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Saturday Vigil - 5:30 PM

Sunday - 7:30 AM; 9:00 AM; 10:45 AM; 12:15 PM; 5:30 PM

@ 10:45 AM—Family Liturgy 1:30 PM - Español

Monday - Friday - 8:45 AM

BAPTISM

Baptismal preparation is required of all parents who have not attended a class within the last three years prior to the celebration of baptism. Please call the parish office.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00-5:00 PM and by appointment (English and Spanish)

Arrangements are made with the parish office.

VISITS TO AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Inform the office when someone needs a visit from a Communion Minister or one of the Friars.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

To register in the parish, please fill out a registration form found in the vestibule, at the parish office, or on the Parish website, and return it to the office.

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As we begin this season of Advent, a reminder of several special events coming up. On Tuesday, December 4th, we will have a Communal Penance Service. Saturday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. There will be a Vigil Mass Friday evening and a Mass on Saturday morning to

celebrate this feast. The Saturday evening Mass will be the usual Mass for the Sunday obligation.

Thursday, December 14th our choirs will celebrate the annual Festival of Praise. This is always a great celebration of song and prayer.

You may notice that our bulletin has changed. We have decided to engage a different company called Bon Venture to publish our bulletin beginning this week.

Finally with this season of Advent we are initiating the use of new hymnals.

Sincerely,

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

For all Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers, and Eucharistic Ministers who wish to serve during the Christmas Eve and/or Christmas Day Masses, the sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the church.



If you would like to make a donation for Christmas



Memorial Flowers envelopes are available on the tables in the vestibule. Anyone who would like to remember their loved ones can fill out the information on the envelope and drop it in the catch -all slot on the wall in the vestibule. Those names will be listed in the bulletin during the Christmas Season.

Please Note: The Mass Intention book for 2019 will open on Friday, December 14, 2018.

To schedule a Mass you may come in or call the office. We also have envelopes located on the tables in the vestibule. Just drop the envelope in the catch-all slot.

We will be taking 3 intentions per Mass.

On December 4th at 7:30 p.m., we will celebrate the Sacrament of Penance. This will be a traditional Communal Penance with music, readings from scripture, and a short homily. Several priests will be available for individual confessions.





Saturday, <u>December 8th</u> is the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary (a Holy Day of Obligation). Masses will be held:

December 7th—7:30 p.m. (Vigil)
December 8th—9:00 a.m.

We do **NOT** have a 12 noon Mass on December 8th.

Mark Your Calendars for the Annual Festival of Praise!

December 14th at 7:30 p.m.

Enjoy a wonderful evening of Christmas Praise presented by the combined choirs and instrumentalists of the St. Francis Music Ministry, full of music that will stir your heart and



leave you feeling joyful! After the Festival, please join us in the Parish Hall for food and fellowship. The Concert is free of charge. However, a free will offering will be accepted to help cover the cost of the Concert. For more information, please contact Nikole Giraldi at nikoleg@stfrncis.org.

Mass Schedule Christmas Eve (NO 8:45 a.m. Mass)

3:15 PM Children's Christmas Pageant in church Followed by 4:00 PM Children's Mass (Children's Choir)

4:00 P.M. - Mass in the gym (Cantor)

5:45 Prelude **6:00 PM Children's Mass** (Children's Choir)

6:00 PM Overflow Mass in the gym

7:30 Prelude 8:00 PM Mass (Teen Choir/Ensemble) 8:00 PM Spanish Mass in the gym

9:30 Prelude 10:30 PM Mass (Adult Choir)

(No Mass at Midnight)

Christmas Day

8:45 Prelude 9:00 AM Mass (Cantor)

10:45 AM Mass

11:30 Prelude **12:15 PM Mass** (Ensemble in church)

Dec. 26th 8:45 a.m. Morning Mass

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Gospel Today First Sunday of Advent | Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus tells us to be on guard, and be watchful for His coming.

