



# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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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.

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

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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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**From  
the  
Friars**

Please see the message below from Bishop Burbidge as we celebrate pro-life month. It is an powerful reminder that being pro-life means protecting life from the first moments of life in the womb to the last moments of a persons life on this earth.

Please also take time to view the excellent presentation on pro-life available in the Church lobby. Many thanks to Marv Floom and our parish Respect Life committee for putting together this exhibit.

**Message from Most Reverend Michael R. Burbidge,  
Bishop of the Diocese of Arlington,  
On Respect Life Month 2019**

During the month of October, we join with dioceses across the country to mark Respect Life Month. We take as our theme this year “Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life.” Our focus on hope is greatly needed in a world suffering the harmful consequences of a “throwaway culture.”

May we take this month to renew our commitment to the sacredness of life at every stage; to creating a society where all human beings are welcomed; where abortion, euthanasia and suicide are unthinkable; and where the elderly, inmates, immigrants and those with disabilities are treated with dignity and respect.

Our efforts to uphold the dignity of life must be rooted in prayer, advocacy and witness. We pray daily and fervently, trusting in the power of God to make all things new.

In a special way, the Church continues to shine the healing light of mercy on all men and women who have lost children through abortion. Project Rachel offers free, confidential, and compassionate support to all who seek Christ’s healing.

Our parishes also stand as beacons of hope as through the Gabriel Project they accompany expectant families in challenging pregnancies. Life-affirming help for those seeking to make adoption plans for their unborn children is available through Catholic Charities.

May Mary, our mother, intercede for us as we turn to God seeking His grace to be courageous and faithful witnesses to the Gospel of Life.

Sincerely,

*Fr. John O’Connor, O.F.M.*

**CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS  
CHOIR COMING SOON!**

**Calling all our young singers from grades 2 through 8!** It is not too early to be thinking about the Children’s Christmas Choir.

**Rehearsals begin November 3rd from 3:15 p.m.—4:30 p.m. in the Church.** Rehearsals are each Sunday from November 3rd through December 22nd. Performances include the Festival of Praise on Friday, December 20th and Christmas Eve. Registration forms are available online at <http://www.stfrancis.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/2018-Childrens-Christmas-Choir-Registration-Form.pdf> or at the first rehearsal.



Questions? Please contact Colleen Wells at [cwells@stfrancis.org](mailto:cwells@stfrancis.org).



The Knights of Columbus invites all parishioners to pray a Novena to Celebrate the Gospel of Life beginning **Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> after the 8:45 a.m. Mass.** If you are unable to join us, please pray at home October 14th—October 22nd.

*O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time. Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. — Saint John Paul II - Evangelium Vitae*

**The parishes responsible for emergency anointings are:**

- INOVA—Lorton—**Our Lady of Angels**, Woodbridge
- INOVA—Mt. Vernon—**Good Shepherd**, Alexandria
- INOVA—Fairfax (**Hospital’s Chaplain’s office 24/7**)
- INOVA—Fair Oaks—**St. Veronica’s**, Chantilly
- INOVA—Alexandria—**Blessed Sacrament**, Alexandria
- Mary Washington Hospital—**St. Mary’s**, Fredericksburg
- Prince William Hospital—**All Saints**, Manassas
- Sentara Hospital—**Our Lady of Angels**, Woodbridge
- Spotsylvania Hospital—**St. Jude**, Fredericksburg
- Stafford Hospital—**St. William of York**, Stafford
- Virginia Hospital—**St. Ann’s**, Arlington

## St. Francis House Corner

Thanks for 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 who are in need.



### Item of the Month: Laundry Detergent

- Spaghetti and Pasta
- Canned Fruit
- Hamburger Helper
- Cereal

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

**Angels and Goblins Wanted...Costumes that is!** If you have accumulated unused/used Halloween costumes, please consider donating them to St. Francis House. Please place costumes in the container located in the vestibule of the Church.



### Advanced Medical Directives: Planning for Your Future

Human life is good and to be protected. All medical decisions ought to reflect this core belief. Yet some medical and legal documents used to define a patient's future care can be harmful. No matter how well crafted, they cannot predict all the possible scenarios and best courses of action. In each set of circumstances, we need to judge whether a given treatment will provide real benefit to the patient without causing harm or disproportionate burdens. The safest option is to designate a health care agent to make decisions if you become incapable of doing so. It is best to appoint a responsible, trustworthy person who understands and share your Catholic values, and can apply them when the need arises.

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October is Respect Life Month. For further information, please contact **Marv Floom at [marv\\_floom@verizon.net](mailto:marv_floom@verizon.net) or 703-878-9243**.



### Votive Candles

Envelopes are provided for the candle money. **Please place them in the 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, noviembre 8, 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: **Jabón de Lavar Ropa**

- Espagueti & Pasta
- Fruta enlatada
- Cereal
- Ayudante de Cocina (Hamburger Helper)

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

Por favor recuerde que la Iglesia es un espacio sagrado donde se reserva el Santísimo Sacramento.

Es genial que las personas se queden en los terrenos de la Iglesia y conversen entre ellas. Sin embargo, le pedimos que sus conversaciones se lleven a cabo en el lobby o en el área inmediatamente fuera de la Iglesia.

