



**A message from Bishop Burbidge on National Migration Week:**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In their joint statement marking National Migration Week (January 8th-14th), USCCB President Cardinal Daniel DiNardo and Vice-President Archbishop Jose H. Gomez offer a poignant and timely invitation to reflect, with gratitude, on the innumerable ways immigrants and refugees have contributed to our Church and our country.

They write, "We are invited to create a culture of encounter where citizens old and new, alongside immigrants recent and longstanding, can share with one another their hopes for a better life." They remind us of the fact that even the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph experienced life as refugees.

Here in the Diocese of Arlington, we have a long held tradition of welcoming refugees and immigrants. Mindful of our Catholic teaching on the dignity of every human person, we can look back with gratitude on the many ways our parishes have welcomed the stranger—as Christ himself—over the decades. We are taking to hear the words of Sacred Scripture, "Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels" (Heb. 13:2).

In the recent history of our own families, most of us can recall experiences of dire economic conditions, immigration, religious persecution, fear, and intolerance. This week I join my brother bishops in encouraging all to reflect prayerfully on the witness of these lives.

Our prayer is rooted in Jesus, who himself was a refugee. Moreover, during his earthy ministry, Jesus was an itinerant, moving from one place to another as he preached, healed and proclaimed the Good News. As we reflect this week on the immigrants and refugees in our communities and beyond, may we more clearly see that in the faces of these men, women and children, we are invited to see not strangers, but Jesus. If we have been slow to introduce ourselves to a new immigrant or refugee neighbor, this week would be a fitting time to take the first step. If the needs of immigrants and refugees are not already part of our daily life of prayer, bring these families before the Lord. Lastly, it is only fitting that each of us should offer a prayer of thanksgiving for our great national heritage of welcoming the newcomer.


Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge  
Bishop of Arlington

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

**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.



 The **Rosary Guild** will **NOT** be meeting on January 24th. The next meeting will be held on **February 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Clare Room.** All are welcome. **For more information, please call Otella Creegan at 571-264-0312.**

**Ushers Needed**



- The Church will be the place for training.
- We are in need of additional Ushers at our weekend Masses, calling all current and new perspective parishioners who would like to volunteer their time and talent as an Usher here at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community to attend this session at **11am-12 noon on January 28, 2017.**

### St. Francis House Corner



Thanks to the donations from all our Parishioners we were able to provide food for **50** families this week.

Because of the increase of families in need we are in need of:

- **Item of the Month**: Cooking Oil (Small Bottles)
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Cereal
- Reusable Bags

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

## Boletín Semanal

**Charlas Bautismales**—Las próximas charlas bautismales en español **serán el viernes, febrero 10.** 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.**

Dispensa 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 **50** familias. En estos momentos estamos necesitados de:

- **Artículo del mes**: Aceite para cocinar (botellas pequeñas)
- Crema de Maní Y Mermelada
- Cereal
- Bolsas Reusables

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

### Cena Romántica de San Valentín



Los invitamos el sábado, febrero 11, 2017 a una Cena del Día de San Valentín.

Las puertas y el bar abrirán a las 6:30pm, la cena se empezara a servir a las 7:15pm y el baile durara hasta las 10:30pm. El vino y la cerveza se pagaran en

efectivo. La comida estará a cargo Darlene y la música por el DJ Slable Powerful Solutions. El costo es de \$38 por persona o \$75 por pareja si se compra en avance. El costo será de \$45 por persona si se compra en la puerta. Este evento es Una Cena Romántica de Los Días de San Valentín. Este evento tuvo excelentes críticas el año pasado. El Menú incluirá entremeses, plato principal, ensalada y postre.

### LUNCH BUNCH



The Lunch Bunch group will not be meeting in January, but will **resume on February 16th!**

Thanks to everyone who helped put together all the gift baskets for the Nursing Home Residents. **We delivered almost 90 baskets!** More

announcements to follow in February. Happy New Year! **Becky Traver—[Tandovi@aol.com](mailto:Tandovi@aol.com) or 540-699-2175.**

Please join us on **Thursday, February 9, 2017, from 9:30 to 11:00 in the Br. Juniper Room for our second session of Cyber Seniors.** These are entry level sessions and 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, and you need not have attended the first session!



