

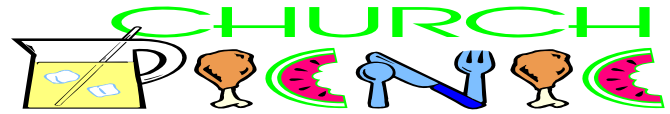
From the Pastor's Desk

Over the four years I have been here at St. Francis our parking lot on Sundays has been a source of frustration for everyone trying to get in or out of it. Because of this I am always looking for ways to alleviate this frustration. The "perfect storm" of congestion seems to hit around 11:45 AM on the Sundays when we have Religious Education. It is then when we have people leaving mass, parents picking up their children from Religious Education, and cars pulling into the parking lot for the noon mass. To alleviate this congestion **beginning on Sunday September 6th the noon mass will begin at 12:15 and the Hispanic mass will move from 1:30 to 1:45 PM.** Moving the Noon mass up 15 minutes will hopefully allow the parking lot to clear out before people start pulling in. Members of the parish have suggested making this change to me and I think it is a good suggestion. My hope and prayer is that it helps!!!

A year ago Fr. Frank moved to Tampa, Florida where he was assigned to Sacred Heart Church. We just learned that he is moving again. Holy Name Province was asked by the Bishop of Savannah, Georgia if the Franciscans would be willing to take over a parish in Macon, Georgia. The Provincial Council considered this request and put out a call to the friars to see if anyone would be willing to go. Frank volunteered along with two other friars to take on this new ministry. Frank will help out in the parish but his main focus will be working as a Chaplain at a Diocesan Catholic School that has students from grades 6 to 12. He is excited by this new challenge and once I get his new address I will pass it on to you.

Bro. Casey is back at Holy Name Friary in Silver Springs, Maryland after a mission trip to Nicaragua and a family vacation. To say I miss not having him here at the parish and up in the friary would be an understatement!! If you want to keep in touch with Casey and follow his faith journey you can do that by googling "Breaking in the Habit" and you will come to his blog. Like his homilies his reflections on his blog are insightful, challenging, and you get an insight into his own personal journey. Check it out.

People ask me all the time if we are going to get another friar assigned here at St. Francis. I don't see that happening until our next chapter in 2017. Right now the friars in our Province are all assigned and committed to their ministries. I am comfortable that with the help of Fr. John O'Connor and the parish staff I am able to meet the demands of the parish. Fr. John O'Connor while he is not assigned to the parish because he works for the Minister General in Rome he makes every effort to adjust his travel schedule so he can be available to the parish for which I am grateful. Fr. John Heffernan drives in from Maryland every weekend to minister to the needs of the Hispanic community and celebrate the 1:45 PM mass which is a huge help. So, all in all, while life is busy in the parish the work gets done and life is good.



The parish will celebrate Labor Day with a BBQ at **Locust Shade Park on Monday, September 7th from 11am-3pm, with prayer service at 12pm.** There will be a sign-up sheet in the vestibule **this weekend.** We ask that each family bring either fruit, vegetables or salads for at least 10 people. Also, please bring games to enhance the fun! **The BBQ items (hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls/buns, and condiments) will be supplied as well as the refreshments.** *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.* This is a great opportunity for us as a parish family to come together. Hope to see you there!



Save the Date Mission to St. Francis Inn, Philadelphia, PA

We are forming our team to serve amongst the Friars, Religious and lay volunteers at St. Francis Inn, Philadelphia, PA. This is an opportunity to join the community of St. Francis Inn as they serve the poor, the marginalized and the homeless in the Kensington neighborhood of northeast Philadelphia. It is an opportunity to stand in solidarity with the poor as we follow Jesus' example of compassion and service to "the least amongst us." Our mission week is **September 14-18, 2015.** For more information, please contact **John Habel at jhabel@stfrancis.org.**



Marriage Jubilee Mass: Are you celebrating your **Silver or Golden Marriage Jubilee this year?**

Were you married in 1965 or 1990?



Then contact the parish office to make sure that you are registered for the "2014 Marriage Jubilee Mass." This Mass will be celebrated at **2:30 p.m. on October 25th** at the **Cathedral of St. Thomas More.** The parish office must submit all registrations to the *Office for Family Life* as soon as possible. Registrations forms are available in the vestibule. Call the parish office with any questions. Do not delay. **Registration is due no later than September 24th.**

Traveling? Visit **discovermass.com** to find a faith community nearby to stay connected with your faith and enjoy celebrating the Eucharist with your Catholic brothers and sisters across the United States.



Votive Candles

Due to a recent robbery, the **candle money should be placed in the envelopes provided.** Then drop in the Catch-All slot, located in the vestibule of the church.

Social Justice: Franciscan Action and Advocacy (FA&A)

Our **V.O.I.C.E.** (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement) team is meeting to work on community issues on **Sunday, August 30th**, at **10 a.m.** in the **Br. Juniper Room**.

Our **Anti-Human Trafficking Committee** (engaged in action, awareness and advocacy efforts in the fight against human trafficking) is meeting on **Wednesday, September 9th**, at **7 p.m.** in the **Grade 6 Classroom**.

