



The Christian community of St. Francis of Assisi welcomes with great joy the following new members of our parish baptized in the months of February and March:

- Lorenzo Adrian Arboleda*
- Brayden Michael Beech*
- Henry Stuart Brawley*
- Christopher Lee Burress*
- Matthew Addison Chezem, Jr.*
- Cooper Jeffrey Crabb*
- Elora Christine Cunningham*
- Julia Eleanor Ford*
- Valentina Grace Giaimo*
- Erin Elizabeth Gilbert*
- Andrew Marcus Graziani*
- Anthony Augustus Graziani*
- Isabella Evelyn-Ann Heig*
- Scarlet Yaneth Hernandez-Rodriguez*
- Josiah Ameer Hinds*
- Kathleen Elizabeth Johnson*
- Mackenzie Michelle Jordan*
- Jessica Claire Kahak*
- Griffin Michael Larrabee*
- Jackson James O'Connor*
- Lionella Lilly Smith*
- Joseph Ozais Smith-Mayen*
- Jackson Walker Sparhawk*

**Baptismal Preparation Class**—Our next class will be held on **Sunday, April 10, 2016 from 1:30p.m.—2:00p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room. Please call the parish office to register at 703-221-4044.

**Altar Server Training**

Paul Jacobsmeyer will conduct altar server training on:

**Saturday, April 9th  
from 1:00pm—2:00pm**

Rising 5th graders and older boys and girls are eligible. Contact Paul at 703-730-8280, or e-mail- [pjjake4@aol.com](mailto:pjjake4@aol.com).



**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**



Workshops for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be held this year on:

**Saturday, April 30, 2016 at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception (in the upper Church) in Fredericksburg**

**Saturday, May 14, 2016 at Our Lady of Hope (in the upper church) in Potomac Falls.**

The time frame for all workshops will be from **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.**

To register for one of the workshops or if you have any questions, please contact Chanel Marquis at 703-221-4044, ext. 222 or [cmarquis@stfrancis.org](mailto:cmarquis@stfrancis.org).

*The Easter flowers were donated in memory of the following:*

Joseph and Manuel Torrijos; Freddie and Barbara Clark; Helen Parr; and John Parr.



Only **ONE** week remaining to return ticket stubs with payment or unsold tickets. Need more tickets to sell? Please contact Mrs. **Kathy Greene** at 703-221-3868 or email [greenek.sfas@gmail.com](mailto:greenek.sfas@gmail.com). This is the largest parish fundraiser and we thank you for your support.

Dear St. Francis Community,

You may have noticed the five picnic tables on the patio off the cafeteria; they are my Thank You gift to our Parish. My family and I have been blessed to be part of this great Parish. For my Boy Scout Eagle Project, I wanted to give back. Many thanks to all who helped, especially the Knights of Columbus, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and the PTO, for their generous donations. I hope you enjoy the tables.



Sincerely,  
Richie Schott  
SFA Class of 2016



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!

**Follow us on:**

Facebook: *St. Francis of Assisi Church*  
Twitter: *@StFrancisVA*  
Instagram: *stfrancischurchva*



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

Everyone is invited to the parish on **Sunday, April 10th**, at **10 a.m.** in the **Br. Juniper Room**, for a presentation on **“Making Informed Catholic End-of-Life Decisions.”** Sponsored by the parish and our Respect Life Committee, our guest speaker, Joseph W. Stuart, PLC, Attorney & Counsellor at Law, will help us to navigate the tough end-of-life decisions—known and unknown, young and old, routine and in crisis—that we are often forced to confront—in a way that is faith-filled, loving and wise. Come make sense of all the confusion; come learn the differences between what the State permits and what the Catholic Church teaches; and much, much more. This will be an active discussion and you will leave better informed and better prepared to plan. **The event is free. Light refreshments will be served.**

**Upcoming FA&A meetings:** Our **Anti-Human Trafficking Committee** (engaged in action, awareness and advocacy efforts in the fight against human trafficking) is meeting with a special guest on **Wednesday, April 13th**, 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, April 16th**, 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, April 17th**, at **9 a.m.** in the **Br. Juniper Room**. Our **Franciscan Action and Advocacy Council (FAAC)** is meeting on **Saturday, April 16th**, 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.)

Come learn about **coal ash** concerns in Possum Point and Quantico Creek **this Tuesday, April 5th, 7 p.m.**, at **Dumfries Triangle Rescue Squad** (3800 Graham Park Road, Dumfries 22026).

