

From the Pastor's Desk

I am going to use my Pastor's Desk this week to answer some questions that I have been frequently asked lately:

"I see work beginning on Fuller Heights Park what is the time table?" I called Supervisor Maureen Caddigan's office and spoke with Lynn Grasso who is Maureen's assistant. She provided me with the following construction schedule for the park. Of course, weather could impact the schedule but here it is:

Contractor Mobilize – July 22/23
Perimeter Clearing – July 23-Aug 8
Erosion controls and Site Clearing – July 29 – Sept. 13
Rough Grade Site – Sept. 9 – Jan 10
Roads and Parking – Feb 3 – April 1
Ball field Construction – Jan 27 – April 10
Substantial Completion – April 30

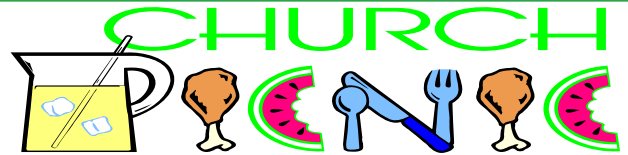
This is all very exciting and having a park with 5 baseball fields plus an all-purpose field next door to our parish will be a great asset for the parish. I am really grateful, as we all should be, to Supervisor Caddigan for her hard work and dedication in making this park a reality. It has not been an easy project and she has overcome many obstacles that have developed since this project was first announced. We also need to be grateful to Fr. John O'Connor, OFM who also was instrumental in making this park possible for the community. When Fr. John was the Pastor of St. Francis he negotiated the deal with the former owners of the property (the Donohue family from Washington DC) to sell their land to Prince William County for half of its value on behalf of the parish so the park would benefit the parish. Fr. John introduced the Donohues to Supervisor Caddigan and the County Park Authority people and was part of the early discussions and negotiations. I reached out to Fr. John this past week and shared with him that construction of the park had begun and he was delighted. I have met with Supervisor Caddigan and her staff and they have showed me the plans for the park which include an "access route" from the parish to the ball fields. This will be great for our St. Francis sports program and school to have this access which will enable us to take advantage of all that this park will have to offer.

"Have dates been set for First Communions and Confirmation for this coming spring?" Not yet. We have to wait for the Bishop to give us the date that he will come to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation before we can set the dates for the First Communions. We have sent in our request to him for a date in May and we are now waiting for a response which should be coming soon.

"What is causing the brown bare patches in the lawns especially on the hill in front of the church?" It is a fungus. We have enlisted the help of our landscaper who sent away samples to a research center. The answer we got is that it is a fungus that can be treated but not until this fall.



The Feast of Our Lady of Knock (the Queen of Ireland) will be celebrated on **Wednesday, August 21st, with a Mass at 8 PM.**



The parish will be sponsoring a Labor Day Mass, picnic and BBQ on Monday, September 2nd, from 1-5pm. The location will be **campground 5 at Prince William Park off Joplin Road**. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule and we ask that each family bring either fruit, vegetables or salads for at least 10 people. Also, please bring games to enhance the fun! The BBQ items will be supplied as well as the refreshments. **We are in need of a lifeguard for the afternoon as there is a lake for swimming.** This is a great opportunity for us as a parish family to come together. Hope to see you there!



Marriage Jubilee Mass: Are you celebrating your **Silver or Golden Marriage Jubilee this year?**

Were you married in 1963 or 1988?



Then contact the parish office to make sure that you are registered for the "2013 Marriage Jubilee Mass." This Mass will be celebrated at **2:30 p.m. on October 14th** at the **Cathedral of St. Thomas More**. The parish office must submit all registrations to the *Office for Family Life* as soon as possible. Registrations forms are available in the vestibule. Call the parish office with any questions. Do not delay. **Registration is due no later than September 18th.**

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 6th**, 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 rmitcho@comcast.net.** Table space is limited so don't delay!



St. Francis House Corner

"For I was hungry, and you fed me..."



Thanks to your enormous support last week, we had enough donations to make **74** food bags for distribution to the clients at St. Francis House. Thank you again for your continued generosity. Please call **Francia at 703-221-6344** for more information and to learn about volunteering and assistance opportunities.

Franciscan Action and Advocacy

We would like to thank our **2013 Franciscan Action and Advocacy summer interns: Cathleen Carlson and James Carlson!** We appreciate all your hard work! May God bless you both as you head back to school!

