



The Christian community of St. Francis of Assisi welcomes with great joy the following new members of our parish baptized in the month of January:

- Amy Lisette Aldana Ramos*
- Lilly Noelle Dodson*
- Amisah Saniyah Dyson*
- Kathryn Victoria Feaman*
- Emma Grace Lozon*
- Olivia Michelle Molina*
- Jonah Franklin Vance*
- Gracelyn Letea White*
- Alexander Nelson Wittkoff*

Baptismal Preparation Class—Our next class will be held this **Sunday, March 13, 2016 from 1:30p.m.—2:00p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room.

Ignore those who say “just get over it.” Healing is a process. Stephen Ministry is a process orientated ministry. We know we cannot fix anything. We know you need time to talk, cry, and pray to heal. If you want someone to walk your journey with you, to help with the process you need to go through, please call **Kathy Walker at 703-221-4312** and then press 4 or email at kwalker@stfrancis.org. And give a Stephen Minister the honor of being by your side.



Adult Confirmation classes will begin **Tuesday, April 5th at 6:30pm in the Br. Juniper room** (church side of campus). This six-week program is for Catholic adults who have already received the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist (First Communion) and would like to complete initiation with Confirmation. **Please register with Lisa Ostendorf and reserve a textbook** lostendorf@stfrancis.org or 703-221-4044, ext. 277.

If you would like to make a donation for **Easter Memorial Flowers**, and remember your loved ones in this way please fill out the information on the envelope on the table in the vestibule and drop it in the catch-all slot. These names will be listed in the bulletin during the Easter Season.



For all lectors, ushers, servers, and Eucharistic ministers who wish to serve during the Easter Vigil and/or Easter Day masses, the **sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the vestibule.**



Communal Reconciliation—will be held on **Wednesday, March 16th, at 6:30 p.m.** We trust this will help all who respond to have a sacred encounter with the God of mercy. There will be extra clergy on hand to assist that evening.



Schedule for Holy Week and Easter Sunday March 20th—March 27th

- March 20 Palm Sunday**
Regular Mass Schedule
- March 23 Wednesday**
6:30-8:00 PM Individual Confession
- March 24 Holy Thursday**
9:00 AM Morning Prayer
12:00 PM Mass
8:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
La Cena del Señor: 8:00 PM en el Gimnasio
- March 25 Good Friday**
9:00 AM Morning Prayer
3:00 PM Liturgy of Good Friday
6:00 PM Via Crucis/The Way of the Cross—Church Parking Lot
7:00 PM Liturgy of Good Friday en español en el Gimnasio
8:00 PM Musical Meditation on the Stations of the Cross (Presented by all of St. Francis' Choirs and Musicians)
- March 26 Holy Saturday**
9:00 AM Morning Prayer / Blessing of Easter foods
Note: No Saturday 5:30 p.m. Mass
8:00 PM Easter Vigil
- March 27 Easter Sunday**
7:30 AM Mass—Church
9:00 AM Mass—Church
9:00 AM Mass—in Parish Center
10:30 AM Mass—Church
10:30 AM Mass—in Parish Center
12:15 PM Mass—Church
12:15 PM Mass—in Parish Center
1:45 PM Misa en Español

Note: No 5:30 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday


During Lent Mass will be celebrated at 8:45am and 12 noon Monday through Friday.

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

Join members of our parish's Respect Life Committee to pray the **Rosary for life issues** this coming **Friday, March 18th**, from **11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**, in the **Church**. Please contact Rob with any questions.

Upcoming FA&A meetings: Our **Respect Life Committee** (advocating for the consistent ethic of life from conception to natural death) is meeting on **Saturday, March 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, March 20th**, at **9 a.m.** in the **Br. Juniper Room**. The **V.O.I.C.E.** (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement) team here at the parish is meeting to work on community issues on **Sunday, April 3rd**, 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, April 13th**, at **7 p.m.** in the **Grade 7 Classroom**. Our **Franciscan Action and Advocacy Council (FAAC)** is meeting on **Saturday, March 19th**, at **9:30 a.m.** in the **St. Catherine Room**. (FAAC meetings are only open to council members. Parishioners are encouraged, however, to submit questions or ideas for FAAC discussion or consideration.)

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 (<http://www.stfrancis.org/welcome-introduction/>) and/or contact Rob Goraieb, O.F.S. at rgoraieb@stfrancis.org or 703-221-3127, ext. 228.



ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME
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POPE FRANCIS
ENCYCLICAL LETTER

Pope Francis's Encyclical:

"If present trends continue, this century may well witness extraordinary climate change and an unprecedented destruction of ecosystems, with serious consequences for all of us. A rise in the sea level, for example, can create extremely serious situations, if we consider that a quarter of the world's population lives on the coast or nearby, and that the majority of our megacities are situated in coastal areas."

