

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

I want to update you on several developments here in the Parish. Fr. John Alderson, O.F.M. will be joining the parish staff beginning this weekend. You will probably recognize Fr. John as he was on the staff for a period of time last year. Welcome Fr. John Alderson, O.F.M.!

I have decided to reconstitute a Parish Council. The parish has not had a Parish Council for some time. I am doing this because I believe it is important for a broad representation of the Parish community to have a say in the operations of the Parish. It is also mandatory by the administration of our Franciscan Province that every parish in the Holy Name Province have a Parish Council.

Finally, a reminder that we will be replacing the sound system in the church this week. Daily Mass will be celebrated in the St. Catherine Room.

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

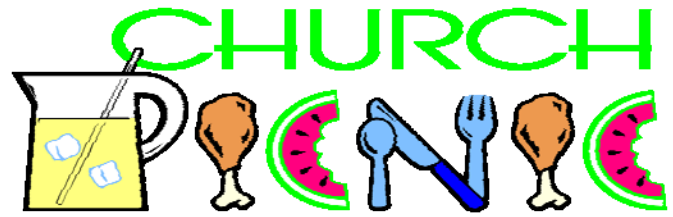
Our Stephen Ministry slogan should be: Funny how your quality of life improves dramatically when you surround yourself with good intelligent kind-hearted positive loving people! That is the ministry we would like to share with you. A helping ministry that can help make improvements. **Please call 703-221-4312 and then press 4 or email Kathy Walker at kwalker@stfrancis.org to learn how.**



St. Francis' Boy Scout Troop 138's second annual service project will be to collect much needed school supplies for St. Francis House, during the weekends of **August 6th-7th, 13th-14th, and 20th-21st**. Boxes will be located in the vestibule for your generous contributions of these items (glue sticks, black and white marble composition books, wide-ruled notebook paper, pink erasers, etc.).

This year Virginia's sales tax holiday/tax-free weekend is August 5th-7th (<http://www.tax.virginia.gov/content/sales-tax-holiday>).

If you are interested in becoming a member of *Boy Scout Troop 138*, please contact **Chanel Marquis at awlk2rmberva@yahoo.com**.



We will celebrate **Labor Day** here in the parish with a BBQ at **Locust Shade Park on Monday, September 5th from 11am-3pm, with prayer service at 12pm**. Details will follow in future bulletins. This will be a great time to come together in fellowship and fun. **Please reserve the date with your family and friends!**

The VIRTUS Protecting God's Children is the adult safe-environment program being offered by the Diocese of Arlington. **The Diocese requires all adult employees and also volunteers who have substantial contact with children to attend the seminar. This includes:**

- ⇒ Vacation Bible School volunteers
- ⇒ Nursery volunteers
- ⇒ Confirmation retreat parent volunteers
- ⇒ School parent volunteers, who chaperone field trips, volunteer in the classroom, etc.
- ⇒ Mommy & Me volunteers
- ⇒ Coaches for all sports
- ⇒ Boy Scout/Girl Scout leaders and assistants (regardless of whether they are parishioners)
- ⇒ Catechists and Assistant Catechists
- ⇒ CYM and MSYM volunteers
- ⇒ All church and school employees

St. Francis of Assisi Parish will host a seminar on **Sunday, August 21st** from **11 am—3 pm** in the Parish Center Dining Facility (begins promptly at **11 am**).



To attend this workshop you must pre-register with your full legal name. The seminar is **limited to 60 people**, but there are a number of seminars offered throughout the Diocese; **please check availability on the VIRTUS website.**

To register: Go to www.virtus.org and click on the yellow link labeled "Registration" (you may either view a list of sessions or begin the registration process). To register for a specific session, select "Begin the Registration Process". Then, from the pull-down menu, select "Diocese of Arlington, VA". Then follow the online prompts.

Every adult member of the parish is invited to register and attend the workshop—it is our duty as members of this community of faith to be aware of how we can support and protect all children.

Church Closed for New Sound System Installation August 1st—5th: Daily Mass will be held in the St. Catherine Room on August 1st—5th. Due to the construction in the church, the church will not be available for daily prayer during this time. The church will re-open on Saturday, August 6th. Thank you for your patience.

Franciscan Action and Advocacy (FA&A)

The U.S. Catholic bishops **urge all people to practice civility, charity and justice in public life.** In an essay, Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, reflects on **how Catholics can carry out this call to civil dialogue:**

<http://goo.gl/Ujn9bS>

FA&A recommends the following summer reading selections: two books by Robert D. Lupton: “*Toxic Charity: How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help, And How to Reverse It*” and “*Charity Detox: What Charity Would Look Like If We Cared About Results*”

Have you seen the documentary, **Poverty, Inc.**, yet? Please visit <http://www.povertyinc.org/> to learn more. Fighting poverty is big business. But who profits the most?

