 **From the Friars**

Several parishioners have mentioned to me that there are some parishes where the priest is presiding at Mass with his back to the congregation. This is a pre-Vatican II liturgical practice.

In his recent address for National Liturgical week in Italy, the Pope made clear that the Liturgical references of Vatican II (The Second Vatican Council) "are irreversible". The liturgical reference of Vatican II indicates that the priest should preside at Mass facing the people.

Copies of the Pope's address are available in the vestibule of the church.

Sincerely,

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

Calling all empathetic and caring people. We are looking for you to join Stephen Ministry! Applications are available as well as volunteer information by calling **Kathy Walker at 703-221-4044 and then press 4 or email at kwalker@stfrancis.org to find out more. Classes start October 17, 2017.**



 **Marriage Preparation Workshop**
Saturday, October 7, 2017
9 am – 3:30 pm
Br. Juniper Room

This will be our last workshop for this year. The next workshop will be held on April 7, 2018. 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, September 12th** 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.**



Are You New to the Parish??? Welcome!!
Registration forms are available on the tables in the vestibule, from the parish office or from the parish **website www.stfrancis.org.**


Francis Fest: Important Notes!

Our 10th Annual Francis Fest is scheduled for **Sunday, October 8th from 1-5pm** on the parish grounds. Great food, activities for all ages, entertainment and comradery guaranteed!



Lots of assistance from parish members is needed to make the festival the great success it has been in past years. Here is what you can do to help:

- **Check your wine cellar for overstock for our Wine Wheel.** Boxes will be in the church foyer for wine drop off the weekends of **9/23-9/24 and 9/30-10/1, as well as the weekend of the festival.**
- **Gently used, clean stuffed animals needed for our game prize booth.** Please drop off donations in church foyer, **clearly marked for Francis Fest** the same weekends as mentioned above for wine donations.
- **Cakes/baked goods for our cake wheel should be dropped off in the school foyer the morning of the festival.** Both the cake and wine wheel are two very popular events which help to offset the cost of the festival.
- **Volunteer to help for a shift at the festival.** We need set-up and clean-up crews as well as assistance for the various activities during the festival. Volunteer sign-up is simple and is done completely online. Look for detailed instructions in a separate bulletin announcement.
- **Festival tickets on sale at a discount!** Buy your festival tickets ahead of time and save! Festival tickets will be on sale the weekends of **9/23-9/24 and 9/30-10/1** after all Masses. **Pre-sale tickets are 6/\$5.** The day of the festival tickets will be \$1 each. All events, food and drink at the festival are charged by the ticket, so plan to buy ahead and take advantage of the discount.

 As part of our **Annual Francis Fest on October 8th**, 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 to reserve your spot.

Please note that there will be a change in the weekend Mass schedule beginning the weekend of **September 16th-17th.** **The 10:30 a.m. Mass will now begin at 10:45 a.m. and the 12 noon Mass will begin at 12:15 p.m.** We have made these changes to hopefully help alleviate the issues we have with traffic flow on Sundays. We will monitor the traffic situation. If the changes are not helpful, we may have to return to the practice of hiring county police to direct traffic.

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.

- **Item of the Month: Dish Soap**
- Hamburger Helper
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Canned Tuna
- Spaghetti and Pasta
- Cereal
- Spaghetti Sauce

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

Volunteers Needed!

A little of your time could make a big difference in a child's life. **Dumfries Elementary School has a need for several types of volunteers** during the school day and tutors after school. Could you help? *Male volunteers would be especially appreciated.* This program is sponsored by St. Francis VOICE. **Please contact Sharon Danner at 703-680-0860, or sharondanner1@verizon.net.**



ST. FRANCIS MEN'S GROUP

Our first meeting for the new year will be on **Tuesday, September 12th at 7:30 p.m. in the Br. Juniper Room.** Our topic will be: Conscience—When it conflicts with Moral Teaching. The question of what to do when your conscience conflicts with moral teaching is very complex especially for Catholics who by our creed of beliefs affirm there is one holy apostolic Church in matters of faith and morals each time we attend mass. In considering issues like the sanctity of life (abortion, capital punishment, euthanasia; affordable healthcare, etc.); the environment; promoting "good wealth"; marriage; and women's role in the church (among others) there sometimes is a distinct difference between the teaching of the Catholic Church and our personal beliefs. Please check the parish website (under Faith/Groups/Men's Group) for articles which provide insight on the topic. **For more information please contact Tony Mercogliano at amercogliano@gmail.com or 571-332-7048.**

Boletín Semanal

Despensa de Comida de La Casa de San Francisco: Gracias a las donaciones de todos nuestros feligreses el articulo del mes a sido bien recibido por nuestros clientes. Con sus donaciones podremos continuar a los mas necesitados.

