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Parish Office Hours - Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 AM—3:00 PM Fri. 9:00 AM-12:00 PM Phone 703-221-4044 Fax 703-221-3246 In a Sacramental Emergency—703-468-1180

EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil - 5:30 PM (Live Streamed) Sunday - 9:00 AM (Must Pre-Register); 11:00 AM (Must Pre-Register); 5:30 PM (Must Pre-Register) 1:30 PM - Español (Must Pre-Register and Live Streamed)

Monday - Friday - 8:45 AM (maximum seating 50 people)

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: 3:30 PM-4:30 PM and by appointment (English) Saturday: 3:30 PM-4:30 PM and by appointment (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.

703-221-3868

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Schedule for Holy Week and Easter Sunday March 28th—April 4th

Please visit <u>www.stfrncis.eventbrite.com</u> to reserve a seat for one of the Masses listed below:

March 28th Palm Sunday *Regular Mass Schedule*

March 31st Wednesday 7:00-8:00 PM Individual Confession

April 1st Holy Thursday 7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual) (Live Streamed)*

April 2nd Good Friday

 3:00 PM Liturgy of Good Friday (Live Streamed)*
 7:30 PM Liturgy of Good Friday en español (Live Streamed)*

April 3rd Holy Saturday Note: <u>No</u> Saturday 5:30 p.m. Mass

8:30 PM Easter Vigil (Live Streamed)*

April 4th 9:00 AM	Easter Sunday Mass (Live Streamed) *
11:00 AM	Mass
1:30 PM	Misa en Español (Live Streamed)*

Note: No 5:30 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday

*Photography and Audio/Video Recording

Notice: By entering and by your presence here at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, you consent on behalf of yourself and/or your child(ren) to be photographed, recorded or live streamed during the liturgy (celebration of the Mass, Baptism, Wedding, etc.), event, or conference taking place.

You and your child(ren) are also consenting to the Parish and Diocese of Arlington using any photography, recording or live streaming content from this event for its own purposes.

All photography, recording or live streaming will be done in reliance on this consent given by you on behalf of yourself and/or child(ren) entering this area. If you do not agree to the foregoing, please do not enter this area.

During Holy Week, Mass will be celebrated at 8:45 am Monday through Wednesday.

<u>There will be NO Mass at 8:45 am on</u> <u>Holy Thursday and Good Friday.</u>

Readings for the Week of March 21, 2021		
Monday	Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or	
-	13:41c-62; John 8:1-11	
Tuesday	Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30	
Wednesday	Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42	
Thursday	Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10;	
-	Luke 1:26-38	
Friday	Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42	
Saturday	Ezekiel 37:21-28;	
-	Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13;	
	John 11:45-56	
Sunday	Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16;	
-	Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11;	
	Mark 14:1—15:47or 15:1-39	

Keep those used printer cartridges coming!

Faith Formation has been helping to be good stewards of our earth by recycling. With your contribution of used ink cartridges, we can help care for the earth and it is so easy to do.



Please <u>do not</u> drop the cartridges in the Catch-All Slot. (No laser cartridges.)

> You can drop the cartridges off in the <u>basket</u> on the table in the vestibule or stop by the Faith Formation Office.

Thank you for your continued support!



CAR RAFFLE 2021

Car raffle tickets have been mailed to each family. Once again we are participating with All Saints Catholic

Church. **One \$5.00 ticket offers** a more generous venture than purchasing a vehicle on our own and each purchaser has a chance to win five cars plus \$20,000 in cash drawings! This makes "selling" at work or to family and friends more like an opportunity—just show them the ticket—it will sell itself! Please visit our website (www.stfrncis.org) to view the five 2021 vehicles.



Any questions, please contact Chanel Marquis at 703-221-4044, ext. 222 or <u>cmarquis@stfrncis.org</u>.

Please take note—All tickets (used or unused and money) can be mailed back directly to <u>ALL SAINTS</u> <u>CATHOLIC CHURCH</u>.; turned into the Parish Office; placed in the collection basket; or the Catch-All Slot. <u>St. Francis will STILL receive the normal proceeds from</u> <u>the Raffle.</u> This is our Parish's largest fundraiser and we thank you in advance for your support.

