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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.

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Immigration and the Catholic Response

Immigration and Human Impact

There are more than 11 million undocumented immigrants presently in the United States. Each year, approximately 300,000 more enter the country. Yet there are only 55,000 green cards available annually in the lottery, known as the Diversity Visa program. With few exceptions, these immigrants are hardworking, honest, faithful people simply desiring the opportunity to make a better life for themselves and their families. The United States is a nation of immigrants; a review of the history of our own families and of our nation reminds us of the need to welcome the stranger in our midst.

Excerpts from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:

Why Don't They Come Here Legally? ...If our ancestors did it, why can't they?

Many of our ancestors didn't actually come here through federal "legal" channels—there weren't restrictive federal immigration laws in place at the time

Until the 1870's, the federal government did virtually nothing to restrict immigration to the United States... In 1882, Congress promulgated the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, restricting immigration of Chinese laborers... In 1921, beginning with the Emergency Quota Act, the United States began to restrict immigration through the use of national origins quotas... In 1965, amendments to the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 abolished the quota system, prioritizing instead family-based immigration.

Under current laws, no "line" for lawful immigration to the United States actually exists for the majority of our immigrants.

U.S. immigration laws provide three core means by which an immigrant may obtain lawful permanent residency.

First, a qualified family member in the United States may petition to bring a foreign-born family member to the country lawfully... However, there are numeric limitations on most of these family-based categories, resulting in backlogs for entry that often range anywhere from **five years to nearly 20 years**.

Second, immigrants fleeing political persecution or a well-founded fear of future persecution... may seek political asylum in the United States or qualify for refugee status... Even if they do qualify... there is an annual cap on the number of refugee admissions to the United States, which is set annually and is typically between **70,000 and 80,000**.

Third, here are various immigration categories for workers to be sponsored by a U.S.-based employer to come to the United States... However, these categories are limited to multinational executives and professors; those with advance degrees ... and narrowly-defined, specialized workers. Today's unauthorized immigrants are largely low-skilled workers who come to the United States for work to support their families.

To read the entire statement, see the following link:

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/immigration/whydonttheycomeherelegally.cfm>.



Our annual Labor Day Picnic will be held on **Monday, September 2nd** 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 weekend of August 25th.** 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).*

St. Paul wrote great letters. St. John was the herald with great speaking skills. Want to learn how you can proclaim The Good News? Please join us on **Saturday, September 28th** from **9:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.** in the **Br Juniper Room** to learn how. If interested, please email **Pequette Schwerin** at wislady@comcast.net or call **703-590-8492**.



Surround yourself with people who are with you when it rains, not just when it shines. A Stephen Minister is there for you through thick and thin! Always ready to hear you. **Please email Kathy Walker** at kwalker@stfrancis.org to get started.



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!

Kairos Prison Ministry Asks for Your Support



The Kairos Program 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. From **September 19th-22nd**, John Cipparone will support the Kairos weekend at State Farm 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 the last weekend in August and the first weekend in September. If you would like to pray for a specific period of time, please contact **John Cipparone at johncip11@verizon.net; 703-580-6406 (Home); or 603-512-9680 (Cell).**
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 at <http://www.stfrncis.org/prison-ministry/>. Any number of cookies are appreciated and they can be *dropped off at the Parish Office up to September 16th.*

Many Members, One Body; our parish ministry for Catholics who are gay and lesbian as well as their family and friends, will meet on **September 5th in the Br. Juniper Room at 7:00 p.m.** All are welcome to attend. Please contact **Friar Henry Fulmer at friarhenry@stfrncis.org** for additional information.



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

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- 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.stfrncis.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: John McCreary; Adelaide Wenzel (sister of Ginny Peitler); and 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.

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 inform us.



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@stfrncis.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@stfrncis.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!



Sunday, August 25th
6:30 P.M.—8:30 P.M.
St. Catherine Room
REAL Time (Youth Group)
All Teens Grades 9-12

Sunday, September 1st
Labor Day Weekend
NO REAL ACTIVITIES

Sunday, September 8th
6:30 P.M.—8:30 P.M.
St. Catherine Room
REAL Time (Youth Group)
All Teens Grades 9-12

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

St. Francis of Assisi School is currently accepting applications for admission (Preschool—8th Grade) for the 2019-2020 school year.



Please visit the school website, www.stfas.org, or contact the school office, 703-221-3868 or **Elizabeth Orille (Office**

Coordinator/Admissions) at 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 to register for the training or for any questions.

**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, October 2nd** at 7:30 pm in the **St. Catherine Room**. It will be a great opportunity to discover more details about the program and ask questions. You may also contact **Friar Henry Fulmer** at friarhenry@stfrncis.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@stfrncis.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.

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) 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.



