

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

March 25	<b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>Regular Mass Schedule</b>
March 28	<b>Wednesday</b> 7:30-8:30 PM Individual Confession
March 29	<b>Holy Thursday</b> 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	<b>Good Friday</b> 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	<b>Holy Saturday</b> 9:00 AM Morning Prayer / Blessing of Easter foods <i>Note: <u>No Saturday 5:30 p.m. Mass</u></i> 8:00 PM Easter Vigil
April 1	<b>Easter Sunday</b> 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**

**Confession Schedule for Lent**

Confessions will be heard on **Wednesday, March 28, 2018** from 7:30 pm until 8:30 pm.

**(No Confessions will be heard on Holy Saturday)**

**During Holy Week, Mass will be celebrated at 8:45 am Monday through Wednesday.**

**There will be NO Mass at 8:45 am on Holy Thursday and Good Friday.**

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.**



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.



**Theology on Tap**  
**LOCATION CHANGE!!**  
**March 26, 2018**



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI  
PARISH DINING FACILITY

Young Adult Gathering at 6:30 p.m.  
Talk Open to Everyone at 7:30 p.m.

Our previous location in Woodbridge has closed, so the March 26th Theology on Tap will be held in the Parish Center Dining Facility with beer, wine and hors d'oeuvres available. Our speaker will be *Katie B. Sullivan, Executive Director of Franciscan Volunteer Ministry.*



**Marriage Preparation Class** will be held on **April 7, 2018 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. (Br. Juniper Room).** *The next will be held in the Fall.*

**For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 703-221-4044.**

**2018 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) Living in Faith~Giving in Gratitude**

Currently our parish has reached **80%** of our goal for the Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). We are very grateful to those who have already supported this year's appeal.

We know that there are families who have not yet made a pledge to the BLA and we are asking for support from every parish household.

There are BLA envelopes in the vestibule of the church that you may fill out and place in the Catch-All slot or bring to the Parish Office or you may go to our parish website ([www.stfrancis.org](http://www.stfrancis.org)), which will take you to the diocesan website, to make a one-time donation or a pledge that can be paid throughout the year.

Please reflect on your blessings and consider joining in support of the BLA. Every pledge is important! Thank you!



**Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, March 30th and on Monday, April 2nd**

## 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

- 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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.frcis.org](mailto:francias@st.frcis.org) or 571-572-5862.**

Many Members, One Body; our parish ministry for Catholics who are gay or lesbian, will hold an Easter Potluck on **Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Br. Juniper Room.** All parents, friends and family members are cordially invited. **Please R.S.V.P. to Anne Tunney at [annetunney@yahoo.com](mailto:annetunney@yahoo.com).**



### 55+ Ministry Invites You to

Sight and Sound Theatres' Production of *Jesus*  
**Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.pwcgov.org/bluebird). *The 55+ Ministry will host a post-show discussion on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the St. Catherine Room.*

## Boletín Semanal

### 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.

### Horario de Confesiones Durante el tiempo de

**Cuaresma**—Las confesiones serán escuchadas todo los miércoles durante la Cuaresma, a partir de las 7:30 pm hasta las 8:30 pm. **En adición a todos los sábados de 4 a 5pm.**

**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
- Crema de maní y mermelada
- Atún Enlatado

Muchas gracias por sus donaciones. Para más información Contactar a la **Señora 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!



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

**And for those recently deceased:** Romeo Sayson (Brother of Estrella Monzon); Bob Anderson (Husband of Julie Anderson).

**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.

**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**

March 25th—April 8th **NO RE**, Easter Break. Classes will resume on April 12th.

**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](http://crsricebowl.org) or please contact Marianne Hayes, at [recoor@stfrncis.org](mailto: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.

**Save the Date!** VBS will be **June 18<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>**. Registration and volunteer forms will be available in April.



