

### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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#### **EUCHARIST**

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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This past week we celebrated the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

We are currently as a global community confronting what potentially may be the greatest crisis humanity may face, Global Warming.

When this issue first came up I, like I suspect many others, was skeptical as to whether there really was a problem. I am no longer skeptical. I have read the evidence and have conversed with individuals whose lives and livelihood are already being impacted by this crisis. Evidence is now showing that we are being negatively impacted by Global Warming even more quickly than experts first thought.

When we think of St. Francis we often think of Francis and the "birdbath." It is a pleasant but also convenient way to relegate his message on creation to irrelevancy.

In the words of one Franciscan scholar, Fr. Dan Horan, "People love St. Francis but they often view him as naive, romantic, cutesy, an unthreatening figure. The early Franciscan sources reveal he was anything but these things".

The message of Francis was relevant 800 years ago and is even more relevant today. All of creation is sacred because God created it. We have a most serious responsibility to care for it.

In the words of Pope Francis in his encyclical Laudato Si "We must see that everything is interconnected and all of creation is a universal family. Nature cannot be seen as something apart from humanity or merely a place where we live."

We have an urgent mission to do something now to save our planet. If not for ourselves, for the sake of our children!

It is the Franciscan mission we are all challenged to be a part of.

Sincerely,

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

BE A FRANCIS-CAN **NOT A**FRANCIS-CAN'T



### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR COMING SOON!

Calling all our young singers from grades 2 through 8! It is not too early to be thinking about the Children's Christmas Choir. Rehearsals begin November 3rd



from 3:15 p.m.—4:30 p.m. in the Church. Rehearsals are each Sunday from November 3rd through December 22nd. Performances include the Festival of Praise on Friday, December 20th and Christmas Eve. Registration forms are available online at <a href="http://www.stfrncis.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/2018-Childrens-Christmas-Choir-Registration-Form.pdf">http://www.stfrncis.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/2018-Childrens-Christmas-Choir-Registration-Form.pdf</a> or at the first rehearsal.

Questions? Please contact Colleen Wells at cwells@stfrncis.org.



The **Rosary Guild** meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Please join us at our next meeting on **Wednesday**, **October 9th** from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. in the **St. Clare Room**. All are welcome. **For more information**, **please call Otella Creegan at 571-264-0312**.

<u>Catholics Care. Catholics Vote. Register to vote.</u> Election Day is Tuesday, November 5th



In their statement on *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the U.S. Catholic bishops remind Catholics, "We are called to bring together our principles and our political choices, our values and our votes, to help build a better world" (no. 14). We urge you to register and vote in the upcoming election.

In Virginia, the voter registration deadline is **Tuesday, October 15**<sup>th</sup>. You can pick up a mail-in voter registration form at your county elections office, library, or post office, or online at the Virginia Department of Elections:

https://www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/voter-forms/

Please remember that the Church is a sacred space where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved.



It is great that people stay on the grounds of the Church and converse with each other. We would ask however, that your conversations take place in the lobby or in the area immediately outside the Church.

This practice will respect the Church as a Sacred space and enable those who would like to remain in the Church for private prayer the opportunity to do so.

We very much appreciate your cooperation in this change.

# 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: Laundry Detergent** 

- Spaghetti and Pasta
- Canned Fruit
- Hamburger Helper
- Cereal

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.

#### How to Build a Culture of Life

Watching the news and reading the headlines, we may feel helpless seeing the heartbreaking lack of respect for human life. *How do we respond?* 

Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts. When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with Him,

Our mission field is daily life.

we become more aware of our own immeasurable worth and that of others. His unchanging love is the source of our God-given dignity, which, therefore, cannot be taken away. When someone is facing great trials, we need to walk with them on their journey, intercede for them, and be open to sharing Christ's love however He directs. We simply need to follow where He leads.

Read the full version at respectlifeprogram.org/culture-of-life. This is a summary of a USCCB Respect Life Program article by the same name and is reprinted with permission. ©2019, USCCB, Washington, D.C. All rights reserved.

This Sunday is Respect Life Sunday. For further information, please contact Marv Floom at marv floom@verizon.net or 703-878-9243.

Please Pray For All those who are sick: Robert Korzen; Sue Long; Imelda Pine; John Ritter; David Back; Laurie Coligan; and Aaron Childs.

And for those recently deceased: Adele Pistacchio (mother of Fr. Gene Pistacchio); Carol Freeman; and Bernard Hoffman (father of Patti Minicucci).