St. Francis House Corner



 St. Francis House an Outreach Program from St. Francis of Assisi Parish
 2606 Heth Court, Dumfries, VA 22026 703-221-6344
 Francia Salguero and Angelica Silva

St. Francis of Assisi Outreach Ministry

We are here to serve those in need! Thanks to the generosity of our great parishioners, St. Francis House has been able to keep providing food assistance and financial assistance for the families in need of Eastern Prince William County. If you or your families find yourselves in need,

please do not hesitate to reach out to us. If you would like to contribute to the food pantry, we are open **Wednesday** and **Thursday from 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.** Below you can find items that we can use to keep running our food pantry. Also, you can provide monetary assistance through our

electronic giving program. You can find the directions on the Parish website (<u>www.stfrncis.org</u>).

Item of the Month: Cooking Oil

- Spaghetti Sauce
- Spaghetti
- Canned Fruit
- Pasta
- Jelly
- Canned Tuna

Thank you for your continuing support and generosity. For more information, please contact **Francia Salguero** at **703-221-6344 or** <u>francias@stfrncis.org</u>.

Meals for the Shelter

If you would like to provide support for the homeless shelter, please visit the following Sign-Up Genius link: <u>https://</u> www.signupgenius.com/ go/904094EA5A622A3FD0-

shelter or Sign-Up Genius forms



can be found on the parish website: <u>www.stfrncis.org</u> under Meals for the Shelter. For more information or to support our meal program for the shelters in Prince William

County, please contact the Director of St. Francis House and Meals Coordinator, **Francia Salguero** at <u>francias@stfrncis.org</u> or 703-221-6344.

Boletín Semanal

Despensa de Comida de La Casa de San Francisco Casa St. Francisco Un Programa de Ayuda Social de la Parroquia de St. Francisco de Asís 2606 Heth Court, Dumfries, VA 22026 703-221-6344

Ministerio de Asistencia Social de San Francisco de <u>Asís</u>

Estamos aquí para servir a los necesitados! Gracias a la generosidad de nuestros feligreses, Casa de St. Francisco de Asís ha podido seguir brindando asistencia alimentaria y financiera a las familias necesitadas del Este del Condado de Prince William. También si usted y su familia necesitan ayuda nosotros estamos aquí para ayudarlos. Si desea contribuir a la despensa de alimentos, estamos abiertos los miércoles y jueves de 9:00 a.m. a 1:00 p.m. A continuación

puede encontrar artículos que podemos usar para mantener funcionando nuestra despensa de alimentos. Además, puede proporcionar asistencia monetaria a través de nuestro programa de donaciones electrónicas. Puede encontrar las instrucciones en el sitio web de la parroquia

(<u>www.stfrncis.org</u>)

Articulo del Mes: Aceite de cocina

- Salsa Para Espaguetis
- Espaguetis
- Fruta enlatada
- Pasta
- Mermelada
- Atún enlatado

Gracias por su continuo apoyo y generosidad. Para obtener más información, no dude en comunicarse con nosotros al **703-221-6344** o <u>francias@stfrncis.org</u>.

A fresh perspective on the Sunday Readings HIS WORD TODAY

By Rev. William J. Reilly

"So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised

his eyes and said, 'Father I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me.' And



when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, 'Lazarus come out.'"

The bond of Jesus and the family of Martha, Mary and Lazarus was special. The sisters offered the gift of friendship, hospitality, with an eagerness to listen to Jesus. The death of their brother prompted Jesus' visit and tears. Jesus restored his friend's life.

The same miracle of Jesus takes place when we seek His forgiveness, express our own sorrow and are willing to forgive others. Forgiveness is a great power we all possess, but sometimes are slow or hesitate to use it. As with Lazarus, forgiveness produces new life in us and for others. As we continue our Lenten journey may I ask for forgiveness and be ready to forgive someone else.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH TRIANGLE, VIRGINIA

Faith Formation Office Phone: 703-221-3127 Fax: 703-221-3246 Office Hours: Monday—Thursday: <u>8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.</u> Friday: <u>Closed</u>

BROTHER JUNIPER





High School Youth Ministry

REAL Youth Ministry is happening ONLINE!

REAL Time Online (Youth Group) Wednesday, March 24th—8:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. All Teen Grades 9-12

REAL Leadership (Planning) Wednesday, April 7th—8:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Leadership Team

SIGN-UP for <u>REAL</u> Faith Online! Self-paced High School Faith Formation All Teens Grades 9-12 Register at <u>keepingitreal.club/realfaith</u>

Text @sfacym to 81010 to sign-up for *Remind* and get texts with meeting information.

