


From the Friars



I have recently read that there are some suggesting that the Church should be punished for the recent news of Sexual Abuse and the reported coverup of some Bishops. "They are suggesting that the laity do this by withholding money from the collection plate."


This is a really bad idea. A Catholic is not punishing the Church by doing this, nor is he or she punishing the Bishops. Instead they are punishing their local parish! Without a healthy weekend collection the parish ceases to exist. I do not think any Catholic wants that to happen.

An up date on the proposed Columbarium project: As of last week 30 individuals have indicated an interest in the project. If you are interested and have not yet responded, I ask that you please return your questionnaire no later than September 30th.

A friendly reminder, if you plan to attend the labor day picnic please sign-up in the lobby of the Church.

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

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.



church Picnic

Our annual Labor Day Picnic will be held on **Monday, September 3rd** at **Locust Shade Park (Lilac Pavilion)** 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 the weekend of August 26th.** 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).*



Ladies ANCIENt ORDER OF HIBERNIANS
Become A Member

**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, September 17, 2018** in the **Parish Center Library!** We will gather at 6:45 p.m. The meeting will last from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

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.**

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.

"I was sick and you visited me..."
—Matthew 25:36 NKJV

Please Pray For All those who are sick: Herb Harmon; Kathy Miracco; and Aaron Childs.

And for those recently deceased: Marcus Wilson (husband of Jennifer Wilson); John Monaghan; and Diane Beck.

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 Traylor; Marc Gendron; and Darryl Saungweme.

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.**



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.
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Fruit
- Paper bags and Reusable bags

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

Women's Group

Begins Thursday, October 4th
9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Parish Center Dining Facility

Women of all ages are invited to join us for food, fellowship and discussion on two Thursday mornings a month, beginning **October 4th**. Everyone is asked to pay **\$20**, and **childcare** is provided for an **additional contribution of \$20 per family**. We will begin this year with the six-week, small group study, "What On Earth Am I Here For?" based on the best-selling book, *The Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren. The study guide may be purchased through Christianbook.com for \$6.99. **More information is available on our website www.stfrancis.org/groups or please contact Mary Smith errolmary@gmail.com 703-201-5681.**



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!

Boletín Semanal

Charlas Bautismales:

Las próximas charlas bautismales en español serán el **viernes, septiembre 14**. 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: Detergente de Lavar Ropa

- Vegetales enlatados
- Espagueti, Pasta, etc.
- Tuna Enlatada
- Fruta Enlatada
- Bolsas de Papel y Reusables

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

Dinner and Symphony Social

Presented by the 55+ Ministry

October 27, 2018



Our 55+ Ministry invites you to enjoy an evening out on **Saturday, October 27th**, beginning with dinner as a group at *Bella Vita Restaurant* in Manassas at 4:30 p.m., followed by a performance from the **Manassas Symphony Orchestra** at 7:30 p.m. Symphony tickets must be purchased on your own through <http://www.manassassymphony.org/> and the performance will take place in the Hylton Performing Arts Center in Manassas, near George Mason. Please reserve your seat for the group dinner in advance by contacting **Pat Koch** at pmkoch01@verizon.net or 609-217-3491.

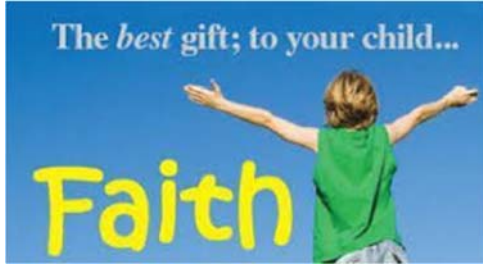
Hearing Assistance Earphones are available for those who would like sound amplification. They have been checked and are functioning well. See one of the friars or come to the sacristy before Mass.



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 **this weekend** 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.stfrancis.org.




**CATECHIST
WANTED!**

Religious Education is in need of Catechists for the **upcoming 2018-19 school year**. Training is provided. If you would like to share your faith with the children of the Parish, please contact **Marianne Hayes, DRE** at 703-221-3127 or recoor@stfrancis.org.

**All RE fees are waived for
Catechists and Co-Catechists.**

RCIA
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



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@stfrancis.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@stfrancis.org.



