



## From the Friars

Beginning this weekend and for the next few weeks, you will notice a new Friar celebrating Mass here at St. Francis. Fr. Jacob Orzechowski, O.F.M. will be with us temporarily as we await the arrival of Fr. Ignatius Harding, O.F.M. Fr. Ignatius will arrive in the parish, August 28th.

As I mentioned in previous columns, Fr. John Heffernan has been reassigned to our parish on the upper West Side of Manhattan. We wish Fr. John the best and God's many blessings as he begins this new ministry.

This Wednesday is a Holy Day of Obligation, the Feast of the Assumption. There are often questions as to when a Holy Day of Obligation is or is not a day of "obligation".

When a Holy Day of Obligation is celebrated on a Saturday or Monday, it is not a day of "obligation". The exception being the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8th.

Please see the list of Masses in the bulletin for the Feast of the Assumption.

Sincerely,

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

**Do you have an empathetic ear, heart and mind...** then Stephen Ministry is looking for you. New formation classes start this October. Please call **Kathy Walker at 703-221-4312 and then press 4** to learn more about Stephen Ministry and all it can do for you and you for it!



Our annual Labor Day Picnic will be held **Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>** at **Locust Shade Park** from **11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, with a **prayer service at 12:00 p.m.** Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided. **A sign-up poster for family food donations will be available in the vestibule on the weekends of August 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.** Please plan to join us for our family day of fun and good food. *The picnic will be held rain or shine. If it must be cancelled due to extreme conditions, the cancellation will be posted on the parish website.*

## Save the Date, and Please Plan to Help!

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our **10<sup>th</sup> annual Francis Fest** on **Sunday, October 8 from 1-5pm** on the parish grounds. Great food, activities for all ages, entertainment and comradery guaranteed! We'll be making this year's festivities extra special to mark our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary!



Lots of assistance from parish members is needed to make the festival the great success it has been in past years. Here's what you can do to help:

- **Check your wine cellar for overstock and start perusing your favorite cake/cookie recipes for our Wine/Cake Wheels.** These two events are very popular and help to offset the cost of the festival. Look for further information in upcoming bulletins, but plan to drop off your wine donations the two weekends before the festival. Cakes/baked goods for cake wheel should be dropped off in the school foyer the morning of the festival.
- **Volunteer to help for a shift at the festival.** We need set up and clean-up crews as well as assistance for the various activities during the festival. Volunteer sign up is simple and is done completely online...look for detailed instructions in the bulletin a few weeks before the festival.



**When we pick up the Word of God, we hold a powerful tool. Worship at Mass includes reading the Word of God out loud and this Word calls us to follow.**

Would you like to share your skill and dedication to this ministry by proclaiming The Word? Training for new lectors (and current ones) will be conducted on **Saturday, September 16th from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Br. Juniper Room.**

If you are interested in joining this committed group, please call **Pequette Schwerin at 703-590-8492** or send an email to [wislady@comcast.net](mailto:wislady@comcast.net).

**Save the Date**  
**St. Francis Inn, Philadelphia, PA**  
**September 11th-15th, 2017**



We are currently forming our mission team to work along side our sisters and brothers at St. Francis Inn, Philadelphia, PA. At the Inn we will live amongst the Friars, religious, lay ministers and Franciscan volunteers as we serve the poor, the homeless, and the marginalized of the Kennsington neighborhood in northeast Philadelphia. Please consider joining us as we respond to our call of discipleship standing in solidarity with those who have least in life. **For more information contact John Habel, [jxhabel@comcast.net](mailto:jxhabel@comcast.net).**

## St. Francis House Corner



Thanks to the donations from all of our parishioners the items of the month have been very much appreciated by our clients. With your generosity we will continue to serve those that are in need.

- **Item of the Month: Toilet Paper**
- Hamburger Helper
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Canned Tuna
- Spaghetti and Pasta
- Cereal

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

### After School Program and Homework Help



Share your skills to help empower the children in our community to transform their lives through education. St. Francis of Assisi Parish and St. Francis House are starting an After School Program and Homework Help. We need the help of many volunteers to make this program

successful. *The program will run every Monday and Tuesday from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. If you can donate an hour or two of your time to help, please contact Francia at 703-221-6344.*

### Mommy & Me Program

Are you interested in becoming a volunteer in the Mommy & Me program at St. Francis House? Can you donate 2 hours a week to help improve the lives of women and children? If so, we would love to have you on our team! At our ESL Program (English as a Second Language) and Preschool program, there are plenty of opportunities for you to serve. The Mommy & me program provides an excellent place to get involved, build relationships with families, and help them grow. No experience is needed; only patience and love! **For more information, please contact Francia at 703-221-6344 or at [calisa3@verizon.net](mailto:calisa3@verizon.net).**

**Hearing Assistance Earphones** are available for those who would like sound amplification. They have been checked and are functioning well. See one of the friars or come to the sacristy before Mass.