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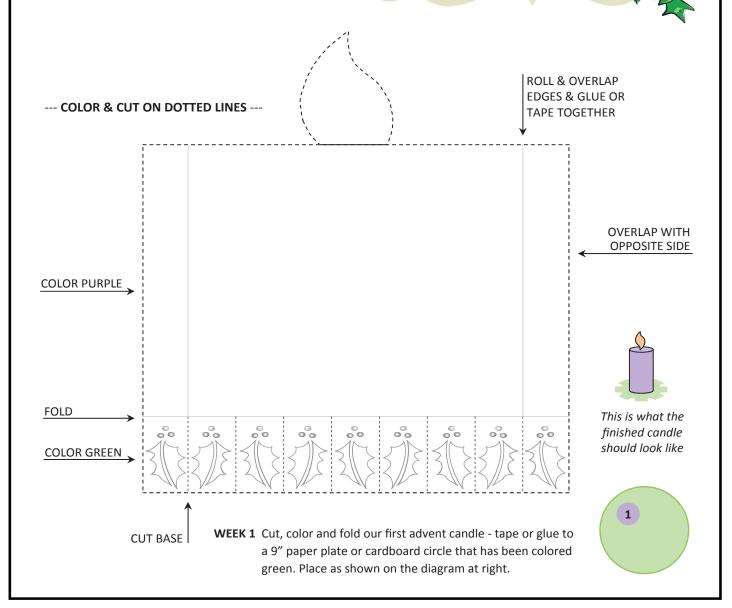
WEEK 1, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come, that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

Youngest child lights 1 purple candle.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT





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.

Items of the Month: Toilet Paper/Paper Towels

- Hamburger Helper
- Spaghetti, Pasta, etc.
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Fruit
- Peanut Butter and Jelly

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

Many thanks to all of our parishioners who have responded so generously to our requests for breakfast items at the Bill Mehr Shelter. With the help of our parishioners we provided 1,520 breakfasts for the Spring and Summer seasons. As of Saturday, November 3rd, our responsibilities have shifted to supplying dinner on Saturday evenings to the Overnight Shelter. Directions and sign-up sheets are located on the table directly below the bulletin board in the vestibule of the Church. For more information, please



call Francia at 571-572-5862.

Mission 2019

Join St. Francis Parishioners in June 2019 on a journey to our Sister Parishes in Lima, Peru. Departs Saturday, June 22nd Returns Monday, July 1st

• Applications and **deposit of \$100** now being accepted. The final date for receipt of applications is **January 31, 2019.**

- Fee includes airfare, lodging, most meals and local transportation.
- Full payment (\$1,750) is due by January 31, 2019
- Applications are available on line at (<u>http://www.stfrncis.org/sister-parish-in-peru/</u>) and next to the Sister Parish section of the church bulletin board.

Questions? Please call:

Sharon or Terry Danner at 703-680-0860

terrydanner@verizon.net
or
Chuck O'Hern at 910-795-6203

Charles.ohern@usmc.mil

Boletín Semanal

<u>Charlas Bautismales</u>—Las próximas charlas bautismales en español serán el viernes, diciembre 14. Las charlas bautismales Son a las 7:00 p.m. en el Salón del Hermano Juniper (Br. Juniper Room). Para más información por favor llamar a la Señora Salguero al 703-221-6344.

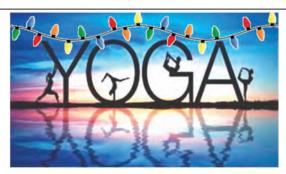
Despensa de Comida de La Casa de San Francisco—Gracias a las donaciones de todos nuestros feligreses el Artículo del mes ha sido bien recibido por nuestros clientes. Con sus donaciones podremos continuar ayudando a los más necesitados.

Artículo del mes: Papel Higiénico/Papel Toalla

- Ayudantes de Hamburguesa (Hamburger Helper)
- Espagueti, Pasta, etc.
- Tuna Enlatada
- Fruta Enlatada
- Mantequilla de Mani
- Mermelada

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

Muchas gracias a todos nuestros feligreses que han respondido tan generosamente a nuestras peticiones para desayunar en el Albergue de Bill Mehr. Con la ayuda de nuestros feligreses proporcionamos 1,520 desayunos para la primavera y el verano. A partir del sábado 3 de noviembre, nuestras responsabilidades cambiará a suministrar la cena del sábado por la noche al Albergue de la noche Las direcciones y las hojas de inscripción se encuentran en la tabla directamente debajo del tablón de anuncios en el vestíbulo. Para más información, por favor llame a Francia al 571-572-5862.



