



**From
the
Friars**

I would strongly encourage you to please read Pope Francis's most recent "Apostolic Exhortation", titled *Rejoice and be Glad, on the Call to Holiness in Today's World*. It is well written and challenging.

An excerpt:

"A Christian cannot think of his or her mission on earth without seeing it as a path of holiness.

It can entail reproducing in our own lives, various aspects of Jesus' earthly life, his hidden life, his life in community, his closeness to the outcast, his poverty, and other ways in which He showed His self sacrificing love."

You can find it by simply Googling—Gaudete et Exsultate Pope Francis

Sincerely,

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

To the St. Francis Parish Community,

Your warm welcome for Br. Fred and me, as we came to preach about the Franciscan Challenge this past weekend, was truly an example of the wonderful Franciscan hospitality for which your community is known.



Your care and support of the Franciscan Friars who serve you now, and those to come in the future, is evidence of the love you have for those who have served you in the past.

Thank you for your participation in our annual Provincial fundraising event. Your gift ensures that the Franciscan spirit will endure in our world and in our church.

Thank you for having a *Change of Heart* and for sharing it with all the Friars and the people that we serve.

A special thank you to Fr. John O'Connor and all the Friars in the community for welcoming us in such a wonderful, fraternal way.

Many blessings,

Fr. David Convertino, OFM
Executive Director
Office of Development
The Franciscan Friars of
Holy Name Province

Please visit our website for more information or to donate to the Franciscan Challenge at:
www.changeyourheart.gives



Honor Your Mom with the Gift of Prayer in our Mother's Day Novena

A Novena of Masses will be offered for all Mothers, living and deceased, and will begin on May 13th. [Spiritual Bouquet Cards](#) are available on the tables in the vestibule. Please drop the inside envelope in the Catch-All Slot in the vestibule or in the parish office **no later than Thursday, May 10th**.

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

Currently our parish has reached **90%** 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), 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!

Golden 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.



Please Pray For All those who are sick: Diva Camacho; Herb Harmon; Warren Greaver; Patrick Leo Redmond; and Aaron Childs.

And for those recently deceased: Barbara Cryan; and Mary Brough (Mother of Kathleen McClevey).

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.

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: Insect Repellent

- Hamburger Helper
- Cereal

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

CARE FOR CREATION and join us picking up litter, in St. Francis of Assisi parking lot on Saturday, May 5th at 10 a.m. Our Adopt-A-Spot is St. Francis Parish grounds and the adjacent park grounds. All equipment is provided. For more information, please call or email **Scott Deane** at 757-696-7192, or vadeanes@yahoo.com.



Our next Care for Creation meeting will be held on **Sunday, May 20th at 10 a.m. in the Br. Juniper Room**. All are welcome!

Interested in learning about Liberation Theology?

Fr. Joe Nangle, O.F.M. will discuss Liberation Theology with our parishioners going to Peru this summer.

All are Invited

When: 7:30p.m.-9:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 1st
Where: Br. Juniper Room



Fr. Joseph Nangle, O.F.M. served twelve years as the Co-Director of Franciscan Mission Service. He spent fifteen years as a missionary in Bolivia and Peru and is currently engaged in ministry to the Hispanic community of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Arlington, Virginia. Fr. Joe is also a member of the Assisi Community in Washington, DC, an intentional Catholic community of lay and religious men and women dedicated to a simple life-style and social change.

Boletín Semanal


Charlas Bautismales—Las próximas charlas bautismales en español serán el **viernes, mayo 11**. 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: Repelente Para Insectos

- Hamburger Helper
- Cereal

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

 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.

Votive Candles—Envelopes are provided for the candle money. **Please place them in the new boxes located on the wall (next to the candles) in the church.**



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.

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!



