



# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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## **EUCCHARIST**

Saturday Vigil - 5:30 PM

Sunday - 7:30 AM; 9:00 AM; 10:45 AM; 12:15 PM; 5:30 PM

@ 10:45 AM—Family Liturgy

1:30 PM - Español

Monday - Friday - 8:45 AM

## **BAPTISM**

Baptismal preparation is required of all parents who have not attended a class within the last three years prior to the celebration of baptism. Please call the parish office.

## **RECONCILIATION**

Saturday: 4:00—5:00 PM and by appointment  
 (English and Spanish)

## **MARRIAGE**

Arrangements are made with the parish office.

## **VISITS TO AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Inform the office when someone needs a visit from a Communion Minister or one of the Friars.

## **PARISH MEMBERSHIP**

To register in the parish, please fill out a registration form found in the vestibule, at the parish office, or on the Parish website, and return it to the office.

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

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**From the Friars**

When a highway has been improved one often sees a sign that says, "Your tax dollars at work!"

Below is a description of your "collection dollars" at work!

Our parking lots and driveways had a number of cracks in the pavement, as well as several potholes. We had the cracks and potholes repaired, with some additional work to be done. The entire asphalt surface was resealed, which will extend the lifespan of the pavement.

Additionally we repaired sections of the concrete sidewalks at the entrance to the Parish Offices and at the walkways between the Church and Parish Center.

One consequence of this work is that you will no longer have to walk through "puddles" when going from the Church to the Parish Center.

We replaced the air conditioning units for the office wing, and were able to make adjustments to the air conditioning system for the Parish Center, and the Church. This will extend the life of those units.

The floors of the Parish Center were cleaned and waxed, and several of the walls were painted. The Gym floor also received its yearly sanding and recoating.

Deferred maintenance is the "bane" of any institution, and it is my policy not to defer maintenance, if at all possible.

What was done this summer will save us tens of thousands of dollars in the long run.

I thank you again for your generosity.

Sincerely,

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

## Immigration and the Catholic Response

### What does the Church Teach?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "The more prosperous nations are obliged, to the extent they are able, to welcome the foreigner in search of the security and the means of livelihood which he cannot find in his country of origin.... Immigrants are obliged to respect with gratitude the material and spiritual heritage of the country that receives them, to obey its laws and to assist in carrying civic burdens". Not every individual American is prosperous, but our nation is indeed among the most prosperous in the world, and so we are called not to keep our blessings to ourselves, but to share our goods with our brothers and sisters.

### From the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:

*"The Catholic Church in the United States is an immigrant Church with a long history of embracing diverse newcomers and providing assistance and pastoral care to immigrants, migrants, refugees, and people on the move. Our Church has responded to Christ's call for us to 'welcome the stranger among us', for in this encounter with the immigrant, the migrant, and the refugee in our midst, we encounter Christ."*

### To read the entire document, use the following link:

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/cultural-diversity/pastoral-care-of-migrants-refugees-and-travelers/resources/welcoming-the-stranger-among-us-unity-in-diversity.cfm>

*In 2003, the Bishops of the United States, together with the Bishops of Mexico, in the pastoral statement, "Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope" / "Juntos en el Camino de la Esperanza Ya no Somos Extranjeros" acknowledged that the current immigration system is badly in need of reform and offered a comprehensive set of recommendations for changing U.S. laws and policies to bring about a more humane and just immigration system in the United States.*

### To read the entire document, use the following link:

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/immigration/strangers-no-longer-together-on-the-journey-of-hope.cfm>



Our annual Labor Day Picnic will be held on **Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>** 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 on the weekends of August 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.** 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](http://www.stfrancis.org)).*

**Beauty is in the way you hold yourself.** It is how you treat people. The way you love. It is self-acceptance. Beauty is in your soul. Stephen Ministry is looking for beautiful souls to come into the ministry. Please e-mail **Kathy Walker** at [kwalker@stfrancis.org](mailto:kwalker@stfrancis.org) for more information on how you can become a part of this caring and empathetic group. **Formation starts in September.**





## St. Francis House Corner

Thanks for 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 who are in need.

