

From the Pastor's Desk

This past Wednesday we celebrated St. Francis School's **Grade 8 Graduation**. It was a great celebration for a wonderful class of young people. They have been well prepared in their education to move on now into high school with all the challenges that the next four years will hold. I reminded them in my homily to be grateful. To be grateful to their parents who have sacrificed so much and ordered their lives in such a way as to see that their needs and wants were met and fulfilled. To be grateful for the education they



received at St. Francis where they had skilled teachers who spent untold hours working to help them to grow, mature and master the knowledge they needed to possess in order to graduate. While I was telling the graduates to be grateful I found myself filled with a sense of gratitude. I am so grateful to everyone who is a member of St.

Francis Parish for it is through your support that we are able to offer to our young people an opportunity to have a Catholic education by attending St. Francis School. From my position at that graduation ceremony looking down at our graduates sitting before me I can say with complete confidence and sincerity that our parish investment in our school is a good investment that will pay "dividends" in the lives of those who graduate from it. **Here are the names of our 2015 Graduating Class and where they will attend high school in the Fall:**

Matthew Ackiss
Madison Allen
Jessica Bachman
Katelyn Barron
Angelo Carabajal
Jeffrey Chen
Katelyn Colletti
Vanessa Crandell
Justin Daigle
Elizabeth Devlin
Andrew Diaz
Katherine Falcone
Khaleb Gantt
Brogan Giampietro
Caroline Harms
Kaylee Harper
Sarah Hidalgo
Claudia Houtz
Alina Joseph
Michael Keller
Jaxon Krieger
Tate McLean
Amber Moran
Daniela Negrete
Julia Notz
Vanessa Olazabal
Phillip Ramirez
Sara Rinke
Evelyn Stohlman
Collin Stubbs
Aidan Toth
Robert Vaughn
Jack Wiederholt
Cristina Yauss

St. John Paul the Great
North Stafford
Colonial Forge
St. John Paul the Great
St. John Paul the Great
Georgetown Prep
St. John Paul the Great
Potomac
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NOW WHAT? *Seek - Discover - Share*

Discover: Why Am I Here?

It may seem simple, but we are here for two reasons:

Because God wants us here and has loved us into existence;

Genesis 1:27 God created man in the image of himself, in the image of God he created them, male and female he created them.

and because God calls us to use our unique charisms and personal place in this world to further Christ's mission to renew Creation.

1 Corinthians 12:4-8 There are many different gifts of the Spirit, but it is always the same Spirit; there are many different ways of serving, but it is always the same Lord. There are many different forms of activity, but in everybody it is the same God who is at work in them all.

Romans 8:20-21 It was not for its own purposes that creation had frustration imposed on it, but for the purposes of him who imposed it – with the intention that the whole creation itself might be freed from its slavery to corruption and brought into the same glorious freedom as the children of God.

Do you have expertise in these areas?—We are looking for a part-time Communications Specialist who will work as an independent contractor from an office offsite. The candidate should have a four-year bachelor's degree and at least two years of experience working in the communications field. Proficiency with a variety of digital communication media is a must, and the ability to develop and implement video products is desired. The candidate should also be organized and experienced in managing communications projects from conception through development and implementation, while maintaining websites, updating social media, and communicating routinely with ministry leads to improve and update parish communications methods. **If interested, please contact Lisa Ostendorf at lostendorf@stfrncis.org or call 703-221-4044 ext. 277.**

"Often the answers to our prayers doesn't come when we are down on our knees but while we're on our feet serving the Lord and serving those around us." The call is out for those who would like to talk about joining Stephen Ministry. The next class for formation starts this Fall. **Please call 703-221-4312 and then press 4 to inquire.** How will you "serve"?



St. Francis House Corner



The St. Francis House Food Pantry Provided food for **80** families this week. We are in need of **Hamburger Helper, Peanut Butter & Jelly, and Tuna**. For more information, please call Francia at **703-221-6344**. Thank you for your continuing support.

Franciscan Action and Advocacy (FA&A)

Foreclosure and bank accountability campaign victory: On **May 31st, V.O.I.C.E.** (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement) clergy, lay leaders, and Senator Mark Warner gathered to celebrate their victories in holding major banks accountable for their role in the foreclosure crisis. Those victories include: \$1.67 million for non-profit housing counselors in Prince William County; 900+ families secured loan modifications; more than \$120+ million in principal and debt reduction through the National Mortgage Settlement; \$30+ million committed for neighborhood stabilization and affordable housing, as well as \$10 million to incentivize non-profit development; and \$8 million for VA Housing Trust Fund. **Congratulations to all in our parish who, over many years, helped with this effort!** For more information, please contact Rob.

