

From
the
Friars



The long and what many have experienced as a difficult election year has come to an end. We have heard over and over again how our country is very divided. This is painful to hear as we all love this country and what it stands for.

Now is the time for our nation to come together and despite what may be our different ideologies, to work to become one strong nation. A nation that continues to reflect the values of our constitution, "one nation under God indivisible, with liberty and justice for all".

May our loving God and the Holy Spirit guide us in the challenging days ahead.

Many thanks to all who welcomed our Franciscan Postulants (men in the first year of training) last weekend. This class of eight men is the largest Postulant class that we have had in several years.

The Postulants were very impressed with the parish, both the parishioners they met and the many spiritual, educational, and outreach programs that the parish sponsors. Many thanks again for your superb hospitality.

On behalf of Friar Henry, Fr. John Alderson, Fr. John Heffernan, and myself, I wish all of you a blessed Thanksgiving. May this be a special day for you and your loved ones as we thank God for the many good gifts that He has given us.

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

The **Rosary Guild** meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Please join us **Tuesday, November 22nd** 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.



THEOLOGY ON TAP



All single and married young adults are welcome, including college students!

"The Unique Experiences of a Friar Minor"



"The story of a Franciscan who taught at a university, became an Assistant Chief of a fire department, landed on an aircraft carrier, and built a skyscraper in Manhattan."

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

Ornery Beer Company

14389 Potomac Mills Road
Woodbridge, VA 22192

Monday, November 28th

Event begins at 6:30 p.m.

Talk starts at 7:30 p.m.

Happy Thanksgiving! All of the Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders would like to wish you and yours a blessed and thankful season. **Contact information about Stephen Ministry is located on the front of the bulletin.**



Please Pray For

All those who are sick: Annelies Gendron; Rita Lapinski; and Clyde Richardson.

And for those recently deceased: Maureen North.

Please pray for the following who are serving abroad in harm's way: Josh Bookout; 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.



Please tear-off and return. Envelopes are provided and located in the vestibule of the church.

2016 St. Francis Parish Appeal

Parishioner Name: _____

Address: _____

• Yes, I/we will make a one time gift (enclosed amount \$_____)

OR

• Yes, I/we will make an annual pledge in the amount of:

_____\$360 ____\$720 ____\$960 ____\$1,200 ____Other Amount \$_____

St. Francis House Corner



Thanks to the donations from all our parishioners we were able to provide food for **80** families this week. Because of the increase of families in need we are in need of the following items:

- Cereal
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Vegetables

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

Un-Trim A Tree Program

St. Francis of Assisi parish has supported the Un-Trim-A-Tree Program for more than 16 years, providing assistance for families in need in Dumfries, Triangle, and Quantico. This year St. Francis of Assisi will also be providing gifts for a number of refugee families' sponsored by Catholic Charities and the Bill Mehr Homeless Shelter. To assist you in the process we have some answers to your frequently asked questions (FAQ'S) below:

What do I do with the tag? Take it home, shop for the gift and return the tag taped to the present by the request date. **Do Not Wrap the present**

What is the tag for? **The tag is very important** as it indicates the individual information, what the individual wants and also the way the gifts are sort and distributed. When you get the tag home, copy the information down or take a picture to ensure that if you lose the tag you still have the pertinent information like: name, sex, age, code, and wish.



Where do I drop the Present? On November 27th, St. Francis of Assisi will place a Christmas Angel Giving Tree on display in the vestibule of the church; gifts may be placed under the tree. They are removed daily. **Presents must be returned by Sunday, December 11th. (NO Exceptions)**

Can I give additional items than those requests on the tag? Yes, we always welcome and make good use of additional presents.

If I still have questions concerning the Un-trim-A-Tree Program? Please contact **Francia Salguero** 703-221-6344 or 571-572-5862 calisa3@verizon.net. Thank you very much for your continuing support to this program.



Votive Candles

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

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 **80** 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**.

Misa En Honor a Nuestra Señora Virgen de Guadalupe Los invitamos a la celebración a Nuestra Señora Virgen de Guadalupe. El Lunes, Diciembre 12 empezando con una misa a las 7:00pm en la iglesia y seguido por un danza y celebracion . Para mas información por favor hablar con el Padre John Heffernan al 703-864-2053.

Mission 2017—Join St Francis Parishioners in July 2017 on a journey to our Sister Parishes in Lima. Peru.
Departs Sunday, July 2nd
Returns Monday, July 10th

- Applications and a **deposit of \$100** now being accepted. The final date for receipt of applications is **January 31, 2017**.
- Fee includes airfare, lodging, most meals and local transportation.
- Full payment (**\$1,500**) is due by **January 31, 2017** Applications are available on line at <http://www.stfrancis.org/sister-parish-in-peru/> and next to the Sister Parish section of the church bulletin board.

