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 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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 (English and Spanish)

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 Arrangements are made with the parish office.

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

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From the Friars



I am calling your attention to the Just One Yes movement initiated by our Bishop. It is a very appropriate program for this season of Advent, for as the Bishop states, "Through the power of the Holy Spirit your One Yes To Christ will transform the world by turning darkness to light, division to unity, and chaos to peace."

Details of the program can be found in the latest addition of the Arlington Catholic Herald or on the Diocesan website.

Congratulations to Francia Salugero (Director of Francis House) for being chosen "Citizen of the Year" by the Omega Psi Phi fraternity!

Friar Henry and I recently returned from a week long meeting of Franciscan leaders from Holy Name Province. This meeting was the last phase of a year long process to determine which ministries the friars will continue to staff after our provincial Chapter next June.

An announcement of the decision will be made the first week of January. I have made reference to this process in previous communications to the parish.

Sincerely,

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

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Mary of Nazareth changed the world forever when she offered her simple "yes" to the angel Gabriel and agreed to give birth to the Son of God, Jesus Christ. Because of her "yes," God entered our world, died for our sins, and opened wide the gates of heaven. In humble acknowledgment of the power of just one "yes," for the Advent and Christmas seasons, we are launching the Just One Yes campaign to encourage everyone in the Diocese to increase their connection to God through prayer, service of others, and self-sacrifice. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, your one yes will transform the world by turning darkness to light, division to unity, and chaos to peace.



There are so many ways to "just say yes" to God. Each time you pray an Act of Contrition, a Rosary, or your favorite prayer, you chose Just One Yes that brings you closer to God. Each time you teach a child or a friend about Christ and His Church, you have said "yes" to God.

Whenever you spend time with the Lord before the Blessed Sacrament, you have said "yes." The same can be said each time you donate food to the poor, bring clothing to the homeless, or offer up a personal suffering. Thinking about and then choosing just one yes draws you deeper into the heart of Christ who rejoices in our company.

Each action, each "yes" to God, no matter how small, is a profound sign of devotion and humble acknowledgment of how much we need Our Lord to be in our lives. Once you say "yes" to God once, you will want to say "yes" many times over. Let us join together and commit to prayer, service and self-sacrifice during the Advent and Christmas seasons this year.

Go to ArlingtonDiocese.org/JustOneYes to participate.

Make this Advent and Christmas different than previous years. Commit to Just One Yes. It will change you, your family, your community, and, like Mary's powerful "yes" to God, it can change the world.

May Our Lord continue to bless you and your family, now and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Bishop Michael F. Burbidge

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.




Mark Your Calendars for the Annual Festival of Praise!
December 20th 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.**

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.**



Please Pray For **All those who are sick:** Estrella Monzon; Gary Ward; David Back; Aaron Childs; Lori Colligan; and Tanya Bond.

And for those recently deceased: Jamison Clark; and Parris Anthony Phelps, Sr.

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.

**St. Francis House
Corner**

Thank you for the donations from 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 Sauce
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Cereal
- Mac Cheese

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

Important Paper Forms

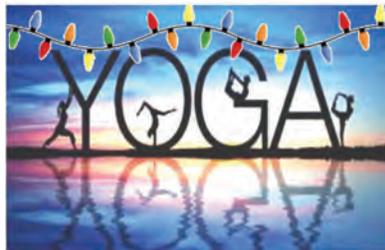
We ask that you please not allow children to play or write on the forms located on the tables directly below the bulletin board. These are very important papers. We thank you for your help in this matter.



The **55+ Ministry** is looking for volunteers to help stuff Christmas gift bags for Envoy nursing home residents and clients of St. Francis House.

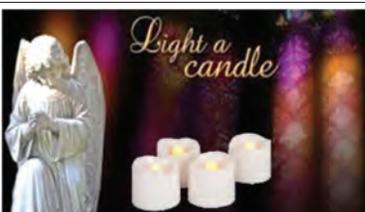
This is a great opportunity to socialize as a 55+ community while making the holiday a bit brighter for neighbors in need. Please come to the **Knights of Columbus Hall in the basement of the Parish Center after the 8:45 a.m. daily Mass on Tuesday, December 17th** to stuff the bags with items to be collected through the Un-Trim-a-Tree program. If you can help, please contact **Francia Salguero** at **571-572-5862** or francias@stfrncis.org.

Advent Yoga class on **Tuesday, December 10th** 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 enjoy.

For more information, please contact **Rita Evans** at **540-270-0667** or at breathofheavenyoga@outlook.com.



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.**

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

- Salsa para espaguetis
- Crema de maní y mermelada
- Cereal
- Macarrones con queso

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

Formas en la Iglesia:

Les pedimos por favor no dejar a sus niños jugar o escribir en las formas que se encuentran en las mesas de la iglesia. Estos son documentos con información muy importante. Muchas gracias por su colaboración.