Our **Respect Life Committee** (advocating for the consistent ethic of life from conception to natural death) is meeting on **Saturday, September 19th**, at **11:45 a.m.** in the **St. Catherine Room**.

Our **Care for Creation Committee** (focused on environmental work/integral ecology) is meeting on **Sunday, September 20th**, at **9 a.m.** in the **Br. Juniper Room**.

The **Diocese of Arlington's Peace and Justice Commission** invites everyone to its half-day fall conference, **Race Relations: Educating to End Racism and Build Solidarity**, on Saturday, September 5th, at Marymount University. Mass will begin at 9 a.m. with Bishop Loverde; the program follows at 10 a.m. Speakers are Rev. Henry Sands from the USCCB and Deacon Al Turner and Maria Hamm from the Archdiocese of Washington. The conference is free and no advance registration is required. For more information, please go to <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/peace> and scroll down to Upcoming Events.

For more information on any of the above and/or to get involved in justice/advocacy, please visit the FA&A section on the parish website and/or contact Rob Goraieb, O.F.S. at rgoraieb@stfrancis.org or 703-221-4978, ext. 228.

Please Pray For All those who are sick:

Michael Creegan, Fran Phoenix, Gizzy Slocum, Clyde Richardson, Alex Yachanin, John Moretti, James Albert, Bernie McCreesh, Annelies Gendron, Mikey Buckley, Theodore Placek, and Pat Bennick.

Please pray for the following who are serving abroad in harm's way: Elizabeth L. Keegan, James Moore, Kyle McVay, Kyle Traylor, Kasey Eggie, Eustaquio Castro-Mendoza, Marc Gendron, and Darryl Saungweme.

We are back from Stephen Ministry Leadership and energized. What an amazing week. What great things we learned to share with the Stephen Ministers and all in the parish who look to us for care, empathy, and the help they seek. **Please stop by the Stephen Ministry office or call 703-221-4312 and then press 4 to talk about how we can help you.**



St. Francis House Corner

The St. Francis House Food Pantry Provided food for **80** families this week. We are in dire need of **Paper Bags, Canned Fruit, Macaroni & Cheese, and Cereal.** For



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

Boletín Semanal

Misa en Español—A partir del domingo, septiembre 6 la Misa en Español tendrá un nuevo horario. La misa empezara a la **1:45pm** **NO** a la 1:30pm. Los esperamos todos los domingos a recibir la Eucaristía en Español a la 1:45pm.

Charlas Bautismales—Las próximas charlas bautismales se realizaran el **viernes, Septiembre 18 a las 7:15pm** en el Salón del San Catherine. (No habrán Charlas bautismales el mes de agosto) Por favor recuerde que para tomar la charla y recibir el sacramento del bautizo los padres tienen que estar registrados en nuestra parroquia y registrarse para la charla con anterioridad. Ambos padres y padrinos deben asistir a la charla y no se permiten niños. Para mas información por favor llamar a **Francia al 703-221-6344.**

Despensa de Comida de La Casa de San Francis—Agradecemos a todos nuestros parroquianos por todas sus ofrendas a la Despensa de Comida; con sus donaciones pudimos ayudar a **80** familias. Muchas gracias por su apoyo constante.

Picnic del Día del Trabajo—Te invitamos a celebrar el Día del trabajo con un Picnic en el parque de **Locust Shade Park** el Lunes, Septiembre 7 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. Esta es una gran oportunidad para nosotros, los integrantes de la familia parroquial para que nos reunamos. ¡Esperamos contar con su presencia!



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Share: Faith With Family

We all want our children to have the gift of faith. The vast majority of us received the foundation of our faith through our families when we were growing up. Therefore, as leaders of our own families, we have the opportunity to influence the young people in our lives. This doesn't mean we have to be perfect or know the Catechism or Bible inside and out. Living out our faith is one of the most important influences on the lives of our children. Faith should infuse everything we do, every day...not only on Sunday. It then becomes natural for our children to see us living the virtues of faith; chastity, temperance, charity, diligence, patience, kindness, and humility. With our example to follow, children naturally pray, read the Bible, serve others and participate in Mass. When a child sees that a personal relationship with Jesus is the foundation of our lives, then they are encouraged to form their own relationship with Jesus and live out their faith in the world. We cannot forget Joy! Joy is a characteristic of holiness and living in gratitude for God's many blessings. We should point out to children how wonderful God is by teaching them about God's character, presence and infinite love. We should be active in our faith community and join with others to learn, grow, pray and support each other. Finally, we must share our faith with others through service as a family. The heart of evangelization is having a living relationship with Jesus and living out our Catholic faith at home and in the world.

Parish Bible Study

Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come
By Jeff Cavins and Thomas Smith

Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come is an intriguing study that shows how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven. Here you will discover what the mysterious figures and images of Revelation mean. You will see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the "end times." It is a revelation of God as our Divine Bridegroom and the Church as his spotless Bride, forever united in a heavenly, holy, and mystical marriage that we enter into every time we celebrate the Mass.

