



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

Cristian Josue Aparicio Pivaral
Maties Alejandro Castillo Aleman
Brielle Alyssa Cunanan
Ximena Ramirez Flores
Jacob Emmanuel Garcia
Leonardo George Geevaratne
Keymy Margarita Hernandez Handres
Isabella Rose Herrera
Mateo Iraheta Hernandez
Zoey Annabel Lee
Isabella Zapanta-Bernardo Lewis
Alexander Evan Lisi
Elena Violette Mahalchick
Aze Sebastian Veridiano Maliksi
Daniel Padilla Mejia
Estefany Gissel Rodriguez Gonzalez
Julian de Jesus Rodriguez Saucedo
William Michael Rose
Connor William Smihal
Jose Rigoberto Vasquez

Baptismal Preparation Class—Our next class will be held on **Sunday, September 10, 2017 from 1:30p.m.—2:30p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room. **Please call the parish office to register at 703-221-4044.**

Having trouble coping with negative co-workers, peers, family members? Then call please **Kathy Walker at 703-221-4312 and then press 4** to get started with a Stephen Minister who can help you with your self-esteem. Remember; if their name is not God, their opinion does not matter and their approval is not needed.



Our annual Labor Day Picnic will be held **Monday, September 4th** 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 19th and 26th.** 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 **10th 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 10th 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.

Are you 55 or over? Do you do needlepoint, quilting, photography, stamping, painting, sculpting, sewing, stained glass, woodworking, or any other craft you would like to show off to the parish?

As part of our Annual Francis Fest on **October 8th**, we will again be having a 55 and Over Craft Show where you can present your crafts and sell them if you wish. We will provide the space, and ask only if you do choose to sell your craft, that you donate a portion of the profits back to the parish. Each year the show has been more and more successful, and we would like to include even more crafters this year. Please call or email **Jeanne Mitcho with questions, or to request space at 703-670-8039 or jcmitcho45@gmail.com.** Table space is limited so do not delay to reserve your spot.

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.**



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.**

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.

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!



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 Weekend

Religious Education will have a table outside the church for information regarding registration after all the Masses the weekend of August 26th and August 27th. Registration can be completed online with electronic payment at <http://www.stfrancis.org/welcome-and-introduction/>. Paper registration forms are online also for cash and check payments.



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@stfrancis.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: Lawrence O'Brien.

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.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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

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

Mary Battista, maryorsal@comcast.net

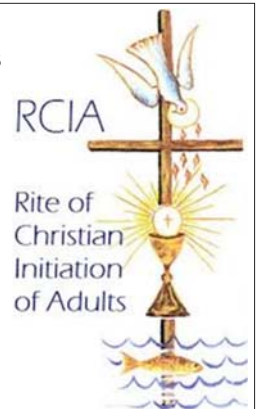
Antonio Mayorga, antoniomayorga@gmail.com

Tony Mercogliani, Amercogliano@gmail.com

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you or someone you know is considering being initiated into the Roman Catholic faith, make plans to attend our first RCIA meeting on **Wednesday, August 30th at 7:30 pm in the Br. Juniper Room.** It will be a great opportunity to discover more details about the program and ask questions. You may also contact **Friar Henry Fulmer at friarhenry@stfrancis.org.**



RCIA Sponsors Needed

Sponsoring an RCIA Candidate/Catechumen is a unique opportunity to share your faith. If you are a confirmed Catholic and are interested in sharing the journey with an adult seeking full initiation, please contact **Friar Henry Fulmer at friarhenry@stfrancis.org.**

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Liturgies For The Week

SATURDAY,	August 19—Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Paul Krieger
	†Maria Gonzalez-Trujillo
	†Ferdinand Jamias
SUNDAY,	August 20—20th Sunday In Ordinary Time
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
MONDAY,	August 21—St. Pius X
8:45 AM	Kim Maris
	†Joseph Carroll
	Maria Woo
TUESDAY,	August 22—Queenship of Mary
8:45 AM	†Margaret and †William Ignatuck
	Chris Maris
	†Anita Naylor
WEDNESDAY,	August 23—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
	†Kathryn Gonsorcik
THURSDAY,	August 24—St. Bartholomew, Apostle
8:45 AM	†Alice Hickman
FRIDAY,	August 25—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Lester Ricard
SATURDAY,	August 26—Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Connie and Jerry O'Shea
	Regina Lee
	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik

Readings for the Week of August 20, 2017

Monday	Judges 2:11-19; Matthew 19:16-22
Tuesday	Judges 6:11-24a; Matthew 19:23-30
Wednesday	Judges 9:6-15; Matthew 20:1-16
Thursday	Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51
Friday	Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Matthew 22:34-40
Saturday	Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Matthew 23:1-12
Sunday	Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

Mass Intentions on Sunday, August 27, 2017

7:30 AM	†Phillip Valesse
	†Harry Ravert
	†Charlie Fishetti
9:00 AM	†Flor Rodriguez
	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
	†Paul E. Tekverk, Sr.
10:30 AM	†Heidi Hinkamp
	†Vergilio Echavaria
	†Milly Stearns
12:00 PM	†Donald Widener
	†Clara Kennedy
	†Marta Pohl Zolorzano
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†William Ignatuck
	Thomas Lee
	People of the Parish

Do you like to sing? The Saint Francis Music Ministry welcomes singers of ALL ages. Rehearsals begin AUGUST 28th



Sometimes we sit listening to the choirs and wish we were singing with them. *Now is your chance!* Come check out a rehearsal and learn more about the choirs. All singers are welcome. **Please consider joining us in making joyful music through one of our choirs:**

- The **Adult Choir** sings at the 9:00 Mass every Sunday and rehearses every [Monday evening from 7:30 P.M. until 9:00 P.M.](#)
- The **Worship Ensemble** sings at the 12:00 Noon Mass every Sunday and rehearses every [Thursday from 7:30 until 9:00 P.M.](#)
- The **Teen/Young Adult Choir** sings several times monthly, usually in conjunction with the Youth Ministry Schedule, at the 5:30 Mass on Sunday and rehearses every [Monday evening from 6:00 until 7:15 P.M.](#)
- The **Family Liturgy Choir** sings at the 10:30 a.m. mass and is open to all children of the Parish grades 2 through 8. Rehearsals are the [first and third Wednesdays of each month from 6:45 – 7:45 P.M.](#) **First rehearsal is September 6th.**

All rehearsals take place in the choir area of the church. For more information, please contact Nikole Giraldi at nikoleg@stfrncis.org.



Marriage Jubilee Mass: Are you celebrating your **Silver or Golden Marriage Jubilee this year?** Were you married in 1967 or 1992?



Then contact the parish office to make sure that you are registered for the "2017 Marriage Jubilee Mass." This Mass will be celebrated at **2:30 p.m.** on **October 15th** at **Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church, in Potomac Falls, VA.** The parish office must submit all registrations to the *Office for Family Life* as soon as possible. Registrations forms are available in the vestibule. Please contact **Chanel Marquis** (cmarquis@stfrncis.org or 703-221-4044, ext. 222) in the parish office with any questions. Do not delay. **Registration is due no later than September 21st.**