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"Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who have been blessed by my Father! Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the

Matthew 25:34

foundation

of the world."

Parish Office Hours - Mon.-Thurs. 8:00 AM—4:00 PM Fri. 8:00 AM—12:00 PM Phone 703-221-4044 Fax 703-221-3246 In a Sacramental Emergency - 703-221-5697 EUCHARIST Saturday Vigil - 5:30 PM

Saturday Vigii - 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

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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Cracks have been discovered in some of the church pews. It appears to be a design flaw. The manufacturer did not extend the wooden reinforcement supports to the end of the pews, thus creating a problem.

The sales representative of the company from which the pews were bought inspected all the pews last week and found 15 pews with cracks.

The pews are guaranteed for 25 years and will be repaired or replaced.

Sincerely,

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

2019 St. Francis Parish Appeal

Currently our parish has reached 25% of our goal of \$300,000 for the St. Francis Parish Appeal. We are very grateful to those who have already supported this year's appeal.

We know that there are families who have not yet made a gift or a pledge to the appeal and we are asking for support from every household.

There are appeal envelopes in the vestibule of the church that you may fill out and place in the Catch-All slot or bring to the Parish Office. Using the tear-off slip below, you may make a one-time donation or a pledge that can be paid throughout the year.

St. Francis Parish Appeal funds not only our immediate parish needs but also helps to finance our outstanding outreach programs, to the

disadvantaged and needy. Let us join together to do the Lord's work—works that touch the lives and souls of thousands of people. Please reflect on your blessings and consider joining in support of the Parish Appeal. Every donation/pledge is important! Thank you in advance for your great generosity!

On December 10th 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.





St. Francis of Assisi parish has supported the Un-Trim-A-Tree Program for more than 17 years, providing assistance for families in need in Dumfries, Triangle, and Quantico. This year St. Francis of Assisi will also be providing gifts for a number of refugee families sponsored by Catholic Charities and the Bill Mehr Homeless Shelter. To assist you in the process we have some answers to your frequently asked questions (FAQ'S) below:

What do I do with the tag? Take it home, shop for the gift and return the tag taped to the present by the request date. Do Not Wrap the present

What is the tag for? The tag is very important as it indicates the individual's information, what the individual wants and also the way the gifts are sorted and distributed. When you pull a tag from one of the trees, copy the information down or take a picture of the tag to ensure that if you lose the tag you will still have the pertinent information like: name, sex, age, code, and wish.

Where do I drop the Present? Gifts may be placed under the tree. They are removed daily.

Presents must be returned by Sunday, December 8th.

(NO Exceptions)

Can I give additional items than those requests on the tag? Yes, we always welcome and make good use of additional presents.

Do you have questions about the Un-trim-A-Tree Program? Please contact Francia Salguero 703-221-6344 or 571-572-5862 calisa3@verizon.net. Thank you very much for your continuing support of this program.

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St. Francis House Corner

Thanks for the donations from all of our parishioners. The items of the month are appreciated very much by our clients. With your generosity, we will continue to serve those who are in need.



Items of the Month: Sugar and Coffee

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

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



We are in dire need of assistance to feed dinners to our brothers and sisters at the Overnight Homeless 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 Salguero at 571-572-5862.

Thanksgiving Eucharist



There will be a Thanksgiving Eucharist on Thursday, November 28th at 8:45 a.m., in the Church. Please bring your Thanksgiving food baskets and place them on the steps of the sanctuary. During this special Liturgy of thankfulness, the food to be eaten around our family table will be blessed, as will our lives of Christian living and witness! Hace unbuen dia de accion de Gratias!



Please Pray For All those who are sick: David Back; Aaron Childs; Lori Colligan;

Tanya Bond; Carol Higgins; Simmons Family; Randall Family; Juliet Erasmo; and S.J. Defibaugh.

And for those recently deceased: Elisabeth Nowak.

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

Keep Christ In Christmas Card sales take place

on **December 8th** during Donut Sunday in the Parish Center Dining Hall and on **December 15th** after the morning Masses.



Boletín Semanal

Charlas Bautismales—Las próximas charlas bautismales en español serán el viernes, diciembre 13, 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: Azúcar y Café

- **Espaqueti & 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 gueden 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.



Votive Candles

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

If you are moving/changing your address, please notify the Parish Office so that we may be able to keep our records up-to-date. Change forms are also available on the tables in the vestibule, from the



Parish Office, or from the parish website www.stfrncis.org. If you are changing your phone number because you are using a cellular phone and/or forgoing your land phone, the Parish Office would also like that information. Please call us at 703-221-4044, ext. 222. Thank you.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank www.hermitagenova.org for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

Faith Formation Office

Phone: 703-221-3127 Fax: 703-221-3246
Office Hours: Monday—Thursday: 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Friday: Closed

Religious Education for 2019-2020

Nov. 24 Sunday RE Session

28 NO RE—Happy Thanksgiving

Dec. 1 NO RE—Thanksgiving Day Weekend

Thursday RE SessionSunday RE Session

12 Thursday RE Session



The 2019 Children's Christmas Pageant will take place on Christmas Eve at 3:15 p.m., prior to the 4:00 p.m. Mass in the Church. Children ages 4 and up are needed to fill the many roles in the Pageant. If your child is interested and you can make the time commitment to attend all practices, please turn in your completed registration form to the Religious Education Office or in the "Catch-All Slot" (located in the vestibule of the Church), no later than November 24, 2019. Children who are in the Christmas Choir are not eligible to be in the Christmas Pageant. There is limited space available, so please return your registration form promptly. Forms are available at www.stfrncis.org under the RE page. Rehearsals are mandatory. For more information, please call the RE Office at 703-221-3127 or email recoor@stfrncis.org.