(Chapter 1, paragraph 25)

*—Compiled by
Chelsea Miller and Adam Petrizza
from our parish
Care for Creation Committee*

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

St. Francis House Corner



Thanks to the donations from all our parishioners we were able to provide food for **70** families this week. At this moment we are in need of **cereal** and **reusable bags (no paper bags)**. For more information about the St. Francis House Food Pantry, please call **Francia** at **703-221-6344**. **Thank you for your continuing support.**

When Did I see You Hungry, Lord?
St. Francis has pledged to provide Saturday dinners during the winter months at the Winter Shelter and **we need your help**. Sign-up sheets are available on the bulletin board in the vestibule. **For more information please contact Francia** at **703-221-6344** or calisa3@verizon.net.

Boletín Semanal

Charlas Bautismales—Las próximas charlas bautismales serán el **viernes, marzo 18** a las 7:00pm en la librería de la escuela. Para mas información por favor llamar a la **Señora Salguero** al **703-221-6344**.

Despensa de Comida de La Casa de San Francis—gradecemos a todos nuestros parroquianos por todas sus ofrendas a la Despensa de Comida; con sus donaciones pudimos ayudar a **70** familias. En estos momentos estamos necesitados de **cereal** y **bolsas reusables**. **Muchas gracias por sus donaciones.**

Quando te vi con hambre, Señor?—San Francis se ha comprometido a proveer cenas para el albergue todos los sábados. Necesitamos su ayuda. Para mas información por favor llamar a **Francia** al **703-221-6344** o escribirle a su correo electrónico calisa3@verizon.net o firmarse en las hojas que están en el vestíbulo de la iglesia.

Servicio Penitencial—El miércoles, **Marzo 16 de 6:30-8:00pm** tendremos en nuestra parroquia el Servicio Penitencial, oportunidad para reflexionar en la palabra de Dios, examinar nuestra conciencia y confesar nuestros pecados.

Horario de La Semana Santa y Día de Pascuas
Marzo 20 Domingo de Ramos
Marzo 23 Miércoles 6:30pm-8:00pm Confesiones Individuales
Marzo 24 Jueves Santo La Cena del Señor: 8:00pm en el Gimnasio.
Marzo 25 Viacrucis en Español a las 6:00pm en el Parqueo de la iglesia seguido por la Misa de Viernes Santo a las 7:00pm en el Gimnasio.
Marzo 27 Domingo de Pascuas Misa en español en la iglesia a la 1:45pm.

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Faith Formation Office

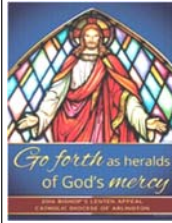
Phone: 703-221-3127 Fax: 703-221-3246
Office Hours: Monday—Thursday: 8:00 am—2:00 pm
Friday: 8:00 am—1:00 pm

Religious Education Calendar

Religious Education has a New Website Page! Parents please check out the new Parish website at stfrancis.org. Religious Education has a new page along with some new added features. We have a Parent Blog with insightful articles and we are on Pinterest! Please feel free to email me with Catholic resources that you have found helpful. Email Marianne Hayes, DRE at recoor@stfrancis.org

Mar. 13 Sunday RE Sessions I&II
17 Thursday RE Session
March 29—April 3rd NO RE, Easter Break. Classes will resume on April 7th.

SAVE THE DATE
St. Francis of Assisi School PTO
Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction
Saturday, April 30, 2016
Immediately following 5:30pm Mass



**2016 Bishop's Lenten Appeal
Go forth as heralds of
God's mercy**

The Bishop's Lenten Appeal is in full swing and we are asking every household in our parish to support this appeal to the extent that they are able. **The BLA funds many programs, services and ministries that serve people in need and further Jesus' Mission in our diocese.** During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, let's join together to do the Lord's work—works that touch the lives and souls of thousands of people in our diocese. Thank you!

John Paul OPEN HOUSE

The Spring Preview Open House on **Thursday, March 17th, from 4 – 6pm**, is primarily for younger students who wish to preview high school, but all are welcome to attend! *A brief presentation will begin at 4:15pm.* Meet Students, teachers, and parents, and enjoy green treats in honor of St. Patrick! **For more information and to register, please visit www.jpthegreat.org or call 703-445-0314.**



HUNGERING FOR THE JOURNEY



Join our parish community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. All RE students and SFAS students were given a Rice Bowl. Please have your family participate in this wonderful act of mercy. If you give up a meal or the movies have your child donate to the Rice Bowl and do not forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app! Remember, what you give up for Lent changes lives! **For more information contact Marianne Hayes, DRE recoor@stfrancis.org**

Easter Basket Donations



Confirmation candidates will be preparing Easter Baskets for Francis House on **March 17th**. If you would like to contribute a bag of candy to this effort, **please bring it to the Religious Education office prior to March 17th**. Thank you so much for your assistance!!



Soup and Stations—Fridays during Lent we are celebrating Soup and Stations beginning at **6:00 pm** with a soup and bread dinner in the **Parish Center Dining Facility** followed by the **Stations of the Cross in the church at 7:00 pm**. Each week a different group will sponsor the dinner and St. Francis Lectors will lead the Stations that evening. Please join us in this time of fellowship and prayer.

