



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

*Joselyn Alvarado Rojas
Samantha Alvarado Rojas
Santiago Alexander Carranco
Allen Daniel Chavarria
Dennis Allen Chavarria, Jr.
Drew Emery Chilcot
Juan Carlos Cruz Cruz
Asher Jovanni Eversley
Lyla Gail Haberstich
Alondra Zoe Hanson Rivera
Flavia Sofia Hulsey
Leon Stephen Kozick
Dylan Elizabeth Lohman
Roderick Junior Lopez Urbina
Makayla Ann McMeekin
Jackson James Miller
Lorelei June Newman
William Henry Oren
Brett Brenden Orille-Penaranda
Noelle Isabella Santos
Lily Turbulencia Tran
Jacob Anthony Williamson*

Baptismal Preparation Class—Our next class will be held this **Sunday, February 12, 2017 from 1:30p.m.—2:30p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room.

Ah, love is in the air... or maybe not?

What about the love of self? The love when seek or grant forgiveness? How about the love of reconciliation with God or your neighbors? Where is the love in the Mercy you are asked to give, but still haven't? Love is a powerful word. And is in many more relationships than we give it credit for. Start a conversation with a Stephen Minister about your lack or need of love in your personal situations. **Please call Kathy Walker at 703-221-4312 and then press 4 or email at kwalker@stfrncis.org.**



The **Rosary Guild** meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Please join us **Tuesday, February 14th** from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the **St. Clare Room**. All are welcome. For more information, please call Otella Creegan at 571-264-0312.



CAR RAFFLE 2017



Car raffle tickets have been mailed to each family. Once again we are participating with All Saints Catholic Church; a more generous venture than purchasing a vehicle on our own and each purchaser has a chance to win five cars plus \$20,000 in cash drawings! This makes "selling" at work or to family and friends more like an opportunity—just show them the ticket—it will sell itself! **Need additional tickets? Please contact Kathy Greene at 703-221-3868.**

ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT PUBLIC EDUCATION IN Prince William County?

If so, **SAVE THE DATE:**

**Sunday, February 26th from 3:00pm—4:30pm
In the Parish Center Dining Facility**

Join parishioners and neighbors in a *Community Forum* to discuss Pre-K and other Public Education concerns in Prince William County.

Questions? Please call:

**Michelle Nicolai at 571-213-8348
michnicolai@comcast.net**

Sponsored by St. Francis V.O.I.C.E

**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, February 13, 2017** in the **Parish Center Library!** We will gather at 6:45 pm. The meeting will last from 7:00-8:00 pm.



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

Once a part of this Irish Catholic Organization—all we would 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.**

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:



- **Item of the Month** : **Dish Soap**
- Cereal
- Spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce
- Pasta
- Canned Fruit

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

LUNCH BUNCH



Seniors on the Go!

Lunch Bunch will meet on **Thursday, February 16th at 12:00pm in the St. Catherine Room** to make bird seed hangers! If you are 55+ and would like to join us, please bring a brown bag lunch as other refreshments will be served.

Come and join in the fun as well as taking a little food home for our outdoor creatures. **If you need further information please contact Becky Traver at Tandovi@aol.com or 540-699-2175.**

Next Sister Parish Ministry Meeting

- **What:** Plan Ministry Activities through June 2017
- **When:** 7:30pm Wednesday, February 15th
- **Where:** Parish Center Dining Facility

All Are Welcome!

Questions? Please contact Terry Danner at terrydanner@verizon.net

Craft Ministry

If you like to knit, crochet, quilt, or sew to help spread God's love and comfort to those in need, please join us:



- What:** Fellowship while working on our own "unplugged" projects for charity (no sewing machines or irons, please)
- When:** Thursday, February 16th, 6:30 p.m.– 8:30 p.m.
- Where:** Grade **5** Classroom (Parish Center)
- Who:** Adults (ONLY) who sew, knit, quilt, crochet, etc. (No childcare is provided)

For more information, please contact Sharon McClelland at sewstfrancis@gmail.com.

Boletín Semanal

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

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:

- **Artículo del mes: Jabón De lavar Platos**
- Cereal
- Pasta
- Fruta en Caneca
- Espaguetis & Salsa Para los Espaguetis

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

Misa de Sanación Oficiada por el Reverendo José Eugenio Hoyos

—La Renovación Carismática Católica Y el Grupo de Oración De San Francisco de Asís los invita **el viernes, febrero 24 del 2017** a las 7:00pm en Nuestra Parroquia San Francisco de Asís.

¡Te Esperamos! ¡Dios tiene grandes bendiciones preparadas para ti!

Obispo Burbidge expresa su solidaridad con los refugiados

—En su declaración (<http://www.usccb.org/news/2017/17-026.cfm>) sobre la Orden Ejecutiva que detiene las admisiones de refugiados, el Obispo Joe Vásquez, Presidente del Comité de Migración y Obispo de la Diócesis de Austin, destacó la larga y orgullosa tradición de nuestra nación de dar la bienvenida a los recién llegados y refugiados de una manera humana, aun cuando hemos perseguido un sistema de investigación riguroso para garantizar nuestra seguridad. Junto con el Obispo Vásquez y mis hermanos obispos, animo a los católicos a que se pongan en contacto con nuestros funcionarios electos para hacer oír nuestra voz: nuestras comunidades han sido y seguirán siendo hospitalarias para los refugiados, de acuerdo con nuestro legado de dar la bienvenida al extranjero.

Demuestre su apoyo hoy a los inmigrantes y refugiados a través de esta alerta de acción, (<http://justiceforimmigrants.org/take-action/action-alerts/>) de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos.

