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EUCCHARIST
 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)

MARRIAGE
 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
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*Second Sunday
 of Advent*



We are still in the process of accepting donations for the Parish Annual Appeal. As of this week, donations and pledges total approximately \$134,000. My deepest appreciation to all who have given so far.

A special word of gratitude to a couple who donated an additional \$100,000 in one gift. They wish to remain anonymous. However, they have given permission for us to use their gift as a challenge gift. To challenge other parishioners to match their gift through additional gifts.

As of now only 10 percent of the members of the parish have given or pledged a gift for the appeal this year. And so I ask, if you have not yet given, would you now consider a gift to help respond to this couples' challenge?

We are going to need every dollar we can raise as the initial bids to replace the air conditioning system in the Parish Center is now in the \$200,000 range, and possibly going as high as \$300,000.

We have also received an estimate of \$500,000 to bring the system up to current standards and subsequently make it more efficient.

Some good news, after years of requesting a Catholic Charities Psychological Counselor from their Diocesan Counseling program, I have received word that we will have a counselor on the parish grounds one day a week, available for parishioners in need, beginning in January. These counselors work on what is called a sliding scale fee basis, charging what a person can afford.

This sliding scale based fee is made possible through the funding of the annual Catholic Charity Collection, taking place next weekend. I ask that you please be as generous as possible in that second collection.

I am happy to announce that Bishop Burbidge's operation for prostate cancer was successful and he is recovering nicely.

Finally, my apologies for having two charitable organizations soliciting in the Church last weekend. That happened because of a mix-up in scheduling.

The Parish Council, upon my recommendation, decided this past year that we would permit only one charitable fundraiser at a time at weekend Masses. Weather permitting the organization's tables will be located outside of the lobby.

Sincerely,

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

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.



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

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 both of them.*

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Gospel Today Second Sunday of Advent | Luke 3:1-6

As written in Isaiah, John the Baptist proclaimed, "Prepare the way of the Lord."
Luke 3:4

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WEEK 2, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

Oldest child lights 2 purple candles.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



--- COLOR & CUT ON DOTTED LINES ---

ROLL & OVERLAP
EDGES & GLUE OR
TAPE TOGETHER

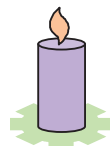
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COLOR GREEN →

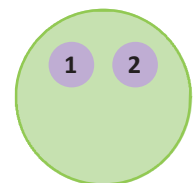
← OVERLAP WITH
OPPOSITE SIDE

CUT BASE ↑



*This is what the
finished candle
should look like*

WEEK 2 Cut, color and fold our second advent candle - tape or glue to the 9" paper plate or cardboard circle that was used for the first candle. Place as shown on the diagram at right.





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
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Fruit
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
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For more information, please call Francia at 703-221-6344. Thank you for your continuing support!

The 55+ Ministry is looking for volunteers to help stuff and transport Christmas gift bags for Envoy nursing home residents and clients of St. Francis House. This is a great opportunity to socialize as a 55+ community while making the holiday a bit brighter for neighbors in need. Please come to the Knights of Columbus Hall in the basement of the Parish Center after the 8:45 a.m. daily Mass on Tuesday, December 18th to stuff the bags with items to be collected through the Un-Trim-a-Tree program. If you can help, please contact Lisa Ostendorf at lostendorf@stfrancis.org or 703-221-3127, ext. 277.



IT IS NOT TOO LATE to order Christmas wreaths, centerpieces and table top holiday trees. You can order online until **December 14th** at

www.mickmanholidaygifts.com using our coupon code **KNIGHTVA003**. The Holiday Evergreens you purchase for yourself, family and friends, will be delivered in a festive carton with your personalized message. You will get a discount and our Knights of Columbus Council gets a donation. **Free shipping on orders over \$60.**



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.**



Boletín Semanal

Charlas Bautismales—Las próximas charlas bautismales en español serán el **viernes, enero 11, 2019**. 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)
- Tuna Enlatada
- Fruta Enlatada
- Mantequilla de Maní
- 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.**



When the Weather Outside is Frightful: St. Francis of Assisi Inclement Weather Policy

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 **will** 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.

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. 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 Hayes** 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 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



Sunday, December 23rd

Christmas Break

NO REAL ACTIVITIES

Questions? Please contact **Brandon Jubar** at

bjubar@stfrncis.org.