LEAVING IT BETTER THAN YOU FOUND IT

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **Knights of Columbus, Potomac Council #9259** 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 2018

Apr. 29 Sunday RE Session
May 3 Thursday RE Session
6 Sunday RE Session
10 **NO RE** Mother's Day Weekend
13 **NO RE** Mother's Day Weekend
17 **LAST** Thursday RE Session
20 **LAST** Sunday RE Session

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



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, April 29th
6:30 PM—8:30 PM
St. Catherine Room
REAL LEADERSHIP
Leadership Team Only

Sunday, May 6th
6:30 PM—8:30 PM
St. Catherine Room
REAL TIME (Youth Group)
All Teens Grades 9-12

Sunday, May 13th
Mother's Day
NO REAL ACTIVITIES

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

Baptismal Preparation Class

Our next class will be held on **Sunday,**
May 13, 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.



St. Francis of Assisi School is seeking
Lunchroom Staff and
Substitute Teachers for the
2018-2019 academic year.

Our lunchroom staff oversees lunch and recess for each
of the three lunches (6-8, K-2 & 3-5).

Duties include but are not limited to:

- Monitoring the students during lunch
- Assisting younger students with opening milk cartons,
food containers, etc.
- Supervising recess
- Tidying up after each lunch (cleaning tables and
sweeping the floors)

Hours are Monday—Friday from 10:55AM to 12:55PM. If
you are **unable to work Monday-Friday, but able to work**
2-3 set days a weeks, we can certainly accommodate your
schedule. This is a paid SFAS staff position.

If you are **interested in being on our SFAS Substitute**
Teacher list, please contact the school for an application.
You are welcome to indicate specific grades and/or encore
subjects that you would like to be considered for when an
occasion to 'sub' becomes available. This is a paid SFAS
staff position.

Please contact Shari Phillips in the school office
(phillipss.sfas@gmail.com or 703-221-3868) to apply for
either position or for any further questions.



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.

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Liturgies For The Week

SATURDAY,	April 28—Easter Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†John Shookster †Cy Kelly †Laura Grieco
SUNDAY,	April 29—5th Sunday of Easter
7:30 AM	Caitlin M. Downs Chris Downs
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Gregory Sanderson †Andy Misenko
10:45 AM	†Teodosia Apacible †Maria-Doan Thi Xuan Jonathan Yabes
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy †Thomas Deback †Timothy Halpin
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	Eva and Dietmar Klueter People of the Parish Jonathan Yabes
MONDAY,	April 30—Waster Weekday
8:45 AM	†Alex and †Evelyn Macar †Anne Abraham †Eric Phillips
TUESDAY,	May 1—Easter Weekday
8:45 AM	Gretchen May Margie Dowd
WEDNESDAY,	May 2—St. Athanasius
8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik Bill Ignatuck
THURSDAY,	May 3—Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
8:45 AM	Bill and Nesha Ignatuck
FRIDAY,	May 4—Easter Weekday
8:45 AM	†John Dumoulin, Sr. †Shirley V. Caron †Gregory Sanderson
SATURDAY,	May 5—Easter Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Cy Kelly †Adolfo and †Maria Pereira †Bobbie Gernor

Mass Intentions on Sunday, May 6, 2018

7:30 AM	†Kyle Murray †Mary Phylis Shaw
9:00 AM	†Dr. Anthony Mancuso †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Deacon Kenneth Klear
10:45 AM	People of the Parish †Ermalinda Fernandes †Jane Sequeira
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy †James Allan Nicole Isherwood
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Barbara Hurlbert

Readings for the Week of April 29, 2018

Monday	Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26
Tuesday	Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a (286) or, Genesis 1:26—2:3 or Colossians 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Matthew 13:54-58
Wednesday	Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8
Thursday	1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14
Friday	Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17
Saturday	Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21
Sunday	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17



**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, May 14, 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.**



SOLES 4 SOULS
WEARING OUT POVERTY*

For the least of our brothers and sisters L.A.O.H. will be collecting new or gently used shoes for men, women, and children! There will be two boxes in the vestibule of Church for drop-off. We ask that the shoes be banded together and placed in the box. **For more information, please visit www.soles4souls.org or contact Mary Kay Jones at jonesmk@aol.com or 540-287-4383.**

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.