We would like to congratulate everyone on the **GreenFaith** team: the **chairs/leadership team**, all the committees (**Spirit, Stewardship, Communications, Justice**), and all who are involved at the **school** and **parish** on a successful year-one certification review! (For those who do not know, in 2012, GreenFaith, an internationally recognized interfaith environmental coalition, accepted our parish into its two-year Certification Program, the country's first interfaith environmental certification program for houses of worship. For more information, visit the GreenFaith webpage in the FA&A section on the parish website). Please contact Rob if you would like to get involved!

Upcoming meetings:

Human Trafficking Committee: Tuesday, August 27, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Br. Juniper Room.

For more information on 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@stfrncis.org or **703-221-4044, ext. 228.**

STEPHEN MINISTRY equips lay people to provide confidential, one on one Christian care to individuals in our community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. Trained ministers are available now.



All ministers receive over 60 hours of training.

A training session for a new class of Stephen Ministers is scheduled for this Fall.

Please contact a Friar or Anne Tunney at **703-221-4312** or annet@stfrncis.org for more information.

Open AA Step Study Group Friday night Group meets 7-8:00 p.m. in the St. Catherine Room. Come study the 12 Steps to Recovery.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **Montclair Family Restaurant** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

Boletín Semanal

Charlas Bautismales

Las charlas bautismales se realizan el primer y tercer domingo del mes. Las próximas serán el **4 y el 18 de agosto a las 2:40pm en el Salón del Hermano Juniper.** Los padres y los padrinos deben asistir a la charla. **Por favor no traer a los niños.** Para mas información por favor llamar al **Padre Paul Breslin al 703-221-4044 ext. 227**

Despensa de Comida de La Casa de San Francis

Agradecemos a todos nuestros parroquianos por todas sus ofrendas a la Despensa de Comida; con su donaciones pudimos ayudar a **74** familias esta semana.

No Es My Vida! Not My Life!

(Tráfico de esclavos en la actualidad, Internacional)

Invitamos a todos nuestros feligreses el domingo, agosto 25, 2013 (inmediatamente después de la misa en español) a ver el Documentario internacionalmente aclamado **No Es My Vida!** en el Salón del Hermano Juniper de 3:00-4:30pm. El documentario es gratis y de gran enseñanza. ¡Ven y ve como este problema nos afecta a todos!

Festival de Otoño

El domingo, octubre 6 de 1:00-5:30pm en las facilidades de la iglesia estaremos celebrando el Sexto anual Festival de San Francisco. ¡Tendremos comida, actividades para todas las edades y mucha diversión! Para que el festival sea todo un éxito necesitamos de la colaboración de todos los feligreses; si usted tiene vinos, osos de peluche o artículos en buen estado los puede donar a la iglesia. **Para mas información por favor llamar a Maureen Deutermann al 703-203-2752.**

Misa Bilingüe

El domingo, octubre 6, 2013 tendremos una misa bilingüe a las 12del mediodía en honor a nuestro Patrono San Francisco de Asís. Este día **NO tendremos misa en español.** Después de la misa bilingüe comenzara el Festival de San Francisco.

Calling all Cursillistas

Save this date:

We will be hosting an Ultreya on **Saturday 14 Sept 2013 right after the 5:30 Mass in the Brother Juniper Room.** Bring food to share and come meet your fellow Cursillistas. Visitors are welcome if you are interested in finding out about Cursillo and have not made a weekend yet.

Centering Prayer—Tuesdays 1-2 pm

in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in the church.
All are welcome.



Votive Candles are available in the church by the statues of St. Joseph and Mary. **Please use the box** at each statue to deposit your dollar for each candle.

Faith Formation Office
Phone: 703-221-4978 Fax: 703-221-3246
Office Hours:
Mon.—Thurs. 8:00 am—2:00 pm
Friday 8:00 am—12 noon



Religious Education
Registration is now open to all
parishioners. Forms are
available in the vestibule and
online at www.stfrncis.org.

For more information please call Marianne Hayes, CRE
703-221-4978 or recoor@stfrncis.org.

We are in need of Catechists and Aides for the upcoming RE
year. Please prayerfully consider using your gifts to pass on
our wonderful faith!! If you are
interested and would like more
information, please call Marianne
Hayes, CRE at 703-221-4978 or
recoor@stfrncis.org. Training is
provided.



