



A number of parishioners have asked me if we will be taking up a collection for the hurricane victims in Puerto Rico. The second collection this weekend will be for those individuals and relief efforts in Puerto Rico.

We Friars have been receiving reports on the most difficult situations in Puerto Rico, from Archbishop Roberto Gonzales, O.F.M.

Archbishop Gonzales is the Archbishop of San Juan and a fellow Franciscan Friar from Holy Name Province.

The Arlington Diocese and civil authorities have asked that all parishes review their security procedures. We are in the process of doing that. As part of this review, we will be installing security cameras on the parish grounds. More details to come.

We Friars wish to extend our **deepest appreciation to Maureen Deutermann and the Francis Fest Committee** for yet another successful Francis Fest. It was a fun day and a great opportunity for parishioners to celebrate with each other.

Sincerely,

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

The **Rosary Guild** meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Please join us **Tuesday, October 24th** 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.**



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@stfrncis.org.**

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.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Calling all our young singers from grades 2 through 8!

The first rehearsal for the St. Francis Children's Christmas Choir takes place on **November 5th from 3:15 p.m.—4:30 p.m. in the Church**. Rehearsals are each Sunday from November 5th through December 17th.



Performances include the **Festival of Praise on Friday, December 15th and Christmas Eve**. Registration forms are available online at <http://www.stfrncis.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Registration-Form-2017.pdf> or at the first rehearsal. Questions? Please contact **Colleen Wells** at cwells@stfrncis.org.

Please Pray For All those who are sick: Leona Stumm; Jack Haneklau; Richard Pembricks; Chad Burns; Aaron Childs; Mary Fearing; Bev Lyle; and Barbara Kraus.

And for those recently deceased: Cheryl McNierney

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; Brianna French; James Moore; Kyle McVay; Kyle Traylor; Marc Gendron; and Darryl Saungweme.

Our Knights of Columbus are offering *Christmas wreaths, centerpieces, and table top holiday trees* again this year. The Holiday Evergreens you purchase for yourself, family, and friends will be delivered via Fed-X in a festive carton with your personalized message in early December. A tree will be planted for every item sold.



Please order online at www.mickmanholidaygifts.com and use our coupon code **KNIGHTVA003**. You will get a \$3 discount and our Council gets a \$5 donation. **Free shipping on orders over \$60.**

At Home Self-Paced Bible Studies

We are now offering online, self-paced Bible studies through Ascension Press. Please see the website www.stfrncis.org/programs-retreats/ to register for Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible (overview) or studies of John, Revelation, Matthew and Acts. Participants must register and purchase a workbook through Ascension Press to gain access to the online videos. Please contact Lisa Ostendorf at lostendorf@stfrncis.org if you experience difficulty registering.



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.



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 **Mary's Flower Shop** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

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.**

The St. Francis Anti-Human Trafficking Committee (engaged in action, awareness and advocacy efforts in the fight against human trafficking) is meeting **Thursday, November 2nd at 7:00 - 8:30 in the Grade 5 Classroom** (located in the Parish Center). All are welcome! For more information, please contact **Margie Petrizza at 540-408-2408, margie.petrizza@gmail.com or Bob Eves 703-304-9259, evesrc@verizon.net.**

55+ Ministry Presents

**Symphony and Dinner Social
Presented by the 55+ Ministry
December 2, 2017**



Our new and improved 55+ Ministry invites you to enjoy an evening out with a performance by the **Manassas Symphony Orchestra at 4:30 p.m., followed by dinner as a group at Bella Vita Restaurant in Manassas at 7:00 p.m.** Symphony tickets must be purchased on your own through <http://www.manassassymphony.org/> and the performance will take place in the Hylton Performing Arts Center in Manassas, near George Mason. Please reserve your seat for the group dinner in advance by contacting Pat Koch pmkoch01@verizon.net or 609-217-3491.

**Theology on Tap—October 23, 2017
Ornery Beer Company and Public House
14389 Potomac Mills Rd., Woodbridge**

**New Format! Young Adult Gathering at 6:30 p.m.
Talk Open to All at 7:30 p.m.**

The speaker for the October Theology on Tap will be Marie Dennis, Co-President of Pax Christi International and former Director of the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns. Marie was named 2016 Person of the Year by the National Catholic Reporter and was a Public Peace Laureate. She is a lay woman, public speaker and author of seven books with two honorary doctorates. Please join us!

