 **From the Friars**

We welcome Br. Casey Cole, who is with us this weekend. Br. Casey will be preaching a two-day mission with talks at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday and Monday evenings.

As families return from vacation and we approach the end of the Summer, a reminder that we are in the process of registration for this coming year's Religious Education classes. If you have not yet registered your children, I ask that you please do so in the next few weeks.

In addition to the usual Religious Education program for the children, we will be doing a special Adult Education series on Sundays this year. Future bulletins will have details as to the topics and speakers.

Please see below the statement from Bishop Burbidge concerning the allegations against, and resignation of former Cardinal McCarrick.

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

**Statement by Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge,  
Bishop of Arlington on accusations related to  
Archbishop Theodore McCarrick**

Over the past weeks I, alongside so many others, have been deeply upset to hear of credible and substantiated allegations of sexual abuse by then-Cardinal Theodore McCarrick. As more accusations have come forward, with stunning similarity and detail, Cardinal McCarrick offered his resignation from the College of Cardinals. Pope Francis directed now-Archbishop McCarrick to live in private, observing prayer and penance until a canonical trial is carried out.

While the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* (2002) altered the way the Church in the U.S. deals with allegations against priests, much more is needed. For 16 years, dioceses around the country have implemented unprecedented protocols to encourage reporting of allegations and suspicions of sexual abuse by priests and deacons, as well as to investigate such accusations thoroughly, independently and transparently. Clearly, these procedures and policies need to be reflected in the conduct of bishops as well and how we relate to one another. We all must be held accountable for our actions—bishops are no exception.

I ask all in the Diocese of Arlington to join me in prayer for our Church. Pray, most especially, for victims of sexual abuse, that they experience the healing presence of God.

We must remember that when it seems like the Church has failed us, it is the fallible human beings within the Church, and even some leading the Church, who have failed; not the Church itself. It is the Lord who leads, guides and protects his people and Church. It is only when we lose sight of him that we stumble. May we renew our commitment to the Lord and his power to heal us and to transform us in his saving love.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

**Wednesday, August 15th is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (a Holy Day of Obligation).** Masses will be at:

**August 14th—7:30 p.m. (Vigil)**

**August 15th—6:30 a.m.  
8:45 a.m.  
7:30 p.m.**



Our annual Labor Day Picnic will be held on **Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>** at **Locust Shade Park** from **11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** with a **prayer service at 12:00 p.m.** Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided. **A sign-up poster for family food donations will be available in the vestibule on the weekends of August 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.** Please plan to join us for our family day of fun and good food. *The picnic will be held rain or shine. If it must be cancelled due to extreme conditions, the cancellation will be posted on the parish website ([www.stfrncis.org](http://www.stfrncis.org)).*





**Parish Mission**

*Do you want to know where God is calling you to go next? Do you want to grow deeper in your commitment to Christian life?*

**If so, please join Br. Casey Cole, O.F.M. on a two-night Parish Mission on August 12th-13th at 7:00 p.m. (both nights) here at St. Francis Church,** where he will be presenting two talks, *"We Are All Called"* and *"What Happens After Saying Yes to God."*

**Br. Casey is a solemnly professed friar from Holy Name Province (New York) studying for the priesthood.** He is the author of the blog "Breaking in the Habit," produces YouTube videos about evangelization and catechesis, and recently published his first book, *Called: What Happens After Saying Yes to God.*

**Do you get excited when you hear The Word?** Would you like to learn to proclaim The Word better? There will be lector training on **September 15th from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Br Juniper Room** with practice in the Church for those who desire it. All are welcome as we work to make you a polished speaker. **For information, please call or email Pequitte Schwerin at 703-590-8492 or [wislady@comcast.net](mailto:wislady@comcast.net).**

## 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: Laundry Detergent

- Canned Vegetables
- Spaghetti, Pasta, etc.
- Paper bags and Reusable bags

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



### Save the Date St. Francis Inn Philadelphia PA September 10-14, 2018

We are currently forming our mission team to work alongside our sisters and brothers at St. Francis Inn, in Philadelphia, PA. At the Inn, we will live amongst the Friars, religious, lay ministers and Franciscan volunteers as we serve the poor, the homeless, and the marginalized of the Kensington neighborhood in northeast Philadelphia. Please consider joining us as we respond to our call of discipleship standing in solidarity with those who have least in life. **For more information, please contact Desi McGlade, at [s.mcglade@verizon.net](mailto:s.mcglade@verizon.net).**