Baptismal Preparation Class

Our next class will be held on **Sunday, January 13, 2019 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.**



Save the date!! **Discovering Christ** will be presented at **St. Francis of Assisi** in **January 2019!!** Participants in this 7-week series will meet on Thursday evenings beginning **January 3rd** and continuing through **February 14th** to enjoy dinner and fellowship, listen to a dynamic teaching and join in a small group discussion about the meaning of life in Jesus Christ. There will be a retreat day on **Saturday, February 2nd**. *The cost for registration for this event is \$25 per person and all meals are included.* For more information, please contact **Sheila Noble** at 703-221-3127, ext. 238 or snoble@stfrncis.org.



The **55+ Ministry** is planning to join the **Museum of the Bible Tour**, organized by **Bluebird Tours**, on **Friday, January 11, 2019**. There will also be a tour of **Lincoln Cottage** included. The bus departs **Woodbridge** at **9:00 a.m.** and is expected to return at **5:15 p.m.** The cost is **\$65 per person** and lunch is on your own. To reserve your space on the bus, please contact **Bluebird Tours** at **703-339-0333**.

Adult Confirmation classes will begin **Tuesday, February 19th at 6:30 p.m.** in the **Parish Center Library**. This six-week program is for Catholic adults who have already received the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist (First Communion) and would like to complete their initiation with Confirmation. Please register with **Lisa Ostendorf** to obtain the paperwork and to reserve a textbook at lostendorf@stfrncis.org or 703-221-3127, ext. 277.



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.**

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.

Please Pray For All those who are sick: **Lori Connelley; Sarah Back; Laurie Coligan; Herb Harmon; Aaron Childs; Honey Scott; and Doug Bond.**

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.**



THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
**FESTIVAL OF
PRAISE**

Presented by the Saint Francis of Assisi Music Ministry

DECEMBER 14
7:30 P.M.

Under the direction of Nikole Giraldi and Colleen Wells

Enjoy a wonderful evening of Christmas Praise presented by the combined choirs and instrumentalists of the Saint Francis Music Ministry, full of music that will stir your heart and leave you feeling joyful! Join us afterward in the Parish Dining Center for food and fellowship.



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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SATURDAY, December 8—Immaculate Conception
 9:00 AM †Alfredo DeAndrade
 4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:30 PM †Donna Bowman Olds
 †Cy Kelly
 †Joe Powers

SUNDAY, December 9—Second Sunday of Advent
 7:30 AM †Karin Gallagher
 †Alice Tippit
 †Joseph and †Julia Flood
 9:00 AM †Ben Badami
 †Marie Newman
 †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
 10:45 AM †Diem Bui
 †Hien T. Vu
 †Duc T. Vu
 12:15 PM †George Beck
 †Federico C. Casupang, Sr.
 †Clara Kennedy
 1:30 PM Misa en español
 5:30 PM †Severo and Olivia Miravalles
 People of the Parish
 †Deborah McGrath

MONDAY, December 10—Advent Weekday
 8:45 AM †Enrique Cuellar
 †James E. Hamilton, Jr.
 †Iris Hamilton

TUESDAY, December 11—Advent Weekday
 8:45 AM †Mary V. Deitz
 †Terry Early
 †Concepcion Andres

WEDNESDAY, December 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe
 8:45 AM †Audrey Proscia
 †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
 †Kathryn Gonsorcik

THURSDAY, December 13—St. Lucy
 8:45 AM In Thanksgiving
 Karen Dennison
 In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph

FRIDAY, December 14—St. John of the Cross
 8:45 AM †Paul Hrabsky, Sr.
 In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph
 †Gabe Russo

SATURDAY, December 15—Advent Weekday
 4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:30 PM †Cy Kelly
 †Joe Powers
 †Diane Beck

Readings for the Week of December 10, 2018

Monday Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26
Tuesday Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14
Wednesday Zechariah 2:14-17 or
 Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
 Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Luke 1:26-38 or
 Luke 1:39-47
Thursday Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15
Friday Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19
Saturday Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6;
 Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

Mass Intentions on Sunday, December 16, 2018

7:30 AM †Roberto Barbon
 †Rosario Roque
 †Cielito Baytan
 9:00 AM †Gregory Sanderson
 †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
 †Matthew Kalaikattil Thomas
 10:45 AM †Karis McBride
 People of the Parish
 †Roseanne Scruggs
 12:15 PM †Clara Kennedy
 †Michael Wesley
 †Brian Jellison
 1:30 PM Misa en español
 5:30 PM †Patrick Humphrey



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, December 10, 2018** in the **Parish Center Library!** We will gather at 6:45 p.m. The meeting will last from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

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.**

The **Rosary Guild** meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Please join us **Tuesday, December 11th** 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.**



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