Esta práctica respetará a la Iglesia como un espacio sagrado y permitirá a aquellos que deseen permanecer en la Iglesia para la oración privada la oportunidad de hacerlo.

Apreciamos mucho su cooperación en este cambio.

**Please Pray For** **All those who are sick:** Theresa Drabant; Gary Ward; Kathy Powers; Robert Korzen; Sue Long; and Imelda Pine.

**And for those recently deceased:** Rita Barr.

**Please pray for the following who are serving abroad in harm's way:** James O'Sullivan; Tyler Jones; Drew; and Leo N. Company.

**Our Knights of Columbus** are offering *Christmas wreaths, centerpieces, and table top holiday trees*. The Holiday Evergreens you purchase for yourself, family, and friends will be delivered via Fed-X in a festive carton with your personalized message in early December. A tree will be planted for every item sold. Please order online at [www.mickmanholidaygifts.com](http://www.mickmanholidaygifts.com) and use our coupon code **KNIGHTVA003**. You will get a \$3 discount and our Council gets a donation. **Free shipping on orders of 2 or more items.**



**Faith Formation Office**

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Office Hours: Monday—Thursday: 8:00 am—2:00 pm  
Friday: Closed

**Religious Education for 2019-2020**

- Oct. 13 NO RE—Columbus Day Weekend
- 17 Thursday RE Session
- 20 Sunday RE Session
- 24 Thursday RE Session
- 27 Sunday RE Session
- 31 NO RE—Eve of All Saints
- Nov. 3 Sunday RE Session
- 7 NO RE—Veterans' Day Weekend
- 10 NO RE—Veterans' Day Weekend
- 14 Thursday RE Session
- 17 Sunday RE Session
- 21 Thursday RE Session
- 24 Sunday RE Session
- 28 NO RE—Happy Thanksgiving
- Dec. 1 NO RE—Thanksgiving Day Weekend

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, October 13th**  
Columbus Day Weekend  
**NO REAL ACTIVITIES**

**Sunday, October 20th**  
6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.  
St. Catherine Room  
**REAL Time (Youth Group)**  
All Teens Grades 9-12



**Sunday, October 27th**  
6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.  
St. Catherine Room  
**REAL Fun—Halloween Party**  
All Teens Grades 9-12



Questions? Please contact Brandon Jubar at [bjubar@stfrcis.org](mailto:bjubar@stfrcis.org).

**Baptismal Preparation Class**

Our next class will be held on **Sunday, November 10, 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.



**Women's Group Begins Thursday, October 17th 9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m., in the Parish Center Dining Facility.** Women of all ages are invited to join us for food, fellowship and discussion on two Thursday mornings a month, beginning October 17th. *Everyone is asked to pay \$20, and childcare is provided for an additional contribution of \$20 per family.* We will begin this year with a new small group study. More information is available on our website: [www.stfrcis.org/groups](http://www.stfrcis.org/groups) or contact Melissa Morgan ([3melmorgan@gmail.com](mailto:3melmorgan@gmail.com)).



Mark your calendars for our **Annual Chili Cook-off to be held Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** in the Parish Center Gymnasium! This is a fun family event with something for everyone: Children's Halloween

costume parade and contest, pumpkin carving and decorating contest, kid activity zone, dessert and chili competitions! **The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family to attend.**

Please return the attached flyer (which can be found on the parish website [www.stfrcis.org](http://www.stfrcis.org)) with payment to the School (Parish Center) Office by Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> for advance registration. Walk-ins are welcome on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

We are looking for competitors for our Chili, Dessert, and Pumpkin Competitions. *Chili/Dessert drop-off and set-up begins at 5:30 p.m. on October 26th.* Please bring your already decorated and carved pumpkin to the Chili Cook-Off to compete for great prizes!

**Open House**

SAVE THE DATE! There will be an Open House at Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School on Sunday, **November 3rd from 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.** All are welcome to tour our lovely building, meet our administration, teachers and coaches, explore our house system and clubs, and meet current students and families. Our accredited college-preparatory curriculum is a rigorous course of study, featuring a unique formation in Bioethics. John Paul is also proud to offer Special Services, which includes an inclusive Options Program: a special education program for students with moderate intellectual or cognitive disabilities. Location: 1770 Dominican Drive, Potomac Shores, VA 22026.



Please contact us for more information: [admissions@jpthegreat.org](mailto:admissions@jpthegreat.org) or 703-445-0218.



*St. Francis of Assisi School 2019 National Blue Ribbon School*



**St. Francis of Assisi School in the Catholic Diocese of Arlington Recognized as Exemplary High Performing National Blue Ribbon School for 2019**

**National Blue Ribbon Award Highlights Achievement of Students, Educators and Families**

ARLINGTON, VA—St. Francis of Assisi School, grades pre-K through eighth, in the Catholic Diocese of Arlington is being recognized as an Exemplary High Performing National Blue Ribbon School for 2019 by the U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos. The award highlights the achievement of the students, educators, families and larger community at St. Francis of Assisi. Only 50 non-public schools are recognized annually.