### Item of the Month: Toilet Paper

- Spaghetti and Pasta
- Tuna

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

### Freedom Sunday

St. Francis of Assisi's Anti-Human Trafficking Committee (AHTC) in collaboration with the Secular Franciscan Fraternity is inviting you to **SAVE THE DATE. Sunday, September 22, 2019, "FREEDOM SUNDAY"** in support of IJM (International Justice Mission [www.ijm.org](http://www.ijm.org)) and their efforts to combat Human Trafficking by becoming a Freedom Partner. Our AHTC will host both video and live presentations that day with details on how to become a Freedom Partner.

As a Franciscan Mission and in support of Catholic Social Teaching, St. Francis of Assisi Parish's Anti-Human Trafficking Committee (AHTC) seeks to engage with the local, national, and international communities to leverage its resources by partnering with those organizations involved in action and advocacy for supporting victims, promoting justice, and bringing awareness to the issue of modern day slavery as a means of education and prevention.

The USCCB states Catholic social teaching proclaims the dignity of the human person and the sanctity of all human life. Each person is made in the image of God, is loved immeasurably by Him, and has inherent worth. Every person is precious, people are more important than possessions, and the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person. Because every life is a gift from God and is sacred, it deserves to be protected and nurtured; we each have a responsibility to fight against the violation and degradation of our brothers and sisters.

Papal teaching prioritizes efforts to eradicate human trafficking. All three of the Church's most recent papal leaders, Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis, have publicly decried trafficking in persons, calling for its eradication and for the protection of survivors.

If you are interested in finding out more about our committee, we meet the *first Thursday of each month from 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.* Please contact **Margie Petrizza at [Margie.petrizza@gmail.com](mailto:Margie.petrizza@gmail.com) or Bob Eves at [evesrc@verizon.net](mailto:evesrc@verizon.net).**



## Boletín Semanal

**Charlas Bautismales**—Las próximas charlas bautismales en español serán el **viernes, septiembre 13, 2019**. 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

- Espagueti & Pasta
- Atún

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

### Picnic del Día del Trabajo

Te invitamos a celebrar el Día del trabajo en el **Locust Shade Park** el **lunes, Septiembre 2** de 11am-3pm (Con un servicio de oración a las 12 del mediodía). En el vestíbulo de la iglesia hay una hoja de inscripción y pedimos que cada familia traiga frutas, verduras o ensaladas para al menos 10 personas. El picnic consistirá de (hamburguesas, perros calientes, panecillos, y condimentos) También tendremos refrescos. Solo se cancelara el picnic debido a condiciones Extremas del clima, si se cancela lo publicaremos en la página web de la parroquia ([www.stfrancis.org](http://www.stfrancis.org)). Esta es una gran oportunidad para nosotros, los integrantes de la familia parroquial para que nos reunamos. ¡Esperamos contar con su presencia!



### Please Pray For

**All those who are sick:** Gary Ward; Leo Escanilla; Imelda Pine;

Jim Stevens; Betty Cormier; Dan Burrell; Richard L. Laffman; Sue Long; David Back; Noah Hammond; Laurie Coligan; Aaron Childs; and Patricia Bennick.

**And for those recently deceased:** Dan Burrell.

**Please pray for the following who are serving abroad in harm's way:** James O'Sullivan; Tyler Jones; Drew; and Leo N. Company.

**Calling all lectors!** Have you always wanted to proclaim "The Word" but were nervous about how to do it? We will teach you the how's and why's. Please join us for a training session on **Saturday, September 28th from 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Br. Juniper Room**. All new and continuing lectors welcome. Please contact Pequitte Schwerin at [wislady@comcast.net](mailto:wislady@comcast.net).



The Word of God

**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 2019**

**Have a Blessed Summer!**

*Classes will resume again in September.*

RE registration for 2019-20 began on April 23, 2019 and will continue until the Fall. There will be a late fee after the first week of classes to encourage timely registration. For more information, please contact Marianne Hayes at [recoor@stfrancis.org](mailto:recoor@stfrancis.org).



**CATECHIST  
WANTED!**

Religious Education is in need of Catechists for the upcoming 2019-20 school year. Training is provided and no experience is necessary. 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@stfrancis.org](mailto:recoor@stfrancis.org). All RE fees are waived for Catechists and Co-Catechists.

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!



