

**From
the
Friars**



This weekend we will be “kicking off” our annual Fall Appeal. This parish fundraiser was initiated some years ago, and has become an important part of our financial picture here at the parish.

This year more than ever, this Appeal will be an important step in responding to developing maintenance issues with our facilities.

We have been informed that the “chiller” in our Parish Center air conditioning unit needs to be replaced at a cost of \$100,000 dollars. In addition, the roofs of the two additions to the Church are nearing the end of their life cycle. The cost of replacing these roofs will be \$50,000 dollars each.

You will be receiving a letter from me in the next few days asking for your help. Your generosity will help us to maintain the excellent facilities that we have here at the Parish.

Next week you will have a chance to vote for new members of our Parish Council. Please take the time to review the candidates and choose those you believe will best serve the parish.

The Parish Council plays an important role in advising the Pastor and help in making decisions that move forward and strengthen our parish community.

Sincerely,

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

Altar Server Training

Paul Jacobsmeyer will conduct altar server training on: **Saturday, October 21st from 11:00am—12:30pm**

Rising 5th graders and older boys and girls are eligible. Please contact Paul Jacobsmeyer at 703-730-8280, or e-mail- pjjake4@aol.com with any questions.



Eucharistic Ministers' Training

There will be In-Service Training for all new Eucharistic Ministers and to update all current Eucharistic Ministers on some procedural changes, on **Saturday, November 4th from 11:00 am-12:30 pm, in the Church.** For more information, please contact Chanel Marquis at 703-221-4044, ext. 222 or cmarquis@stfrancis.org.



Kairos Prison Ministry Asks for Your Help

The Kairos Program is a prison ministry involving screened volunteers visiting adults who have been incarcerated. Its purpose is to build a



Christian community within the prison. A Kairos weekend will be held at Sussex I State Prison on **October 19—22, 2017.** You can be a part of this expression of love in the following ways:

1. **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 on or before **October 16th** so they can be transported by Kairos volunteers the following morning.
2. **Sign up to Pray.** Intercessory prayer is powerful for those incarcerated as well as their families. The intent is to develop a list of names from our parish who will offer their prayers during the Kairos weekend. It is another way to demonstrate an outpouring of love.
3. **Join Us!**

If you can support any of these activities, please contact **Dennis Fargo (cell: 703-472-5518) or John Cipparone (cell: 603-512-9680).**

55+ Ministry Presents

Five Wishes “Living Will” Presentation
Thursday, October 26th
Two Times: **9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.**

Location: **Parish Center Dining Facility** (for both meetings)

Parishioner, Mark Teodosio CMFC, MBA, will be explaining how the *Five Wishes* instrument can be used to easily identify your desires for your personal healthcare if you become unable to communicate them. This is something so many of us put off until tomorrow. Please consider making **October 26th** your “tomorrow.”



Please Pray For All those who are sick: Leona Stumm; Jack Haneklau; Richard Pembricks; Chad Burns; Aaron Childs; Mary Fearing; Bev Lyle; Barbara Kraus; Patricia French; Kimberly Klesen; Anabella Van Kempen; and Angie Powell.

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.

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: Dish Soap**
- Canned Fruit
- Spaghetti and Pasta
- Spaghetti Sauce

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

Bill Mehr Drop-In Shelter

Many thanks to all of our parishioners who have responded so generously to our requests for breakfast items at the Bill Mehr Shelter. With the help of our parishioners we provided 620 breakfasts. **For the winter season, beginning Saturday, November 4th, our responsibilities will shift to supplying dinner on Saturday evenings.** Directions and sign-up sheets are located on the table directly below the bulletin board in the vestibule. **For more information, please call Francia at 571-572-5862.**

Trick-or-treating, costume parades, jack-o-lanterns, costume parties, and haunted houses. The holiday of Halloween is anticipated by children of all ages. Halloween costumes can be expensive for low-income families who are struggling to make ends meet. **The Costumes for Kids program provides gently used or new Halloween costumes to children throughout St. Francis House** so that they too can fully participate in these festivities. Please donate your gently used Halloween costume(s) to the Children's Fund. We accept all sizes (Infant through Adult)! Please place costumes in the container out in the vestibule.



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Care for Creation

Do you have a passion for nature, the outdoors, the earth? Join the new Care for Creation Committee **Tuesday, October 17th at 7pm in the Grade 6 Classroom (located in the Parish Center)**. We are planning clean-up, Earth Day and other activities for the upcoming year and would love to have you join us. Please contact **Kathy Radigan, at 703-835-7194, or kathyradigan24@gmail.com** for more information.

