

**From  
the  
Friars**



Tuesday is election day. It goes without saying that this has been a difficult election year. Many have shared with me that they "will be glad when it is over."

I would encourage all of us to say a prayer to the Holy Spirit before we cast our votes on Tuesday. Pray that the Spirit will guide us to do what is best for

our country. Please know that you will be in the prayers of the friars.

This coming week is National Vocation Awareness week. This weekend we welcome James Waalkes, a Seminarian from the Diocese of Arlington. He will speak to us at the weekend liturgies on the topic of Vocations.

We also welcome this weekend, eight men who are in their first year of training as Franciscan friars. They are called Postulants. They will be accompanied by Fr. Charley Miller, O.F.M. (former St. Francis of Assisi Pastor) who now serves as the Associate Director of Postulant Formation at our friary in Silver Spring, Maryland.

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

The **Rosary Guild** meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Please join us **Tuesday, November 8th** from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the **St. Catherine Room**. All are welcome. For more information, please call **Otella Creegan** at 571-264-0312.



**St. Francis of Assisi Elementary, Middle and Preschool** will host a Discover Catholic Schools Week Open House for new families on **Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>** at **9:00am**.



Please plan to join us for a tour of our school and to meet our wonderful teachers. For admission questions please call the school office at **703-221-3868** or visit our website [www.stfas.org](http://www.stfas.org).



**Fallen Heroes interred at Quantico National Cemetery**

The Quantico Wreath Project, conducted annually by the **SGT MAC FOUNDATION**, will be supported again in 2016 by the **Knights of Columbus** with assistance from the **Columbiettes**.

Fundraising at St. Francis of Assisi Parish will take place during the weekends of: **November 6th, 13th, and 20th**. On Saturday, **December 4th**, volunteers will place wreaths on the graves at **Quantico National Cemetery**. All of the wreaths used to decorate the graves of our fallen heroes are purchased with donated funds (**\$10 for each wreath**). Each year we have been able to raise more money and decorate more graves. **Last year we decorated 10,000 graves in Sections 9 & 10 of Quantico National Cemetery and this year we hope to be able to decorate the 11,000.** Representatives from the Knights and the Columbiettes will accept donations at a table on the center circle after each Mass on the fundraising weekends. Checks will be accepted and should be made payable to the **SGT MAC FOUNDATION**.

**Do not stumble over something behind you.** Stop looking back. If you need the help of an empathetic, kind, loving and confidential person to help you, please call **Kathy Walker** at **703-221-4312** and then press 4 so Stephen Ministry can get you started in moving forward again.



Please do **NOT** exit the Parish Grounds (parking lot) by way of the Entrance driveway. Traffic on Fuller Heights Road is increasing and a couple of weeks ago person exiting the parish parking lot by way of the entrance almost caused a major accident.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR**

**Calling all our young singers from grades 2 through 8!**

The first rehearsal for the St. Francis Children's Christmas Choir takes place on **November 6th from 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Church**.

Rehearsals are each **Sunday from November 6th through December 18th**. Performances include the Festival of Praise on Friday,

December 16th and Christmas Eve. Registration forms are available online at <http://www.stfrncis.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Registration-Form-2016.pdf> or at the first rehearsal. Questions? **Please contact Colleen Wells** at [cwells@stfrncis.org](mailto:cwells@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](http://www.stfrncis.org).



**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 **70** families this week. Because of the increase of families in need we are in need of:

- Cereal
- Tuna
- Paper Bags
- Hamburger Helper
- Reusable Bags



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



**Catholic Charities is welcoming new refugees to the Fredericksburg area!** Most of our new arrivals are our translators/interpreters that have been supporting our military in Afghanistan. We are in desperate need of dining tables and chairs (*please note that the houses are very small*) and bunk beds. If you can help us please contact Francia Salguero at [calisa3@verizon.net](mailto:calisa3@verizon.net) or **703-221-6344**. Thank you very much for helping us welcome the refugees to our area!

### Bill Mehr Drop-In Shelter

Many thanks to all who have responded so generously to requests for breakfast items at the Bill Mehr shelter. With the help of our parishioners we provided **1,240 breakfasts**. For the winter season beginning **Saturday, November 5th**, our responsibilities will shift to supplying **dinner on Saturday evenings**. Directions and sign-up sheets are located on the table directly below the bulletin board in the vestibule (**PLEASE DO NOT remove the sign-up sheets and clip boards from the vestibule**). For more information please call Francia at **571-572-5862**.

**ST. FRANCIS MEN'S GROUP**—Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 15th at 7:30 pm in the Br. Juniper Room**—Our topic will be *The Stephen Ministry—What is it?, How Does it Work?* We are pleased to have Kathy Walker, Director of the Stephen Ministry here at St. Francis of Assisi as our guest speaker.