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

### Boletín Semanal

<u>Charlas Bautismales</u>—Las próximas charlas bautismales en español serán el <u>viernes</u>, <u>octubre 11, 2019</u>. 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 Ropa

- Espagueti & Pasta
- Fruta enlatada
- Cereal
- Ayudante de Cocina (Hamburger Helper)

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

El jueves 3 de octubre a las 7:30 p.m. Como parte de nuestras celebraciones por la fiesta de San Francisco (4 de octubre), es habitual que las Fraternidades franciscanas celebren la Transición (Transitus).

La Transición (Transitus) es un hermoso y conmovedor servicio de oración que marca el paso de Francisco de esta vida a la siguiente, en el cielo.

Por favor considere unirse a los frailes y miembros de las fraternidades franciscanas seglares para esta noche especial de oración.

A partir del viernes 4 de octubre, la exposición del Santísimo Sacramento tendrá lugar los primeros viernes después de la misa de las 8:45 a.m. La exposición continuará hasta las 12:00 p.m., cuando se celebrará la Bendición.

Además, estamos examinando la posibilidad de tener una Hora Santa bilingüe el primer martes por la noche de cada mes. Actualmente esta Hora Santa se presenta en español.

Sinceramente,

El P. John O'Connor, O.F.M.

Fill us with peace that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. (Laudato Si', part of the Prayer for Our Earth). Please



join the CARE FOR CREATION Ministry! Our next meeting will be on **Sunday, October 13th at 10:00 a.m. in the Br. Juniper Room.** All are welcome to become members. Our activities are member-driven. If you have an idea for a project or event, we want to hear it! For more information, please contact **Scott Deane at** <u>vadeanes@yahoo.com</u> **or Jim Bundy at** <u>jimbundy53@gmail.com</u>.

### 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 2019-2020

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Nov.	3 7 10 14 17 21 24 28	Sunday RE Session NO RE—Veterans' Day Weekend NO RE—Veterans' Day Weekend Thursday RE Session Sunday RE Session Thursday RE Session Sunday RE Session Sunday RE Session NO RE—Happy Thanksgiving NO RE—Thanksgiving Day Weekend

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 6th 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. St. Catherine Room

REAL Time (Youth Group)
All Teens Grades 9-12

Sunday, October 13th Columbus Day Weekend NO REAL ACTIVITIES

Sunday, October 20th 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.

#### 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.

### Middle School Youth Group



All middle school students are invited to attend Middle School Youth Group on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the Dining Hall of the Parish Center! Join us for fun, FOOD, and fellowship!! Please contact Sheila Noble (snoble@stfrncis.org) with any questions.

### Attention parents of college students!

We would like to send a small care package to your student from St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Please send your college student's name and mailing address to Sheila Noble at snoble@stfrncis.org.



Care packages will be mailed the first week in November!

Attention Parishioners! Please save any of your undistributed/leftover Halloween candy and bring it to Mass the weekend of November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> to be included with care packages we will be sending to college students from our parish. We will also gladly accept unsealed generic ("to any student") notes of encouragement to include with the care packages. Please contact Sheila Noble at <a href="mailto:snoble@stfrncis.org">snoble@stfrncis.org</a> with any questions. Thank you!!

### **Bible Studies for Adults**



Please join us for a Bible Study exploring the book of Romans on Monday mornings immediately following daily Mass beginning Monday, October 7th from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. in the St. Catherine Room. Please visit <a href="https://www.stfrncis.org/resources">www.stfrncis.org/resources</a> for course descriptions and contact Sheila Noble (<a href="mailto:snoble@stfrncis.org">snoble@stfrncis.org</a>) to register for the study.



Women's Group Begins Thursday, October 17th 9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m., in the 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 17th. Everyone is asked to pay \$20, and childcare is provided for an additional contribution of \$20 per family. We will begin this year with a new small group study. More information is available on our website: www.stfrncis.org/groups or contact Melissa Morgan (3melmorgan@gmail.com).



### St. Francis of Assisi

# SISTER PARISH MINISTRY

### **HELP SEND A MIRACLE TO PERU**



During the October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Masses, our 2019 missioners will offer their insights about our parish's bond of faith with our sisters and brothers in Lima, Peru. A special collection will be taken to assist the many ministries at our Sister Parish.

Ministries includes: outreach to the faith community in multiple locations; parochial school education & faith formation; youth groups; soup kitchens; micro-loan program for women-owned small businesses; women's enrichment program that develops marketable skills in sewing, baking, and cooking; and a technical institute offering certificates in IT, business, and marketing.

