 **From the Friars**

We had a great Francis Week celebration. On Wednesday, October 3rd, a number of Friars and members of the Secular Franciscans, and parishioners celebrated the very moving service of the Transitus. This is the prayer service that celebrates St. Francis passing from this life to the next.

On Thursday, we celebrated the annual "Feast Day Mass in the Park" with our school children and parishioners. The weather was beautiful, a perfect setting to celebrate Francis and creation.

On Sunday, we had our annual Fall festival. The weather was again superb and as we used to say in the Friars, "A good time was had by all". Many thanks to Friar Henry, the Fall Festival Coordinating Committee, the Knights of Columbus, the Cub Scouts, the Boy Scouts, Confirmation Students, and all who helped to make our Fall Festival a success.

On a very different topic, I would like to thank all who attended the Discussion and Listening Session two weeks ago. The topic was "the Current Crisis in the Church". The session was well attended and the discussion very fruitful. We may do additional sessions.

Sincerely,

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

This is the last weekend to return completed applications for the Stephen Ministry training session that will be starting on **October 16th**.

Please contact **Kathy Walker** if you have any questions, at **703-221-4044, ext. 233** or email

kwalker@stfrancis.org. Stephen Ministry is a confidential, empathetic, responding ministry that fulfills the slogan "Christ Caring for People through People."



Please Pray For All those who are sick: Aaron Childs; Herb Harmon; Mary Ashburn; and

Randy Ransom.

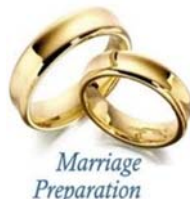
And for those recently deceased: Robert Kiah; and Kathy Georgette Keener.

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.

Marriage Preparation Workshop
Saturday, October 27, 2018
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Br. Juniper Room

This will be our last workshop for this year.

The next workshop will be held on April 6, 2019. Please contact the Parish Office at **703-221-4044** to register.



Mark your calendars for our **Annual Chili Cook-Off** to be held on **Saturday, October 27th at 6:30 p.m.** in the **Parish Center Gymnasium!** *This is a fun family event with something for everyone: Children's Halloween Costume Parade and Contest; Pumpkin Carving and Decorating Contest; Kids Activity Zone; and Dessert and Chili Competitions!* **The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family to attend.**

Please return the flyer (which can be found on the parish website www.stfrancis.org) with payment to the **School (Parish Center) office** by **Wednesday, October 24th** for advance registration. **Walk-ins are welcome on October 27th.**

We are looking for competitors for our Chili, Dessert, and Pumpkin Competitions. *Chili / Dessert drop-off and set-up begins at 5:30 p.m. on October 27th.* Please bring your already decorated and carved pumpkin to the Chili Cook-Off to compete for great prizes!

If you would like to participate and/or volunteer, please visit the SignUpGenius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0844AEA628A75-2018>.



Let's Talk Faith

Sunday speaker series

October 21, 2018

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Parish Center Dining Facility

On Sunday, October 21st our Let's Talk Faith speaker series continues with a **presentation by Sr. Joanna Burley, O.S.B.** on who is Jesus. 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.



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: Toothpaste and Shampoo

- Hamburger Helper
- Spaghetti, Pasta, etc.
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Fruit
- Peanut Butter and Jelly

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

Angels and Goblins Wanted...Costumes that is!

If you have accumulated unused/used Halloween costumes, please consider donating them to St. Francis House. Please place costumes in the container located in the vestibule of the Church.



Donations needed for The Envoy Nursing Home



St. Francis House is collecting items for the Envoy Nursing Home in Woodbridge, VA. A list of the items needed are as follows: coloring books, markers/crayons/colored pencils, paints, paint brushes, notepads, word searches, pens, pencils, erasers, arts and crafts, card games, board games, nail polish, nail care kits.

Please place your donations in the container located in the vestibule of the Church. For more information, please contact Francia Salguero at 703-221-6344.

CARE FOR CREATION. CARE FOR THE POOR

The Franciscan Plea For The Soul of America is a new video message that attempts to continue the 800-year Franciscan tradition of proclaiming the Gospel. Please take a few minutes this week and reflect upon it:

<http://usfran.us/plea4soul>.



HIKE TO CELEBRATE CREATION on **Saturday, October 27th**. This is a hike just for the fun of it, to appreciate the beauty of God's masterpiece, the forest. To know it is to love it, to love it is to care for it. **We will meet at 10 am in the Parking Lot at St. Francis and carpool together to Prince William Forest Park.** The hike is rated "moderate". It is not paved, has lots of tree roots across it, and goes up and down a few hills. It is for the sure-footed. Depending on the size and pace of the group, the hike will take about 1 ½ hours. For more information and to sign-up, please contact Kathy Radigan at kathyradigan24@gmail.com.

Boletín Semanal

Charlas Bautismales—Las próximas charlas bautismales en español serán el **viernes, noviembre 9**. 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: Crema Dental y Champú

- Ayudantes de Hamburguesa (Hamburger Helper)
- Espagueti, Pasta, etc.
- Tuna Enlatada
- Fruta Enlatada
- Mantequilla de Mani
- Mermelada

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



Queremos ángeles y duendes ...trajes! Si tienes acumulados disfraces de Halloween que ya no usan por favor considere donarlos a la Casa de St. Francisco. Por favor ponga los trajes en el Contenedor en el vestíbulo.