Upcoming meetings (all are welcome to attend/visit!): **Michele Trampe**, executive director of the **Central Virginia Justice Initiative**, will be joining us at our **Anti-Human Trafficking Committee** (engaged in action, awareness and advocacy efforts in the fight against human trafficking) meeting on **Wednesday, August 10th**, at **7 p.m.** in the **St. Catherine Room**. Our **Respect Life Committee** (advocating for the consistent ethic of life from conception to natural death) is meeting on **Saturday, August 20th**, at **11:45 a.m.** in the **St. Catherine Room**. Our **Care for Creation Committee** (focused on environmental work/integral ecology) is meeting on **Sunday, August 21st**, at **9 a.m.** in the **Br. Juniper Room**. Our **Franciscan Action and Advocacy Council (FAAC)** is meeting on **Saturday, August 20th**, 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.) A team from **V.O.I.C.E.** will meet on **Sunday, August 7th**, at **10 a.m.** in the **Br. Juniper 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 (<http://www.stfrncis.org/welcome-introduction/>) and/or contact Rob Goraieb, O.F.S. at rgoraieb@stfrncis.org or 703-221-3127, ext. 228.

Ignatian volunteers work to improve the lives of the materially poor. Share your knowledge, skills and compassion and impact someone's life. If you want to know more contact **Joanie Coolidge 703-534-4140** or jcoolidge@ivcusa.org. The next information sessions are **August 11th and August 31st** from **10:00 am-11:15am (both days)** at **7115 Leesburg Pike, Suite 304, Falls Church, VA 22043.**



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 need of:



- Spaghetti Sauce
- Pasta
- Cereal

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

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. For more information, please contact **Francia Salguero at 571-572-5862.** Thank you very much for your support!



Boletín Semanal

Despensa de Comida de La Casa de San Francis

gradecemos a todos nuestros parroquianos por todas sus ofrendas a la Despensa de Comida; con sus donaciones pudimos ayudar a **70** familias. En estos momentos estamos necesitados de:

- Salsa para Espagueti
- Pasta
- Cereal

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

Charlas Bautismales—Las próximas charlas bautismales en español serán las siguientes fechas: Viernes, agosto 12. **Las charlas bautismales son a las 7:00pm en el Salón del Hermano Juniper (Brother Juniper Room).** Para más información por favor llamar a la **Señora Salguero al 703-221-6344.**

Dear St. Francis of Assisi Parish Community,

Thank you so much for your support. With your help and the help of four area churches, **over 900 new and gently used sports equipment and outdoor activity items** were donated, collected and distributed through St. Francis House, to **over 250 children and families in Eastern Prince William County.** I could not have done it without your support and generous donations, and the many volunteers who helped make the project a huge success!



Sincerely,
James Dumoulin
Troop 1390 Eagle Scout Candidate

Faith Formation Office

Phone: 703-221-3127 Fax: 703-221-3246
Office Hours: Monday—Thursday: 8:00 am—2:00 pm
Friday: Closed

Registration has begun for Religious Education for 2016-2017

Just a reminder that there are changes for next year in the RE Program, please read the registration packet and Parent Handbook carefully.



The RE Parent Handbook and registration packet are online on the RE homepage www.stfrncis.org. Please read and turn the forms at the end of the handbook in to the RE Office. The handbook will take the place of the General Parent Meeting that typically takes place in the Fall.

For questions regarding Registration call or e-mail the RE Office Liz Brack: lizb@stfrncis.org, Marianne Hayes, DRE recoor@stfrncis.org, Sheila Noble snoble@stfrncis.org ADRE (Sacramental Preparation) 703-221-3127.

Bishop Barron's Catholicism Series

Join us in the library of the parish center on Fridays at 7pm to view and discuss Bishop Barron's Catholicism series. The sessions do not build upon each other, so please feel free to drop in any Friday night that you are in town and available. All are welcome! Please see the schedule for remaining topics and contact Sheila Noble, snoble@stfrncis.org, with any questions.

August 5th NO MEETING
August 12th Lesson Nine: *The Fire of His Love*
August 19th Lesson Ten: *The Last Things*

RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you or someone you know is considering being initiated into the Roman Catholic faith, make plans to attend our first RCIA meeting on **Wednesday, August 31st at 7:30 pm in the Br. Juniper 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@stfrncis.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@stfrncis.org.

Baptismal Preparation Class—Our next class will be held on **Sunday, August 21, 2016 from 1:30p.m.—2:00p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room. **Please call the parish office to register at 703-221-4044.**

Please Pray For All those who are sick: Marguerite O'Brien; and Annelies Gendron.

And for those recently deceased: Jorge Rios; and Bogdan J. Zaborowski (Brother of Vicky Hales).

Please pray for the following who are serving abroad in harm's way: Glenn Harms; Bo Bosak, Joseph Sheridan, Jeffrey Miller, Jeffrey Monken, James Moore, Kyle McVay, Kyle Traylor, Kasey Eggie, Eustaquio Castro-Mendoza, Marc Gendron, and Darryl Saungweme.

**HOSTED BY OUR
KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS**

**FAMILY FISH FRY DAY
COMING SOON, GET
YOUR TICKETS
READY!**

Place: ST. FRANCIS of ASSISI PARISH
When: 5:30 pm After Saturday's Mass
DATE: 24 SEPT 2016
Fry Cook: OUR SOON TO BE Famous Al Lowder

FISH FRY!

