

**Schedule for
Holy Week and Easter Sunday
March 25th—April 1st**

March 25 Palm Sunday
Regular Mass Schedule

March 28 Wednesday
7:30-8:30 PM Individual Confession

March 29 Holy Thursday
9:00 AM Morning Prayer
7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:30 PM La Cena del Señor en el Gimnasio

March 30 Good Friday
9:00 AM Morning Prayer
3:00 PM Musical Meditation on the Stations of the Cross (Presented by all of St. Francis' Choirs and Musicians)
6:00 PM Via Crucis/The Way of the Cross—Church Parking Lot
7:30 PM Liturgy of Good Friday
7:30 PM Liturgy of Good Friday en español en el Gimnasio

March 31 Holy Saturday
9:00 AM Morning Prayer / Blessing of Easter foods

Note: No Saturday 5:30 p.m. Mass

8:00 PM Easter Vigil

April 1 Easter Sunday
7:30 AM Mass—Church
9:00 AM Mass—Church
9:00 AM Mass—in Parish Center Gym
10:45 AM Mass—Church
10:45 AM Mass—in Parish Center Gym
12:15 PM Mass—Church
12:15 PM Mass—in Parish Center Gym
1:30 PM Misa en Español

Note: No 5:30 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday

Communal Reconciliation—will be held on **Wednesday, March 21st, from 7:30 p.m-9:00 p.m.** We trust this will help all who respond to have a sacred encounter with the God of mercy. There will be extra clergy on hand to assist that evening.



For all lectors, ushers, servers, and Eucharistic ministers who wish to serve during Lent, Easter Vigil, and/or Easter Day Masses, the **sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the vestibule.**



Confession Schedule for Lent

Confessions will be heard every Wednesday during Lent from **7:30 pm until 8:30 pm.**
In addition to Saturday's from 4—5pm.

If you would like to make a donation for **Easter Memorial Flowers**, and remember your loved ones in this way please fill out the information on the envelope on the table in the vestibule and drop it in the catch-all slot. These names will be listed in the bulletin during the Easter Season.



COME HOME—TAKE ANOTHER LOOK

If someone you know has been away from the Catholic Church for whatever reason; divorce, birth control, lifestyle, invalid marriage, or any other reason, we encourage you to have them "Take Another Look".

Easter will be a time of great joy as we celebrate the resurrection of the Messiah. But your friend may not be experiencing this joy and feel she/he doesn't belong to this rejoicing church. St. Francis is inviting her/him to "Take Another Look: without feeling pressure or experiencing a "recapture" mentality.

We will have a short program on three Monday nights: May 14th, May 21st, and June 4th.
Each night will begin at 7:30 p.m. and last no more than 2 hours.

*If your friend has an interest, have them contact **Lisa Ostendorf at 703-221-3127, ext. 277 or Joe Mitcho at 703-967-9959 or jfmitcho44@hotmail.com.***
We will send them more detailed information.

The **Rosary Guild** meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Please join us **Tuesday, March 13th** 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.**



Ignore those who say "just get over it." Healing is a process. Stephen Ministry is a process orientated ministry. We know we cannot fix anything. We know you need time to talk, cry, and pray to heal. If you want someone to walk your journey with you; to help with the process you need to go through, please call **Kathy Walker at 703-221-4044, ext. 233 or email at kwalker@stfrncis.org.** And give a Stephen Minister the honor of being by your side.

There have been several requests for additional handicapped parking spaces.

Please know that **we are in the process of creating those spaces.**



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.



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.