If you or a family member is in the **hospital or homebound**, please call the parish office if you would like a visit from one of the friars. The hospitals are not permitted to give out the names of patients, so the only way we will know if you are in the hospital is if you or a family member informs us.

### Votive Candles

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



### Please Pray For

**All those who are sick:** Loreto

Paredes; Joan Komatsoulis; Nancy Brown; S.J. Defibaugh; Renato Torrijos; Emerenciana Bernardo; Charissa Bernardo; and Carol Orton.

**And for those recently deceased:** Rita Lapinski; ; Eric Smith; and Samantha Aragones.

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

**Open AA Step Study Group Friday night**  
Group meets 7-8:00 p.m. in the **Br. Juniper Room.**  
Come study the 12 Steps to Recovery.

### SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank

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for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

## **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**

- Jan. 22** Sunday RE Session 10:30am-11:45am & 4-5:15pm  
**24** NET Retreat (all Year I-7th Grade) 4:30-9:30pm  
**25** NET Retreat (all Year II-8th Grade) 4:30-9:30pm  
**26** Thursday RE Session 5-6:15pm  
**28** Bread for Life(Year I-7th Grade) Service Project  
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**29** Sunday RE Session 10:30am-11:45am & 4-5:15pm
- Feb. 2** Thursday RE Session 5-6:15pm  
**5** Sunday RE Session 10:30am-11:45am & 4-5:15pm  
**9** Thursday RE Session 5-6:15pm  
**12** Sunday RE Session 10:30am-11:45am & 4-5:15pm  
**16** **NO RE—Presidents' Day Holiday**  
**19** **NO RE—Presidents' Day Holiday**

**Change in RE Schedule 2016-17** effective January 8, 2017. **The Summer Program 2017 is being cancelled.** A letter with all the details went out to all RE students. **Please contact the RE office with any questions** [lizb@stfncls.org](mailto:lizb@stfncls.org) or 703-221-3127.

**Religious Education is still in need of Catechists** for the Third and Fourth grades for the Sunday Session at 4pm-5:15pm. If you are interested please contact **Marianne Hayes** at [recoor@stfncls.org](mailto:recoor@stfncls.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, January 22nd**

6:30 PM—8:30 PM

St. Catherine Room

#### **REAL Time (Youth Group)**

All teens grades 9-12

#### **Sunday, January 29th**

6:30 PM—8:30 PM

St. Catherine Room

#### **REAL Leaders**

Leadership Team Only

#### **Saturday, February 4th**

3:00 PM—5:15 PM

St. Catherine Room

#### **Lenten Cross Making**

All teens grades 9-12

#### **Sunday, February 5th**

#### **NO REAL ACTIVITIES**

Enjoy The Super Bowl!

**St. Francis will once again offer the Called and Gifted Workshop** on the weekend of **February 17th-19th**. This program, created by the Catherine of Siena Institute, helps people discern how to answer God's call to discipleship in our every day lives. **The workshop runs from 7-9pm on Friday night and 1-5pm on Saturday and Sunday afternoon.** Anyone, including past participants are welcome to attend. Please watch the bulletin, parish website and parish newsletter for more information. If you have questions about this program, please contact **Bill Sydow** at [Bill.sydowjr@gmail.com](mailto:Bill.sydowjr@gmail.com) or at 719-393-5826.

### **Join Bishop Burbidge for the Diocese of Arlington's**

**Life is VERY Good THURSDAY JANUARY 26 & FRIDAY JANUARY 27**—We invite you to join groups from all over the country at one or both of these events! The Evening of Prayer will be an opportunity to pray for the success of the March for Life in changing our hearts and those of others in this country. The Morning Rally will prepare us to take to the streets of Washington D.C. to make our voices heard as we proclaim the gospel of life.

Seating is reserved in order of receipt of your registration and payment, and there is a very good chance that we will sell out. In both 2014 and 2015 we sold out of tickets for the evening event and were very close to doing so for the morning event. Registering sooner rather than later ensures your ability to participate in these events this year!

The events will be held at the [EagleBank Arena](#) (formerly Patriot Center) on the campus of [George Mason University](#).