- **Artículo del mes: Jabón de Lavar Platos**
- Atún Enlatado
- Espaguetti & Salsa Para Espaguetti
- Crema de Maní y Jalea
- Cereal

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

Bienvenido Fraile Iggy!

Le damos una cordial bienvenida al Fraile Ignatius Harding, O.F.M.! o Fr. Iggy como a le gusta que lo llamen. El Fraile Iggy viene de Bolivia, el sirvió en este país por 45 años y esta muy feliz de poder servir a la comunidad hispana.

Clases de Educación Religiosa.

Las inscripciones para las clases de Educación Religiosa ya están abiertas. Las clases empezaran el Domingo, septiembre 17, 2017. Las formas bilingües para registrarse las puede encontrar en el vestíbulo de la iglesia o en la Oficina de Educación Religiosa. Para mas información por favor llamar a la Señora Franca al 703-221-6344.

Sunday Afternoon Bible Study Begins September 17th from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. St. Catherine Room

Our popular Sunday afternoon Bible study will begin meeting again on September 17th. Note that the start time for the 90 minute class has changed to 2:00 p.m. Please join us at the beginning of our study of Matthew by registering online and purchasing a student workbook through Ascension Press https://ascensionpress.com/study_registrations/new?study_id=20685.

Matthew demonstrates how the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament are fulfilled in Christ, who establishes a New Law and inaugurates the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Participants will see Jesus as the awaited Messiah who relives the life and struggles of Israel to become the faithful and victorious King.

Questions? Please contact Lisa Ostendorf at lostendorf@stfrancis.org or 703-221-3127, ext. 277.

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.



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 Classes will begin next week!

Classes begin Sunday, September 17th and Thursday, September 21st. If you have not already, please register your children for classes. If we receive registrations the day of classes, your child will be placed in a class for the next week. So do not delay! Registration can be completed online at <http://www.stfrancis.org/welcome-and-intoduction/>. Paper registration is also available online or in the vestibule of the church.

We are in great need of Catechists to teach for all sessions. If interested please contact the RE Office at **703-221-3127** or Marianne Hayes, DRE at recoor@stfrancis.org.



St. Francis High School Youth Ministry is now 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!



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

Please Pray For All those who are sick: Patricia French; Kimberly Klesen; Anabella Van Kempen; and Angie Powell.

Please pray for the following who are serving abroad in harm's way: Jonathan Boron; Tyler Jones; Drew; Andrew Wagner; Leo N. Company; S. Defibaugh; Josh Bookout; Brianna French; James Moore; Kyle McVay; Kyle Traylor; Marc Gendron; and Darryl Saungweme.

Baptismal Preparation Class

Our next class will be held this
Sunday, September 10, 2017 from
1:30p.m.—2:30p.m. in the Br. Juniper Room.



SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank
Mark Thomas Crossland, P.C., Attorney at Law
for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

Did you know that through the Holy Spirit, you were given unique gifts called charisms, at your baptism? These charisms are designed specifically for you by God for your personal vocation as a disciple of Jesus. If you would like to learn more about these spiritual gifts, come to our next **Called & Gifted workshop** scheduled for the weekend of **September 22nd-24th**. To get more information or to register, read our parish newsletter, visit our parish website, or contact **Bill Sydow** at bill.sydowjr@gmail.com.