Recent Top Facts about Human Trafficking
MSN.com, July 25, 2019

- Human trafficking is the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act.
- Trafficking individuals was not illegal in the US until the year 2000.
- The US, Mexico and Philippines are the top three countries for human trafficking.
- The US National Human Trafficking hotline receives 150 calls a day – more than 49,000 since 2007.
- Virginia is ranked 15th in the nation in terms of the greatest number of human trafficking cases.
- 18,000 to 20,000 people are trafficked in the U.S. each year – with 1 in 7 being men/boys.
- Over 70% of individuals trafficked as laborers enter the U.S. legally.
- When individuals are trafficked to work in industry, they are more often put to work as Domestic Servants or in Agriculture.
- In agriculture, trafficked victims work in the tobacco and cattle industries.
- In 2018, the Department of Justice doubled its anti-human trafficking budget to \$31 million.
- Human Trafficking is Slavery.
- Many trafficked victims do not think they are a victim... but are stuck in their situation due to economic hardship, psychological pressure, impact of natural disasters or political instability. If you know someone is a victim of Human Trafficking, please call **1-888-373-7888—the National Human Trafficking Hotline.**

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 or Bob Eves at evesrc@verizon.net.**

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

Bus Driver Opening at Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School

Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School in Potomac Shores, VA, has a job opening as a bus driver for immediate start. Candidates do not need to have any prior experience; training is provided. For more information, please contact



Mrs. Mary Turner, Director of Security and Transportation, at mary.turner@jpthegreat.org.

Golfing with Wolves

Golf at a Jack Nicklaus Signature Design Golf Course (Potomac Shores Golf Club) and benefit Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School! The Sixth Annual Golfing with Wolves is **Thursday, September 19, 2019**. For more information about golf and sponsorships and to register, please visit: saintjohnpaulthegreatgolf.org or contact golf@jpthegreat.org. See you on the green!

Open House

SAVE THE DATE! There will be an Open House at Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School on Sunday, **November 3th from 1:00pm and 4:00pm**. All are welcome to tour our lovely building, meet our administration, teachers and coaches, explore our house system and clubs, and meet current students and families. Our accredited college-preparatory curriculum is a rigorous course of study, featuring a unique formation in Bioethics. John Paul is also proud to offer Special Services, which includes an inclusive Options Program: a special education program for students with moderate intellectual or cognitive disabilities. Location: 1770 Dominican Drive, Potomac Shores, VA 22026. Please contact us for more information: admissions@jpthegreat.org or **703-445-0218**.



If you are moving/changing your address, please notify the Parish Office so we can keep our records up-to-date. **Change forms are also available on the tables in the vestibule,** from the

Parish Office, or from the parish website www.stfrncis.org. If you are changing your phone number because you are using a cellular phone and/or forgoing your land phone, the Parish Office would also like that information. **Please call us at 703-221-4044, ext. 222. Thank you.**

There is a book located in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel next to the Tabernacle for you to write your own prayers of petition. During the *Prayer of the Faithful* during weekend liturgies, an intercession will call to mind those prayers in a general way. In this manner, the public prayer of the church is bound to the many prayers of the faithful who live in the body of Christ!



SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **Abigail Miller, Attorney At Law** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	August 24—St. Bartholomew, Apostle Sacrament of Reconciliation †Cy Kelly †Bill and †Antoinette Minarchi Charles E. Dennison, Jr.
SUNDAY, 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:45 AM 12:15 PM 1:30 PM 5:30 PM	August 25—21st Sunday in Ordinary Time †Alice Tippit †Kathleen Fontaine †Melissa Hoffman †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Everette Newman, III †Tom Wolter †Tiep D. Vu †Minh Ly T. Tran †Carl Swanson †Loretta Garzke †Donald Widener †Joseph Mele People of the Parish †William Ignatuck, Sr. †Evelyn and †Bill Chandler Alicia Synan-Terpstra
MONDAY, 8:45 AM	August 26—Weekday †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Michael P. Carosi
TUESDAY, 8:45 AM	August 27—St. Monica †William Zink †Harry Logel
WEDNESDAY, 8:45 AM	August 28—St. Augustine †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik †Avelina Pimentel
THURSDAY, 8:45 AM	August 29—Passion of St. John the Baptist Andrew and John Wagner Samuel Grazzini
FRIDAY, 8:45 AM	August 30—Weekday †Joseph Proscia, Sr. †Kevin Ryan Herrmann †Gilberte Goosens
SATURDAY, 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	August 31—Weekday Sacrament of Reconciliation †Cy Kelly †James F. Teodosio †Isabel Herrera

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.**



Mass Intentions on Sunday, September 1, 2019

7:30 AM	†Alice Tippit †Robert Earl Williams †Michael Rezler
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Michael Joseph Strati †Douglas Enzmann
10:45 AM	†Diem X. Bui People of the Parish
12:15 PM	Tony Quaranto †Donald Widener †Michael Solma
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Fr. Raymond J. Kelly, T.O.R. †Winston Rothert †Eva Klueter

Readings for the Week of August 25, 2019

Monday	1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10; Matthew 23:13-22
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 23:23-26
Wednesday	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:27-32
Thursday	1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Mark 6:17-29
Friday	1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 25:1-13
Saturday	1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Matthew 25:14-30
Sunday	Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14:1, 7-14

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.

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Gospel Today

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time / Luke 13:22-30

Jesus tells us entering heaven will be as difficult for some as entering through a narrow gate. Today's disciples who live and behave like Jesus every day will find salvation with the prophets and people from around the world.

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"People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the Kingdom of God."

LUKE 13:29

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

- Lord
- Advised
- Followers
- Strive
- Enter
- Heaven
- Through
- Narrow
- Gate
- Many
- Lack
- Strength
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- Fail
- Live
- Life
- Always
- Imitating
- Jesus
- Pleasing
- God
- Gain
- Salvation
- Prophets
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- Isaac
- Jacob
- People
- East
- West
- North
- South
- Recline
- Table
- Kingdom

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