**Franciscan Common Ground** is a one-day conference on migration at The Migrant Center at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi in New York City on **May 21st** that hopes to engage all of the branches of the Franciscan Order and key partner organizations and institutions in dialogue and network-building toward a consistent, coordinated, timely and widespread Franciscan response to migration and immigration issues in the U.S. For more information, visit <http://franciscancommonground.org/>.

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.stfrncis.org/welcome-introduction/>) and/or contact Rob Goraieb, O.F.S. at [rgoraieb@stfrncis.org](mailto:rgoraieb@stfrncis.org) or 703-221-3127, ext. 228.

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



## St. Francis House Corner

Thanks to the donations from all our parishioners we were able to provide food for **65** families this week. At this moment we are in need of **Can Fruit, Hamburger Helper** 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.**



**Donations for Refugee and Immigration Services**  
St. Francis House has received a request from the Refugee and Immigration Services to provide support for families who are relocating to the United States. The families can use the following **(NEW)** items:  
*Full and Queen size sheet sets, can openers, Kitchen and bathroom cleaning supplies, dish soap, mops w/pail, broom w/dust pan, toilet paper, paper towels, soap/body wash, alarm clocks, sponges, laundry detergent, kitchen trash cans, trash bags, shampoo, shower curtains w/hooks, light bulbs and lamps.* **If you can help provide any of the above, please contact Francia Salguero at 571-572-5862 (cell) or email [calisa3@verizon.net](mailto:calisa3@verizon.net).**

## Boletín Semanal

**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 **65** familias. En estos momentos estamos necesitados de **Hamburger Helper y Fruta En Latas**. **Muchas gracias por sus donaciones. Para mas información contactar a la Señora Salguero al 703-2221-6344.**

**Charlas Bautismales**—Las próximas charlas bautismales serán el viernes, **abril 15 a las 7:00pm** en la librería de la escuela. Para más información por favor llamar a la Señora Salguero al 703-221-6344.

**There will be a session of Cyber Seniors on April 7th in the Br. Juniper Room from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**



Attendance at a previous session is NOT required. These are **entry level sessions** designed for seniors who want to become more comfortable with the electronic devices that are now part of all our lives. No prior computer experience or vocabulary required! If you have questions, contact **Sharon at [bbsle21@gmail.com](mailto:bbsle21@gmail.com)** or **Jeanne at [jcmitcho45@gmail.com](mailto:jcmitcho45@gmail.com)**.

**Many Members One Body**, a support group for gay and lesbian Catholics and their families, will be held on **Thursday, April 7th, at 7 pm in the Br. Juniper Room**. For more information, please contact **Fr. Kevin Downey at 703-221-4044**.



### 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

Apr. 10	Sunday RE Sessions I&II
14	Thursday RE Session
17	Sunday RE Sessions I&II
21	Thursday RE Session
24	Sunday RE Sessions I&II
28	Thursday RE Session

#### Important Dates—Confirmation 2016

April 10<sup>th</sup> (1pm-7pm) in the gym—Year II Confirmation Retreat with the NET Team.

April 16<sup>th</sup> (9am or 11am)—Reconciliation

- 9am—St. Francis School, Thursday RE, CYM
- 11am—All Sunday RE sessions, Homeschool

Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> (6:30pm or 8:00pm)—Confirmation Rehearsal

- 6:30pm—St. Francis School, Thursday RE, CYM
- 8:00pm—All Sunday RE sessions, Homeschool

Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> (10:00am or 2:00pm)—Confirmation

- 10:00am—St. Francis School, Thursday RE, CYM
- 2:00pm—All Sunday RE sessions, Homeschool

#### Important Dates—Confirmation 2017

April 9<sup>th</sup> (3pm-9pm) in the gym—Year I Confirmation Retreat with the NET Team.

April 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>—Bread for Life Service Event

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4ea9aa29a2fc1-year>



**VBS Save the Date!!**  
VBS is June 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>! Many volunteers are needed to make this a great week! Please contact **Sharon Gardner** for information [gardners.vbs@gmail.com](mailto:gardners.vbs@gmail.com).

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**Adult Confirmation** classes will begin **Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 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@stfrncis.org](mailto:lostendorf@stfrncis.org) or 703-221-4044, ext. 277.

#### SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank  
**Rai Family Dentistry**  
for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

### St. Francis of Assisi School PTO Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction

Save the date! The school will host a Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction on **Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>** immediately following 5:30 pm mass. All parishioners are invited to attend this family friendly event. **Tables for 8 people may be purchased for \$70. Individual ticket prices are as follows: \$10 for 12 and up, \$6 for children 3 to 11.** Your ticket includes spaghetti, salad, bread, tea, water and punch. Beer and wine will be available to purchase. Check back in the bulletin for ticket sale times and updates.

