

From the Friars



By now you should have received my letter in regards to the current financial status of the Parish. I ask that you please read it and give careful consideration as to how you might increase your weekly giving, and your pledge for the Annual Parish Appeal.

This is a sensitive moment in the history of our Parish. I know that I can count on your help. My deepest appreciation for your continued generosity.

Please note a couple of parish celebrations coming up. **On Saturday, October 27th** we will hold the annual "Chili Cook-Off". This year it will be combined with a Costume Parade and Contest for the children. Please join us for what promises to be a fun-filled evening. **November 1st** is the celebration of All Saints Day. We will have additional Masses for the feast as it is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Our Francis House program was recently featured in the Anthonian magazine. Copies are available in the vestibule of the Church.

Sincerely,

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

Our Knights of Columbus are offering *Christmas wreaths, centerpieces, and table top holiday trees* again after Mass during the weekend of **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.**




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.

Marriage Preparation

The **Rosary Guild** meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Please join us **Tuesday, October 23rd** from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the **St. Clare Room**. All are welcome. **For more information, please call Otella Creegan at 571-264-0312.**




CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Calling all our young singers from grades 2 through 8! The first rehearsal for the St. Francis Children's Christmas Choir takes place on **November 4th from 3:15 p.m.—4:30 p.m. in the Church**. Rehearsals are each Sunday from November 4th through December 23rd. Performances include the **Festival of Praise on Friday, December 14th and Christmas Eve**. Registration forms are available online at <http://www.stfrncis.org/music-ministry-choirs/#childrenchoir> or at the first rehearsal. Questions? Please contact **Colleen Wells** at cwells@stfrncis.org.



Thursday, November 1st is the feast of All Saints (a Holy Day of Obligation). Masses will be at:



October 31st—7:30 p.m.
November 1st—6:30 a.m.
8:45 a.m.
7:30 p.m.

There will **not** be a 12 noon Mass on Wednesday.

Mass Intentions on Sunday, October 28, 2018

7:30 AM	†Maria Cuc Thi La †Maria Tuvet Bach Thi Vu †Alice Tippit
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Catherine Perlak †Mr. and †Mrs. Henry Troidl
10:45 AM	†Denis Tremblay †Regina Boissonneault †Terry Traywick
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy People of the Parish †Deborah Korman
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	

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.**



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

And for those recently deceased: Clifford "Tony" Coder.

Please pray for the following who are serving abroad in harm's way: Thomas S. Hong; Matthew Byron; 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.

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.

When did I see You Hungry, Lord?

St. Francis has pledged to provide Saturday breakfasts to the Drop-In Shelter in Woodbridge from April to October and we are in dire need of your help. Sign-up sheets are available on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the Church. For more information, please contact Francia Salguero at 571-572-5862. Thank you very much for your support!



First Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 20th
St. Francis of Assisi Parish
7:00 p.m. Service
Reception Following

Participating Communities:

Congregation Ner Shalom; Dar Alnoor Islamic Community Center; Masroor Mosque; St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; and St. Francis of Assisi.



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. 21 Sunday RE Session
- 25 Thursday RE Session
- 28 Sunday RE Session
- Nov. 1 Thursday RE Session
- 4 Sunday RE Session
- 8 **NO RE Veteran's Day Weekend**
- 11 **NO RE Veteran's Day Weekend**
- 15 Thursday RE Session
- 18 Sunday RE Session
- 22 **NO RE—Happy Thanksgiving**
- 25 **NO RE—Thanksgiving Day Weekend**



If you would like your child to participate in the **Children's Christmas Pageant on December 24th at 3:15pm** before the 4PM Mass in the Church, please return your completed form to the Religious Education Office or in the Catch-All slot located in the vestibule of the Church (please label envelope 'RE-Christmas Pageant Registration'). Children that are 4 years of age and up are eligible if they are not in the Christmas Choir. **The Deadline for forms is November 25th. No late registrations will be accepted.** Forms are available at www.stfrancis.org under the RE page. Rehearsals are mandatory. **For more information, please call the RE Office at 703-221-3127 or email recoor@stfrancis.org.**

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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!



Baptismal Preparation Class

Our next class will be held on **Sunday, November 11, 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.**

John Paul Open House

Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School turns 11 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 to offer! *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!



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 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



Sunday, November 4th
6:30 PM—8:30 PM
St. Catherine Room
REAL TIME (Youth Group)
All Teens Grades 9-12

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



The **55+ Ministry** is planning to join the **Museum of the Bible Tour**, organized by *Bluebird Tours*, on **Friday, January 11, 2019**. There will also be a tour of Lincoln Cottage included. The bus departs

Woodbridge at 9:00 a.m. and is expected to return at 5:15 p.m. **The cost is \$65 per person and lunch is on your own.** To reserve your space on the bus, **please contact Bluebird Tours at 703-339-0333.**

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **Michael Siberts, Realtor (Samson Properties)** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, October 20—Weekday
 4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:30 PM †Carole Zovak
 Jacob Staten
 †Peter Barron

SUNDAY, October 21—29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 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 Vychocil
 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

MONDAY, October 22—Weekday
 8:45 AM †Clifford Buckley
 †Michael Slade

TUESDAY, October 23—Weekday
 8:45 AM †Bill and †Marion Richmond
 †John Francis Carpino
 †Joseph Piorkowski

WEDNESDAY, October 24—Weekday
 8:45 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
 †Kathryn Gonsorcik

THURSDAY, October 25—Weekday
 8:45 AM

FRIDAY, October 26—Weekday
 8:45 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
 †Harry Ravert
 †David Santos

SATURDAY, October 27—Weekday
 4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:30 PM Johnny and Margaret Farr
 †Laura Grieco
 †Joe Powers

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!



Readings for the Week of October 21, 2018

Monday Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 12:13-21
Tuesday Ephesians 2:12-22; Luke 12:35-38
Wednesday Ephesians 3:2-12;
 Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Luke 12:39-48
Thursday Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 12:49-53
Friday Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59
Saturday Ephesians 4:7-16; Luke 13:1-9
Sunday Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6;
 Mark 10:46-52

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>.



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.**