Please Pray For

All those who are sick: Annelies Gendron, Sheryl Richardson, Clyde Richardson, Josephine DeSimone, Norma Eure, Celine Nebbia, Michael Breeding, and Richard Hamner.

And for those recently deceased: Fran Phoenix.

Please pray for the following who are serving abroad in harm's way: Bo Bosak, Joseph Sheridan, Ian French, Jeffrey Miller, Jeffrey Monken, James Moore, Kyle McVay, Kyle Traylor, Kasey Eggie, Eustaquio Castro-Mendoza, Marc Gendron, and Darryl Saungweme.

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.



LUNCH BUNCH—All those who are 55+ please join us for our March Lunch Bunch get together **Thursday, March 17th at 12:30 in the St. Catherine Room**. We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day, Mardi Gras and Easter and looking at all the religious history and connections. Games, puzzles and discussion along with provided refreshments included. Please bring a brown bag lunch and a smile! If you need further information please contact **Becky Traver at Tandovi@aol.com or 540-699-2175.**



Votive Candles—Envelopes are provided for the candle money. **Please place them in the Catch-All slot located in the vestibule of the church.**



Fifth Sunday of Lent

SUNDAY, 5:30 PM	March 13—5th Sunday of Lent †Joan O'Connor-Weber †Jerry and †Connie O'Shea †Juanito Malapit †Jean Stanley †Clara Caine
7:30 AM	†Judy Cloy Kathleen Chipps
9:00 AM	†Michael Houska †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
10:30 AM	†Lorenzo Gaglio
12:15 PM	†Joyce and †Don McVay †George Beck †Clara Kennedy
1:45 PM	†Servanda Sandoval
5:30 PM	People of the Parish
MONDAY, 8:45 AM	March 14—Lenten Weekday
12:00 PM	
TUESDAY, 8:45 AM	March 15—Lenten Weekday
12:00 PM	
WEDNESDAY, 8:45 AM	March 16—Lenten Weekday †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
12:00 PM	†Purificacion Bueno †Vicente Saldua †Santo Bueno
THURSDAY, 8:45 AM	March 17—Lenten Weekday Fr. Raj
12:00 PM	
FRIDAY, 8:45 AM	March 18—Lenten Weekday
12:00 PM	
SATURDAY, 4:00 PM	March 19—St. Joseph, husband of Mary Sacrament of Reconciliation

Mass Intentions on Sunday, March 20, 2016

5:30 PM	†Donna Bowman Olds †Paul Krieger †Ron Emmons †Bernard Brommer †John and †Mary Misyak †Mary Lou Jackson
7:30 AM	†Judy Cloy †Janis Brodrick †Joseph P Conner, Jr.
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Mannie Perez †Peter Joseph Schwartz, Jr.
10:30 AM	†Lorenzo Gaglio
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy †Arline Prior The McHatton Family
1:45 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	People of the Parish

Readings for the Week of March 13, 2016

Monday	Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; John 8:12-20
Tuesday	Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30
Wednesday	Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; John 8:31-42
Thursday	Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59
Friday	Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42
Saturday	2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a
Sunday	Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Philippians 2:8-9; Luke 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

Confession Schedule for Lent

Confessions will be heard every Wednesday during Lent from **6:30 pm until 8:00 pm**.
In addition to Saturday's from 4—5pm.

The **VIRTUS Protecting God's Children** is the adult safe-environment program being offered by the Diocese of Arlington. **The Diocese requires all adult employees and also volunteers who have substantial contact with children to attend the seminar. This includes:**

- ⇒ Vacation Bible School volunteers
- ⇒ Nursery volunteers
- ⇒ Confirmation retreat parent volunteers
- ⇒ School parent volunteers, who chaperone field trips, volunteer in the classroom, etc.
- ⇒ Mommy & Me volunteers
- ⇒ Coaches for all sports
- ⇒ Boy Scout/Girl Scout leaders and assistants (regardless of whether they are parishioners)
- ⇒ Catechists and Assistant Catechists
- ⇒ CYM and MSYM volunteers
- ⇒ All church and school employees

St. Francis of Assisi Parish will host a seminar on **Saturday, April 9th from 10 am—2 pm** in the Parish Center Dining Facility (begins promptly at **10 am**). To attend this workshop you must pre-register with your full legal name. The seminar is **limited to 60 people**, but there are a number of seminars offered throughout the Diocese; please check availability on the VIRTUS website.



To register: Go to www.virtus.org and click on the yellow link labeled "Registration" (you may either view a list of sessions or begin the registration process). To register for a specific session, select "Begin the Registration Process". Then, from the pull-down menu, select "Diocese of Arlington, VA". Then follow the online prompts.

Every adult member of the parish is invited to register and attend the workshop—it is our duty as members of this community of faith to be aware of how we can support and protect all children.