- **Items of the Month: Cooking Oil and Salt**
- Pasta
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Canned Fruit
- Canned tuna

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 requests for dinner items at the Overnight Shelter. With the help of our parishioners, we provided 1,320 meals. **Beginning Saturday, April 7th, our responsibilities will shift to supplying breakfast on Saturday mornings as the Winter Shelter program ends.** Directions and sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the Church. **For more information, please contact Francia Salguero at francias@st.frncis.org or 571-572-5862.**



ST. FRANCIS MEN'S GROUP—Our March meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 13th at 7:30 pm in the Br. Juniper Room.** The topic will be a video presentation by Fr. Dan Horan, O.F.M. on the "Franciscan Heart of Spirituality". Many of you might remember Fr. Dan when he was assigned to St. Francis of Assisi as a transitional deacon the year before his ordination. For more information, please see the Men's Group page on the parish website or contact **Tony Mercogliano at amercogliano@gmail.com or Mike Chamberlin at michael.chamberlin@verizon.net.**



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.**

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **J. David Alachnowicz, DDS, PC** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

Boletín Semanal

Charlas Bautismales—Las próximas charlas bautismales en español serán el **viernes, abril 13**. Las charlas bautismales Son a las 7:00 p.m. en el Salón del Hermano Juniper (Br. Juniper Room). Para más información por favor llamar a la **Señora Salguero al 703-221-6344**.

Despensa de Comida de La Casa de San Francisco: Gracias a las donaciones de todos nuestros feligreses el Artículo del mes ha sido bien recibido por nuestros clientes. Con sus donaciones podremos continuar ayudando a los más necesitados.

Artículo del mes: Aceite de Cocina y Sal

- Fruta Enlatada
- Espagueti & Salsa Para Espagueti
- Crema de maní y mermelada
- Atún Enlatado

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

Horario de La Semana Santa

Marzo 25 Domingo de Ramos

la Misa de la Llegada de Jesucristo a Jerusalén—1:30 p.m. en el Templo.

Marzo 29 Jueves Santo

La Misa de la Última Cena – 7:30 p.m. en el gimnasio.

Marzo 30 Viernes Santo

El Vía Crucis comienza a las 6 p.m. en el frente de la escuela y termina en el gimnasio a las 8 p.m. con La Liturgia de la Pasión de Jesús.

Abril 1 Domingo de Pascua

Misa de la Resurrección a las 1:30 p.m. en el Templo.



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, March 12, 2018** 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.**

LAOH Bake Sale: On **Sunday, March 18th**, The Ladies of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will sponsor a bake sale and an Irish Basket Raffle. Proceeds will benefit St. Francis House and sponsored charities within the Parish. Donated baked goods are appreciated. Please contact **Ginny Murphy at ginmurphy28@gmail.com or 703-203-7933** with any questions about donating baked goods.

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 2018

Mar. 11 Sunday RE Session
15 Thursday RE Session
18 Sunday RE Session
22 Thursday RE Session

ENCOUNTER LENT—Please join our Religious Education community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing



Lenten journey of encounter with **CRS Rice Bowls**. Pick up your family's **CRS Rice Bowl** from the RE Office or in the vestibule of the Church. Each RE student and St. Francis of Assisi School student has received a Rice Bowl, but there are plenty more to be filled! **For more information, please go to crsricebowl.org or please contact Marianne Hayes, at recoor@stfrncis.org.**



Please donate small religious items (rosaries, prayer cards, pins, small prayer books, etc.) to Religious Education for incentives for Catechists to use in their classrooms.

First Reconciliation and First Communion Important Dates

First Communion Rehearsal—Friday, April 13th
6:00-6:50pm—Rehearsal for 9:00am Mass—All St. Francis School, RE Homeschool, and SPII students
7:00-7:50pm—Rehearsal for 11:00am Mass—All 2nd grade RE students (Thursday and Sunday)

First Communion – Saturday, April 14th
9:00am Mass—Arrive no later than 8:30 am—All St. Francis School, RE Homeschool, and SPII students
11:00am Mass—Arrive no later than 10:30am—All 2nd grade RE students (Thursday and Sunday)



The 55+ Ministry is collecting sunscreen and insect repellent for clients of the Bill Mehr Drop-in Center for the Homeless through March 18th. Please drop off items in the box in the vestibule of the church. Volunteers are also needed to assemble the donations on Tuesday, March 20th at 9:30 a.m. in the St. Catherine Room. Thank you for all of your help!