**First Reconciliation and First Communion Important Dates**

**First Communion Rehearsal—Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade RE students (Thursday and Sunday)

**First Communion – Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade RE students (Thursday and Sunday)



**Baptismal Preparation Class**

Our next class will be held on **Sunday, April 8, 2018 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.**

**Confirmation Year II (2018) Important Dates**

Questions, please contact **Sheila Noble** at [snoble@stfrncis.org](mailto:snoble@stfrncis.org)

**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!



**Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 PM—8:30 PM  
St. Catherine Room

**REAL LEADERSHIP**  
Leadership Team Only



**Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**NO REAL EVENTS**  
**EASTER SUNDAY**



**Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**  
6:30 PM—8:30 PM  
St. Catherine Room

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

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

**Adult Confirmation classes will begin Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Br. Juniper Room,**

on the church side of campus. This six-week program is for Catholic adults who have already received the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist (First Communion) and would like to complete their initiation with Confirmation.

**Please register with Lisa Ostendorf to obtain the paperwork and to reserve a textbook at [lostendorf@stfrncis.org](mailto:lostendorf@stfrncis.org) or 703-221-3127, ext. 277.**



**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

We would like to thank **Mary's Flower Shop** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

**PALM SUNDAY**



<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>March 24—Lenten Weekday</b>
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Cy Kelly †Augustine Carroll Karen-Anne McArthur
<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b>March 25—Palm Sunday</b>
7:30 AM	†Marion and Bill Richmond †Tim Johnson †Eugenio Telson
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Seth Mitcho †Deacon Kenneth Klear
10:45 AM	†Stephen Pischock †Moya Healy †Margaret Slimak
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy †Thomas Deback †Rafaela Lacamba
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Michael Joseph Strati People of the Parish †Clemente and †Maria Nardo
<b>MONDAY,</b>	<b>March 26—Monday of Holy Week</b>
8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik Margie Dowd
<b>TUESDAY,</b>	<b>March 27—Tuesday of Holy Week</b>
8:45 AM	John Scott †Precy Prolles
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b>	<b>March 28—Wednesday of Holy Week</b>
8:45 AM	†George Beck †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
<b>THURSDAY,</b>	<b>March 29—Holy Thursday</b>
8:45 AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
9:00 AM	Morning Prayer
7:30 PM	
<b>FRIDAY,</b>	<b>March 30—Good Friday</b>
8:45 AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
9:00 AM	Morning Prayer
3:00 PM	Musical Meditation on the Stations of the Cross
7:30 PM	Liturgy of Good Friday
7:30 PM	Liturgy of Good Friday en español el Gimnasio
<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>March 31—Holy Saturday</b>
9:00 AM	Morning Prayer/Blessing of Easter Food
<b>8:00 PM</b>	Easter Vigil †John Shookster †Gina Balistreri

**Mass Intentions on Sunday, April 1, 2018**

<b>8:00 PM</b>	Easter Vigil
7:30 AM	†Robert Earl Williams †Normand Richard Marquis †Mick Rosenblatt
9:00 AM	†Bob Walker †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Deacon Kenneth Klear
9:00 AM	(Gym) People of the Parish
10:45 AM	†Diem Bui †Hien Ti Vu †Duc T. Vu
10:45 AM	(Gym)
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy †Shandelle Barton Special Intention
12:15 PM	(Gym)
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	<b>NO MASS</b>

**Readings for the Week of March 25, 2018**

<b>Monday</b>	Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11
<b>Tuesday</b>	Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38
<b>Wednesday</b>	Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25
<b>Thursday</b>	Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Revelation 1:5-8; Luke 4:16-21; Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15
<b>Friday</b>	Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1—19:42
<b>Saturday</b>	Genesis 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Genesis 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Exodus 14:15—15:1; Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Isaiah 54:5-14; Isaiah 55:1-11; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Baruch 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Romans 6:3-11; Mark 16:1-7
<b>Sunday</b>	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; John 20:1-9 or Mark 16:1-7 or, Luke 24:13-35

**There is always** a little truth behind every “Just Kidding”  
A little knowledge behind every “I Don’t Know”  
A little emotion behind every “I Don’t Care”  
And a little pain behind every “It’s OK”.



Stephen Ministry is here to help you through a little or big thing that you might be going through... please call **703-221-4044, ext. 233** or email [kwalker@stfrncis.org](mailto:kwalker@stfrncis.org) to get started on your journey of self-help with a Stephen Minister.

**Jubilee Celebration**

Please join us in celebrating **Fr. John O'Connor's 50th anniversary as a Franciscan Friar on Saturday, May 5th** at the 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass; followed by a reception in the Parish Center.



**Votive Candles**

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