## Boletín Semanal

### Despensa de Comida de La Casa de San Francisco:

Gracias a las donaciones de todos nuestros feligreses el artículo del mes a sido bien recibido por nuestros clientes. Con sus donaciones podremos continuar a los mas necesitados.

- **Artículo del mes: Papel Higiénico**
- Atún Enlatado
- Espagueti
- Crema de Maní y Jalea
- Cereal

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

**Charlas Bautismales**—Las charlas del mes de agosto han sido **canceladas**. Les pedimos disculpas por el inconveniente. Preguntas o para mas información por favor llamar a la Señora Francia Salguero al 703-221-6344.

### ¿Necesita Ayuda con las Tareas Escolares de sus hijos?

En septiembre, como cada año, comienza un **nuevo curso escolar para los más pequeños** de la casa. Pero la **vuelta al colegio** es una actividad que conlleva una **responsabilidad para toda la familia**.

A veces, se tiene la equivocada idea de que el peso de la educación de nuestros **hijos** lo tienen los profesores y **algunos padres le dan poca importancia al seguimiento del rendimiento escolar** diario de sus hijos. La ayuda en casa complementa en igual o mayor medida a la recibida en el colegio, ambas indispensables en la educación de los niños.

Si usted como padre tiene dificultad a la hora de ayudar a sus hijos con sus tareas, nosotros estamos aquí para ofrecerle ayuda. La iglesia St. Francisco de Asís y La Casa de San Francisco esta promoviendo nuestro nuevo programa de "Ayuda con las Tareas Escolares después de la Escuela". El programa se ofrecerá todos los Lunes y Martes de 4:30pm a 6:30pm, en la Casa de San Francisco. La ayuda es gratuita y juntos, padres, hijos y los tutores en la Casa de San Francisco podremos trabajar para un mejor futuro de los niños. Para mas información por favor llamar a la Señora Francia Salguero al 703-221-6344.



**NEW 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  
**Dr. James E. Lupi, DDS**  
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 Registration for  
2017-18 School Year**

Registration is now open for the 2017-18 school year. Online registration is available with electronic payment or printable paper registration is also available on our website at <http://www.stfrncis.org/welcome-and-introduction/>. Please note the change in times for the RE sessions. Please contact our **RE Office with any questions at 703-221-3127.**



Religious Education is in need of Catechists for the upcoming year. Training is provided. Catechists are needed for Sunday and Thursday classes for grades 1-8 and special sacrament classes. If you would like to share your faith with the children of the Parish, please contact **Marianne Hayes, DRE at 703-221-3127 or [recoor@stfrncis.org](mailto:recoor@stfrncis.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!



**SUMMER 2017**  
ACTIVITIES WILL BE ANNOUNCED

**Please Pray For** All those who are sick: Angie Powell; Aaron Childs; Bev Lyle; Liman Le; Karen Davis; Nancy Brown; S.J. Defibaugh; Pat Littlefield; Woody Littlefield; Elena Eladia Brazil; and Richard L. Laffman.

**And for those recently deceased:** Paul E. Tekverk.

**Please pray for the following who are serving abroad in harm's way:** Jonathan Boron; Tyler Jones; Drew; Andrew Wagner; Leo N. Company; S. Defibaugh; Josh Bookout; Brianna French; James Moore; Kyle McVay; Kyle Traylor; Marc Gendron; and Darryl Saungweme.

**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).

**PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD SOON**

If you are interested in serving your parish as a member of the Pastoral Council, candidate questionnaires are now available in the vestibule and the parish website. Nominations will be accepted until **September 24, 2017.**

**Purpose of the Pastoral Council**

Fulfill and sustain the purpose of the Parish Mission and Vision Statement

Assist the pastor in the ministerial development of the parish through recommendations and active cooperation in the setting of broad policy and direction for the parish

**Responsibilities:**

Attend monthly meetings during a term of two and one-half years

Participate in the planning and execution of parish events

Participate in open forums of communications with the pastor, associate pastors, staff members, and members of the pastoral council

Actively encourage vigorous and effective volunteerism and participation in the life of the parish

Be available to greet parishioners at weekend liturgies

**Please Note:**

All nominees will be reviewed by the Pastor and nominating committee and ten (10) will be selected for the October election.