The Year II Confirmation program is getting ready to begin.
**All paperwork from Year I must be turned in to the RE
office in order to participate in Year II activities, including
the retreats.** Students should have turned in the following:

- Application for Confirmation
- Confirmation Contract
- Copy of the Baptismal Certificate
- Sponsor Form
- Saint Name Report Form

Letters were sent home at the beginning of the summer to
inform families of missing paperwork. **All forms can be
found on the Saint Francis website at [http://
www.stfrncis.org/Ministry/Faith%20Formation-443-Forms/](http://www.stfrncis.org/Ministry/Faith%20Formation-443-Forms/).**

Confirmation Retreat Dates:

The retreat dates are set for the 2013-2014
Religious Education Year. Please mark your
calendars for these mandatory retreats. All
retreats take place in the Parish Center.



Confirmation Year 2

Extended Retreat: **Thursday, September 26, from 4 pm—
10 pm Parish Center.**

Mini Retreat with Sponsor (or Parent if sponsor is not
available) which includes Reconciliation—Visit the
Confirmation page on the St. Francis website to sign up for
one of the following dates:

[Friday, March 21, 2014 from 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm](#)
[Saturday, March 22, 2014 from 9:30 am - 12noon](#)

Confirmation Year 1

Extended Retreat: **Sunday, November 17, from 4:00 pm—
10 pm Parish Center.**

Mini Retreat with Parent—Visit the Confirmation page on the
St. Francis website to sign up for one of the following dates:

[Friday, February 7, 2014 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm](#)
[Saturday, February 8, 2014 from 9:30 am - 11:00 am](#)

If you any questions, please contact Colleen Wells at
cwells@stfrncis.org.



When the disciples of John approached Jesus
and asked, "Where do you live?"
Jesus simply said, "Come and See".

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
provides an opportunity, **Wednesday evenings
from 7:30 pm. to 9 pm in the Br. Juniper Room** to explore
where God may be leading you. Join us as we journey
together. We invite you to "Come and See", anytime.
Inquirers are always welcome. **For further information
please contact Art Slavinski at aslavinski@stfrncis.org or
540-287-5355.**

RCIA Summer Schedule

August 21st
August 28th

C Y M NEWS

Welcome all high school teens. Please come join us on
the dates below and see what we are all about.

CYM Youth Night

Date: Sunday, August 18th
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Place: St. Catherine Room



CYM Leadership Meeting

Date: Sunday, September 8th
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Place: Faith Formation Conference Room

For more information on CYM, contact
Brandon Jubar at bjubar@stfrncis.org.

Please Pray For

All those who are sick: Reed Furman,
Chip and Lisa Bartosch, Steve Gsell,
Linda Oliver, Sarah Back, Mackenzie Scott, Joan Glynn, Ken
and Kathy Dixon, Claudina Wright, Calvin Tayler, Andrea
Armstrong, J.T. DeFeo, Art Cuellar, Karen Strother, Rita
Lapinski, Theresa Lapinski, Lyn Lehmer, Elise Reed,
Motchian Wadja, Mary Peer, Alessa Scardina, Fr. Mark
Moretti, Peter Clemente, Francisco Paredes, Dougie
Gonzalez, Mary Stem, A.J. Slye, Debbie Brown, Ted Geary,
Barbara Hogan, Nene Golfo, Linda Byron, Eugene Sullivan,
Rusty Turner, Brian Reed, Jennifer Hamana, Matthew
Greening, Cathy Hall, Fred Diaz, Jr., Matthew Moody, James
Campbell, Wendy Wolfe, Joyce Cebulski, Alice Hayes,
Marian King, Ellen Gil, Donna Stoyas, Wade Shank, Barbara
Cryan, John Hogan, Linda Hawkins, Gary Christle, Viola
Kocian, Matthew Sanders, Carol Hrabsky, Patricia Luneburg,
Georgiann Hudson, Matthew James Rose, Margaret Draper,
Richard Durbin, Ofelia D. Casupang, Mary Winnett, Judy
Curtiss, Irene Boots, Annelies Gendron, Alexia Uribe, Connor
Carroll, Leroy Dyas, Loretta Frankowski, Marie Chery, Jacob
Tyler Burns, Mary Loretta Jacobsmeyer, Barbara Arcuni,
James Peer, Bob Williams, Amy Wilking, and Melissa
Massouh.