LET'S SUPPORT THE KNIGHTS AND YOU WILL SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY LET'S GET THE WORD. TICKETS WILL BE HERE SOON.



St. Francis of Assisi School has several openings available in our *Kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd grade, 3rd grade, 4th grade and 5th grade classes for the 2016-2017 school year*. Our Kindergarten has always been a full day program with a strong curriculum and a stimulating learning environment.

Spanish, Music, PE, Health, Art and Technology are all part of the K through 8 curriculum. Band is offered from grades 4-8 as are sports. All teachers are Virginia certified and assisting teachers have degrees. **Please call the school office for more information at 703-221-3868.**

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank
Family Healthcare Chiropractic Center
for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

Readings for the Week of July 31, 2016

Monday Jeremiah 28:1-17; Matthew 14:13-21
Tuesday Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Matthew 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday Jeremiah 31:1-7; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Matthew 15:21-28
Thursday Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matthew 16:13-23
Friday Nahum 2:1, 3, 3:1-3, 6-7; Deuteronomy 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd,41; Matthew 16:24-28
Saturday Daniel; 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Luke 9:28b-36
Sunday Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12; Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40



Theology Courses at Christendom Graduate School

Registration is now open for Fall theology courses at the Christendom Graduate School. Earn your MA in theology or take a courses casually in your area of interest! The fall lineup at our convenient

Alexandria campus includes Sexual and Biomedical Ethics, The Virtues, Methods of Catechesis and Evangelization, God the Father, Philosophy of God and Man, and Church History. This semester only, we are also offering a special Monday night lecture series on Spiritual Theology. Additionally, we have several online courses including a real-time, interactive course on the Pentateuch, taught by Fr. Sebastian Carnazzo. **The semester runs from September 6th until December 17th**, and there is a special discounted rate for professional catechists, seniors, and religious who wish to audit courses. **For more information, please visit <http://graduate.christendom.edu/>, email us at graduate.school@christendom.edu, or call 703-658-4304.**

Young Adult CRABFEST & BBQ EXTRAVAGANZA on Sat, August 6th!

A CrabFest, Ice Cream Truck, and Salsa and Swing Night? Must be the biggest young adult BBQ event of the year!



The 7th Annual Young Adult CRABFEST & BBQ EXTRAVAGANZA will be held on Saturday, August 6, 2016 (Rain or Shine) from 6 pm—Midnight, at St. Veronica Catholic Church, Chantilly, VA. Admission is \$20.

The event will start outdoors with crabs, secret-recipe burgers, Ice Cream Truck, and outdoor games like Corn Hole and Ultimate Frisbee! Brian Coyne will perform Classic Rock & 80s/90s music live. When it gets dark, we go indoors for a Salsa & Swing Night with lessons! Ages 20's and 30's are welcome. Over 200 young adults from the DC area are expected to come! **Sponsored by St. Veronica Young Adults.** For more information, please email stveronicaya@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/groups/stveronicaya.



Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, July 31st—18th Sunday In Ordinary Time
 5:30 PM †Lynne Bowey Teodosio
 †Dave Teodosio
 †Diane Tomasinski
 Jun Ho Choi
 †Louis Mancine
 †Scott Kujawa
 Theresa Brooks
 7:30 AM †James Judge
 †Joe Austin
 †Rev. Kenneth Eade
 †Beverly Ann Carlross
 Elaine E. Minor
 9:00 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
 †Marvin Floom
 †Betty Tomaine
 10:30 AM People of the Parish
 12:15 PM †Clara Kennedy
 †Rev. Msgr. R. James Balint
 Special Intention
 1:45 PM Misa en español
 5:30 PM †Gene Montague
MONDAY, August 1—St. Alphonsus Liguori
 8:45 AM Souls In Purgatory
 †John Carroll
TUESDAY, August 2—St. Eusebius of Vercelli, St. Peter Julian Eymard
 8:45 AM Gretchen May
 †Michael and †Veronica Tokar
 †Frank Kovalchik
 †Allen Irwin
WEDNESDAY, August 3—Weekday
 8:45 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
 †Kathryn Gonsorcik
THURSDAY, August 4—St. John Vianney
 8:45 AM †Marie Garland
 †Mary Bryant
FRIDAY, August 5—Weekday
 8:45 AM †Thomas and †Ellen Sheehan
SATURDAY, August 6—Transfiguration of the Lord
 4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
Mass Intentions on Sunday, August 7, 2016
 5:30 PM †Paul Krieger
 †Diane Tomasinski
 †Louis Mancine
 Special Intention
 7:30 AM Thomas Lee
 †Naldo Ponsi
 9:00 AM Br. Henry Fulmer, O.F.M.
 †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
 10:30 AM Special Intention
 12:15 PM †Clara Kennedy
 †Joseph P. Banko
 1:45 PM Misa en español
 5:30 PM †Gene Montague
 †Kevin Carroll