readings for the Week of November 11, 2018

<b>Monday</b>	Titus 1:1-9; Luke 17:1-6
<b>Tuesday</b>	Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Luke 17:7-10
<b>Wednesday</b>	Titus 3:1-7; Luke 17:11-19
<b>Thursday</b>	Philemon 7-20; Luke 17:20-25
<b>Friday</b>	2 John 4-9; Luke 17:26-37
<b>Saturday</b>	3 John 5-8; Luke 18:1-8
<b>Sunday</b>	Daniel; 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32

### 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, November 12, 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](mailto:jonesmk@aol.com).**



### Fallen Heroes interred at Quantico National Cemetery

The Quantico Wreath Project, conducted annually by the **SGT MAC FOUNDATION**, will be supported again in 2018 by the **Knights of Columbus** with assistance from the **Columbiettes**. Fundraising at

St. Francis of Assisi Parish will take place during the weekends of **November 10th-11th, 17th-18th, and 24th-25th**. On Saturday, **December 1st**, volunteers will place **wreaths on the graves at Quantico National Cemetery**. All of the wreaths used to decorate the graves of our fallen heroes are purchased with donated funds (**\$10 for each wreath**). Each year we have been able to raise more money and decorate more graves. **Last year we decorated 11,400 graves and this year we hope to be able to decorate the 14,500.** Representatives from the Knights and the Columbiettes will accept donations at a table on the center circle after each Mass on the fundraising weekends. Checks will be accepted and should be made payable to the **SGT MAC FOUNDATION**.

### 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! Hacc unbuena dia de accion de Gracias!