Necesitamos donaciones para el hogar de ancianos Envoy en Woodbridge, VA. Una lista de los artículos que necesitamos son los siguientes: libros para colorear, marcadores, crayones, lápices de colores, pinturas, pinceles, bolígrafos, lápices, borradores, artes y manualidades, juegos de cartas, juegos de mesa, esmaltes de uñas. Por favor coloque sus donaciones en el contenedor en el vestíbulo de la iglesia. **Para obtener más información, póngase en contacto con Francia Salguero al 703-221-6344.**



Come See Virginia's Governor and Attorney General!

When: Sunday, October 21, 2018, from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Where: Fairfax High School

Why: To hear state politicians speak on important issues like Virginia schools, criminal justice reform, and keeping immigrant families together.

This event is hosted by *Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement (VOICE)*. Please sit with the St. Francis group. Please **arrive early as seating will begin at 3:30 p.m. Last year's event was standing room only by 4:00 p.m.**

Questions? Please contact Michelle Nicolai michnicolai@comcast.net or 571-213-8348.

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 2018-2019

- Oct. 14 Sunday RE Session
- 18 Thursday RE Session
- 21 Sunday RE Session
- 25 Thursday RE Session
- 28 Sunday RE Session

- Nov. 1 Thursday RE Session
- 4 Sunday RE Session

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, October 14th
6:30 PM—8:30 PM
St. Catherine Room
REAL TIME (Youth Group)
All Teens Grades 9-12

Sunday, October 21st
6:30 PM—8:30 PM
St. Catherine Room
REAL Leadership
Leadership Team Only

Sunday, October 28th
6:30 PM—8:30 PM
St. Catherine Room
REAL FUN—HALLOWEEN PARTY
All Teen Grades 9-12



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



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.

Baptismal Preparation Class

Our next class will be held this **Sunday, October 14, 2018 from 1:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room.



John Paul Open House

Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School turns 10 this year! Please come to the Open House on Sunday, **November 4th, from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.** to learn about all that has been accomplished in the last decade! *All middle school students will receive a free gift if they pre-register!* Please visit jpthegreat.org or email admissions@jpthegreat.org or call **703-445-0300** for more information!



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/](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**.

Mass Intentions on Sunday, October 21, 2018

- 7:30 AM R. Noel Longuemare
†Maria Tang Thi Pham
†Joseph Kham Dinh Vu
- 9:00 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
†Patricia M. Anastasio
†Earl Roy Houston
- 10:45 AM †George Vychozil
Special Intention
- 12:15 PM †Clara Kennedy
People of the Parish
†Heri C. Matos
- 1:30 PM Misa en español
- 5:30 PM †James L. Mooney
†Marguerite H. Mooney
James S. Mooney, II

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!



SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **Abigail Miller, Attorney at Law** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	October 13—Weekday Sacrament of Reconciliation †George Selepak †Cy Kelly †Mary S. Moller
SUNDAY, 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:45 AM 12:15 PM 1:30 PM 5:30 PM	October 14—28th Sunday in Ordinary Time †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Betty Jane Carmack †Theresa Phllong Thi Dinh †Frank Dreis †Nicholas Colletti Georgia Hall †Virginia and †Joseph Wohlers †Laura and †Frank McNierney †Cheryl McNierney †George Beck †Seth Mitcho †Clara Kennedy People of the Parish †Olivia and †Severo Miravalles †Frank and Chic Maris Special Intention
MONDAY, 8:45 AM	October 15—St. Teresa of Jesus †Eileen Bolen
TUESDAY, 8:45 AM	October 16—Weekday Sarah Ecklund Carlisle Family
WEDNESDAY, 8:45 AM	October 17—St. Ignatius of Antioch John Scott †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
THURSDAY, 8:45 AM	October 18—St. Luke, Evangelist Bill Ignatuck †Rachaele Garrot †Allan Joseph "Tex" Pryor
FRIDAY, 8:45 AM	October 19—Sts. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues and Companions †Michael Ryan †Russell and †Mary Vullo Carlisle Family
SATURDAY, 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	October 20—Weekday Sacrament of Reconciliation †Carole Zovak Jacob Staten †Peter Barron



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.

Readings for the Week of October 14, 2018

Monday	Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1; Luke 11:29-32
Tuesday	Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41
Wednesday	Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46
Thursday	2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9
Friday	Ephesians 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7
Saturday	Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12
Sunday	Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45 or 10:42-45



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, October 15, 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.**

Our Knights of Columbus are offering *Christmas wreaths, centerpieces, and table top holiday trees* again after Mass during the weekends of October 13th-14th and October 20th-21st. The Holiday Evergreens you purchase for yourself, family, and friends will be delivered via Fed-X in a festive carton with your



personalized message in early December. A tree will be planted for every item sold. Please order online at www.mickmanholidaygifts.com and use our coupon code **KNIGHTVA003**. You will get a \$3 discount and our Council gets a \$5 donation. **Free shipping on orders over \$60.**

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

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.