Cyber Seniors Begins September 19th 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Br. Juniper Room

Capable volunteers are eager to work with our 55+ parishioners to master their electronic devices. This popular ministry will begin meeting weekly for six weeks, on Tuesdays, following morning Mass. Bring any portable, electronic device, including (but not limited to) PC laptop, Macbook, ipad, tablet, iphone or Android phone. It is not necessary to attend all sessions. Questions? Please contact **Lisa Ostendorf** at lostendorf@stfrancis.org.



Craft Ministry

If you like to knit, crochet, quilt, or sew to help spread God's love and comfort to those in need, please join us:

What: Fellowship while working on our own "unplugged" projects for charity (no sewing machines or irons, please)
When: Thursday, September 21st, 6:30 p.m.– 8:30 p.m.
Where: Grade 5 Classroom (Parish Center)
Who: Adults (ONLY) who sew, knit, quilt, crochet, etc. (No childcare is provided)

For more information, please contact **Katy McClevey** at sewstfrancis@gmail.com.

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, September 18, 2017** in the **Parish Center Library!** We will gather at 6:45 pm. The meeting will last from 7:00-8:00 pm.

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.

alleluia Liturgies For The Week

SATURDAY,	September 9—St. Peter Claver
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Paul Krieger †Ray Swanson †Adelaide Jaskot
SUNDAY,	September 10—23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time
7:30 AM	†Harry Ravert
9:00 AM	Gary and Marcia Holmes †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Andy Misenko
10:30 AM	†Agnes Thorne
12:00 PM	†George Beck †Keith Bassett †Clara Kennedy
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	Alcira Camacho People of the Parish
MONDAY,	September 11—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Allen Thomas Jones
TUESDAY,	September 12—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Robert Foley †Everett Newman
WEDNESDAY,	September 13—St. John Chrysostom
8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik †Everett Newman
THURSDAY,	September 14—Exaltation of the Holy Cross
8:45 AM	†Jim Albanese
FRIDAY,	September 15—Our Lady of Sorrows
8:45 AM	†Bill Richmond †Jean Herrmann †Addie Cason
SATURDAY,	September 16—Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Margaret Renfro People of the Parish Maira Peña

Mass Intentions on Sunday, September 17, 2017

7:30 AM	†Margaret Curry
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Bill Murphy †Joseph and †Catherine Murphy
10:45 AM	†Jim †Everett Newman
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy †Barbara Blagriff †Mary Louise Fitzsimmons
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	Chris Maris Angie Powell

Readings for the Week of September 10, 2017

Monday	Colossians 1:24—2:3; Luke 6:6-11
Tuesday	Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 6:12-19
Wednesday	Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 6:20-26
Thursday	Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17
Friday	1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35
Saturday	1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 6:43-49
Sunday	Sirach 27:30—28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35



When we pick up the Word of God, we hold a powerful tool. Worship at Mass includes reading the Word of God out loud and this Word calls us to follow.

Would you like to share your skill and dedication to this ministry by proclaiming The Word? Training for new lectors (and current ones) will be conducted on **Saturday, September 16th from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Br. Juniper Room.**

If you are interested in joining this committed group, please call **Pequitte Schwerin at 703-590-8492** or send an email to wislady@comcast.net.



Marriage Jubilee Mass: Are you celebrating your **Silver or Golden Marriage Jubilee this year?**
Were you married in
1967 or 1992?



Then contact the parish office to make sure that you are registered for the "2017 Marriage Jubilee Mass." This Mass will be celebrated at **2:30 p.m. on October 15th at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church, in Potomac Falls, VA.** The parish office must submit all registrations to the *Office for Family Life* as soon as possible. Registration forms are available in the vestibule. Please contact **Chanel Marquis (cmarquis@stfrncis.org or 703-221-4044, ext. 222)** in the parish office with any questions. Do not delay.
Registration is due no later than September 21st.

Summer time is a good time to **make** a new friend. How about inviting someone for an iced coffee or a bar-b-que? Can you then **be** a friend, even in need? Once you have made friends, how about **inviting** them to a Cursillo encounter weekend to further their relationship with Christ?



Our upcoming weekends are **September 14th-17th for Women; and October 26th-29th for Men.** Both will be held at the beautiful San Damiano Retreat site near Winchester.

For more information, please email Pequitte Schwerin at wislady@comcast.net or access the arlingtoncursillo.org website.
We will be looking for you!