“As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Greek-speaking Christians complained about the Hebrew-speaking Christians, saying that their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, ‘It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.’ The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit...” (Acts 6:1-5).



We in Stephen Ministry serve as Stephen did. Please email **Kathy Walker** at kwalker@stfrncis.org to talk and get a better understanding of what this ministry is about. **New formation classes start in February.**

If you would like to make a donation for **Christmas**



Memorial Flowers, envelopes are available on the tables in the vestibule. Anyone who wishes 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.

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

- Dec. 8 Sunday RE Session
- 12 Thursday RE Session
- 15 Sunday RE Session
- 19 Thursday RE Session

December 22nd—January 5th
NO RE—Christmas Break

Middle School Youth Group



All middle school students are invited to attend Middle School Youth Group on **Sunday, December 15th from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. in the Gym of the Parish Center!** Join us for fun, FOOD and fellowship!! *We will also have a fun inexpensive gift exchange for those who are interested.* Please contact Sheila Noble (snoble@stfrancis.org) with any questions or to get details about the gift exchange.

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 8th
6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
St. Catherine Room

REAL Time (Youth Group)
All Teens Grades 9-12



Sunday, December 15th
6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
Parish Center Dining Hall
REAL Fun—Christmas Party
All Teens Grades 9-12



Sunday, December 22nd
Christmas Break
NO REAL ACTIVITIES

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



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 9, 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.

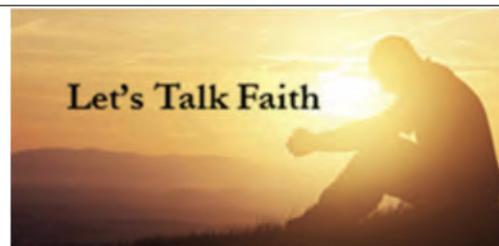
Once a part of this Irish Catholic Organization—all we would ask is for you to live our motto of:

"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.**

Baptismal Preparation Class

Our next class will be held on **Sunday, January 12, 2020 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 speaker series
December 22, 2019
10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Parish Center Dining Facility

On Sunday, October 27th our Let's Talk Faith speaker series will start with a **presentation by Brandon Jubar**, on The Incarnation. 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.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **Kristin Burns, Realtor** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

St. Francis of Assisi Pre-Kindergarten

St. Francis of Assisi School offers a full day Pre-Kindergarten Monday-Friday with the following features:

Before & After School Childcare

- 6:30am - 8:00am
- 3:05pm - 6:30pm

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- Art
- Computer
- Library
- Music
- Physical Education
- Spanish



Our Philosophy

Through Catholic education children are given the opportunity to respond in faith to Jesus Christ, to understand His message, and develop moral standards of conduct and personal integrity.

The curriculum integrates religious truths with academics to help your child grow spiritually, educationally and physically.

Admission

By September 30th, a child must be 4 years old to enter Pre-Kindergarten. To apply, students must have the following: Application for Admission, Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate (if applicable) and the Virginia School Entrance Health Form.

Dress Code

School and physical education uniforms are required for Pre-Kindergarten.

Religion

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SATURDAY,	December 7—St. Ambrose
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Cy Kelly †Bob Beiner †Anne Gordon
SUNDAY,	December 8—Second Sunday of Advent
7:30 AM	†Alice Tippit †Florence Hartt †Irene Kszanznak
9:00 AM	†Donna Bowman Olds †Ben Badami †Marie Newman
10:45 AM	†Diem X. Bui People of the Parish
12:15 PM	†Concepcion Andres †Federico C. Casupang, Sr. †George Beck
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Severo and †Olivia Miravalles †Frank Maris †Thomas Bordigon
MONDAY,	December 9—Immaculate Conception
8:45 AM	John R. Kastner and Family †Concepcion Abeleda
TUESDAY,	December 10—Advent Weekday
8:45 AM	Sarah Ecklund
WEDNESDAY,	December 11—Advent Weekday
8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik †Mary V. Deitz
THURSDAY,	December 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe
8:45 AM	Fiona and Hazel Winston In Thanksgiving
FRIDAY,	December 13—St. Lucy
8:45 AM	†Kevin Ryan Herrmann †Adelaide Wenzel †Fr. Jim Toal, O.F.M.
SATURDAY,	December 14—St. John of the Cross
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Cy Kelly People of the Parish †Margaret Teodosio

The **Rosary Guild** meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Please join us at our next meeting on **Wednesday, December 11th** from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. in the [St. Clare Room](#). All are welcome. **For more information, please call Otella Creegan at 571-264-0312.**



Christmas Novena Mass cards are available in the vestibule of the church. Please return the envelope with those names to be prayed for to the church by **December 20, 2019.**

