



The Christian community of St. Francis of Assisi welcomes with great joy the following new members of our parish baptized in the month of **July**:

*Noah Kanu Bayard
Leo Sebastian Besser
Collin Javier Burrell
Nathan Alejandro Burrell
Nicholas James Cavender
Camila Nicole Covarrubias Gallegos
Amelia Abigail Gebhardt
Alyssa Marie Gonzales
Andrew John Gonzales
Luis Angel Gonzalez Gallegos
Caleb Mark Thomas Green
Luke Michael Heit
Simone Ivy Jefferson
Jackson William Kepler
Ava Katherine Lee
Jasmine America Marquez
Elizabeth Helen McCarthy
Kaimalie Amanda Ramirez
Braayden Rey Scarpa
Kennidie Nicole Scarpa
Adam Hunter Shahnazarian
Frankie Brooke Vega
Nikolai Sage Weeks*

Baptismal Preparation Class—Our next class will be held on **Sunday, October 11, 2015 from 1:30p.m.—2:00p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room. **Please call the parish office to register at 703-221-4044.**

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 Note: On October 4th there will be a bilingual Mass at 12:15 p.m. and there will be NO 1:45 p.m. Mass.

Volunteers!



Francis Fest is in great need of more volunteers

to help make the day a success. We have a new simple online process for signing up to volunteer. Please use the following link to sign up to help today:

bit.ly/francisfest2015.

Any questions? Please contact **Brandon Jubar** at Jubar:bjubar@stfrancis.org.

55 and Over Craft Show

Are you 55 or over? Do you do needlepoint, quilting, photography, stamping, painting, sculpting, sewing, stained glass, woodworking, or any other craft you would like to show off to the parish?

As part of our **Annual Francis Fest on October 4th**, we will again be having a 55 and Over Craft Show where you can present your crafts and sell them if you wish. We will provide the space, and ask only if you do choose to sell your craft, that you donate a portion of the profits back to the parish.

Each year the show has been more and more successful, and we would like to include even more crafters this year. **Please call or email Jeanne Mitcho with questions, or to request space at 703-670-8039 or jcmitcho45@gmail.com.** Table space is limited so do not delay!



Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try... this week 8 new volunteers will start 50+ hours and over 7 months of formation to become a Stephen Minister. **Please keep them and all the Stephen Ministers in your prayers.**

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!

St. Francis House Corner

Thanks to the donations from all our parishioners we were able to provide food for **70** 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



For more information, 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 **70** 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

Muchas gracias por su apoyo constante.

Para mas información por favor llamar a la Señora Salguero al 703-221-6344.

Festival de San Francisco de Asís

Los invitamos a participar de el Octavo Festival anual Festival de San Francisco de Asís el domingo, octubre 4 de 1pm-5pm en los campos dela iglesia. Tendremos comida, actividades para todas las edades, entretenimiento y mucho mas! Los esperamos.

Misa Bilingüe

El domingo, octubre 4; día del Festival de San Francisco tendremos una misa **bilingüe a las 12:15 PM** y después daremos comienzo al festival. Este día **Octubre 4 NO tendremos misa en español.**

CLOW

Invitamos a todos los niños de 4 a 8 años de edad a participar de la Liturgia de la Palabra durante la misa en español en el Salón del Hermano Juniper. La liturgia de la Palabra para los niños se realizara el tercer y cuarto domingo del mes comenzando el domingo, septiembre 20.



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

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

Upcoming FA&A meetings (open to all!): 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, October 11th, 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, October 14th, at 7 p.m.** in the **Grade 6 Classroom.** Our **Care for Creation Committee** (focused on environmental work/integral ecology) is meeting on **Sunday, October 18th, at 9 a.m.** in the **Br. Juniper Room.** Our **Respect Life Committee** is meeting on **Saturday, November 21st, at 11:45 a.m.** in the **St. Catherine Room.** Our **Franciscan Action and Advocacy Council (FAAC)** is meeting on **Saturday, October 17th, at 9:30 a.m.** in the **St. Catherine Room.** (FAAC meetings are only open to council members. Parishioners are encouraged, however, to submit questions or ideas for FAAC discussion or consideration.)

Citizens' Climate Lobby is a non-profit, non-partisan, grassroots advocacy organization focused on national policies to address climate change. For more information, please visit <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/>.

Catholics Confront Global Poverty is an initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Relief Services that calls on Catholics to defend the life and dignity of people living in poverty throughout the world, and to urge our nation to act in response to the many faces of poverty through advocacy and action. To learn more, please visit <http://www.confrontglobalpoverty.org/>.

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.

EAT FOR CHANGE



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support The Bill Mehr Drop In Center. Come in to the Chipotle at **2457 Prince William Parkway** in Woodbridge on **Monday, October 12th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm.** Bring in the flyer (included in the bulletin), show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to The Bill Mehr Drop In Center.



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!