Upcoming meetings (all are welcome!): Our **Respect Life Committee** (advocating for the consistent ethic of life from conception to natural death) is meeting on **Saturday, June 20th, at 11:45 a.m.** in the **St. Catherine Room**. The **V.O.I.C.E.** team is meeting to discuss community issues on **July 5th, at 10 a.m.** in the **Br. Juniper Room**. Our **Anti-Human Trafficking Committee** (engaged in action, awareness and legislative advocacy efforts in the fight against the evil of human trafficking—sex and labor) is meeting on **July 8th, at 7 p.m.** in the **Grade 6 Classroom**.

Please contact Rob to sign-up on our interest list or if you have any questions about our **Care for Creation Committee's summer Parish Book Club**. *Once it is released, we will be reading and discussing Pope Francis' highly anticipated encyclical on the environment/human ecology.*

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@stfrncis.org or 703-221-4978, ext. 228.


Boletín Semanal

Charlas Bautismales—Las próximas charlas bautismales se realizarán el domingo, **junio 21 a las 10:00am** en el Salón del Hermano Juniper. 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 más información por favor llamar a **Francia al 703-221-6344**.

Dispensa 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.

Preparación Matrimonial—Invitamos a todas las parejas que deseen casarse por la iglesia a participar de las charlas de preparación matrimonial. Para más información por favor llamar al **Padre John Heffernan al 703-864-2053** o al Señor **Jesús Funes al 703-371-1420**.

Promesas de contribución a la Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo—¡Gracias a todas las personas que prometieron contribuir a la Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo! La Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo financia muchos ministerios y programas importantes en la Diócesis como los de Vocaciones, Ministerio Juvenil, Escuelas Católicas, Caridades Católicas, Educación Religiosa y muchos más. Si usted hizo una promesa de contribución que todavía está en proceso de pago, recibirá extractos mensuales a manera de recordatorio. Puede pagar en línea o por cuotas en **www.arlingtondiocese.org**. Si tiene alguna pregunta, **por favor llame a la oficina de la BLA al teléfono 703-841-2570 o 703-841-3848 por ayuda en español.**



Hearing Assistance Earphones are available for those who would like sound amplification. They have been checked and are functioning well. See one of the friars or come to the sacristy before Mass.

If you are moving/changing your address, please notify the office so we can keep our records up-to-date. If you are changing your phone number because you are using a cellular phone and/or forgoing your land phone, the office would also like that information. Please call us at 703-221-4044. Thank you.



Votive Candles are available in the church by the statues of St. Joseph and Mary. **Please use the box** at each statue to deposit your dollar for each candle.



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

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**.

St. Francis of Assisi School has several openings available in our *Kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd grade, 3rd grade, 4th grade and 5th grade classes for the 2015-2016 school year.* 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. **Please call the school office for more information at 703-221-3868.**

We would like to invite all college aged students to join us for a **free dinner** and an opportunity to hang out together and discuss their thoughts and opinions on a variety of topics, including their relationship with God. Please join us in the Parish Center Dining Hall on **Tuesday evenings, beginning June 16th, at 7:00pm** and please contact **Sheila Noble in the Religious Education office, at 703-221-3127 with any questions.**



Please Pray For All those who are sick: Fran Phoenix, Eric Smith, Annelies Gendron, Corrine McCann, Joan Matochik, Donna Stoyas, and Celine Nebbia.

And for those recently deceased: Charles Holtzlander; and John Enzmann, Sr. (Father of John Enzmann).

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

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!



Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) Pledges

Thank you to everyone who pledged to the BLA! This appeal funds diocesan Vocations, Youth Ministry, Catholic Schools, Catholic Charities, Religious Education programs as well as many others. If you made a pledge that is still being paid, you should be receiving monthly reminder statements. You also may go online to make a payment at www.arlingtondiocese.org. **If you have questions, please call the BLA office at 703-841-2570.**

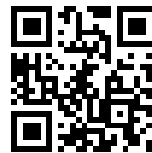
Faith Formation Office
Phone: 703-221-3127 Fax: 703-221-3246
Office Hours: **Monday—Wednesday: 8:00 am—2:00 pm**
Thursday: 5:00 pm—6:15 pm
Friday: Closed
Sunday: 8:45 am—12:00 pm

RE Registrations for 2015-2016 Catechetical Year



Registrations for next year were emailed on **April 27th** to all those families currently registered in the RE Program to begin registration for next year. **On May 26th** RE registration opened to all new RE families. **Forms will be available in the back of the church and our website on May 26th.** Please begin to consider volunteering, we are in need of Catechists, Co-Catechists, Special Needs Catechists, Catechists Aides. **Please contact Marianne Hayes, DRE at 703-221-3127 or recoor@stfrancis.org.**

Youth Ministry Update



St. Francis Youth Ministry 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. Here is what's happening soon:

We will be celebrating our **recent graduates at the 5:30 PM Mass on Sunday, June 14th.** **All graduating high school and college students are invited.** There will be a reception in the parish center afterwards.