Participants will:

- Learn the meaning of the mysterious figures and events in the book of Revelation.
- Discover how the Mass is really heaven on earth
- Learn about the Antichrist and his destruction
- See the Second Coming of Christ and the Final Judgment in the context of history
- Learn what will happen at the end of time and the establishment of a new heaven and a new earth.

Sundays at 1:30-3:00, starting September 13th in the St. Catherine Room. For more information and to sign up, please contact **Brian Bobick** at brianbobick@verizon.net.

Summer Hours

Faith Formation Office
Phone: 703-221-3127 Fax: 703-221-3246
Office Hours: Monday—Thursday: 8:00 am—2:00 pm
Friday: Closed



**RE Registrations for 2015-2016
Catechetical Year**

Registration is well underway for next year's Religious Education. Forms are available in the vestibule of the church and online (<http://www.stfrncis.org/Ministry/Religious%20Education-441-Home/>).

Volunteers Needed

Be a Catechist! We are in need of Catechists for grades 1st-8th for our Religious Education Program. Please volunteer for this wonderful ministry. No experience is necessary, training will be provided and ongoing support will be available.



Questions? Or for more information, please contact Marianne Hayes, DRE at 703-221-3127 or recoor@stfrncis.org.



RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you or someone you know is considering being initiated into the Roman Catholic faith, make plans to attend our first RCIA meeting on **Wednesday, September 2nd at 7:30pm in the Br. Juniper Room.**

It will be a great opportunity to discover more details about the program and ask questions. You may also contact **Lisa Ostendorf lostendorf@stfrncis.org or 703-221-4044, ext. 277.**

RCIA Sponsors Needed

Sponsoring a 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 **Lisa Ostendorf lostendorf@stfrncis.org or 703-221-4044, ext. 277.**

Readings for the Week of August 23, 2015

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| Monday | Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51 |
| 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; Matthew 24:42-51 |
| Friday | 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 25:1-13 |
| Saturday | 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Mark 6:17-29 |
| Sunday | Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 |

Save the Date, and Save your Stuff!

Our 8th Annual *Francis Fest* is scheduled for **Sunday, October 4th from 1pm-5pm** on the parish grounds. Great food, activities for all ages, entertainment and camaraderie guaranteed!



Lots of assistance from parish members is needed to make the festival the great success it has been in past years. Here is what

you can do to help:

- **Start setting aside your unwanted treasures and extra wine for the tag sale and wine wheel.** These two events are very popular and help to offset the cost of the festival. Look for further information in upcoming bulletins.
- **Volunteer to help the Francis Fest Committee.** The next planning meeting will be held this **Sunday, September 13th from 10-11am in the St. Catherine Room.**

Questions? Please call Maureen Deutermann: 703-203-2752.

55 and Over Craft Show

Are you 55 or over? Do you do needlepoint, quilting, photography, stamping, painting, sculpting, sewing, stained glass, woodworking, or any other craft you would like to show off to the parish?

As part of our **Annual Francis Fest on October 5th**, we will again be having a 55 and Over Craft Show where you can present your crafts and sell them if you wish. We will provide the space, and ask only if you do choose to sell your craft, that you donate a portion of the profits back to the parish.

Each year the show has been more and more successful, and we would like to include even more crafters this year. **Please call or email Jeanne Mitcho with questions, or to request space at 703-670-8039 or jcmitcho45@gmail.com.** Table space is limited so do not delay!



Altar Server Training

Paul Jacobsmeyer will conduct altar server training on:

Saturday, August 29th from 1:30pm—2:30pm



Rising 5th graders and older boys and girls are eligible. Contact Paul at **703-730-8280**, or e-mail-pjake4@aol.com.



Mass Intentions

SUNDAY,	August 23—21st Sunday In Ordinary Time
5:30 PM	†Brian Kerns †Alex Galatro Maria Woo
7:30 AM	Thomas Lee
9:00 AM	†Liza Heenan †Britt Courtney †Alex Galatro †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †John B. MacKinion
10:30 AM	†Eileen Bolen
12:00 PM	†Clara Kennedy
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	People of the Parish †Vergilio Echevaria
MONDAY,	August 24—St. Bartholomew, Apostle
8:45 AM	†James Perkins
TUESDAY,	August 25—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Harold Menges
WEDNESDAY,	August 26—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Britt Courtney †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik Regina Lee
THURSDAY,	August 27—St. Monica
8:45 AM	
FRIDAY,	August 28—St. Augustine
8:45 AM	
SATURDAY,	August 29—Passion of St. John the Baptist
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	Mass Intentions on Sunday, August 30, 2015
5:30 PM	†David James Teodosio
7:30 AM	†Jozef Swoboda
9:00 AM	†Joseph Proscia †Liza Heenan †Britt Courtney †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Flor Rodriguez Natalie Hall
10:30 AM	
12:00 PM	†George Beck †Don and †Joyce McVay †Clara Kennedy †James Fahy
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	People of the Parish



Due to a high volume of calls, an additional phone line/number has been added at the church. If the main 703-221-4044 line is busy, please call **703-221-3127.**

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
We would like to thank **Brightness Housecleaning** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.