Advent Yoga class on Tuesday, December 4th from 5:30PM to 7:00PM in St. Catherine Room. A donation of \$15 is suggested, however any amount is appreciated. All class proceeds will be donated to the St. Francis Un-Trim-A-Tree Project. Beginners and all levels are welcome to attend. Please come and see. For more information, please contact Rita Evans at 540-270-0667 or at breathofheavenyoga@outlook.com.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank

Mary's Flower Shop

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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 for 2018-2019

Dec. 2 Sunday RE Session Thursday RE Session 9 Sunday RE Session 13 Thursday RE Session 16 Sunday RE Session

December 20th—30th NO RE—Christmas Break

Religious Education is in need of Catechists for the 8:45AM Sunday Session because two additional classes needed to be added to that session. Also, substitutes are needed for all sessions. Please contact Marianne Haves in the Religious Education Office at recoor@stfrncis.org or 703-221-3127, ext. 236, if you can help.

St. Francis High School Youth Ministry is 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!



Sunday, December 2nd 6:30 PM-8:30 PM St. Catherine Room **REAL Time (Youth Group)** All Teens Grades 9-12

Sunday, December 9th 6:30 PM—8:30 PM St. Catherine Room **REAL Time (Youth Group)**

All Teens Grades 9-12

Sunday, December 16th 6:30 PM—8:30 PM Parish Center Dining Facility **REAL Fun! CHRISTMAS PARTY**

All Teens Grade 9-12

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

Baptismal Preparation Class

Our next class will be held on Sunday, December 9, 2018 from 1:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m. in the Br. Juniper Room. Please call the Parish Office to register at 703-221-4044.



Sunday Advent Study December 2nd – 23rd at 1:30 p.m. St. Catherine Room



Join us this Advent as we take 4 weeks to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ! Are we ready for the King? Are our hearts ready to receive our Savior? The four weeks leading up to Christmas mark the beginning of the Western Church's liturgical year. Advent is our time for reflection, meditation and preparation. Please come to the first class, even if you have not purchased your workbook online at https://www.saintbenedictpress.com/ index.php/advent-cvcle-c-preparing-for-christdecember-2018.html.

> Questions? Please contact the class facilitator. Brian Bobick at brianbobick@verizon.net.

> > Let's Talk Faith Sunday speaker series **December 16, 2018** 10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. **Parish Center Dining Facility**



On Sunday, December 16th our Let's Talk Faith speaker series continues with a presentation by Fr. John Alderson, O.F.M. and Friar Henry Fulmer, O.F.M. on encountering God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Let's Talk Faith presentations are monthly opportunities for parishioners to gather and learn about their Catholic faith, while enjoying a cup of coffee and breakfast pastry. The series compliments the book, Believing in Jesus: A Popular Overview of the Catholic Faith by Leonard Foley, O.F.M., which is available for purchase from Amazon. Each talk is separate, so please plan to attend one or all of them.

If you or a family member is in the "I was 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.





The St. Francis Anti-Human Trafficking Committee is collaborating with ACTS Sexual Assault Services to take donations for Freedom Bears for Court. After Mass on December 1st and 2nd committee members will be in the vestibule with a Freedom Bear to take donations to provide for ACTS clients. (Checks will be accepted and should be made payable to ACTS with Assault Services Bears in the memo of the check.)

These unique bears come with a small piece of paper on which victims can write down the name of the person who harmed them and stick it in the bear's heart. When the child is ready, whether it be hours or years later, they can take the paper out, drop it in water and watch it dissolve, which can be a cathartic experience. Children also bring their Freedom Bear to court to not only help them tell their story but to also provide comfort before and after testifying.

The St. Francis Anti-Human Trafficking Committee (engaged in action, awareness and advocacy efforts in the fight against human trafficking) will be meeting on Thursday, December 6th from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center Grade 5 Classroom. All are welcome!

For more information please contact Margie Petrizza at

540-408-2408, or margie.petrizza@gmail.com

Bob Eves at 703-304-9259, or evesrc@verizon.net.

Companions On Our Journey With Jesus

Holy Family Catholic Church Dale City, VA Father Griffin Hall 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.







