

From the Friars

Many ,many thanks to all who participated in my Jubilee Celebration last weekend.

We had a great evening! Thank you to Friar Henry and all who prepared the liturgy; to the Parish Council for spearheading this event; to Nikki Giraldi and the Choir; and to Darlene Dowdy and the kitchen staff who prepared a delicious buffet.

The spirit of welcoming and friendliness of the parishioners was commented on several times by the visiting Friars and Diocesan Priests.

The lighting and decorations in the Gym were so well done that one visitor commented " this would be a beautiful place for a wedding reception". I reminded them that it really was a gym!

Last but by no means least, my deepest appreciation for the many gifts ,cards, and kind words from so many of you.

As I mentioned in my homily, it is a privilege to be able to minister to and with, the great people of St. Francis Parish these many years.

Sincerely,

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

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

Currently our parish has reached **95%** 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!

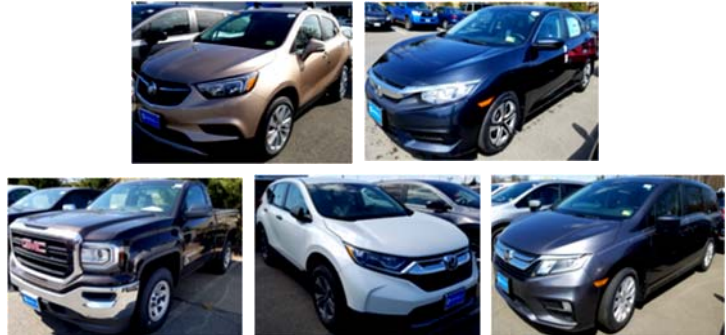


CAR RAFFLE 2018

Car raffle tickets have been mailed to each family. Once again we are participating with All Saints Catholic Church; a more generous venture than purchasing a vehicle on our own and each purchaser has a chance to win five cars plus \$20,000 in cash drawings! This makes "selling" at work or to family and friends more like an opportunity—just show them the ticket—it will sell itself! **Need additional tickets? Please contact Chanel Marquis at 703-221-4044, ext. 222.**



Prizes include five 2018 vehicles from Koons of Manassas (Honda Civic, Buick Encore, GMC Sierra Truck, Honda CRV SUV & Honda Odyssey Van). **One \$5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all five vehicles plus \$20,000 in cash prizes.** Thank you in advance for your support of the largest parish fundraiser.



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.

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 Francia at 703-221-6344. Thank you for your continuing support!

**Mission 2018
Vitamin Campaign**



Our Missioners traveling to Peru in June will again be carrying children's vitamins for the parish medical clinics at Santa Ana and in the Pastoral Zone. The children of the "squatter towns" suffer greatly from the developmental effects of poor nutrition. Children's vitamins are expensive and hard to obtain in Peru.

This year Fr Tony specifically requested that we bring "gummies" for the very young children.

Our goal is to carry 500lbs / 72,000 gummies with us.

\$9 provides about 320 gummy vitamins

Donations of any amount would be appreciated

Envelopes can be found on the bulletin board on your right as you leave church.

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.



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**.

Misa de Pentecostés y Festival Multicultural:

Te invitamos a participar de nuestro Primer Festival Multicultural en nuestra Iglesia St. Francisco de Asís. Ven y comparte con nosotros tu cultura, comida, danzas, trajes típicos y todo lo que te haga sentir orgulloso de tu país. **Fecha:** Sábado, Mayo 19, 2018. **Hora Y Lugar:** 5:30pm Misa de Pentecostés en la iglesia, seguido por el festival en el Gimnasio de la parroquia. Para mas información y para ayudar con los preparativos del festival por favor llamar a la señora **Francia Salguero al 703-221-6344**.



Please join the **CARE FOR CREATION MINISTRY!** Our next meeting will be on **Sunday, May 20th at 10:00 a.m. in the Br. Juniper Room.** All are welcome to become members. Our activities are member-driven. If you have an idea for a project or event, you can lead it!

For more information, please contact **Kathy Radigan at 703-835-7194, or kathyradigan24@gmail.com.** "There is nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions." – Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*, no.211. Please try this little action: Avoid using styrofoam at parish and family functions. Styrofoam can rarely be recycled, and it takes up to 500 years to decompose in landfills!



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 **Mid-County Physical Therapy** 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

May 13 **NO RE** Mother's Day Weekend
17 **LAST** Thursday RE Session
20 **LAST** Sunday RE Session

Religious Education Registration for 2018-19 began on **May 6th** for all registered parishioners children grades 1st—8th. High School Sacramental Preparation Class Registration forms are available in the back of the church or online at stfrncis.org.

For more information, please contact the Religious Education Office at 703-221-3127 or recoor@stfrncis.org.