Bishop Michael F. Burbidge, Catholic Diocese of Arlington said, "I am very proud to hear that St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School has been recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School. This award acknowledges the quality of education at St. Francis of Assisi and demonstrates the collaborative efforts of parents and catholic educators in the academic and faith formation of our students. I commend and thank the entire St. Francis of Assisi school community for what they have accomplished and ask God to continue to bless all their endeavors."

"We are thrilled to learn of St Francis of Assisi School's selection as a Blue Ribbon school," added Dr. Joseph Vorbach, Superintendent, Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Arlington. "This national recognition by the U.S. Department of Education is an acknowledgment of the mission-focused commitment to every student that is a hallmark of the St. Francis of Assisi school community."

Begun in 1982, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program Award recognizes private and public elementary, middle and high schools at which students achieve high learning standards or are making notable improvements in closing the achievement gap.

"We recognize and honor your important work in preparing students for successful careers and meaningful lives," said U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos in a video message to the honorees. "As a National Blue Ribbon School, your school demonstrates what is possible when committed educators hold all students and staff to high standards and create vibrant, innovative cultures of teaching and learning."

Dr. Vorbach and Dr. Tricia Barber, Principal, St. Francis of Assisi School, will be presented with the National Blue Ribbon School plaque and flag as symbols of the school's achievement on November 15, 2019 at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in Fort Washington, MD.



## Mass Intentions

<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>October 12—Weekday</b>
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Cy Kelly †Harry Logel †Joseph Brazil
<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b>October 13—28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
7:30 AM	†Alice Tippit †George Selepak †Hal Wilhite
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Nicholas Colletti Barbara Colletti
10:45 AM	†Diem X. Bui †James A. Carmack †Betty Jane Carmack
12:15 PM	†Bob and †Clara Kennedy †George Beck †Geri Layne
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Olivia and †Severo Miravalles †Amalia Beltran People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY,</b>	<b>October 14—Weekday</b>
8:45 AM	†Lucyna Leczycka †Louise Reinhardt †Rita Barr
<b>TUESDAY,</b>	<b>October 15—St. Teresa of Jesus</b>
8:45 AM	James Sylvester Erin Mooney Timothy Connor Mooney
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b>	<b>October 16—Weekday</b>
8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik †Tom McCabe
<b>THURSDAY,</b>	<b>October 17—St. Ignatius of Antioch</b>
8:45 AM	†Herman Kastner †Maria Cristina DeSocio †Trinidad Andres
<b>FRIDAY,</b>	<b>October 18—St. Luke, Evangelist</b>
8:45 AM	†Russell and †Mary Vullo †Jeff Brown †Kevin Ryan Herrmann
<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>October 19—Sts. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions</b>
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Cy Kelly †Adelaide Wenzel In Thanksgiving

### SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank  
**Hand Prayed Rosaries—Teresa Limber**  
for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

### Mass Intentions on Sunday, October 20, 2019

7:30 AM	Jacob Staten †Alice Tippit †Carole Zovak
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik George Hall †Adelaide Wenzel
10:45 AM	†Diem X. Bui †Dan Maris †Fonya Liggett
12:15 PM	Ferenschak Family People of the Parish †Paul Hansen
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	Kevin Johnston †Leroy C. Barton Donna Barton

### Readings for the Week of October 13, 2019

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Romans 2:1-11; Luke 11:42-46</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Romans 4:13, 16-18; Luke 12:8-12</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Exodus 17:8-13; 2 Timothy 3:14—4:2; Luke 18:1-8</b>



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By BIRTH OR  
MARRIAGE**

The Fr. Mychal Judge, O.F.M. Ladies Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians **will be meeting on Monday, October 14, 2019** in the **Parish Center Library!** We will gather at 6:45 p.m. The meeting will last from 7:00 p.m.-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 Collette White at 703-405-2558 or [collette4547@gmail.com](mailto:collette4547@gmail.com).**



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

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## Gospel Today

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Luke 17:11-19

Jesus healed ten lepers, people with a skin disease, but only one came back to say thank you.

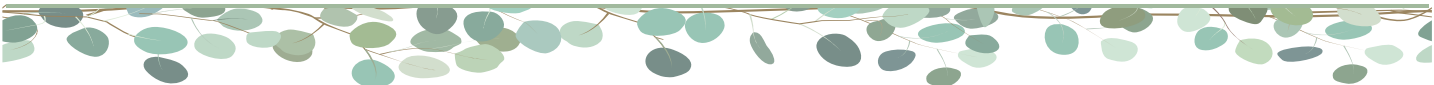
Ten lepers called out "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" — Luke 17:14

They all had **faith**, they all were **healed**, they all were **happy** to be able to return home. But only one went back to say "Thank you." Jesus asked the man, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine?" — Luke 17:17

Jesus was pleased with the Samaritan and said, "Stand up and go, your faith has saved you." — Luke 17:19



Dear Jesus,  
Thank you for...



God gives us everything, but sometimes we get so happy and excited we forget to say thank you to God for His goodness. Color and fill in the space above with words or a picture of what you want to thank God for. Hang it in a visible place.

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Don't be afraid...Be Ready



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