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**discovering CHRIST**  
a seven-week experience

**\*\*\*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 4<sup>th</sup>** and continuing through February 15<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. *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](mailto:snoble@stfrncis.org).**

St. Francis of Assisi Elementary, Middle and Preschool will host a **Discover Catholic Schools Week Open House** for new families on **Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.** Please plan to join us for a tour of our school and to meet our wonderful teachers. For admission questions please call the school office at **703-221-3868** or visit our website [www.stfas.org](http://www.stfas.org).



**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](mailto:cwells@stfrncis.org).

**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).

**Thanksgiving 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament!**



Attention all athletes ages 8 and up who can dribble and shoot a basketball! Come participate in the Fifth Annual Thanksgiving 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament! **It will start at 9 AM on November 25, 2017 in the Parish Center Gym.** Each team of up to four players will be guaranteed at least three games. **It costs \$50 to sponsor a team,** and all proceeds will be donated to St. Francis of Assisi School. We have raised over \$2,000 since our first tournament in 2013!

To register or if you would like further information, please contact **Dr. Ken Dunn** at [dunnkd@comcast.net](mailto:dunnkd@comcast.net); phone 540-657-9006 or **Kevin Horwath** at [kev89@comcast.net](mailto:kev89@comcast.net); phone 703-508-0294.

**ST. FRANCIS MEN'S GROUP**

Our October meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 14th at 7:30 pm in the Br. Juniper Room.** Please join us to view a presentation by Fr. Rohr Fr. Richard Rohr, O.F.M. on his book "*Falling Upward*"—a straightforward and bracing book with the message: the spiritual life is not static—you will come to a crisis in your life, and after the crisis, if you are open to it, you will enter a space of spiritual refreshment, peace and compassion that you could not have imagined before. **More information on the book can be found on the parish website on the Men's Group page.**

**Mission 2018**

Join St. Francis Parishioners in June 2018 on a journey to our Sister Parishes in Lima, Peru. **Departs Saturday, June 16th Returns Monday, June 25th**



- Applications and **deposit of \$100** now being accepted. The final date for receipt of applications is **January 31, 2018.**
- Fee includes airfare, lodging, most meals and local transportation.
- Full payment (**\$1,500**) is due by **January 31, 2018**
- Applications are available on line at (<http://www.stfrncis.org/sister-parish-in-peru/>) and next to the Sister Parish section of the church bulletin board.

**Questions? Please call:**

Terry Danner at 703-680-0860  
[terrydanner@verizon.net](mailto:terrydanner@verizon.net)  
or  
Chuck O'Hern at 910-795-6203  
[Charles.ohern@usmc.mil](mailto:Charles.ohern@usmc.mil)

## 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: Coffee and Sugar**
- 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. **As of Saturday, November 4th (for the winter season), our responsibilities have shifted 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.

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

**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.

**It took Francis a while to realize Jesus was not talking about the brick and mortar of the church building.** Jesus was talking about building the foundation of Christ within us. We need to take look at our foundation. Are we solid, sure, and strong? Do we have Christ as our foundation? Look around, I am sure you can find a place that needs a little spiritual strengthening? **And Stephen Ministry will be there to help with your rebuilding... please give us a call at 703-221-4044, ext. 233 or email [kwalker@stfrancis.org](mailto:kwalker@stfrancis.org).**



## 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.**

### CARE FOR CREATION!

Do you have a passion for nature, the outdoors, the earth? Please join the new Care for Creation Committee on **Tuesday, November 14th at 7pm in the Grade 6 Classroom** (located in the Parish Center). All are welcome! We are going to "Adopt A Spot" on Fuller Heights Road to keep litter-free, and are looking for volunteers.



**Calling artists of all ages:** We will soon be announcing a Care For Creation logo contest.



Please contact Kathy Radigan, at 703-835-7194, or [kathyradigan24@gmail.com](mailto:kathyradigan24@gmail.com) 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.

### Votive Candles

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



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.



**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**

- Nov. 5 Sunday RE Session
- 9 NO RE Veterans' Day Weekend
- 12 NO RE Veterans' Day Weekend
- 16 Thursday RE Session
- 19 Sunday RE Session
- 23 NO RE—Happy Thanksgiving
- 26 NO RE—Thanksgiving Day Weekend
- 30 Thursday 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.

If you would like your child to participate in the **Children's Christmas Pageant on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm before the 4PM Mass in the Church**, please return your completed form to the Religious Education Office or in the Catch-All slot located in the vestibule of the Church (please label envelope 'RE-Christmas Pageant Registration'). Children ages 4 years of age and up are eligible if they are not in the Christmas Choir. **Deadline for forms is November 26th. No late registrations will be accepted.** Forms are available at [www.stfrncis.org](http://www.stfrncis.org) under the RE page. Rehearsals are mandatory. **For more information, please call the RE Office at 703-221-4978 or email [recoor@stfrncis.org](mailto:recoor@stfrncis.org).**



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

**Sunday, November 12th**  
**NO REAL ACTIVITIES**  
Veterans' Day Weekend

**Sunday, November 19th**  
6:30 PM—8:30 PM  
St. Catherine Room  
**REAL FUN**  
**THANKSGIVING PARTY**  
All teens grades 9-12



Questions? Please contact Brandon Jubar at [bjubar@stfrncis.org](mailto:bjubar@stfrncis.org).

**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/](http://www.stfrncis.org/programs-retreats/) to register for **BIBLE Study**. 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](mailto:lostendorf@stfrncis.org) if you experience difficulty registering.

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.



**Lord Hear our Prayers** 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!

**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](mailto:youcandance5678@yahoo.com). God bless!**



**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.**



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<b>SATURDAY,</b> 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	<b>November 4—St. St. Charles Borromeo</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation Alfred and Stella Decarli People of the Parish †Marie Jerome
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 7:30 AM 9:00 AM  10:45 AM 12:15 PM 1:30 PM 5:30 PM	<b>November 5—31st Sunday In Ordinary Time</b> †Eileen Bolen All Souls Novena †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Therese Menzella †Janet Sarsfield †Clara Kennedy Eduardo Mendoza Reyes Ortiz †Miriam Longo
<b>MONDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>November 6—Weekday</b> †Michael Creegan Maria Mendoza
<b>TUESDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>November 7—Weekday</b> Gretchen May Thomas Lee
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>November 8—Weekday</b> All Souls Novena †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
<b>THURSDAY,</b>  8:45 AM	<b>November 9—Dedication of the Basilica in Rome</b> †Mary Jo Pirko
<b>FRIDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>November 10—St. Leo the Great</b> †Jay Epsen
<b>SATURDAY,</b> 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	<b>November 11—Veterans' Day</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation †Anne Cameron †Joyce White Charles Schnieder

**Mass Intentions on Sunday, November 12, 2017**

7:30 AM 9:00 AM  10:45 AM 12:15 PM  1:30 PM 5:30 PM	All Souls Novena †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kimberly Ann Gianni  †George Beck †Clara Kennedy Misa en español †Severo Miravalles †Virginia Miravalles People of the Parish
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RESPECT  
CREATION



Readings for the Week of November 5, 2017

<b>Monday</b>	Romans 11:29-36; Luke 14:12-14
<b>Tuesday</b>	Romans 12:5-16b; Luke 14:15-24
<b>Wednesday</b>	Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33
<b>Thursday</b>	Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22
<b>Friday</b>	Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8
<b>Saturday</b>	Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Luke 16:9-15
<b>Sunday</b>	Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 4:13-14; Matthew 25:1-13



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](http://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.

**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, November 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](mailto:jonesmk@aol.com).**

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for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.