#### ANNUAL SPRING TEA

The Columbiettes are hosting their annual spring tea and fashion show on **May 1st at 2PM in St Francis of Assisi Parish Center Gym**. Please join us for this worthwhile fundraising event. **Tickets are \$25 each. Tickets will be on sale on our web site: [columbiettes.yapsody.com](http://columbiettes.yapsody.com) or after the masses on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>.**



**ST. FRANCIS MEN'S GROUP**—Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 7:30PM in Parish Center Library**—Our topic will be *"Resisting the Destructive Political Culture"*. An article on this topic by Russ Testa of the Holy Name Province Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) Office. This article is available at the following link: <https://www.hnp.org/signs-times-resisting-destructive-political-culture/>

All men of the parish are welcome. **For more information please contact Tony Mercogliano at [amercogliano@gmail.com](mailto:amercogliano@gmail.com) or 571-332-7048.**

**Please Pray For** All those who are sick: Thomas DeBack, Donna Smiley, Hudson Beck, Michael Creegan, Sheryl Richardson, Clyde Richardson, Josephine DeSimone, Norma Eure, and Celine Nebbia.

**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.

#### St. Francis of Assisi Girl Scout Troop

2979 is hosting the "Rock the Ages" Father/Daughter Dance at the **Dumfries United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**. **Daisies and Brownies can bring their special guy from 4:30pm-6:30pm, and then Juniors, Cadettes, and Seniors can bring their special guy from 6:30pm-8:30pm.** Dancing, beverages, snacks, Photo Booth and Professional Photographer will be provide to make this a special night to remember. **Price is \$25 per couple** and the Troop is offering a personalized tumbler with straw. For information on registration, please contact **Carole Rogan** at [carole.rogan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carole.rogan@sbcglobal.net) or 815-690-3997. **We look forward to seeing you!!**





*alleluia*  
**Liturgies For The Week**

**SUNDAY, April 3—2nd Sunday of Easter**

5:30 PM †Cynthia Palanzo  
†Fran Phoenix  
†Agatha Back  
†Palmira Coimbra

7:30 AM †Judy Cloy  
†Mary McDonough  
Thomas Lee  
†John A. Cipparone, Sr.

9:00 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik  
†Janis Brodrick  
†Ne Bui

10:30 AM †Eileen Bolen  
12:15 PM †Mario Capozzi  
†Clara Kennedy  
†Julia Williams  
†Mary Simmons  
†Alice Bolen

1:45 PM Misa en español  
5:30 PM People of the Parish

**MONDAY, April 4—Annunciation of the Lord**

8:45 AM †Timothy Zachman

**TUESDAY, April 5—Easter Weekday**

8:45 AM Gretchen May

**WEDNESDAY, April 6—Easter Weekday**

8:45 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik

**THURSDAY, April 7—St. John Baptist de la Salle**

8:45 AM Fr. Raj

**FRIDAY, April 8—Easter Weekday**

8:45 AM †Terry Lee Purcell  
†Joanne Lucia Sanford

**SATURDAY, April 9—Easter Weekday**

4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Mass Intentions on Sunday, April 10, 2016**

5:30 PM †John Restante  
Rick Strohecker  
Elizabeth Choi  
†Hellen Dodson

7:30 AM People of the Parish

9:00 AM †Mary Mancuso  
†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik

10:30 AM †Janice Brodrick  
12:15 PM †Joyce and †Don McVay  
†George Beck  
†Clara Kennedy  
†Janet Tetley

1:45 PM Misa en español  
5:30 PM †Claudina Wright

**Adult Soccer players over 30** wanted for 7 on 7 half field soccer. A great way to exercise and meet your fellow parishioners. Games Tuesday and Wednesday night at Howison field. **If interested, please contact Chris Lyons at 703-473-7495 or Ed San Martin at 703-863-8811.**



**Readings for the Week of April 3, 2016**

**Monday** Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10;  
Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38

**Tuesday** Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15

**Wednesday** Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21

**Thursday** Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36

**Friday** Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15

**Saturday** Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21

**Sunday** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41;  
Revelation 5:11-14;  
John 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

We would like to extend a huge **thank you** to our photographers: **Jim Mudd, Lucy Cason, Nancy Duncan, and Will Sharp.** We truly appreciate the amazing pictures all of them have taken at St. Francis! Most of the pictures on our website, social media pages, and marketing materials were taken by them. Thank you, Jim, Lucy, Nancy, and Will!



**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](http://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.