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.

Votive Candles

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



SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **Montclairfamilydentistry.com** 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

- Feb. 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**
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 - 23 Thursday RE Session 5-6:15pm
 - 26 Sunday RE Session 10:30am-11:45am & 4-5:15pm
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 - 5 Sunday RE Session 10:30am-11:45am & 4-5:15pm
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We are need of volunteers for VBS 2017! For more information contact **Marianne Hayes, DRE** at recoor@stfrncis.org or fill out form found on our website www.stfrncis.org or in the vestibule of the church.

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

Sunday, February 19th
NO REAL ACTIVITIES
Presidents’ Day Weekend

Sunday, February 26th
6:30 PM—8:30 PM
St. Catherine Room
REAL Time (Youth Group)
All teens grades 9-12

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!



Are you looking for a way to earn a little extra money, while helping parish moms to participate in Women's Group meetings a couple of times a month? You **MUST** be already fully compliant with the diocesan child protection policy, including completion of BOTH Virtus training and the diocesan background check. **There is a \$20 stipend offered for each meeting.** Providers are needed from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. for two Thursdays per month. If you are interested and have already met the requirements, please contact **Mary Smith** errolmary@gmail.com or **Lisa Ostendorf** lostendorf@stfrncis.org.



SIGNS AND WONDERS

Last year, 200 parishioners enriched their Lenten journey by inviting friends and neighbors into their homes during Lent for fellowship, prayer and study. This year, the six-week study is “**Signs and Wonders: Encountering Jesus of Nazareth.**” Hosts are instrumental to the program’s impact, and it is easy to host. All you need is an open heart to invite people from your life into your home for approximately an hour a week on a day and time that best fits your schedule. Hosts receive a complimentary booklet that contains

everything needed. **The study begins the week of Feb 26th**, the first week of Lent, so please register today to give your invited participants enough time to purchase their materials. Please visit www.stfrncis.org/small-groups for more information and to register as a host.

If you are moving/changing your address, please notify the office so we can keep our records up-to-date. If you are changing your phone number because you are using a cellular phone and/or forgoing your land phone, the office would also like that information. Please call us at 703-221-4044. Thank you.



Please Pray For All those who are sick: S.J. Defibaugh; Nancy Brown; and Loreto Paredes.

And for those recently deceased: William ‘Bill’ A. Murphy; Donald V. Widener; Roseanne M. Scruggs; Clyde Richardson; and Valerie Shaw.

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



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, February 11—Weekday
 4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:30 PM Jean Stoddart

SUNDAY, February 12—6th Sunday In Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM †Roger Kobel
 †Ryan A. Devins
 †Violet R. Madora
 9:00 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
 †Vilwa Zelvaggio
 Fr. Tom McElroy, S.S.C.C.
 10:30 AM †Valerie Shaw
 †Ligia Catalano Morales
 12:00 PM †George Beck
 †Clara Kennedy
 †Clyde Richardson
 1:30 PM Misa en español
 5:30 PM People of the Parish

MONDAY, February 13—Weekday
 8:45 AM †James F. Callahan, II
 †Roseanne Scruggs

TUESDAY, February 14—Valentine’s Day
 8:45 AM †John Kennedy
 Jennifer May Bergstrom

WEDNESDAY, February 15—Weekday
 8:45 AM Souls in Purgatory
 †Aloido Hiuet
 †Michael Brough

THURSDAY, February 16—Weekday
 8:45 AM †Marion Richmond
 †Helen Cordes
 †Helen C. Buckley

FRIDAY, February 17—Weekday
 8:45 AM †Vito Giannuzzi
 †Austin Herr, III
 †Curt Larrabee

SATURDAY, February 18—Weekday
 4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:30 PM †Thomas and †Beverly McClutchy
 †Catherine Selepak
 †Paul Krieger

Mass Intentions on Sunday, February 19, 2017
 7:30 AM †Lee Orsini
 †Irene Stout
 †Howard F. Holehand, Jr.
 9:00 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
 †Deceased Members of the Alejandro Family
 †Bill Murphy
 10:30 AM †Roseanne Scruggs
 12:00 PM †Rev. Joseph P. Fallon
 †Clara Kennedy
 †Innocent Bobick
 1:30 PM Misa en español
 5:30 PM †Laura Lizarralde
 †Brian Lamb

Please Note: The Mass Intention book for 2017 is 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.

Readings for the Week of February 12, 2017

Monday Genesis 4:1-15, 25; Mark 8:11-13
Tuesday Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mark 8:14-21
Wednesday Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22; Mark 8:22-26
Thursday Genesis 9:1-13; Mark 8:27-33
Friday Genesis 11:1-9; Mark 8:34—9:1
Saturday Hebrews 11:1-7; Mark 9:2-13
Sunday Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18;
 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48



The Young Irishlanders
 Buy Tickets, View Video at:
<http://www.aohconcerts.org>

Reserved Seats: \$25—\$35

Saturday, March 11th at 8:00 p.m.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center
 18825 Fuller Heights Rd, Triangle, VA
 I95 exit 150-A (Marine Corps Museum)

Information & Questions, please
 e-mail: aohconcerts17@gmail.com

or

Phone: 703-634-2378, ext. 5

Mass to Pray for Healing for Victims/Survivors of Sexual Abuse—In 2004, Bishop Loverde began a series of diocesan-sponsored Masses for the community to gather together to pray for healing for victims/survivors of sexual abuse. Each Mass is followed by a reception. The next Mass will be on **Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:30 p.m. at St. Bernadette, 7600 Old Keene Mill Rd., Springfield.** Bishop Michael Burbidge will preside.