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: Jabón de Lavar Platos**
- Fruta Enlatada
- Espagueti & Salsa Para Espagueti

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

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

Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement (V.O.I.C.E.) State Election Forum

Please join the St. Francis VOICE delegation attending the 1600 person *VOICE State Election Forum* at Patriot High School in Nokesville from **4:30pm to 6:30pm on Sunday, October 15th.**

For more information, please contact
Michelle Nicolai
at 571-213-8348 or michnicolai@comcast.net
or
Sharon Danner
at 703-680-0860 or sharondanner1@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, October 19th, 6:30 p.m.– 8:00 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
Katy McClevey at ukkaty@gmail.com.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank
J. David Alachnowicz, DDS, PC
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 2017-2018

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| Oct. 15 | Sunday RE Session |
| 19 | Thursday RE Session |
| 22 | Sunday RE Session |
| 29 | Thursday RE Session |
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| Nov. 2 | Sunday RE Session |
| 5 | Thursday RE Session |

St. Francis High School Youth Ministry is 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, October 15th
6:30 PM—8:30 PM
St. Catherine Room
REAL Time (Youth Group)
All teens grades 9-12

Sunday, October 22nd
6:30 PM—8:30 PM
St. Catherine Room
REAL Leadership
Leadership Team ONLY

Sunday, October 29th
6:30 PM—8:30 PM
St. Catherine Room
REAL FUN HALLOWEEN PARTY
All teens grades 9-12



Questions? Please contact Brandon Jubar at bjubar@stfrncis.org.



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

Baptismal Preparation Class

Our next class will be held on **Sunday, November 12, 2017 from 1:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room. Please call the parish office to register at 703-221-4044.



John Paul Open House

Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School turns 10 this year! Please come to the Open House on Sunday, **November 5th, from 1 -4pm** to learn about all that has been accomplished in the last decade! *The first 100 8th graders to pre-register will receive a free t-shirt!* Please visit jpthegreat.org or email admissions@jpthegreat.org or call **703-445-0300** for more information!



MY COKE GIVES PROGRAM

Help **St. Francis of Assisi School** turn Coke product caps into points that can be used towards the purchase of physical education, sports, art, technology and/or classroom supplies for the school. Just look for 'My Coke Rewards' stamps on individual and multi-pack products of Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, etc. Simply gather the caps and bring them to the school office; our volunteers will gladly take it from there. **For more information, please contact William Sharp at 571-408-5213 or via e-mail at youcandance5678@yahoo.com.**



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!



MYSM (Middle School Youth Ministry) is looking for a few new volunteers! Please contact **Sheila Noble** (snoble@stfrncis.org) if you are interested and available to help plan and/or supervise monthly middle school youth group meetings. **Middle school students are AWESOME and never dull!!**



We guarantee all volunteers will have a great time and very rewarding experience!!

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.



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Liturgies For The Week

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	October 14—Weekday Sacrament of Reconciliation †George Selepak People of the Parish †Joseph Dulin
SUNDAY, 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:45 AM 12:15 PM 1:30 PM 5:30 PM	October 15—28th Sunday In Ordinary Time †Cirio Bayton †Berwyn Remulla †William Marceau †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Donald F. Raffier †Nanay Toyang Talento Rebecca Anderson †Clara Kennedy †Anne Cameron †Joyce White Misa en español People of the Parish †Aurora Dungca
MONDAY, 8:45 AM	October 16—Weekday †Ely Urbi Calzado
TUESDAY, 8:45 AM	October 17—St. Ignatius of Antioch †Alan Joseph "Tex" Pryor Bill Ignatuck, Jr. †Maria Cristina De Socio Angela
WEDNESDAY, 8:45 AM	October 18—St. Luke, Evangelist †David John Butts †Russell Vullo †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
THURSDAY, 8:45 AM	October 19—Sts. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions
FRIDAY, 8:45 AM	October 20—Weekday Jacob Staten †Carole Zovak †Jean Herrmann
SATURDAY, 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	October 21—Weekday Sacrament of Reconciliation †Thomas L. Berta Special Intention †Carlos Heresi
Mass Intentions on Sunday, October 22, 2017	
7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:45 AM 12:15 PM 1:30 PM 5:30 PM	†Thomas Balwinski †Isabel Arias †Francisco Ferreira †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Michael Slade People of the Parish †Clara Kennedy †Rita M. Anderson Misa en español

Readings for the Week of October 15, 2017

Monday	Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32
Tuesday	Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41
Wednesday	2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9
Thursday	Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54
Friday	Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7
Saturday	Romans 4:13, 16-18; Luke 12:8-12
Sunday	Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b; Matthew 22:15-21

Respect Life Committee

October is Respect Life Month. The Gabriel Project helps expectant mothers with their maternity care.

Are you an expectant mother looking for help during this joyful and sometimes apprehensive time? Gabriel Project has many amazing mentors with lots of experience not only in raising children but also in living a life firmly rooted in Christ. Our mentors are happy to come and welcome you into the community, and help you during this time of transition. So, whether you are a brand new mom or a mom looking for support, please contact **Gabriel Project at 1-866-444-3553 or at GabrielProject@arlingtondiocese.org.**

For more information or to join the Respect Life Committee, please contact Marv Floom at marv_floom@verizon.net or 703-878-9243.



**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, October 16, 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.**