**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!



## Boletín Semanal

**Despensa de Comida de La Casa de San Francisco**—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
- Atún
- Bolsas de papel
- Bolsas Reusables

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

**La Antorcha Guadalupana visitará nuestra iglesia** San Francisco de Asís nuevamente este año. Las imágenes santas de la Virgen y San Juan Diego llegará el **miércoles, 30 de noviembre**. Tendremos una misa a las 6:00pm, seguida por un aperitivo ligero. Habrá oportunidad de acompañar a las imágenes en el camino a Washington DC el día siguiente.



### Misa De Todas Las Almas en Español

En la solemnidad de Todos Las Almas, estaremos celebrando una misa en español el viernes, noviembre 11 a las 7:00pm. En la iglesia tendremos una canasta donde usted puede colocar un papel con los nombres de sus seres queridos que ya fallecieron. Estaremos rezando por ellos todo el mes de Noviembre. Para mas información por favor hablar con el Padre John Heffernan.

**Charlas Bautismales**—Las próximas charlas bautismales en español serán el viernes, noviembre 18. Las charlas bautismales son a las 7:00pm en el Salón del Hermano Juniper (Br. Juniper Room). Para más información por favor llamar a la **Señora Salguero** al **703-221-6344**.

**Please Pray For** All those who are sick: Rita Lapinski; Clyde Richardson; Roseanne Scruggs; Louise Bergeria; and Peggy Flynn.

**And for those recently deceased:** Patti Rogers; Joseph Reed.

**Please pray for the following who are serving abroad in harm's way:** Brianna French; William Place, Glenn Harms; Bo Bosak, Joseph Sheridan, James Moore, Kyle McVay, Kyle Traylor, Kasey Eggie, Eustaquio Castro-Mendoza, Marc Gendron, and Darryl Saungweme.

The **Lion's Club** has **2 donation drop boxes located on the window sill in the vestibule**. Please consider donating your used eyeglasses to the Lion's Club. Your unwanted glasses will help someone see better. Thank you for always being so generous.



### **Faith Formation Office**

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

### **Registration has begun for Religious Education for 2016-2017**

Religious Education classes began on, **September 18<sup>th</sup>** for all Sacramental grades. All registration information can be found on our website at

<http://www.stfrancis.org/welcome-and-introduction/> or by filling out registration forms found in the vestibule and website. Parent Handbook also available on our website in both English and Spanish.

**For questions regarding Registration call or e-mail the RE Office/Liz Brack: [lizb@stfrancis.org](mailto:lizb@stfrancis.org), Marianne Hayes, DRE [recoor@stfrancis.org](mailto:recoor@stfrancis.org), Sheila Noble [snoble@stfrancis.org](mailto:snoble@stfrancis.org) ADRE (Sacramental Preparation) 703-221-3127.**

### **Christmas Pageant Coordinators needed**

After several years of Coordinating the Christmas Pageant at St. Francis, Julia Vaughn and Jennifer Brooks are ready to hand on the duties to new Coordinators. They will train new Coordinators this year so that they are ready to take over Christmas Eve 2017! If you are interested in Coordinating the Christmas Pageant, please contact **Jen Brooks at [mfjabrooks@gmail.com](mailto:mfjabrooks@gmail.com) or Marianne Hayes, DRE in the RE Office [recoor@stfrancis.org](mailto:recoor@stfrancis.org).**

St. Francis High School Youth Ministry is now 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, November 6th**  
6:30 PM—8:30 PM  
St. Catherine Room  
**REAL Time (Youth Group)**  
All teens grades 9-12

**Sunday, November 13th**  
6:30 PM—8:30 PM  
St. Catherine Room  
**REAL Leaders**  
Leadership Teens ONLY

**Sunday, November 20th**  
6:30 PM—8:30 PM  
St. Catherine Room  
**REAL Time (Youth Group)**  
All teens grades 9-12

**Baptismal Preparation Class**—Our next class will be held on **Sunday, November 13, 2016 from 1:30p.m.—2:30p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room. **Please call the parish office to register at 703-221-4044.**

***White House Christmas ornaments  
are on now for sale!***

**Cost: \$20.00**

**Deadline for orders/payment: November 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Order forms can be found on the school's home page [www.sfas.org](http://www.sfas.org). Please make checks payable to **St. Francis of Assisi**. *In the memo section, please write 'WH Ornaments'.* You may drop-off your order to the school office or put it in the catch-all slot in the vestibule of the church. All proceeds from each ornament purchased will go to the St. Francis Sports program.



**Contact: Terry DeVito at [devitot.sfas@gmail.com](mailto:devitot.sfas@gmail.com)  
Subject: WH Ornaments**

## BEST *Advent* EVER

We prepare for everything we consider important in life. And that includes Christmas. We shop for gifts, bake cookies, decorate our trees, and visit family and friends until we are ready to drop. This year, prepare for Christmas in a different way. Join Dynamic Catholic for Best Advent Ever: Rediscover Christmas. You will receive daily emails with inspirational videos, practical tips, or free Christmas music that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most. You will experience Christmas in a way you have never experienced it before. Are you ready for your best Advent ever? To sign-up, please visit [BestAdventEver.com](http://BestAdventEver.com).

