

The Christian community of St. Francis of Assisi welcomes with great joy the following new members of our parish baptized in the month of January:



Adriana Rose Barcenas
Bayron Isaac Cruz Zambrano
Elinor Grace Cruz
Lucas Lawrence Gillette
Quinn Rosemary Horne
Adelaide May Nickell
Anastasia Perlaza-Mendoza
Catalina Isabella Perlaza-Mendoza
Layken Iona-Maeve Potter
Scarlett Salvatierra Recto
Andy Santos Rivas Vasquez
Taylor Anne-Genevieve Tholen
Jackson Dru Wilson

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

Confession Schedule for Lent

Confessions will be heard every Wednesday during Lent from **7:30 pm until 8:30 pm.**

In addition to Saturday's from **4—5pm.**



Soup and Stations—Fridays during Lent we will celebrate Soup and Stations beginning at **6:00 pm** with a soup and bread dinner in the **Parish Center Dining Facility** followed by the **Stations of the Cross**

in the church at **7:00 pm.** Each week a different group will sponsor the dinner and St. Francis Lectors will lead the Stations that evening. Please join us in this time of fellowship and prayer.

There is always a little truth behind every "Just Kidding"

A little knowledge behind every "I Don't Know"

A little emotion behind every "I Don't Care"

And a little pain behind every "It's OK"

Stephen Ministry is here to help you through any little or big thing you might be going through... please email **Kathy Walker** at kwalker@stfrncis.org to get started on your journey of self-help with a Stephen Minister.



Third Annual Lenten Parish Mission

Join the rest of the parish for a 3-night Parish Mission, "Conversion: Change of Heart," led by Fr. Tom Donaldson, C.Ss.R. Take the opportunity during Lent to spend a little extra time exploring your faith and the meaning of the season. **The Parish Mission begins Sunday, March 12th from 7:15 p.m.—9:00 p.m. and continues Monday and Tuesday nights from 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. in the Church.** Our returning mission preacher is Fr. Tom, a Redemptorist priest, who has spent the last 14 years giving parish missions and retreats. He has a Master's Degree in Addiction Studies/Counseling and currently resides at St. Michael's parish in Chicago. Fr. Tom says the services are directed toward 4th grade through adulthood. That said, he would prefer a family attend, rather than not attend because of difficulty finding childcare. **See you there!**



Christ Centered Yoga begins multi-week sessions on Tuesday evenings, which started on February 28th and Saturday mornings starting April 1st. Beginner and mixed level classes are available. Information can be found on the parish website or email/ call. For Tuesday classes, please contact **Rita Evans at 540-270-0667** or breathofheavenyoga@outlook.com and for Saturday classes, please contact **Tracy Morgan at 540-446-9426** spiritualyogava@gmail.com.



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, March 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 descent 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.**

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.

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 : Toilet Paper**
- Cereal
- Spaghetti
- Pasta
- Canned Fruit

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

Bill Mehr Drop-In Shelter



For years, we have counted on our parishioners help to ensure that at least 50 homeless have a hot, nutritious meal every

Saturday night during the winter time. **We are in dire need of your help** so we can continue providing meals.

Directions and sign-up sheets are located in the vestibule of the church. For more information, please call **Francia Salguero** at 703-221-6344 or email her at calisa3@verizon.net.

ST. FRANCIS MEN'S GROUP—Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, **March 14th at 7:30 pm in the Br. Juniper Room**. This month we are going to focus on Promoting Good Wealth—A Catholic Perspective. Living in a society blessed with such material abundance, it is sometimes difficult for us as men to understand the meaning of the Gospel on this issue. Faced with the responsibility of providing a good life for our families, we sometimes ask ourselves—How much material wealth must we amass to fully carry out this responsibility? **For more information, please contact Tony Mercogliano** at amercogliano@gmail.com or 571-332-7048.

POTOMAC COLUMBIETTES #9259

We are recruiting Catholic women over 18 years of age, married, or single, who want to enrich their lives while supporting her church and her community. Spouses need not be Knights of Columbus. Our purpose is to promote the spiritual, social and charitable welfare of our members while being involved in multiple church and community events through-out the year.



For an application and more information, please contact Dee Weikert at deeweikert@hotmail.com.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank
Montclair Family Restaurant
for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

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: Papel Higienico**
- Cereal
- Pasta
- Fruta en Caneca
- Espaguetis

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



Kairos Prison Ministry Asks for Your Support

The Kairos Program is a prison ministry, which involves screened volunteers visiting and interacting with those who are incarcerated. Its purpose is to build a Christian community within the prison. On **March 23-26, 2017 a parishioner will support the Kairos weekend at Deep Meadows Correctional Center**. You can assist our representative in two ways, which are listed below:

1. **Sign up for Prayer Chain or Prayer Wheel.**
Intercessory prayer is powerful for those incarcerated as well as their families. **A Prayer Chain** is a visible, tangible way of showing the offenders how many people are praying for them, by linking paper strips with the printed name of a person who volunteers to pray for any amount of time during the weekend. **A Prayer Wheel** is different. It visually depicts specific, 30-minute timeslots covering the Kairos weekend, which shows the offenders they have prayer support 24/7. Sign-up to be a link in the Prayer Chain or take a timeslot on the Prayer Wheel by contacting **John Cipparone** at johncip11@verizon.net or home: 703-580-6406 or cell: 603-512-9680) up to **March 21st**.
2. **Bake Cookies.** Kairos volunteers are responsible for bringing dozens of cookies as a metaphor for abundant love. If this is something you desire to do, **please use only the required recipes**, due to the many prison restrictions. The specific recipes are available on the parish website <http://www.stfrancis.org/prison-ministry/>. Any number of cookies are appreciated and they can be dropped off at the parish office up to **March 21st**.