**For additional information, please contact a member of the nominating committee.**

Joe Mitcho, Chair [jfmitcho44@gmail.com](mailto:jfmitcho44@gmail.com)

Mary Battista, [maryorsal@comcast.net](mailto:maryorsal@comcast.net)

Antonio Mayorga, [antoniomayorga@gmail.com](mailto:antoniomayorga@gmail.com)

Tony Mercogliani, [Amecogliano@gmail.com](mailto:Amecogliano@gmail.com)

**Mass Intentions on Sunday, August 20, 2017**

7:30 AM	†Naldo Ponsi †Cecilia Zink †Walter J. Seymour
9:00 AM	†Bob Walker †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Ray Babineau
10:30 AM	†Teresita Tornes †Virgilio Lalican †Ray Babineau
12:00 PM	†Clara Kennedy †Janet Tetly †Roseanne Scruggs
1:30 PM	People of the Parish
5:30 PM	†Claudina Wright Chris Maris †Darlene McMeekin

*alleluia*  
*Liturgies For The Week*

<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>August 12—Weekday</b>
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Mary and †Samuel Deitz Frank and Pat Kapper †Robert J. Hickey, Jr. Thomas and Jean McKiernan
<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b>August 13—19th Sunday In Ordinary Time</b>
7:30 AM	†Albert Symes †Naldo Ponsi †Cecilia Zink
9:00 AM	†Bob Walker †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Ronnie Land
10:30 AM	†Helen Cordes Mary Burgert †Byron Slaughter
12:00 PM	†Thomas and †Ellen Sheehan †George Beck †Clara Kennedy
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Francisca Miravelles †Perpetua Miravelles People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY,</b>	<b>August 14—St. Maximilian Kolbe</b>
8:45 AM	†Thomas and †Roseanne Scruggs
7:30 PM	
<b>TUESDAY,</b>	<b>August 15—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
6:30 AM	People of the Parish
8:45 AM	†Rocco Nuzzo Anthony Creegan and Family †Dale Simmons
7:30 PM	
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b>	<b>August 16—Weekday</b>
8:45 AM	†Helen C. Buckley †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
<b>THURSDAY,</b>	<b>August 17—Weekday</b>
8:45 AM	Thomas and Jean McKiernan †Cecilia Zink Dorothy Lee and Family
<b>FRIDAY,</b>	<b>August 18—Weekday</b>
8:45 AM	†Rev. Robert E. Nilon
<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>August 19—Weekday</b>
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Paul Krieger †Maria Gonzalez-Trujillo †Ferdinand Jamias

<b>Readings for the Week of August 13, 2017</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Matthew 17:22-27</b> 1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; 1 Corinthians 15:54b-57; Luke 11:27-28
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 18:15-20</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Matthew 18:21—19:1</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Joshua 24:1-13; Matthew 19:3-12</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Joshua 24:14-29; Matthew 19:13-15</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28</b>

The **VIRTUS Protecting God's Children** is the adult safe-environment program being offered by the Diocese of Arlington. **The Diocese requires all adult employees and also volunteers who have substantial contact with children to attend the seminar. This includes:**

- ⇒ Vacation Bible School volunteers
- ⇒ Nursery volunteers
- ⇒ Confirmation retreat parent volunteers
- ⇒ School parent volunteers, who chaperone field trips, volunteer in the classroom, etc.
- ⇒ Mommy & Me volunteers
- ⇒ Coaches for all sports
- ⇒ Boy Scout/Girl Scout leaders and assistants (regardless of whether they are parishioners)
- ⇒ Catechists and Assistant Catechists
- ⇒ CYM and MSYM volunteers
- ⇒ All church and school employees

St. Francis of Assisi Parish will host a seminar on **Sunday, August 20th from 11 am—3 pm** in the Parish Center Dining Facility (begins promptly at **11 am**). To attend this workshop you must pre-register with your full legal name. The seminar is **limited to 60 people**, but there are a number of seminars offered throughout the Diocese; please check availability on the **VIRTUS website**.



**To register:** Go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) and click on the yellow link labeled "Registration" (you may either view a list of sessions or begin the registration process). To register for a specific session, select "Begin the Registration Process". Then, from the pull-down menu, select "Diocese of Arlington, VA". Then follow the online prompts.

Every adult member of the parish is invited to register and attend the workshop—it is our duty as members of this community of faith to be aware of how we can support and protect all children.

**Baptismal Preparation Class**

Our next class will be held this

**Sunday, August 13, 2017 from**

**1:30p.m.—2:30p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room.



 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.

**BE A FRANCIS-CAN  
NOT A FRANCIS-CAN'T**