**To all our dear Filipino parishioners,** I am inviting you to join us for our planning session with regards to our upcoming First Simbang Gabi at St. Francis of Assisi, which will be held on December 17, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Our planning meeting will be held on **November 12th, at 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Center Dining Hall.** Everyone who would like to be a part of this "great festivity" is welcome!

Thank you,

Alma Jabay  
**EI Shaddai-Filipino Ministry Coordinator**





**Mass Intentions**

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5:30 PM	<b>November 5—Weekday</b> †Diane Tomasinski †Patrick Mullany †Rudolph Slimak
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 7:30 AM	<b>November 6—32nd Sunday In Ordinary Time</b> †Judy Cloy Dorothy Lee Thomas Lee
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Maria Tang Thi Pham Special Intention for J.H.
10:30 AM	†Francis G. Plati, Jr. †Helen C. Buckley †Ambrose and †Mildred Baden †Katsuko Kenavan
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy †Thomas Bonner Franciscan Friars
1:45 PM	All Souls Novena
5:30 PM	People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>November 7—Weekday</b> All Souls Novena
<b>TUESDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>November 8—Weekday</b> †Tim Borggreen
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>November 9—Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome</b> †Mary Jo Pirko †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
<b>THURSDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>November 10—St. Leo the Great</b> All Souls Novena †Emanuela Fernandez Sr. Grace Regina Wingenfeld, O.P.
<b>FRIDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>November 11—Veterans' Day</b> Charles Schneider
<b>SATURDAY,</b> 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	<b>November 12—St. Josaphat</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation †Paul Krieger †Diane Tomasinski †Normand and Patricia Marquis
<b>Mass Intentions on Sunday, November 13, 2016</b>	
7:30 AM	All Souls Novena †Florence Mittino
9:00 AM	†Marion Yesko †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Maria Tang Thi Pham
10:30 AM	†Rose DeMarco
12:15 PM	†George Beck †Clara Kennedy †Thomas Clemons
1:45 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	People of the Parish

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

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

**Readings for the Week of November 6, 2016**

<b>Monday</b>	Timothy 1:1-9; Luke 17:1-6
<b>Tuesday</b>	Timothy 2:1-8, 11-14; Luke 17:7-10
<b>Wednesday</b>	Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22
<b>Thursday</b>	Philemon 7-20; Luke 17:20-25
<b>Friday</b>	2 John 4-9; Luke 17:26-37
<b>Saturday</b>	3 John 5-8; Luke 18:1-8
<b>Sunday</b>	Malachi 3:19-20a; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19

**CALLING ALL YOU IRISH LADIES  
By BIRTH OR MARRIAGE**

The Fr. Mychal Judge, O.F.M. Ladies Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians **will be meeting on Monday, November 14, 2016** in the **Br. Juniper Room!** We will gather at 6:45 pm. The meeting will last from 7:00-8:00 pm.



**You must be:** Catholic female of 16 years of age or older and Irish, Irish decent OR married to an Irish gentlemen, you are welcome to join us.

**Criteria to join this group of ladies?** You must be a Catholic female of 16 years of age or older and Irish, Irish decent OR married to an Irish gentleman.

Once a part of this Irish Catholic Organization—all we ask is for you to live our motto of:

**"Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity"**

Come by and see what is going on within our group! We would enjoy meeting you and having you JOIN us. **For more information or/and if you are eligible and interested in joining, please contact Mary Kay Jones at 540-287-4383 or [jonesmk@aol.com](mailto:jonesmk@aol.com).**

**Christ the King Men's Day of Recollection**—Gentlemen, prepare yourself spiritually for what lies ahead in these uncertain times! The 18th Annual Christ the King Men's Day of Recollection, directed by Rev. Paul D. Scalia will be held on **Saturday, November 19th, from 9:15am--1:15pm at St. John the Beloved Church, 6420 Linway Terrace, McLean.** The \$35 charge includes lunch and materials. To register, please send a check, payable to WAY, to Jennifer Lawler, 5464 Mersea Ct., Burke, VA 22015. For more information, please contact **Robin Maas at [robinmaas@verizon.net](mailto:robinmaas@verizon.net).**

**Prayer Service for Healing for Victims/Survivors of Sexual Abuse**

In 2005, the Diocese of Arlington began a series of Prayer Services for victims/survivors of sexual abuse. The Prayer Services include a survivor's testimony of his/her efforts to heal from the effects of sexual abuse, followed by a light reception. The next Prayer Service will be held on **Saturday, November 12, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 271 Wincester Street, Warrenton, Virginia 20186.** *Rev. Thomas Ferguson* will preside.