Questions? Please contact Brandon Jubar at [bjubar@stfrancis.org](mailto:bjubar@stfrancis.org).



**Baptismal Preparation Class**

Our next class will be held on **Sunday, September 8, 2019** 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 of Assisi School is currently accepting applications for admission (Preschool—8<sup>th</sup> Grade) for the 2019-2020 school year.



Please visit the school website, [www.stfas.org](http://www.stfas.org), or contact the school office, 703-221-3868 or Elizabeth Orille (Office Coordinator/Admissions) at [orillee.stfas@gmail.com](mailto:orillee.stfas@gmail.com), for more information and to schedule a tour of the campus.

**New for Fall 2019—All Day Pre-K program for 4 year old children!**

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.

**Altar Server Training**



Norm Litterini will conduct altar server training on: **Saturday, September 14th** from **3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.**

**Rising 3rd graders and older boys and girls** are eligible. Please contact Norm Litterini at [litterini.family@gmail.com](mailto:litterini.family@gmail.com) to register for the training or for any questions.

**Mass Intentions on Sunday, August 25, 2019**

- 7:30 AM †Alice Tippit  
†Kathleen Fontaine  
†Melissa Hoffman
- 9:00 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik  
†Everette Newman, III  
†Tom Wolter
- 10:45 AM †Tiep D. Vu  
†Minh Ly T. Tran  
†Carl Swanson
- 12:15 PM †Loretta Garzke  
†Donald Widener  
†Joseph Mele
- 1:30 PM People of the Parish
- 5:30 PM †William Ignatuck, Sr.  
†Evelyn and †Bill Chandler  
Alicia Synan-Terpstra

**Votive Candles**

Envelopes are provided for the candle money. **Please place them in the boxes located on the wall (next to the candles) in the church.**



**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

We would like to thank **Mullins and Thompson Funeral Service** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.



# Stephen Ministry

An Extension of Pastoral Care

From Father John O'Connor...

It is my pleasure to support Stephen Ministry. Stephen Ministry has been active in our parish for five + years. Stephen Ministers provide a ministry of caring, of listening, of consoling and of compassion. We friars are grateful to our Stephen Ministers for being our Partners in Ministry!!

## What is Stephen Ministry?

Christ caring for people through people. Stephen ministers are trained lay Christians who listen, encourage, keep confidences, pray and support. They have completed over 50 hours of preparation which equips them to enter into confidential one on one relationships where they will listen, pray, extend acceptance and provide distinctively Christian care.

## Who do Stephen ministers help?

Those experiencing the loss of a loved one, loneliness, retirement changes or unemployment, discouragement, childbirth, pregnancy/adoption, hospitalization, separation/divorce, terminal illness, being homebound, relocation/moving transitions, deployment, financial setbacks, aging, family struggles, changes in their lives, and other concerns...

Plans are underway for a new  
Stephen Ministry formation class  
scheduled to begin

September 2019.

Interested in learning more?

Email: [kwalker@stfrancis.org](mailto:kwalker@stfrancis.org)

*Christ,  
Has no body now on earth but yours,  
no hands but yours  
no feet but yours.  
Yours are the eyes through which Christ's  
compassion is to look out to the world.  
Yours are the feet with which Christ is to  
go about doing good.  
Yours are the hands with which Christ is to  
bless all people now.*