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

- Mar. 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 Thursday RE Session 5-6:15pm
- 19 Sunday RE Session 10:30am-11:45am & 4-5:15pm



**Religious Education
Service Project**

“Love Packs” for the Homeless

Please donate to our Religious Education Service Project. We will be making “Love Packs” for the homeless. The following

items are needed:

- Travel sized toiletries
- New tube or crew socks (for men and women)
- Washcloths
- Packs of instant oatmeal, hot chocolate, protein bars, hard candy, tuna salad/cracker pack
- Plastic cups, silverware, napkins
- Water bottles

Encounter Lent—Join our faith community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a life changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS (Catholic Relief Services). Each Religious Education student and SFAS student have received a rice bowl. We will also provide additional rice bowls for anyone who would like one in the vestibule of the church. They are available in English and Spanish. This is a great form of Almsgiving for children. Perhaps they can give up a movie, toy, fast food or do some chores in order to donate to Rice Bowl. **At the end of Lent, please return all Rice Bowls to the RE or Parish Office. Please do not put them in the catch all slot.** Join us in working together to better the lives of others this Lent. For more information, please contact **Marianne Hayes, DRE** at recoor@stfrncis.org or on our website at stfrncis.org.

We are need of volunteers for VBS 2017! For more information, please contact **Sharon Gardner** at gardners.vbs@gmail.com or fill out form found on our website www.stfrncis.org or in the vestibule of the church.

Please Pray For All those who are sick: Phyliss Shaw; Paul Walker; S.J. Defibaugh; Nancy Brown.

And for those recently deceased: Robyn Cunico; Harry Ravert; and Andrew Misenko.

Please pray for the following who are serving abroad in harm’s way: Leo N. Company; 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.

First Reconciliation

First Reconciliation is on **Saturday, March 4th**.

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| (9:00am) | (11:00am) |
| St. Francis of Assisi school | Sunday 4:00pm RE |
| Homeschool | Thursday RE |
| Sunday 10:30am RE | |
| Sunday and Thursday Sacramental Prep II classes | |

First Communion

The First Communion retreat is scheduled for **Saturday, April 1st from 10:00am to 3:00pm in the Parish Center.** Students will need to bring a bag lunch and dress comfortably. We need many volunteers to help this retreat go smoothly for the students, so please contact **Sheila Noble** at snoble@stfrncis.org to volunteer.

First Communion is Saturday, May 13th.



Reconciliation for Confirmation candidates

As a requirement for Confirmation, it is necessary that candidates receive the sacrament of Reconciliation in close proximity to being confirmed. Unless you have made prior arrangements, all Confirmation candidates must attend the Confirmation Reconciliation service on **Saturday, April 1st**. You will find specific session times listed below.

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| 12:00pm | 1:30pm |
| All Sunday RE (except High School) | St. Francis of |
| All Thursday RE | Assisi School |
| | Homeschool |
| | High School |
| | Aquinas |

Confirmation is Saturday, May 6th.

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, March 5th
6:30 PM—8:30 PM
St. Catherine Room
REAL Time (Youth Group)
All teens grades 9-12

Sunday, March 12th
6:30 PM—8:30 PM
St. Catherine Room
REAL Leadership
Leadership Team Only

Sunday, March 19th
6:30 PM—8:30 PM
St. Catherine Room
REAL Time (Youth Group)
All teens grades 9-12

First Sunday of Lent

SATURDAY,	March 4—Lenten Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Rita and †Joe Lapinski †William and †Olga Saliski †Evelyn Cady
SUNDAY,	March—5th 1st Sunday of Lent
7:30 AM	Thomas Lee †Heber Carlinni-Lanza †Harry Ravert
9:00 AM	Ryan Staten †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
10:30 AM	†Eileen Bolen
12:00 PM	†George Beck †Clara Kennedy †Roseanne Scruggs
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	People of the Parish
MONDAY,	March 6—Lenten Weekday
8:45 AM	†Pfc. Anthony L. Sanzaro †Lee Dixon
TUESDAY,	March 7—Lenten Weekday
8:45 AM	Gretchen May †George Herrmann Mary Williams
WEDNESDAY,	March 8—Lenten Weekday
8:45 AM	†Janice A. and †James F. Callahan †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
THURSDAY,	March 9—Lenten Weekday
8:45 AM	†Giovannina and †Gaetano Corvetto †William Murphy
FRIDAY,	March 10—Lenten Weekday
8:45 AM	†Patricia Ryan †Linda Nelson Wittkoff †Curt Larrabee
SATURDAY,	March 11—Lenten Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Valerie Shaw †Rita Lapinski †Everett Evans

Mass Intentions on Sunday, March 12, 2017

7:30 AM	†Joan O'Connor-Weber †Robert Lindsay †Barbara Fabre
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Wilma Clausen
10:30 AM	People of the Parish
12:00 PM	†Joan H. DeMarco †Clara Kennedy †Roseanne Scruggs
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Margarita Alb



Votive Candles

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

Readings for the Week of March 5, 2017

Monday	Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46
Tuesday	Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15
Wednesday	Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32
Thursday	Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Matthew 7:7-12
Friday	Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26
Saturday	Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48
Sunday	Genesis 12:1-4a; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9



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or
Phone: **703-634-2378, ext. 5**

FISH FRY—Back by popular demand, please do not miss the **2nd Annual Fish Fry**, hosted by the **Knights of Columbus**, here at the **St. Francis Parish Center**

Dining Hall on Saturday, March 25th at 5:30 p.m.

All proceeds will go to benefit local charities.
Tickets are \$10 each and will be sold after all the Masses during the weekends of: February 25th-26th, March 4th-5th, March 11th-12th. Thank you for your support.