For more information on CYM, please contact **Brandon Jubar at bjubar@stfrancis.org.**

Father's Day 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament!

Attention all athletes aged 8 to 68 who can dribble and shoot a basketball! Come participate in the Second Annual Father's Day 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament! It will start at 11 AM on June 27, 2015 at the St. Francis Parish Center Gym. Teams of up to four may be formed, and each team will play at least three games. **Teams may be sponsored for \$50,** and donations are greatly appreciated. All proceeds from this event will go to St. Francis of Assisi School. **For further details, please contact either:**



Dr. Ken Dunn at dunnkd@comcast.net;
phone: 540-657-9006

or
Kevin Horwath at kev89@comcast.net;
phone: 703-508-0294.

Baptismal Preparation Class—Our next class will be held this **Sunday, June 14, 2015 from 1:15p.m.—2:00p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, June 14—11th Sunday In Ordinary Time

5:30 PM †James F. Callahan, II
 †Paul Krieger
 †Audrey Proscia
 Virginia Sayson Ramos
 7:30 AM †Lois Feller
 †Catherine T. Fisher
 9:00 AM †Bob Walker
 †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
 †John Enzmann, Sr.
 10:30 AM †Eileen Bolen
 12:00 PM †Fred and †Marie Garland
 †Rita and †John Maher
 †Clara Kennedy
 †George Beck
 1:30 PM Misa en español
 5:30 PM People of the Parish

MONDAY, June 15—Weekday

8:45 AM †Wilma Jean Stratl
 †Rodolfo Cansanay

TUESDAY, June 16—Weekday

8:45 AM †Jonathan Wright
 †Dorothy Sims

WEDNESDAY, June 17—Weekday

8:45 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik

THURSDAY, June 18—Weekday

8:45 AM †John F. O'Connor
 †Alfredo Pennese
 †Joan Weber

FRIDAY, June 19—Weekday

8:45 AM Rev. Joseph P. Fallon

SATURDAY, June 20—Weekday

4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

Mass Intentions on Sunday, June 21, 2015

5:30 PM †Bill and †Marion Richmond
 †Rev. Peter J. Doherty
 Ed and Ethel Scaccio
 †Jack Kohler
 7:30 AM †Scott Bragiel
 †Robert E. Williams
 †Joseph DeLash
 †Mary Kay Moore
 †Joan Weber
 9:00 AM †Nicholas Colletti
 †Art Cuellar
 †Peary Orille
 †George Beck
 †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
 †John Enzmann, Sr.
 Ronald Hall
 10:30 AM †Fehrenbach and †Wright Families
 †Helen and †Frank Cordes
 †Janet Logel
 †Daniel Ferentinos
 †Renaldo Rossi
 †Lester Ricard
 12:00 PM †John F. O'Connor, Sr.
 †Robert Ferenschak
 †Clara Kennedy
 †Joseph and Julia Flood
 †Deborah Jean McGrath
 People of the Parish
 1:30 PM Fathers Day Novena
 5:30 PM †Samuel David Inlow
 †Reginald Arthur Drayne

Readings for the Week of June 14, 2015

Monday 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Matthew 5:38-42
Tuesday 2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Matthew 5:43-48
Wednesday 2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday 2 Corinthians 11:1-11; Matthew 6:7-15
Friday 2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30;
 Matthew 6:19-23
Saturday 2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Matthew 6:24-34
Sunday Job 38:1, 8-11; 2 Corinthians 5:14-17;
 Mark 4:35-41

A Novena of Masses will be offered for all Fathers, living and deceased, and will begin on June 21st.

Spiritual Bouquet Cards are available on the tables in the vestibule. Please drop the inside envelope in the catch-all slot in the vestibule or in the parish office **no later than 12 noon on Thursday, June 18th.**



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Around the Diocese

Bishop Ireton High School in Alexandria, VA has an immediate opening for the position of Director of Instruction (Principal). We are looking for applicants with outstanding experience in secondary teaching and at least five years of executive administrative experience. Should you know a qualified individual who would make for an effective Catholic high school principal, please direct him or her to <http://www.catholicjobs.com/job/5998119939>, or to **Sandi Day, Executive Assistant to the Head of School**, at days@bishopireton.org.

GOLF CHARITY EVENT: The 2nd Annual Guadalupe Free Clinic (of Colonial Beach) Golf Classic will be held at Augustine Golf Club in Stafford, VA on August 3rd. Contest prizes will include \$5,000; an HDTV; a brand new set of TaylorMade clubs. Please register at guadalupefreeclinic.org or please call 804-224-0571. **Foursomes play for \$500; singles play for \$150.**