MY COKE GIVES PROGRAM

Turn Coke product caps into cash for St. Francis School! Look for My Coke Rewards stamps on individual and multi-

pack products of *Coke, Sprite, Dasani, Powerade, Minute Maid, Fanta, Barq's, Fresca, Mr. Pibb, Mello Yello, Fuze, Seagram's Ginger Ale, and Tab*. Simply bag the caps and bring them to the school. We will take it from there. For more information, please contact **William Sharp** at 571-408-5213 or youcandance5678@yahoo.com. **God bless!**

Let's Talk Faith

Sunday speaker series
September 23, 2018
10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Parish Center Dining Facility

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| September 23, 2018 | January 27, 2019 |
| October 21, 2018 | February 24, 2019 |
| November 18, 2018 | March 24, 2019 |
| December 16, 2018 | |

On **Sunday, September 23rd** we will kick off our Let's Talk Faith speaker series with a *presentation by Mr. Joe Mitcho on where to look for God*. Let's Talk Faith presentations are monthly opportunities for parishioners to gather and learn about their Catholic faith, while enjoying a cup of coffee and breakfast pastry. *The series compliments the book, Believing in Jesus: A Popular Overview of the Catholic Faith by Leonard Foley, O.F.M.*, which is available for purchase from Amazon. **Each talk is separate, so please plan to attend one or all of them.**

Baptismal Preparation Class

Our next class will be held on **Sunday, September 9, 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**.



SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **Dumfries Heights Apartments** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	August 25—Weekday Sacrament of Reconciliation †Cy Kelly †Emma Murtha †Alice Tippit
SUNDAY, 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:45 AM 12:15 PM 1:30 PM 5:30 PM	August 26—21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Graham Sullivan Lauren Grey Sullivan †Geri English †Everett Newmann, III †Flor Rodriguez †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †William Carey People of the Parish Agustina Barrios †Clara Kennedy †Clare Kehoe †Loretta Garzke Misa en español †John Madden †Miya Hostutler †Francisca and †Perpetua Miravalles
MONDAY, 8:45 AM	August 27—St. Monica †John Carroll
TUESDAY, 8:45 AM	August 28—St. Augustine †Alice Tippit Sarah Ecklund
WEDNESDAY, 8:45 AM	August 29—Passion of St. John the Baptist †James Teodosio †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
THURSDAY, 8:45 AM	August 30—Weekday †Joseph Proscia
FRIDAY, 8:45 AM	August 31—Weekday Patty Ryan-Gurda Charlene Ryan Bernie Fee
SATURDAY, 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	September 1—Weekday Sacrament of Reconciliation †William D. Stoddart, III †Michael Joseph Strati †Cy Kelly
Mass Intentions on Sunday, September 2, 2018	
7:30 AM	†Robert Earl Williams †Alice Tippit †Jim Castro
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Doug McGrady †Pham Vinh Quang
10:45 AM	†Diem Bui †Mildred Stearns
12:15 PM	†Donald Widener †Clara Kennedy †Claudina Wright
1:30 PM 5:30 PM	Misa en español People of the Parish

Readings for the Week of August 26, 2018

Monday	2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12; Matthew 23:13-22
Tuesday	2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17; Matthew 23:23-26
Wednesday	2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18; Mark 6:17-29
Thursday	1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Matthew 24:42-51
Friday	1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Matthew 25:1-13
Saturday	1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 25:14-30
Sunday	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Golf at a Jack Nicklaus Signature Design Golf Course (Potomac Shores Golf Club) and benefit Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School! **Golfing with Wolves is Thursday, September 20, 2018.** For more information about golf and sponsorships and to register, please go to: saintjohnpaulthegreat.org or please contact golf@jpthegreat.org.

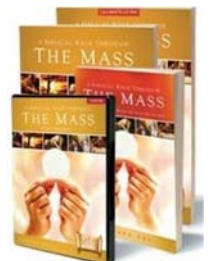
Discover Bible Studies for Adults

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 for course descriptions and to register for any study, and please contact Lisa Ostendorf at lostendorf@stfrncis.org with questions.

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.

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.