### Miracle Requests from our Friars in Peru for the Upcoming Year

- Replace or Repair 20-year-old Van
- Start a new chapel in a destitute neighborhood
- · Add another high school grade and furnish it



### What has been Done through the Sister Parish Program

Since 2007 St. Francis of Assisi parish has generously contributed over \$406,000 and conducted annual mission visits. To date, 105 missioners have visited our Sister Parish providing assistance and strengthen the bonds of faith and friendship with the Santa Ana and Lurin Valley congregations. Our parish makes a difference in the lives of our Peruvian sisters and brothers!

### How Can You Help Send a Miracle to Peru?

- Pray for our sisters and brothers in Peru.
- Join the Sister Parish Ministry. To learn more, please contact Anne Tunney at 540-899-0672; <a href="mailto:annetunney@yahoo.com">annetunney@yahoo.com</a> or Terry Danner at 703-680-0860; <a href="mailto:terrydanner@verizon.net">terrydanner@verizon.net</a>
- Become a Mission Team member next trip is tentatively scheduled for June 20 – 29, 2020.
- Support the Special collection on October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

Every dollar goes directly to our Sister Parish. So Please be generous.



### Mass Intentions

SATURDAY,	October 5—Weekday
12:00 PM	Blessing of the Animals
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Cy Kelly
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†Adelaide Wenzel †Betty Faszcza

SUNDAY, October 6—27th Sunday in

†James A. Carmack, Jr.

†Betty Jane Carmack

†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Adelaide Wenzel

10:45 AM †Diem X. Bui

†Dolores Manocchio People of the Parish

12:15 PM †Geri Layne

†Michael Creegan †Joseph Mele

1:30 PM Misa en español 5:30 PM †Lois Brown

†David Lee Maris †Shirley Fitzgerald

MONDAY, October 7—Our Lady of the Rosary

8:45 AM †Debbie and †Jacob McGrath

†Michael Ryan †Margaret Draper

TUESDAY, October 8-Weekday

†Mary Ellen McGill Delodorico

Sarah Ecklund

WEDNESDAY, October 9—Weekday

8:45 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathrvn Gonsorcik

Kathryn Gonsorcik

†Adelina Pimentel

**THURSDAY**, October 10—Weekday 8:45 AM †Calistro Rodrigues

†Christopher Styles

†Nancy Losca

FRIDAY, October 11—Weekday 8:45 AM †Kevin Ryan Herrmann

†Jeff Brown

†Patricia and Michael Ryan

SATURDAY, October 12—Weekday 4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:30 PM + Cy Kelly + Harry Logel

†Joseph Brazil

### SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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### Mass Intentions on Sunday, October 13, 2019

7:30 AM †Alice Tippit †George Selepak †Hal Wilhite †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik 9:00 AM †Nicholas Colletti Barbara Colletti 10:45 AM †Diem X. Bui †James A. Carmack †Betty Jane Carmack 12:15 PM †Bob and †Clara Kennedy †George Beck †Geri Layne 1:30 PM Misa en español 5:30 PM **†**Olivia and **†**Severo Miravalles †Amalia Beltran

#### Readings for the Week of October 6, 2019

People of the Parish

Monday Jonah 1:1—2:1-2, 11; Jonah 2:3, 4, 5, 8; Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4

Thursday Malachi 3:13-20b; Luke 11:5-13

Friday Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26

Saturday Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28

Sunday 2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19

#### **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: <a href="mailto:admissions@jpthegreat.org">admissions@jpthegreat.org</a> or 703-445-0218.



Lector Workbooks for the new year are available for pick-up on the bookshelf in the sacristy.

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Gospel Today

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time / Luke 17:5-10

Have faith! Trust in God and believe anything is possible. But remember, God expects good works from His faithful servants.

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"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to (this) mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea', and it would obey you."

— LUKE 17:6



### BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

Apostles Lord	F	U	L	F	I	L	L	I	Ν	G	L	s	E	E	D
Increase Faith Believe	F	Р	Α	Ν	Υ	Т	Н	I	Ν	G	U	0	С	U	I
Anything Possible	Α	R	E	M	E	M	В	E	R	W	F	D	Т	Α	s
Small Mustard Seed	W	0	E	S	Α	E	R	С	Ν	I	Н	Y	Н	R	С
Remember God	0	0	В	D	0	0	G	R	E	Α	Т	Т	J	F	I
Uprooted Planted	R	Т	J	E	s	U	s	E	L	В	I	s	s	0	Р
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