



Share: 2016 Sister Parish Mission Trip

When: Tentatively Sunday, Jul 3, 2016—Monday, Jul 12, 2016 (these dates may shift a few days in either direction depending on bids received for group airfare).

Where: Holy Name Province (HNP) parishes and ministries in the Lima and Lurin Valley Dioceses.

Cost: \$1,600 which includes airfare, transportation in country, lodging and most meals, and a farewell dinner. Final payment is due not later than January 31, 2016.

How to apply: Submit an application along with a refundable deposit of \$100. Applications will be available on the St. Francis of Assisi website www.stfrancis.org and on the bulletin board in the church vestibule in early November. You may also email or call one of the people listed below and an application will be emailed to you. Applications are due not later than December 31, 2015.

Note: If the number of applications exceeds openings, the date of receipt of the application and deposit will be a factor in prioritizing applicants. Parishioners who have not been on a previous Mission to Peru will have priority over those who have already made the journey.

For more information or questions, please contact:

Terry Danner at 703-680-0860 or
terrydanner@verizon.net

or

Clarence Thompson at 703-680-4657 or
clarencethompson@verizon.net

Life has many chapters. One bad one does not mean it is

the end of the book. **Do you need help in writing a new chapter of your life?** Start with a Stephen Minister who can help you turn to the next page... please call **Kathy Walker at 703-221-4312 and then press 4 or email at kwalker@stfrancis.org.**



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FRANCIS FEST RESCHEDULED!!

As you know, our annual Francis Fest was postponed for the first time ever due to weather. Francis Fest Fans do not despair!!!! Francis Fest is rescheduled for **Sunday, November 15, 2015 from 1pm to 5pm on the parish grounds.** All your favorite food, games and tag sale will return, as well as a few new surprises to begin the holiday season! Please join us for an extra special, long awaited **Thanksgiving Francis Fest!** Some important announcements regarding the festival:



VOLUNTEERS PLEASE NOTE:

If you signed up to volunteer for the original date and are able to honor your time commitment on November 15th, no action is necessary. Your sign up remains the same.

If you signed up to volunteer and will not be able to fulfil your commitment, please go online at www.bit.ly/francisfest2015 and click on: **I need to change my sign up.**

MANY VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!! If you are available to help us on November 15th, please, **please** visit the volunteer sign up site (see link above) and volunteer for setup, cleanup, or a shift during the event.

Any questions, concerns about volunteer sign up? Please contact Brandon Jubar at: bjubar@stfrancis.org.

- **Advance discounted ticket sales** will be sold after Masses the weekend of **November 7th-8th.**
- **Wine Wheel** donations will be gratefully accepted in the back of church the weekends of **October 31st- November 1st and November 7th-8th**
- **Basket donations and Cake Wheel** donations can be dropped off in the school foyer the **morning of the festival.**
- **Tag sale** donations may only be dropped off the **morning of the festival in front of the St. Catherine Room.** Our storage pod overflows! Thank you to those who have already donated!

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!

St. Francis House Corner

Thanks to the donations from all our parishioners we were able to provide food for 72 families this week. Because of the increase of families in need we are in dire need of:



- Canned Tuna
- Canned Fruit
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Spaghetti
- Small/ Medium can or plastic jars Spaghetti Sauce
- Cereal
- Hamburger Helper
- Can goods (vegetables and soup)



Angels and Goblins Wanted...Costumes that is! If you have accumulated unused/used Halloween costumes, please consider donating them to St. Francis House this month. **Please place costumes in the container out in the vestibule.**

Many thanks to all who have responded to the request for breakfast items at the Drop-In Shelter. Beginning **Saturday, November 7th**, our responsibility will shift to supplying **DINNERS** on Saturday evenings as the Winter Shelter Programs begin. Directions and sign-up sheets are in the vestibule.



For more information on any of the above and/or to get involved, please call Francia Salguero at 703-221-6344.

Boletín Semanal

Despensa de Comida de La Casa de San Francis—

Agradecemos a todos nuestros parroquianos por todas sus ofrendas a la Despensa de Comida; con sus donaciones pudimos ayudar a 72 familias. En estos momentos nuestra despensa de comida esta escasa de los siguientes alimentos:

- Atún
- Fruta enlatada
- Macarrones con queso
- Espagueti
- Salsa para espaguetis
- Cereal
- Canecas con vegetales
- Canecas con sopa

Muchas gracias por su apoyo constante. Para mas información por favor llamar a la **Señora Salguero al 703-221-6344.**

Charlas Bautismales—Las próximas charlas bautismales serán el viernes, noviembre 6 a las 7:00pm en el Salón de San Catherine. Para mas información por favor llamar a la Señora Salguero al 703-221-6344.