All are invited to attend any or all of the presentations at Holy Family as part of their Journey With Jesus program. This Adult Faith Formation program examines the lives of those who are models for us and companions on our own faith iournevs.

December 2nd—St. Benedict January 6th—Martin Luther King February 10th—Abraham Lincoln
March 3rd—Dorothy Day

Sr. Cecelia Dwver. O.S.B. Friar Henry Fulmer, O.F.M. Fr. Jack O'Hara Sr. Joanna Burley, O.S.B.



Please Pray For All those who are sick: Honey Scott; and Doug Bond.

And for those recently deceased: Christina Lehmeier.

Please pray for the following who are serving abroad in harm's way: Thomas S. Hong; Matthew Byron; Tyler Jones; Drew; Leo N. Company; S. Defibaugh; Brianna French; James Moore; Kyle McVay; Kyle Traylor; Marc Gendron; and Darryl Saungweme.

Votive Candles

Envelopes are provided for the candle money. Please place them in the new boxes located on the wall (next to the candles) in the church.



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!

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Please tear-off and return. Envelopes are provided and located in the vestibule of the church. 2018 St. Francis Parish Appeal

Parishioner Name:	
Address:	

Yes, I/we will make a one time gift (enclosed amount \$)

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	SATURDAY,	December 1—Weekday	
	4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	5:30 PM	†Telka Penley	
		†Cy Kelly	
		†Joe Powers	
	SUNDAY,	December 2—First Sunday of Advent	
	7:30 AM	†Alice Tippit	
		†David Bentson	
		†Rolando Sabay	
	9:00 AM	†Nicholas Colletti	
		†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik	
		†William Murphy	
	10:45 AM	†Rolando Sabay	
		†Paul J. Gentile	
	40.45 DM	†Karis McBride	
	12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy	
		In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph	
	1:30 PM	†Joseph Mele Misa en español	
	5:30 PM	People of the Parish	
	5.50 F W	†Solpecio Tornes	
		†Patricia Mooney	
		Trauticia Mooney	
	MONDAY,	December 3—St. Francis Xavier	
	8:45 AM	†Florence Hartt	
		All Souls	
		In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph	
	TUESDAY,	December 4—Advent Weekday	
	8:45 AM	Gretchen May	
		All Souls	
		In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph	
		December 5—Advent Weekday	
	8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik	
		†Kathryn Gonsorcik	
		All Souls	
	THURSDAY,	December 6—Advent Weekday	
	8:45 AM	†Luke Brennan	
		†Marie and William Vogts	
	EDIDAY	†Marie and Alfred Vogts	
	FRIDAY,	December 7—St. Ambrose	
	8:45 AM	Maximo Tavarez	
		In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph	
	7.00 514	Aurora Morris	

VIGIL MASS

†Cy Kelly

†Joe Powers

December 8—Immaculate Conception

Sacrament of Reconciliation

†Donna Bowman Olds

7:30 PM

SATURDAY,

9:00 AM

4:00 PM

5:30 PM

Readings for the Week of December 2, 2018

Monday Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11
Tuesday Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24
Wednesday Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37
Thursday Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Friday Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12;

Luke 1:26-38

Sunday Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11;

Luke 3:1-6

entions on Sunday, December 9, 2018
†Karin Gallagher
†Alice Tippit
†Joseph and †Julia Flood
†Ben Badami
†Marie Newman
†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
†Diem Bui
†Hien T. Vu
†Duc T. Vu
†George Beck
†Federico C. Casupang, Sr.
†Clara Kennedy
Misa en español
†Severo and Olivia Miravalles
People of the Parish
†Deborah McGrath





Lector Workbooks for the new year are available for pick up on the bookshelf in the sacristy.



Our inclement weather policy is to follow the Prince William County Schools announcement for both School and Church activities. The Parish Offices are closed when the Quantico Marine Corps Base issues a Code Red for its employees.

Daily Mass, Weekend Masses, and Penance Services <u>will</u> be celebrated regardless of the weather; however, parishioners are encouraged to use their best judgement regarding the safety of traveling to the church for Mass. In very severe weather, it is customary for the Bishop to excuse Catholics from the obligation of Sunday Mass. In the event that happens, that notice will be posted on the homepage of the parish website.

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