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

Oct. 22	Sunday RE Session
26	Thursday RE Session
29	Sunday RE Session
Nov. 2	Thursday RE Session
5	Sunday RE Session

We have an urgent need for two first grade catechists for the 8:45am session of Religious Education. Training will be provided. Please call **Marianne Hayes, DRE** at 703-221-3127.

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 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.

Join us for Middle School Mayhem!!!



All middle school students are welcome to join us on **Sunday, October 29th from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the Parish Center Dining Hall** for an evening of fun, food and fellowship!! Come and bring a friend!

Please contact Sheila Noble at snoble@stfrncis.org if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

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.



Save the date!

Discovering Christ will be presented at **St. Francis of Assisi beginning in January 2018!!**

Participants in this 7-week series will meet on Thursday evenings beginning January 4th and continuing through February 15th to enjoy dinner and fellowship, listen to a dynamic teaching and join

in a small group discussion about the meaning of life in Jesus Christ. There will be a retreat day on Saturday, February 3rd. The cost for registration for this event is \$25 per person and all meals are included. For more information, please contact Sheila Noble at 703-221-3127, ext. 238 or snoble@stfrncis.org.



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discovering
CHRIST
a seven-week experience

MY COKE GIVES PROGRAM

Turn Coke product caps into cash for St. Francis School!



Look for My Coke Rewards stamps on individual and multi-pack products of Coke, Sprite, Dasani, Powerade, Minute Maid, Fanta, Barq's, Fresca, Mr. Pibb, Mello Yello, Fuze, Seagram's Ginger Ale, and

Tab. Simply bag the caps and bring them to the school. We will take it from there. **For more information, please contact William Sharp at 571-408-5213 or via e-mail at youcandance5678@yahoo.com. God bless!**

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!



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.



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.

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Liturgies For The Week

SATURDAY,	October 21—Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Thomas L. Berta Special Intention †Carlos Heresi
SUNDAY,	October 22—29th Sunday In Ordinary Time
7:30 AM	†Thomas Balwinski †Jennie Fonzo †Paul and †Connie Arcudi
9:00 AM	†Isabel Arias †Francisco Ferreira †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
10:45 AM	†Michael Slade People of the Parish
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy †Rita M. Anderson In Thanksgiving
1:30 PM	†Romulo Torres Daniel and Cristian Castro †Gabi Castro †Veronica Castro
5:30 PM	†Mary Johnston
MONDAY,	October 23—Weekday
8:45 AM	†John Francis Carpino †Bill Richmond †Joseph Piorkowski
TUESDAY,	October 24—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Evelyn Chandler
WEDNESDAY,	October 25—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
THURSDAY,	October 26—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Harry Ravert
FRIDAY,	October 27—Weekday
8:45 AM	Antonietta Krumbien †Allen Thomas Jones †Enrique Lizarralde
SATURDAY,	October 28—Sts. Simon and Jude
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Trevor Noonan †Kathleen Berger
	Mass Intentions on Sunday, October 29, 2017
7:30 AM	†Eileen P. Lewin †Harriet Bischoff
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Florence Fogarty
10:45 AM	
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy †Joseph and †Julia Flood †Deborah McGrath
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Maureen Flood People of the Parish

Readings for the Week of October 15, 2017

Monday	Romans 4:20-25; Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Luke 12:13-21
Tuesday	Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Luke 12:35-38
Wednesday	Romans 6:12-18; Luke 12:39-48
Thursday	Romans 6:19-23; Luke 12:49-53
Friday	Romans 7:18-25a; Luke 12:54-59
Saturday	Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16
Sunday	Exodus 22:20-26; 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10; Matthew 22:34-40

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc. are sponsoring a National Irish History Writing Contest for students in **Grades 6 through 12**. Cash prizes are awarded.



Please go to:

<http://www.stfrancis.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/LAOH-Student-Irish-History-Writing-Contest.pdf> to download a copy of the brochure.

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!



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.



Calling all families with girls ages 5—18! If you are interested in joining/participating in **St. Francis' American Heritage Girls Troop VA 2172**, please email ahgstfrancis@gmail.com with your information. We will be offering FAITH, SERVICE and FUN starting this Fall!