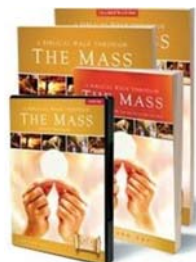
### Discover Bible Studies for Adults

Sunday Study: "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass"  
**1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in St. Catherine Room**  
Classes begin September 23, 2018

Monday Study: "The Psalms"  
**9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in St. Catherine Room**  
Classes begin September 24, 2018

Self-paced Home Studies Available  
**September 1, 2018**  
through  
**December 31, 2018:**

"Matthew," "John," "Acts," "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible," "The Psalms," "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass," "Oremus: A Guide to Catholic Prayer".



Please visit [www.stfrncis.org/resources](http://www.stfrncis.org/resources) for course descriptions and to register for any study, and please contact Lisa Ostendorf at [lostendorf@stfrncis.org](mailto:lostendorf@stfrncis.org) with questions.

## Boletín Semanal

### 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: Detergente de Lavar Ropa

- Vegetales enlatadas
- Espagueti, Pasta, etc.
- Bolsas de Papel y Reusables

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

The 55+ Ministry will host a weekly small faith group meeting on **Tuesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in the St. Catherine Room, beginning September 25, 2018.**

We will be studying various forms of Catholic prayer.



Please register online and purchase your workbook/journal directly from Ascension Press before the first meeting using <https://ascensionpress.com/studies/29759/registrations/new> and contact Lisa Ostendorf with any questions at [lostendorf@stfrncis.org](mailto:lostendorf@stfrncis.org).



Summer is the perfect time to make a new friend and share your own spiritual journey. How about inviting your friend to the next **Cursillo encounter on September 13th-16th (women) and September 25th-28th for (men)?** The encounter includes where you see Christ in your life, what you study to increase your relationship and a way to put your faith in action. **For more information, please call or email Pequette Schwerin at 703-590-8492 or [wislady@comcast.net](mailto:wislady@comcast.net).**

**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.



**Please Pray For** All those who are sick: Brian Lapinski; Johanna Yoka Ryan; Herb Harmon; and Aaron Childs.

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

### SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

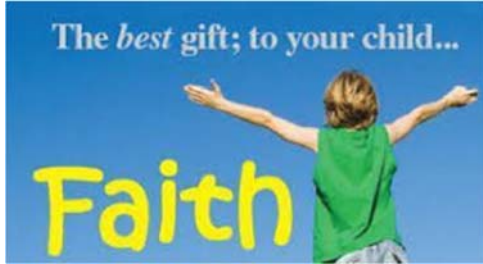
We would like to thank **J. David Alachnowicz, DDS, PC** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.



**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 Registration Weekend!**



Please stop by our table after all the Masses on **August 25th and 26th** to register your child(ren) for Religious Education, grades 1st-8th. Information will be available on how you can volunteer! Registration has begun and registration is also available online at [www.stfrncis.org](http://www.stfrncis.org).

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If you or someone you know is considering being initiated into the Roman Catholic faith, please make plans to attend our first RCIA meeting on **Wednesday, September 5th at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Catherine Room.** It will be a great opportunity to discover more details about the program and ask questions. You may also contact **Friar Henry Fulmer at [friarhenry@stfrncis.org](mailto:friarhenry@stfrncis.org).**

**RCIA Sponsors Needed**

Sponsoring an RCIA Candidate/Catechumen is a unique opportunity to share your faith. If you are a confirmed Catholic and are interested in sharing the journey with an adult seeking full initiation, please contact **Friar Henry Fulmer at [friarhenry@stfrncis.org](mailto:friarhenry@stfrncis.org).**

**Mass Intentions on Sunday, August 19, 2018**

7:30 AM	†Harper Sullivan †Henley Elizabeth Sullivan †Alice Tippit
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Esther Jean Matochik †Michael and †Mary Brough
10:45 AM	People of the Parish
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy Medina Family †Paul Hrabsky, Sr.
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Shirley James Shaffer

**Baptismal Preparation Class**

Our next class will be held this **Sunday, August 12, 2018 from 1:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room.



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 **Sunday, August 19th from 11 am—3 pm** in the Parish Center Dining Facility (begins promptly at **11 am**). To attend this workshop you must pre-register with your full legal name. The seminar is **limited to 60 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](http://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.