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.**

Sept. 27	Sunday RE Sessions I&II
Oct. 1	Thursday RE Session
4	NO RE—Francis Festival
8	NO RE—Columbus Day Weekend
11	NO RE—Columbus Day Weekend
15	Thursday RE Session
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

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

Please Pray For All those who are sick: Fran Phoenix, Gizzy Slocum, Jeffrey Miller, Brandon Dashtizad, Clyde Richardson, Tim McCormick, Annelies Gendron, Katherine Gonsorcik, Paul E. Tekverk, Richard L. Laffman, and Donna Stoyas.

And for those recently deceased: Charlotte D'Agostino; Madelyn Lane.; James Slakie (Son of Patricia Slakie).

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



Kairos Asks for Your Support

The Kairos Program is a prison ministry, which involves screened volunteers visiting and interacting with those who are incarcerated. Its purpose is to build a Christian community internal to the prison. During October, two parishioners will visit Sussex I Correctional Center with one also visiting Greenville Correctional Center. You can assist our Kairos representatives in the following manner:

- Prayer.** Intercessory prayer is powerful—for those incarcerated as well as their families. Kairos asks for prayers that will be displayed in one of two methods: a *prayer chain* (i.e., a paper representation depicting people who have prayed/will be praying for those going through the Kairos weekend; and a *prayer wheel* (i.e., a clock depiction of 30-minute time slots spanning the Kairos weekend). Both visuals project the intensity of love.
- Cookies.** Each volunteer is responsible for bringing 100 dozen cookies—a metaphor for abundant love. These cookies are given to those involved in the Kairos Weekend as well as all the prisoners in each correctional center. As one released prisoner said, "There's a whole world in a dozen cookies."

You can deliver cookies to the parish office up to Monday, September 28, 2015.

**If you have any questions, please contact
Dennis Fargo at 703-472-5518 or
John Cipparone at 703-580-6406 or 603-512-9680.**

If you or a family member is in the **hospital or homebound**, please call the parish office if you would like a visit from a friar. 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.



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We would like to thank
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First Friday—October 2nd

The celebration of Holy Hour with Benediction will take place on **Friday morning immediately following the 8:45 am Mass. Mass will also be celebrated at 12 noon.** All are welcome.

Readings for the Week of September 27, 2015

Monday	Zechariah 8:1-8; Luke 9:46-50
Tuesday	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12a; John 1:47-51
Wednesday	Nehemiah 2:1-8; Luke 9:57-62
Thursday	Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Luke 10:1-12
Friday	Baruch 1:15-22; Matthew 18:1-5, 10
Saturday	Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Luke 10:17-24
Sunday	Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrew 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Around the Diocese

Current high school students and their families are invited to Christendom College for Open House on Columbus Day, October 12th or November 13th, your local Catholic college of which St. John Paul II said, "You are doing a great work for the Church." Register online at christendom.edu. Please contact Zac Inman with any questions at zinman@christendom.edu or 540-551-9232.



Three to STAY Married, Marriage Enrichment Weekend, October 9-10—Three to STAY Married is a two-day program that offers married couples concrete tools to help them deepen their understanding of themselves and their relationship. Please note: this is not an overnight program. It concludes on Saturday evening with a Vigil Mass, Renewal of Vows, and dinner. Cost: Early-Birds: \$190 per couple if registered by Oct 1st; \$230 per couple if after Early-Birds deadline. To register or get more information, please visit our website (www.ourladyofbethesda.org) or call **301-365-0612**. Sponsored by Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, Bethesda, Md.

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Mass Intentions

SUNDAY,	September 27—26th Sunday In Ordinary Time
5:30 PM	†Isabella Lineberry †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Claudina Wright
7:30 AM	†Eileen Bolen
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
10:30 AM	†Helen and Frank Cordes †Madelyn Lane
12:15 PM	†Bob Ferenschak †Clara Kennedy †Claudina Wright
1:45 PM	†Carlos Alberto Lopez Quiroz
5:30 PM	People of the Parish
MONDAY,	September 28—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Janet Sarsfield
TUESDAY,	September 29—Sts. Michael, Gabriel, And Raphael, Archangels
8:45 AM	†Helen and †George Callaway
WEDNESDAY,	September 30—St. Jerome
8:45 AM	Jun Ho Choi †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Helen and †George Callaway
THURSDAY,	October 1—St. Therese of the Child Jesus
8:45 AM	†Dick Murray †Joyce McVay †Helen Harris
FRIDAY,	October 2—The Guardian Angels
8:45 AM	Fr. Joseph Kiernan, O.F.M.
10:00 AM	Mass in the Park †Susan Pittel †Martha Vierheller
12:00 PM	†Don and †Joyce McVay
SATURDAY,	October 3—
12:00 PM	Blessing of the Animals
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Mass Intentions on Sunday, October 4, 2015	
5:30 PM	†Loretta Sullivan †Craig Adams †David Teodosio †Mary Vullo †Karen Kelly Cooke
7:30 AM	Thomas Lee
9:00 AM	†Charles Hart †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Joanne Curtis †Seth Mitcho
10:30 AM	†Madelyn Lane
12:15 PM	Bilingual Mass †Robert Ballance †Clara Kennedy †Samuel Williamson
1:45 PM	NO MASS
5:30 PM	People of the Parish