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

It Is Time for Some Spring Cleaning!



Be a good environmental steward! Please join the Care for Creation Ministry on Saturday, March 27th from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. We will meet in the St. Francis parking lot to help clean up the area around St. Francis Church. In February we collected <u>35 bags of trash</u> working with Keep Prince William Beautiful. Remember to dress for the weather and please wear a mask.

Gloves, trash pickers, bags, and reflective vests will be provided. Please contact Scott Deane for more information: vadeanes@yahoo.com.



LEAVING IT BETTER THAN YOU FOUND IT

2021 Bishop's Lenten Appeal Encourage One Another by Word and Deed

Currently our parish has reached <u>79%</u> of our goal for the Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). 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 pledge to the BLA and we are asking for support from every parish household.

You may go online to make a donation at: www.arlingtondiocese.org or scan the QR code below:

The BLA funds many programs, services and ministries that serve people in need and furthers the Gospel mission of



Jesus Christ in our diocese. 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 BLA. Every pledge is important! Thank you!

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK We would like to thank Mountcastle Turch Funeral Home and Crematory for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.



Why You Should Go to Confession

A Lot of people celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent. You should too! Why? Here are the benefits.



A Renewed Heart. Through the forgiveness of God and the ministry of the Church, a renewed heart is created in you, the Spirit is again given so that you can live a life reconciled to God, to the community, to family and friends, and to yourself. In being forgiven by God because you asked, you can more deeply learn and understand what it means to forgive others as you have been forgiven. And those are the moments in which you catch glimpses of the beauty of God.

Learning humility. Why go to Confession? It is a question that is posed in many ways. Why go to a priest to tell one's sins and not do so directly to God, who knows and understands us much better than any priest? Why speak of my sins and secrets, especially those of which I am ashamed, to someone who is a sinner like me, and who perhaps will assess my experience in a completely different way than I do, or doesn't understand it at all?

If you consider the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) <u>paragraph 1846</u>, it is a fair summation to think of sin as a love that falls back on itself, responding to love with indifference and rejection. Such ingratitude has consequences in the one who lives in such a way, but also ripples outward to friends, family, and the larger community. People do not think of themselves as self-absorbed, failing to respond to love, ungrateful, and indifferent. But we all have moments of those things. It is humbling to realize it. And even more humbling to say it aloud to another person. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a place where you can humble yourself before God and receive forgiveness and grace. That encounter with grace begins in the examination of conscience done honestly. That can be humbling.

To Experience Mercy and Forgiveness. People experience not just relief at the end of a truly contrite confession, they experience joy. I think the joy stems from feeling loved in a new way by God, knowing that the forgiveness of God reaches me through the priest who gives it to me in His Name. It is not the transitory sense of relief of the one who has "emptied the bag of sins" that has been carried around, but the peace of feeling peace "within" oneself, touched in the heart by a love that comes from above and transforms us.

Experiencing Mercy and Forgiveness in the signs and language of our human condition. Are there forms of Penance outside the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Yes, for venial sins. Take a look at <u>CCC 1434</u> and following. So why confess to a priest? Consider this: in sending his Son, God shows He wants a direct contact that wades through the experience and language of our human condition. Jesus came to us so that we could be called to Him; so we would freely respond with humility and faith to him who pardons us human words and gestures. The words of absolution spoken by the priest communicates the interior certainty of having been truly forgiven and received by the Father because Christ entrusted the ministry to the Church (cf. Matthew 18:17 and John 20:22-23). Confessing in the secret of one's heart is into a milieu of uncertainties and ambiguities. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation it is with certainty that you hear the words:

God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us *for the forgiveness of sins*; through the *ministry of the Church* may *God give you pardon and peace*, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son.

There is a human voice to say and assure you that you are forgiven and made new in the Spirit given.

To encounter the compassion of God. Innumerable episodes in the life of Jesus demonstrate the compassion and empathy of God for us: the Samaritan woman, healing of the paralytic and lepers, and tears in the face of the death of His friend Lazarus. Each one of us lives with our own weakness, goes through sickness, draws near to death, is aware of the challenge of the questions that all this poses to the heart. We are a people in need of compassion. Confession is the encounter with divine compassion. The Sacrament is an effective sign of grace and endless mercy from the One who knows our human condition.