And for those recently deceased: Lynne Bowey (Sister of
Mark Teodosio).

**Please pray for the following who are serving abroad in
harm's way:** Ryan Whittle, Erik McDowell, Kyle McVay,
Stephanie Pash, Teddy A. Wozniak, Kyle Traylor, Kasey
Eggie, Eustaquio Castro-Mendoza, Michael Day, Greg Lanza,
Andrew Smithey, Marc Gendron, and Darryl Saungweme.

Evangelization News and Events

Faith Formation Survey—The Evangelization Council would like to thank everyone that has responded to our short survey. We are beginning to incorporate your input into our event planning. We also want to continue seeking feedback. Copies of our survey will be kept in the vestibule and will be handed out as part of registration and feedback for many of our parish and school activities. Soon we will also have the survey on our parish web site. At any time, if you would like to provide feedback, you can contact Bill Sydow (contact information listed below).

Catholicism Series— Our summer showing of Father Barron's Catholicism Series continues for two more sessions. **On Thursday, August 22nd**, the topic will be *Prayer and the Life of the Spirit*. **On Wednesday, September 4th**, the topic will be *World Without End: The Last Things*. Each session starts at 7pm in the Parish Center Dining Facility. Stay tuned for information about a fall schedule of showings of this groundbreaking series.

Called & Gifted Workshop—God calls everyone to a unique purpose in life, a work of love that only they can do. The Called & Gifted workshop helps one understand their call through the discernment of charisms, or gifts of the Holy Spirit. If you're interested in our fall workshops, signups will begin next week at all masses. **The workshop sessions will be held on Sunday afternoons, Tuesday mornings, and Wednesday and Thursday evenings starting the week of September 8th.** Watch the bulletin for more information or contact Bill Sydow.

Evangelization Council—We are actively seeking parishioners who have an interest in helping their fellow Catholics, as well as our Protestant and Non-Christian friends understand and grow in their relationship with Christ. In addition to the above activities, we are organizing several small group programs, parish missions and retreats, additional faith formation events, and exploring many other ideas on how we can follow Pope Francis' wonderful example and help bring the story of Jesus and the Gospels to the world around us.

For more information or questions please contact Bill Sydow at bsydow@stfrncis.org or 719-393-5826.



As part of our care for God's creation and practice of faithful stewardship, the

parish GreenFaith team is providing us with monthly eco-tips for your consideration:

Green Tip for August

Simplify your life as much as possible. Only keep belongings that you use and enjoy on a regular basis. By making the effort to reduce what you own, you will naturally purchase less and create less waste in the future.

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.stfrncis.org.



Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, August 18—20th Sunday In Ordinary Time
 5:30 PM †Eileen Bolen
 7:30 AM †Albert Symes
 Thomas Lee
 Dorothy Lee
 9:00 AM †Bob Walker
 †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
 †Mark Brostek
 10:30 AM People of the Parish
 12:00 PM †John Joseph Mackey
 1:30 PM Misa en español
 5:30 PM †Carole Zovak

MONDAY, August 19—Weekday
 8:45 AM †Joseph Carroll
TUESDAY, August 20—St. Bernard
 8:45 AM †Janet Sarsfield
WEDNESDAY, August 21—St. Pius X
 8:45 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
THURSDAY, August 22—Queenship of Mary
 8:45 AM Maria Woo
FRIDAY, August 23—Weekday
 8:45 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
SATURDAY, August 24—St. Bartholomew
 4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

Mass Intentions on Sunday, August 25, 2013

5:30 PM †Anita Payant
 †Don Thornton
 7:30 AM
 9:00 AM †Flor Rodriguez
 †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
 †Bob Wohlhueter
 10:30 AM
 12:00 PM †Clara Kennedy
 †Frances Ourada
 Thomas Winston
 Charles Dennison
 1:30 PM Misa en español
 5:30 PM People of the Parish

Readings for the Week of August 18, 2013

Monday Judges 2:11-19; Matthew 19:16-22
Tuesday Judges 6:11-24a; Matthew 19:23-30
Wednesday Judges 9:6-15; Matthew 20:1-16
Thursday Judges 11:29-39a; Matthew 22:1-14
Friday Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22;
 Matthew 22:34-40
Saturday Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51
Sunday Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13;
 Luke 13:22-30