**Readings for the Week of August 12, 2018**

<b>Monday</b>	Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28c; Matthew 17: 22-27
<b>Tuesday</b>	Ezekiel 2:8—3:4; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14; 1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; 1 Corinthians 15:54b-57; Luke 11:27-28
<b>Wednesday</b>	Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56
<b>Thursday</b>	Ezekiel 12:1-12; Matthew 18:21—19:1
<b>Friday</b>	Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Matthew 19:3-12
<b>Saturday</b>	Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Matthew 19:13-15
<b>Sunday</b>	Proverbs 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6: 51-58

**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.**





## Mass Intentions

<b>SATURDAY,</b> 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	<b>August 11—St. Clare</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation †Cy Kelly †Alice Tippit †Laura Ann Grieco
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 7:30 AM  9:00 AM  10:45 AM  12:15 PM  1:30 PM 5:30 PM	<b>August 12—19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> †Albert Symes Timothy C. Mooney Melissa C. Willey †Bob Walker People of the Parish †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik Knutson Family †Teresita Tornes †Virgilio Lalican †George Beck †Clara Kennedy Rebecca Anderson Misa en español †Eileen Bolen
<b>MONDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>August 13—Weekday</b> †Samuel and †Mary Deitz †Helen and †Frank Cordes †Joseph Patrick Carroll
<b>TUESDAY,</b> 8:45 AM  7:30 PM	<b>August 14—St. Maximilian Kolbe</b> †Kathryn Gonsorcik Chris Endrizzi †Joseph Orsino <b>VIGIL MASS</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b> 6:30 AM 8:45 AM  7:30 PM	<b>August 15—Assumption</b> †Rocco Nuzzo John Scott †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Al Maziekus Aidan Clynce †Josephine McGlade
<b>THURSDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>August 16—Weekday</b> †Larry Dreis †Helen Buckley †Knutson Family
<b>FRIDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>August 17—Weekday</b> †Virginia and †Joseph Wohlers †Laura and †Frank McNierney †Cheryl McNierney
<b>SATURDAY,</b> 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	<b>August 18—Weekday</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation †Gary Krieger †Cy Kelly †Evelyn R. Bosch



**Do you like to sing? The St. Francis Music Ministry welcomes singers of ALL ages. Rehearsals begin AUGUST 27th**

Sometimes we sit listening to the choirs and wish we were singing with them. *Now is your chance!* Come check out a rehearsal and learn more about the choirs. All singers are welcome. **Please consider joining us in making joyful music through one of our choirs:**

- The **Adult Choir** sings at the 9:00 a.m. Mass every Sunday and rehearses every [Monday evening from 7:30 P.M. until 9:00 P.M.](#)
- The **Worship Ensemble** sings at the 12:15 p.m. Mass every Sunday and rehearses every [Thursday from 7:30 P.M. until 9:00 P.M.](#)
- The **Teen/Young Adult Choir** sings several times monthly, usually in conjunction with the Youth Ministry Schedule, at the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday and rehearses every [Monday evening from 6:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M.](#)
- The **Family Liturgy Choir** sings at the 10:45 a.m. mass and is open to all children of the Parish grades 2 through 8. Rehearsals are the [first and third Wednesdays of each month from 6:45 P.M. until 7:45 P.M.](#) **First rehearsal is September 5th.**

**All rehearsals take place in the choir area of the church. For more information, please contact Nikole Girdali at [nikoleg@stfrancis.org](mailto:nikoleg@stfrancis.org).**

### Marriage Jubilee Mass

Are you celebrating your **Silver or Golden Marriage Jubilee this year?**  
**Were you married in 1968 or 1993?**



Then please contact the parish office to make sure that you are registered for the "2018 Marriage Jubilee Mass." This Mass will be celebrated at **2:30 p.m.** on **October 14<sup>th</sup>** at the **Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington, VA.** The Parish Office must submit all registrations to the *Office for Family Life* as soon as possible. Registrations forms are available in the vestibule of the Church and on the parish website ([www.stfrancis.org](http://www.stfrancis.org)). Please contact **Chanel Marquis at [cmarquis@stfrancis.org](mailto:cmarquis@stfrancis.org) or 703-221-4044, ext. 222** with any questions.

Do not delay. **Registration is due no later than Thursday, September 13th.**