To come Home. The Sacrament itself is a "return home." In becoming aware of your faults, you realize you are in exile, far from home. Sin fractures and breaks relationships with God, perhaps even rejects divine love. It is the source of our exile from our own heart. It is then that we need to remember the home that which waits for us. Without this memory we won't have the necessary confidence and the hope to decide to return to God. With the humility of the one who knows he is not worthy of being called "daughter" or "son," we can decide to return home, and there to realize the experience of the "Prodigal Son" when he realized that his father was ever and always on the outlook for his return: "While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him" (Luke 15:20).

And so it is with the Sacrament of Reconciliation – and why you should celebrate this wonderful moment of God's grace and mercy.

The season of Lent is a great time to be renewed and reconciled. The sacrament of **Reconciliation** will be available every Wednesday evening (February 24th—March 31st) from



7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. There are also opportunities on Saturdays from 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

MARCH 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent

SATURDAY, 3:30 PM	March 20—Lenten Weekday Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	<pre>+Alice Tippit +Carole Kelley</pre>
	†Thomas Doherty
SUNDAY,	March 21—5th Sunday of Lent
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
	†Jim Toner
	†Jerri Gall
11:00 AM	People of the Parish
	†Madelene Ledgerwood
	†Joan Parris Hare
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Maria Thu Hon Nguyen
	+Joanne lannitto
MONDAY,	March 22—Lenten Weekday
8:45 AM	+Carol Myskowski
	†Jean Hansen
	†Dietmar Klueter
TUESDAY,	March 23—Lenten Weekday
8:45 AM	+Richard Drechlser
	†Jerri Gall
	†Gareth Morgan
WEDNESDAY.	March 24—Lenten Weekday
8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
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	Eva Klueter
THURSDAY,	March 25—Annunciation of the Lord
8:45 AM	Ron McCarthy
0.107.00	†Delores Hrenchir
	†Carolyn Daly
FRIDAY,	March 26—Lenten Weekday
8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
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	†Nicholas Hilty
SATURDAY,	March 27—Lenten Weekday
3:30 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Alice Tippit
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	†Alfred DeCarli
Mass Int	entions on Sunday, March 28, 2021
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
	†Jerri Gall
	†James Toner
11:00 AM	People of the Parish
	Dale and Virginia Hudson
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Nicholas Hilty

Please Pray For All those who are sick:

Bob Ashburn; Sue Long; Joseph O'Connor; Paul Coangelo; Lilly Diaz;

Laurie Zeiszler; David Back; Aaron Childs; Gary Ward; and Richard McClevey

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

St. Francis of Assisi Pre-Kindergarten

For the 2021-2022 school year, St. Francis of Assisi School will offer a <u>full-day pre-kindergarten class</u> with beforeand after-school child care available. For more information, please visit our website (<u>https://stfas.org/preschool</u>) or contact our **Director of Admissions, Mrs. Orille** (<u>Orillee.sfas@gmail.c</u>om)



The Public Mass Schedule for Sunday, March 28th is as follows:

9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. (Spanish) 5:30 p.m.

Please visit <u>www.stfrncis.eventbrite.com</u> to reserve a seat for one of the Masses.

Please visit http://www.stfrncis.org/wp-content/ uploads/2020/06/How-to-Use-Eventbrite-At-a-

<u>Glance.pdf</u> for Printable Instructions – Includes English and Spanish.

Reserved Seating Video Instructions

Go to <u>https://youtu.be/9KZ-Q49uG88</u> to learn how to Select Seats for Mass in Eventbrite.

Go to <u>https://youtu.be/SKpg09NIsqw</u> to learn how to Select Seats Using the Map in Eventbrite.

Go to <u>https://youtu.be/S7973o14sfA</u> to learn how to Return/Cancel a Seat Ticket Order.

When attending a public Mass, please be advised of the following:

- Please arrive at least 20 minutes before the start of Mass
- Each person attending Mass must have a ticket (hard copy or on cell phone)
- A face mask is required (covering both mouth and nose) for anyone 2 years of age or older
- Each person attending Mass will be required to have a temperature check before entering the church
- Sit in assigned seating areas only
- Avoid touching your face
- Stay home if you have any symptoms of a fever, cough, difficulty breathing, or may have been exposed to COVID-19

Please Note: All the faithful of the Diocese of Arlington are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation until further notice. We will continue to Live Stream Mass on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. until further notice.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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