Confirmation Year II (2018) Important Dates

Questions, please contact **Sheila Noble** at snoble@stfrncis.org

March 18, 2018—Mandatory NET retreat (1:30-7:30pm)
****Please note this is a Sunday and candidates only**

April 27, 2018—Confirmation Rehearsal
6:45pm—St. Francis School, Homeschool, and Sun. 8:45am Sessions
8:00pm—Sun. 10:30am, Thursday, and High School Sessions

April 28, 2018—Confirmation
10:00am—St. Francis School, Homeschool, and Sun. 8:45am Sessions
2:00pm—Sun. 10:30am, Thursday, and High School Sessions

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!



Saturday, March 10th—Sunday, March 11th

After All Masses—Church Foyer

REAL LIFE—Sell Lenten Crosses
All Teens Grades 9-12

Sunday, March 11th

6:30 PM—8:30 PM
St. Catherine Room

REAL TIME (Youth Group)
All Teens Grades 9-12

Sunday, March 18th

6:30 PM—8:30 PM
St. Catherine Room

REAL LEADERSHIP
Leadership Team Only

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

55+ Ministry Invites You to

Sight and Sound Theatres' Production of *Jesus*
Wednesday, April 25th in Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Cost: \$140 per person

Bluebird Tours of Prince William County is organizing a day trip to Sight and Sound Theatres in Lancaster, Pennsylvania to see the production, *Jesus*. This is an action-packed musical stage adventure that takes you on a miraculous journey alongside the most famous person to ever walk the earth. The cost includes a ticket to the 11:00 a.m. performance, a buffet luncheon at the Eden Roc Resort and round trip bus fare. Reservations opened on January 26th and are by phone only through Bluebird Tours 703-339-0333 until the tour is full. For more information, please visit www.pwcgov.org/bluebird. *The 55+ Ministry will host a post-show discussion on Sunday, April 29th at 10:00 a.m. in the St. Catherine Room.*

Fourth Sunday of Lent

SATURDAY,	March 10—Lenten Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Paul Krieger †Connie and †Jerry O'Shea †Cy Kelly
SUNDAY,	March 11—4th Sunday of Lent
7:30 AM	†Debbie Schuette †Ray and †Irene Wagner †Mick Rosenblatt
9:00 AM	†Daniel Yesko †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Jholie Moussa
10:45 AM	†Loretta King †Laurie Campo
12:15 PM	†George Beck †Clara Kennedy †Samuel Williamson
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	People of the Parish
MONDAY,	March 12—Lenten Weekday
8:45 AM	†Joan O'Connor †Alice Krafft
TUESDAY,	March 13—Lenten Weekday
8:45 AM	†Patricia Wishart
WEDNESDAY,	March 14—Lenten Weekday
8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
THURSDAY,	March 15—Lenten Weekday
8:45 AM	†Maureen Cairns †Alice Piorkowski †Purificacion Bueno
FRIDAY,	March 16—Lenten Weekday
8:45 AM	†Deborah Barber McNeill †Carmen Larrabee †Daniel Wilkens
SATURDAY,	March 17—Lenten Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†William D. Stoddart, III †Cy Kelly Maira Peña

Mass Intentions on Sunday, March 18, 2018

7:30 AM	†Arlene Parisi Patrick H. Mooney Cynthia Whetstone
9:00 AM	†Edith Hicks †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik Okomo Family
10:45 AM	
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy People of the Parish †Solpecio Tornes
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	

Readings for the Week of March 11, 2018

Monday	Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54
Tuesday	Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16
Wednesday	Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30
Thursday	Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47
Friday	Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday	Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53
Sunday	Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

Please Pray For All those who are sick: Patrick Leo Redmond; Richard Laffman; Aaron Childs; and Scott Evans.

And for those recently deceased: Michael "Mick" Rosenblatt (husband of Donna Kocian).

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

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 **Saturday, April 7th from 10 am—2 pm** in the Parish Center Dining Facility (begins promptly at **10 am**). To attend this workshop you must pre-register with your full legal name. The seminar is **limited to 70 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 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.