Project Bread for Life



Confirmation students will be selling fresh bread after all Masses during the weekend of **December 7th and 8th**. Project Bread for Life supports thousands of families and abandoned children who live in unspeakable conditions. Your bread purchase will

help the Poor Servants of the Mother of God religious community of Sisters providing nursing care, literacy and parenting skills classes for adults, and education for children.

Baptismal Preparation Class

Our next class will be held on **Sunday**, **December 8, 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!! The 2020 Discovering Christ session will begin at St. Francis of Assis parish on Thursday, January 9th. Participants in this 7 week series will meet on Thursday evenings at 6:45 p.m. beginning January 9th and continuing through February 20th. Enjoy a delicious 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 8th. The cost of registration for this event is \$25 per person and all meals are included. Please contact Sheila Noble, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, at 703-221-3127, ext. 238 or snoble@stfrncis.org for more information or to register.

St. Francis High School Youth Ministry is called <u>REAL!</u>
<u>REAL</u> stands for Respect, Engage, Accept, Live! <u>REAL</u> 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 <u>REAL</u> is all about!









Sunday, November 24th 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. St. Catherine Room <u>REAL</u> Leadership Leadership Team ONLY

Sunday, December 1st Thanksgiving Break NO REAL ACTIVITIES

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

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



FESTIVAL OF PRAISE

Presented by the Saint Francis of Assisi Music Ministry

DECEMBER 20 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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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	November 23—Weekday Sacrament of Reconciliation †Cy Kelly †Courtne Sharee Shelby
SUNDAY,	Sheila and Joe Grafmuller November 24—Our Lord Jesus Christ The King
7:30 AM	†Alice Tippit †Elaine Walz
9:00 AM	†Don Scroggins †Theresa Tsao †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
10:45 AM	†Flor Rodriguez †Clifford Buckley †Tam D. Vu
12:15 PM	†Ken T. Dao †Bob and †Clara Kennedy †Palmer Howard †Robert Wolf
1:30 PM 5:30 PM	Misa en español All Souls Novena People of the Parish
MONDAY, 8:45 AM	tEd Dougherty November 25—Weekday tElsa and tNestor Coll tChristine C. MacLeod
TUESDAY, 8:45 AM	†Douglas MacLeod November 26—Weekday †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Cynthia Alfro Aguilar
WEDNESDAY, 8:45 AM	November 27—Weekday All Souls Novena †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
THURSDAY, 8:45 AM	November 28—Weekday †Harry Ravert †Donald Widener †Bernie Yvon
FRIDAY, 8:45 AM	November 29—Weekday †Helen Buckley †Kevin Ryan Herrmann †Margaret Rose Teodosio
SATURDAY, 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	November 30—Weekday Sacrament of Reconciliation †Cy Kelly †James Tarbell †Harry Logel

Please Note: The Mass Intention book for 2020 will open on Monday, December 16, 2019.

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.

Mass Intentions on Sunday, December 1, 2019

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7:30 AM	†Alice Tippit
	†Florence and †Stan Rezler
	†Telka Penley
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
	†Nicholas Colletti
	Barbara Colletti
10:45 AM	†Loi D. Vu
	†Tiep D. Vu
	†Minh Ly T. Tran
12:15 PM	†Darrell Lay
	†Anna Endrizzi
	People of the Parish
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Donald Stevenson
	†David Earle
	†Margaret T. MacLeod
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Readin	gs for the Week of November 24, 2019
Monday	Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20;
	Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Luke 21:1-4
Tuesday	Daniel 2:31-45; Daniel 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61;
_	Luke 21:5-11
Wednesday	Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28;
	Daniel 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67;
	Luke 21:12-19
Thursday	Daniel 6:12-28;
	Daniel 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74;
	Luke 21:20-28; Sirach 50:22-24;
	1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Luke 17:11-19
Friday	Daniel 7:2-14;
	Daniel 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81;
	Luke 21:29-33
Saturday	Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22
Sunday	Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14;
	Matthew 24:37-44

Saturday, December 7th Please Come Help Distribute the Christmas Wreaths at Quantico National Cemetery



On Saturday, December 7th,

volunteers will descend on Quantico

National Cemetery to help distribute more than 9,000 Christmas wreaths on the graves of our fallen national heroes. Volunteers will arrive early (9-9:30 a.m.). Please use the main entrance on Joplin Road (Route 619), pass the large flagpoles at the main gate, take the first left onto Rappahannock Place, and park your vehicle alongside the roadway - not off on the grass.

At 10:00 a.m. a short ceremony will commence with the presentation of Colors by the Quantico MCB Honor Guard at the circle in Section 10 followed by the distribution and placement of the 2019 Christmas wreaths.

Many, many hands are needed and you we encourage you to attend and assist. In December Quantico National Cemetery can be cold and blustery so please dress warm and bring work gloves.



Gospel Today Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe / Luke 23:35-43

As the crowd was teasing Jesus about being King of the Jews, one of the criminals believed the truth of who Jesus was, and that He was innocent of any crime. Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Luke 23:42

From the Sacred Heart of Jesus love is passed to the hearts of all who accept Him. The Kingdom of God continues to expand through the love of His believers.



Jesus, remember me when you come into your

Luke 23:42



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