#### **EVENING OF PRAYER**

7:30pm-10:00pm, doors open at 6:30pm

Featuring: Mark Hart, The Afters, Ben Walther Band, and Fr. James Searby. Tickets: \$17 each. Reserved seating in order of payment.

#### **MORNING RALLY AND MASS**

9:00am-12:00pm, doors open at 8:00am

Featuring: Sr. Miriam James Heidland SOLT and Ben Walther Band. Tickets: \$17 each. Includes a Chick-fil-A lunch to go. Reserved seating in order of payment.

To register for either event or both events, please go to <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth/lifeisverygood.aspx>

### ***Project Bread for Life***

On the weekend of **January 28th-29th**, our parish will host **Project Bread for Life**, a grassroots Catholic effort which sells bread in order to raise funds to support the work of the Sister of the Community of the Poor Servants of the Mother of God. The Sisters operate the HIV/AIDS Orphanage and Clinic of St. Clare in Kltui and Meru in Kenya, Africa.







## Mass Intentions

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	<b>January 21—St. Agnes</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation †Joseph Pietrucha †Joseph and Julia LaPrell †Linda Armstrong
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 PM 1:30 PM 5:30 PM	<b>January 22—3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time</b> People of the Parish †Michael and †Judy Daly †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Joseph Quang Vinh Pham †Lillian and †James Callahan †Avelina Zamora †Clara Kennedy †Marian Mitchell †George Beck Misa en español †Randy Cahow, Sr.
<b>MONDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>January 23—Weekday</b> Souls in Purgatory Maria Han Peter Kim
<b>TUESDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>January 24—St. Francis de Sales</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>January 25—Conversion of St. Paul</b> †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
<b>THURSDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>January 26—Sts. Timothy and Titus</b> †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Armando Andaya
<b>FRIDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>January 27—Weekday</b> †Thomas and †Ellen Sheehan †Austin Herr, III Pena Family
<b>SATURDAY,</b> 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	<b>January 28—St. Thomas Aquinas</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation †Lorna Casey †Marian Mitchell †Castilu Tavarez
<b>Mass Intentions on Sunday, January 29, 2017</b>	
7:30 AM	†Gwen Barton Aliferis
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik Special Intention †Laurence O'Brien
10:30 AM	Orlanda Rendon Lucila Hurtado Alba Lucia Tamayo
12:00 PM	†Clara Kennedy †Kathleen M. Doehner †Dan Morris
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	People of the Parish †Francisca Miravalles

### Readings for the Week of January 22, 2017

<b>Monday</b>	Hebrews 9:15, 24-28; Mark 3:22-30
<b>Tuesday</b>	Hebrews 10:1-10; Mark 3:31-35
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18
<b>Thursday</b>	2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5; Mark 4:21-25
<b>Friday</b>	Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34
<b>Saturday</b>	Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Mark 4:35-41
<b>Sunday</b>	Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12a

### Romantic Valentine Dinner Dance

February 11, 2017

#### St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center

Doors and bar open at 6:30 PM with dinner starting at 7PM

Dancing until 10:30 PM

Wine and beer cash bar

Catering by Darlene

DJ music by Stable Powerful Solutions

**Cost \$38 per person or \$75 per couple; \$45 at door**

Reserved table for eight, the first round of drinks on us

*Tickets will be on sale after all the masses on January 28th-29th; February 4th-5th or please go to [yapsady.com](http://yapsady.com).*

**Questions, please call Irene Sullivan at 703-670-6858.**

This event is a Romantic Valentine Dinner Days. This event had rave reviews last year. Menu will include Hors d'oeuvres, main course and salad and dessert.



**St. Francis of Assisi Elementary, Middle and Preschool** will host an open house for new prospective families on **Sunday, January 29th at 1:00 pm**. Please plan to join us for a tour of our facility and to meet our wonderful teachers. **For admission questions, please contact Shari Phillips at 703-221-3868 or [phillipss.sfas@gmail.com](mailto:phillipss.sfas@gmail.com).**



**Please Note: The Mass Intention book for 2017 is now open.**

To schedule a Mass you may come in or call the office. We also have envelopes located on the tables in the vestibule.

Just drop the envelope in the catch-all slot.

**We will be taking ONLY 3 intentions per Mass.**