Misa Bilingüe—El domingo, noviembre 15, día del **Festival de San Francisco** tendremos una **misa bilingüe a las 12:15pm** y después daremos comienzo al festival. Este día noviembre 15 **NO** tendremos misa en español.

Social Justice: Franciscan Action and Advocacy (FA&A)

Bread (<http://www.bread.org/>) reports that **Virginia is the 48th hungriest state and 40th poorest state in the country.** To learn more, please visit <http://www.bread.org/library/hunger-and-poverty-state-factsheets-2015>.

An ethical manicure?: Last May, *The New York Times* investigated nail salons and found health violations and abusive labor practices. *Allure* magazine just ran a piece on “How to Get an Ethical Manicure” in its October issue (<http://www.allure.com/beauty-trends/blogs/daily-beauty-reporter/2015/09/how-to-get-ethical-manicure.html>).

On November 3rd, Virginians will head to the polls. To help voters engage their candidates on some issues of concern to Catholics, the **Virginia Catholic Conference has created a Voters’ Guide** (<http://www.vacatholic.org/documents/VA2015CandidatesFINAL.pdf>).

Upcoming FA&A meetings (open to all!): Our **Care for Creation Committee** (focused on environmental work/integral ecology) is meeting **this Sunday, October 18th**, at **9 a.m.** in the **Br. Juniper Room**. The **V.O.I.C.E.** (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement) team here at the parish is meeting to work on community issues on **Sunday, November 1st**, at **10 a.m.** in the **Br. Juniper Room**. Our **Anti-Human Trafficking Committee** (engaged in action, awareness and advocacy efforts in the fight against human trafficking) is meeting on **Wednesday, November 11th**, at **7 p.m.** in the **Grade 6 Classroom**. Our **Respect Life Committee** (advocating for the consistent ethic of life from conception to natural death) is meeting on **Saturday, November 21st**, at **11:45 a.m.** in the **St. Catherine Room**.

For more information on any of the above and/or to get involved in justice/advocacy, please visit the FA&A section on the parish website and/or contact Rob Goraieb, O.F.S. at rgoraieb@stfrancis.org or 703-221-4978, ext. 228.

SAVE ENERGY,
PRESERVE THE LAND



Please Pray For All those who are sick: Steve Dowell, Gregory Dowell, Patricia Littlefield, Michael Creegan, Samantha Duda, Fran Phoenix, Gizzy Slocum, Brandon Dashtizad, and Annelies Gendron.

And for those recently deceased: Mary Stem (Mother of Sharon Slavinski); and Donna Stoyas.

Please pray for the following who are serving abroad in harm’s way: Jeffrey Miller, Jeffrey Monken, Elizabeth L. Keegan, James Moore, Kyle McVay, Kyle Traylor, Kasey Eggie, Eustaquio Castro-Mendoza, Marc Gendron, and Darryl Saungweme.



St. Francis School is accepting applications for qualified people to work as substitutes in the classrooms, lunchroom, and the extended care program. If you are interested in becoming a part of the St. Francis team,

please contact **Lisa Bongiorno** in the school office at bongiornol.sfas@gmail.com or 703-221-3868 for more details.

Join us for Middle School Mayhem!!!

All middle school students are welcome to join us on **Sunday, October 18th from 6:30 to 8:00pm** in the Parish Center Dining Hall for an evening of fun, food and fellowship!! **Please contact Sheila Noble** at snoble@stfrncis.org if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!



Congratulations and best wishes to the following couples who celebrated the sacrament of marriage at St. Francis in the month of **July**:

Margaret Mary DeWilde
and
Carlos Gilbert Rodriguez

Rachel Gallagher
and
John Gerard Peitler, Jr.