Questions? Please contact Terry Danner at 703-680-0860 or terrydanner@verizon.net or contact Chuck O'Hern at 910-795-6203 Charles.ohern@usmc.mil

Faith Formation Office

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

Religious Education for 2016-2017

Children's Christmas Pageant

Registration has begun for the Children's Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve. Forms are available in the vestibule, on our website at stfrncis.org and in the RE Office. For more information please call 703-221-3127 or email mjfabrooks@gmail.com. **Registration Deadline is December 3rd.**

RE Schedule:

Nov. 20	Thursday RE Session 4PM-5:15PM
24	NO RE—Happy Thanksgiving
27	NO RE—Happy Thanksgiving
Dec. 1	Thursday RE Session 5PM-6:15PM
4	Sunday RE Session 4PM-5:15PM
8	Thursday RE Session 5PM-6:15PM
11	Sunday RE Session 4PM-5:15PM
15	Thursday RE Session 5PM-6:15PM
18	Sunday RE Session 4PM-5:15PM

December 22nd—January 5th NO RE—Christmas Break

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

Sunday, November 27th
THANKSGIVING WEEKEND
No REAL Activities

Sunday, December 4th
No REAL Activities

Baptismal Preparation Class—Our next class will be held on **Sunday, December 11, 2016 from 1:30p.m.—2:30p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room. **Please call the parish office to register at 703-221-4044.**

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank
Mary Kate Moriarty Vasquez, D.M.D.
for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

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.

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in response to the Church's call to a New Evangelization. Their vision is to equip Catholics for the essential work of evangelization so that others might come to know personally the love of God through Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit, becoming his followers and members of the Church.

Discovering Christ will be presented at St. Francis of Assisi beginning in January!!

Participants in this 7 week series will meet on Thursday evenings **beginning January 5th and continuing through February 23rd** to enjoy dinner and fellowship, listen to a dynamic teaching and join in a small group discussion about the meaning of life in Jesus Christ. There will be a retreat day on **Saturday, February 4th**. *The cost for registration for this event is \$25 per person and all meals are included.* **For more information, please contact Sheila Noble at 703-221-3127, ext. 238 or snoble@stfrncis.org.**

CORNERSTONE
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI TRIANGLE, VA

Save the Date for the Cornerstone Retreats:
Men's **March 10th-11th** / Women's **March 24th- 25th**
For more information, please checkout the St. Francis of Assisi webpage.

Thanksgiving 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament!

Attention all athletes ages 8 and up who can dribble and shoot a basketball! Come participate in the Fourth Annual Thanksgiving 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament! **It will start at 9 AM on November 26, 2016 in the 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 all proceeds from this event will be donated to St. Francis of Assisi School.** We have donated over \$2,000 to the school since our first tournament in 2013! For further details, contact either **Dr. Ken Dunn at dunnkd@comcast.net; phone 540-657-9006** or **Kevin Horwath at kev89@comcast.net; phone 703-508-0294.**

Liturgies For the Week

SATURDAY,	November 19—Weekday
5:30 PM	†Evangelista and †Loretta Foglietta All Souls Novena †Grace S. Moran
SUNDAY,	November 20—Our Lord Jesus Christ the King
7:30 AM	†Arlene Parisi †Florence Mittino †Flor Rodriguez
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Deceased Members of the K of C †Maria Tang Thi Pham
10:30 AM	†Joyce and †Don McVay Mary and †Charles Devoe †Naldo Ponsi
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy Mary Halfhill †Carmen Filamor Canapi
1:45 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	People of the Parish †Patrick McEvoy Mr. and Mrs. Stout
MONDAY,	November 21—Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:45 AM	Jessalyn Schneider †Walter Przybysz Pa Shibish
TUESDAY,	November 22—St. Cecilia
8:45 AM	Thomas and †Beverly McClutchy †So Kap Lee †Donna Martini
WEDNESDAY,	November 23—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Mary Ann Milo †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
THURSDAY,	November 24—Thanksgiving Day
8:45 AM	†Bernie Yvon Anna Endrizzi †Helen C. Buckley
FRIDAY,	November 25—Weekday
8:45 AM	All Souls Special Intention
SATURDAY,	November 26—Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Bryan Richardson †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Jo Rita Murray
Mass Intentions on Sunday, November 27, 2016	
7:30 AM	People of the Parish
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Joseph Kam Dinh Vu †Maria Cuc Thi La
10:30 AM	†Peter Joseph Schwartz †Rose DeMarco Eileen Carlins
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy †Rita Curley †Elinor Dybala
1:45 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Peggy Short In Thanksgiving

Readings for the Week of November 20, 2016

Monday	Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5; Luke 21:1-4
Tuesday	Revelation 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11
Wednesday	Revelation 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19
Thursday	Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9a; Luke 21:20-28
Friday	Revelation 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Luke 21:29-33
Saturday	Revelation 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36
Sunday	Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44



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 weekend of **November 20th**. On Saturday, **December 3rd**, **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**.

8th Grade Testing Required for Placement in Four Catholic High Schools in the Diocese of Arlington

TEST DATE:	Saturday, December 3, 2016 (Snow Date - December 10, 2016)
TEST SITES:	Bishop Ireton High School, Alexandria Bishop O'Connell High School, Arlington Paul VI High School, Fairfax Pope John Paul the Great High School, Dumfries

TEST TIME: 8:30 A.M. - 12 Noon **FEE: \$35.00**

ELIGIBLE STUDENTS: Any 8th grader attending public school, non-Catholic private schools or Catholic schools outside the Arlington Diocese.

REQUIREMENTS: Students must fill out a High School Placement Test Registration Form (available under "School Forms" at <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholicschools/parents.php>). The registration form must be submitted to the test site **no later than Thursday, December 1, 2016**. The \$35.00 fee should accompany the form.

*For students who are prevented from taking the test on December 3, 2016, there will be one additional testing date as noted below: Saturday, January 7, 2017 Winter HSPT at **BI, DJO, PVI and JPG** or Saturday, January 14, 2017 (Snow Date, at **BI, DJO, PVI and JPG** Test Time: 8:30 A.M. - 12 PM FEE: \$35.00*