*Teresa of Avila*



# Mass Intentions

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|-------------------|--|
| <b>SATURDAY,</b>  | <b>August 17—Weekday</b>   |
| 4:00 PM           | Sacrament of Reconciliation  |
| 5:30 PM           | †Cy Kelly<br>†Cheryl McNierney<br>†Larry Dreis                                   |
| <b>SUNDAY,</b>    | <b>August 18—20th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>                                    |
| 7:30 AM           | †Alice Tippit<br>†Kathleen Fontaine<br>†Melissa Hoffman                          |
| 9:00 AM           | †Bob and †Paul Walker<br>†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik<br>†Barbara Colletti               |
| 10:45 AM          | †Virginia and †Joe Wohlers<br>†Laura and †Frank McNierney<br>†Diem X. Bui        |
| 12:15 PM          | †Vergillo Lalican<br>†Christopher Hrabsky<br>†Michael Creegan                    |
| 1:30 PM           | People of the Parish   |
| 5:30 PM           | †Francisca and †Perpetua Miravalles<br>†Fr. Robert E. Nilan, S.J.<br>Chris Maris |
| <b>MONDAY,</b>    | <b>August 19—Weekday</b>   |
| 8:45 AM           | †Bob Kennedy<br>†John and †Joseph Carroll  |
| <b>TUESDAY,</b>   | <b>August 20—St. Bernard</b>   |
| 8:45 AM           | †Catherine Moran<br>†Claudine Wright<br>Sarah Ecklund                            |
| <b>WEDNESDAY,</b> | <b>August 21—St. Pius X</b>  |
| 8:45 AM           | †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik<br>†Kathryn Gonsorcik                                       |
| <b>THURSDAY,</b>  | <b>August 22—Queenship of Mary</b>   |
| 8:45 AM           | †Margaret and †William Ignatuck, Sr.<br>Kim Maris                                |
| <b>FRIDAY,</b>    | <b>August 23—Weekday</b>   |
| 8:45 AM           | †Kevin Ryan Herrmann<br>†Gilberte Goosens  |
| <b>SATURDAY,</b>  | <b>August 24—St. Bartholomew, Apostle</b>  |
| 4:00 PM           | Sacrament of Reconciliation  |
| 5:30 PM           | †Cy Kelly<br>†Bill and †Antoinette Minarchi<br>Charles E. Dennison, Jr.          |

## Readings for the Week of August 18, 2019

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|-----------|--|
| Monday    | Judges 2:11-19; Matthew 19:16-22                         |
| Tuesday   | Judges 6:11-24a; Matthew 19:23-30                        |
| Wednesday | Judges 9:6-15; Matthew 20:1-16                           |
| Thursday  | Judges 11:29-39a; Matthew 22:1-14                        |
| Friday    | Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22;<br>Matthew 22:34-40           |
| Saturday  | Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51                        |
| Sunday    | Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13;<br>Luke 13:22-30 |

## Mass for Jubilarians

Are you celebrating your **Silver or Golden Marriage Jubilee** this year?  
Were you married in **1969 or 1994?**



Then please contact the Parish Office to make sure that you are registered for the "2019 Mass for Jubilarians." This Mass will be celebrated by *Bishop Michael F. Burbidge* at **2:30 p.m. on October 13<sup>th</sup>** 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](http://www.stfrncis.org)). Please contact **Chanel Marquis** at [cmarquis@stfrncis.org](mailto:cmarquis@stfrncis.org) or 703-221-4044, ext. 222 with any questions.

Do not delay. **Registration is due no later than Friday, September 27th.**

**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](http://www.stfrncis.org)

## Do you like to sing?

**The St. Francis Music Ministry welcomes singers of ALL ages. Rehearsals begin AUGUST 26th**



Sometimes we sit listening to the choirs and wish we were singing with them. *Now is your chance!* Come check out a rehearsal and learn more about the choirs. All singers are welcome. **Please consider joining us in making joyful music through one of our choirs:**

- The **Adult Choir** sings at the 9:00 a.m. Mass every Sunday and rehearses every [Monday evening from 7:30 P.M. until 9:00 P.M.](#)
- The **Worship Ensemble** sings at the 12:15 p.m. Mass every Sunday and rehearses every [Thursday from 7:30 P.M. until 9:00 P.M.](#)
- The **Teen/Young Adult Choir** sings several times monthly, usually in conjunction with the Youth Ministry Schedule, at the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday and rehearses every [Monday evening from 6:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M.](#)
- The **Family Liturgy Choir** sings at the 10:45 a.m. mass and is open to all children of the Parish grades 2nd through 8th. Rehearsals are the [first and third Wednesdays of each month from 6:45 P.M. until 7:45 P.M.](#) First rehearsal is **September 4th.**

All rehearsals take place in the choir area of the church.  
For more information, please contact **Nikole Giraldi** at [nikoleg@stfrncis.org](mailto:nikoleg@stfrncis.org).

# < KID'S > KORNER

**Gospel Today**  
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Luke 12:49-53

Jesus reminds us that not everyone is living according to God's plan. He says even some family members will disagree with each other and become divided.

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