Mass Intentions on Sunday, December 15, 2019

7:30 AM	†Alice Tippit †Elaine Walz †Gerri Rezler
9:00 AM	†Gregory Sanderson †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Dorothea Cariello
10:45 AM	†Diem X. Bui †Bong T. Nguyen †Margarita and Juanita Alb
12:15 PM	†Frances and †Christopher Maloney †Elizabeth Halpin †Ann and †Anthony Quaranto
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†James L. Mooney †Marguerite H. Mooney Melissa C. Willey

Mass Schedule

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

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

4:00 p.m. – Mass in the gym (Cantor)

5:45 Prelude **6:00 p.m. Children's Mass**
(Children's Choir)

6:00 p.m. Overflow Mass in the gym

7:30 Prelude **8:00 p.m. Mass** (Teen Choir/Ensemble)
8:00 p.m. Spanish Mass in the gym

9:30 Prelude **10:30 p.m. Mass** (Adult Choir)

(No Mass at Midnight)

Christmas Day

9:00 a.m. Mass (Cantor)

10:45 a.m. Mass (Cantor)

12:15 p.m. Mass (Cantor)

Dec. 26th

8:45 a.m. Morning Mass

Readings for the Week of December 8, 2019

Monday	Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38
Tuesday	Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14
Wednesday	Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30
Thursday	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
Friday	Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19
Saturday	Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday	Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



KID'S KORNER

Gospel Today
Second Sunday of Advent / Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist prepared the people for the coming of Jesus. He taught them to repent, be sorry for their sins and reform their lives to be good and helpful to others.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Directions

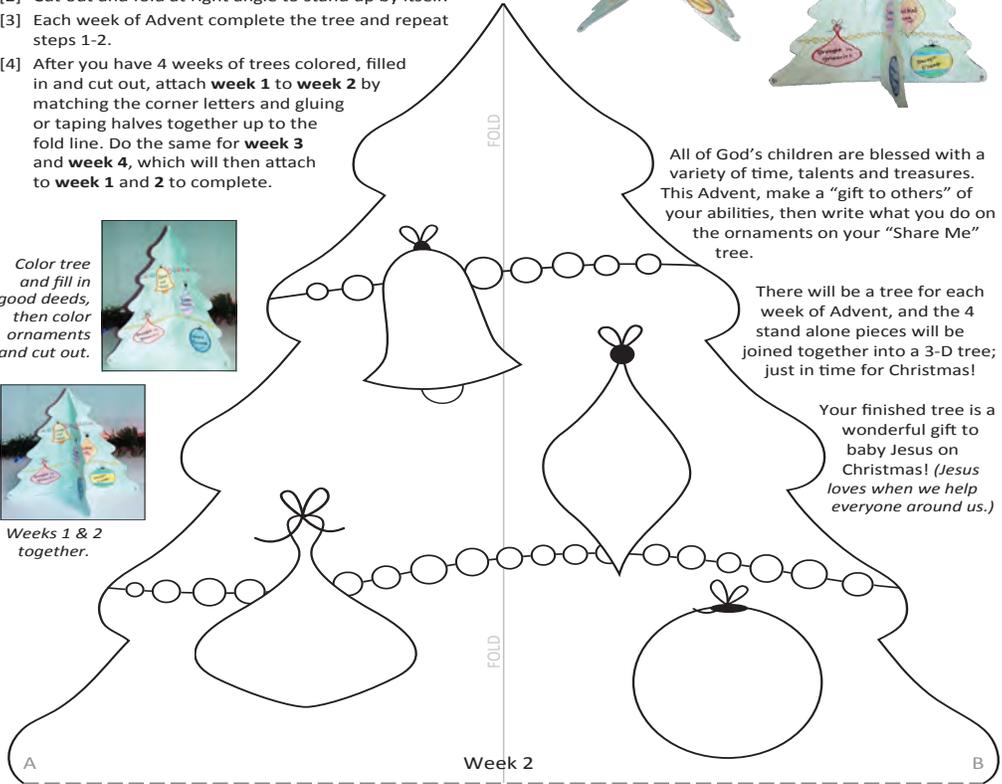
- [1] Color the tree green, write your good deeds on the ornaments and color them in.
- [2] Cut out and fold at right angle to stand up by itself.
- [3] Each week of Advent complete the tree and repeat steps 1-2.
- [4] After you have 4 weeks of trees colored, filled in and cut out, attach **week 1** to **week 2** by matching the corner letters and gluing or taping halves together up to the fold line. Do the same for **week 3** and **week 4**, which will then attach to **week 1** and **2** to complete.



Color tree and fill in good deeds, then color ornaments and cut out.



Weeks 1 & 2 together.



All of God's children are blessed with a variety of time, talents and treasures. This Advent, make a "gift to others" of your abilities, then write what you do on the ornaments on your "Share Me" tree.

There will be a tree for each week of Advent, and the 4 stand alone pieces will be joined together into a 3-D tree; just in time for Christmas!

Your finished tree is a wonderful gift to baby Jesus on Christmas! (Jesus loves when we help everyone around us.)



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