VBS Registration has begun!

VBS will be the week of **June 18th-22nd** from 9AM-12:30PM. VBS is open to all grades Pre-K-6th grade. Many volunteers are needed for this fun week. Please sign-up to be a volunteer! Forms are online at stfrncis.org or in the vestibule of the church. **For more information, please contact Sharon Gardner at gardners.vbs@gmail.com.**



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: Paul Somerville (son of Paul Sommerville); Patrick Humphrey; and Barbara Cryan.

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

Baptismal Preparation Class

Our next class will be held this **Sunday, May 13, 2018** from **1:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room.



THANK YOU! Many thanks to all who helped our recent First Communion and Confirmation Masses run so smoothly for many of the young people of our parish and their families!

Thank you to all of the **Catechists and parents** for preparing them so well to receive such important sacraments. Thank you to the **Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers and Ushers** who volunteered to serve at the Masses. We couldn't have done it without you!! And a special thank you to **Jim Mudd** who gave so much of his time and talent to capture and provide images to each of the families. **Many blessings and thanks to you all!**



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.

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, May 13th
Mother's Day
NO REAL ACTIVITIES

Sunday, May 20th
6:30 PM—8:30 PM
St. Catherine Room
REAL TIME—8TH GRADE WELCOME
All Teens Grade 8-12

Sunday, May 27th
Memorial Day Weekend
NO REAL ACTIVITIES

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

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Liturgies For The Week

SATURDAY,	May 12—Easter Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Paul Krieger †Charles A. Deitz †Cy Kelly
SUNDAY,	May 13—Ascension
7:30 AM	†Helen Buckley †Phyllis Dumoulin Mother's Day Novena
9:00 AM	†Esther Jean Matochik †Donna Bowman Olds †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
10:45 AM	†Diem Bui †Hien T. Vu †Duc T. Vu
12:15 PM	†George Beck †Manuela Peña †Clara Kennedy
1:30 PM	People of the Parish
5:30 PM	†Claudina Wright †Effie Caragules †Maria-Doan Thi Xuan
MONDAY,	May 14—St. Matthias, Apostle
8:45 AM	Mother's Day Novena
TUESDAY,	May 15—Easter Weekday
8:45 AM	Mother's Day Novena †Barbara Cryan
WEDNESDAY,	May 16—Easter Weekday
8:45 AM	Mother's Day Novena †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
THURSDAY,	May 17—Easter Weekday
8:45 AM	Mother's Day Novena †Margaret O'Connor †Virginia Langley
FRIDAY,	May 18—Easter Weekday
8:45 AM	Mother's Day Novena †Stephen J. Scott †Rene Garcia
SATURDAY,	May 19—Easter Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Paul Somerville †Cy Kelly †Mark Haefner
Mass Intentions on Sunday, May 20, 2018	
7:30 AM	†Barbara Ann Cryan James S. Mooney, II †Timothy Carson Rogers
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †John and †Mary Misyak †Thomas Deback
10:45 AM	†Nancy Beiner Robert Beiner Mother's Day Novena
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy Emma O'Leary and Family Gabe Yanira
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	Drew Maris

Readings for the Week of May 13, 2018

Monday	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17
Tuesday	Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a
Wednesday	Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19
Thursday	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26
Friday	Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19
Saturday	John 21:20-25; Genesis 11:1-9 or Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ezekiel 37: 1-14 or Joel 3:1-5; Romans 8:22-27; John 7:37-39; Genesis 11:1-9; Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 or Ezekiel 37:1-14; Joel 3:1-5; Romans 8:22-27; John 7:37-39
Sunday	Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Galatians 5:16-25; John 20:19-23 or John 15:26-27; 16:12-15



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.**

Please come join us for our First Annual Intercultural Festival on **Saturday, May 19, 2018** at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. We are looking for parishioners who wish to collaborate and participate in the set-up and brake-down of the event.



*Prior to the Festival, there will be a celebratory Mass for Pentecost, which will begin at 5:30 p.m. The Mass for this event will be multicultural (bilingual). The prayers and music will reflect the diversity here at St. Francis of Assisi. There will be a festival meal in the Parish Center Gym after our celebratory Mass. **For more information, please feel free to contact a representative for each group listed below:***

Filipino Community Representative
Alma Jabay, almajabay123@yahoo.com.ph or 540-288-7964

Irish Community Representative
Collette White, collette4547@gmail.com or 703-405-2558

Spanish Community Representative
Francía Salguero, francias@stfrncis.org or 703-221-6344

English Community Representative
Friar Henry Fulmer, O.F.M., friarhenry@stfrncis.org or
703-221-4044, ext. 227

French Community Representative
Sally Banyan, keh4jay@yahoo.com