Keisha Patrice Miller
and
Evan Luis Madrigal

Claudia Miranda Madrid
and
Justo Gomez Aguilar

Mary Frances Rayhel
and
Donald Baird Gavine

Kaitlyn Mary Herrmann
and
Maxim Collignon

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 Calendar

Welcome Back to Religious Education! Our classes began last Sunday. We still have room in all grades if you need to register your child. Also, we are in need of a few more Catechists. **Please call the RE Office for more information at 703-221-3127 or email recoor@stfrncis.org.**

Oct. 18	Sunday RE Sessions I&II
22	Thursday RE Session
25	Sunday RE Sessions I&II
29	Thursday RE Session
Nov. 1	Sunday RE Sessions I&II
5	Thursday RE Session
8	Sunday RE Sessions I&II
12	Thursday RE Session

Do not be afraid of presenting Christ to someone who does not yet know him. Christ is the true answer, the most complete answer to all the questions which concern the human person and his destiny. Without Christ, the human person remains an unsolvable riddle. Therefore, have courage to present Christ! Certainly, you must do this in a way which respects each person's freedom of conscience but you must do it.

Saint John Paul II

Baptismal Preparation Class—Our next class will be held on **Sunday, November 8, 2015 from 1:30p.m.—2:00p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room. **Please call the parish office to register at 703-221-4044.**



Keep those used printer cartridges coming! Faith Formation has been helping to reduce the debt and be good stewards of our earth by recycling. With your contribution of used ink cartridges we can help reduce the debt and take care of the earth and it is so easy to do.

PLEASE DO NOT DROP THEM IN THE CATCH-ALL SLOT

(No laser cartridges.)

You can drop the cartridges off in the basket on the table in the vestibule or stop by the Faith Formation Office. Thank You For Your Continued Support!

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank
Novaks Gymnastics
for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for the Week of October 18, 2015

Monday	Romans 4:20-25; Luke 1; Luke 12:13-21
Tuesday	Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Luke 12:35-38
Wednesday	Romans 6:12-18; Luke 12:39-48
Thursday	Romans 6:19-23; Luke 12:49-53
Friday	Romans 7:18-25a; Luke 12:54-59
Saturday	Romans 8:1-11; Luke 13:1-9
Sunday	Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52

**CALLING.....ALL YOU IRISH LADIES
by BIRTH OR MARRIAGE**



Come by and see what is going on within our group! We would enjoy meeting you and having you JOIN us.

The Ladies of the Fr. Mychal Judge, O.F.M. Ladies Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians **will meet at 10 am on Saturday, October 31, 2015** in the Brother Juniper Room....room to left of the Parish office (sometimes

we get moved to the St Catherine's Room by the Nursery). You must be: Catholic female of 16 years of age or older and Irish, Irish decent OR married to an Irish gentlemen, you are welcome to join us. You may further seek admittance to the **FINEST** Irish Catholic Organization in the World—all we would ask is for you to live our motto of:

"Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity"

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 are interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in faith, or obtaining exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then joining Potomac Council of the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you.



Potomac Council will conduct a membership drive after each Mass on October 17th and 18th. Please consider joining our council. **For more information, please visit www.kofc9259.org, or contact Jim Casey at jcasey04@comcast.net.**



You may pick up your Workbook for the new year; they are on the bookshelf in the sacristy.



Mass Intentions

SUNDAY,	October 18—29th Sunday In Ordinary Time
5:30 PM	†James Slakie †Karen Kelly Cooke †Ivan Molina
7:30 AM	†David John Butts †Raymond Barber †Paul and †Connie Arcudi
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
10:30 AM	†Fehrenbach and †Wright Families †Brian Kerns
12:15 PM	†Don and †Joyce McVay †Clara Kennedy †Gerald Bigalke †Russell Vullo
1:45 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	People of the Parish
MONDAY,	October 19—Sts. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions
8:45 AM	
TUESDAY,	October 20—Weekday
8:45 AM	Norma Steele †Carole Zovak
WEDNESDAY,	October 21—Weekday
8:45 AM	Norma Steele †Ernie Gregory
THURSDAY,	October 22—Weekday
8:45 AM	
FRIDAY,	October 23—Weekday
8:45 AM	†John Francis Carpino
SATURDAY,	October 24—Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation

Mass Intentions on Sunday, October 25, 2015

5:30 PM	†Bill and †Marion Richmond Arismendi Peña
7:30 AM	†Karen Lynn Elis
9:00 AM	†William Stein †Emily Kline Zufelt †Bui Thi Ne
10:30 AM	People of the Parish
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy †B. Hugh Tovar †Marjorie Carroll
1:45 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	

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.

Votive Candles—Envelopes are provided for the candle money. **Please place them in the Catch-All slot located in the vestibule of the church.**

