



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 (Must Pre-Register and 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)
<b>BAPTISM</b> 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.
<b>PARISH MEMBERSHIP</b> 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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Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she smiles at the future.

Proverbs 31:25



#### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH TRIANGLE, VIRGINIA

#### Parish Survey about Mass, Schedule, and Planning



We are in the "between times" of this pandemic. It is encouraging that vaccinations are more widely available even as the COVID statistics are up and down. But we are hopeful and possibly seeing some light at the end of the tunnel. As a staff we are beginning to plan a return to "normal" and we need to hear from you! We want your input as part of our plan! Please take 2 minutes of your time and give us your input via the parish-wide survey. Thank you in advance for your support. You can find the survey here (https://www.stfrncis.org/may-survey/)!

2021 Bishop's Lenten Appeal



We did it! Thanks to the generosity of all St. Francis parishioners, we have reached our BLA goal (<u>over</u> 100%). The BLA funds many programs, services, and ministries that serve people in need and further Jesus' Mission in our diocese. Thank you!





The Public Mass Schedule is as follows:

Saturday, May 15th Sunday, May 16th 5:30 p.m. (Live Streamed) 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 <u>http://www.stfrncis.org/wp-content/</u> uploads/2020/06/How-to-Use-Eventbrite-At-a-Glance.pdf for Printable Instructions – Includes English and Spanish.

#### **Reserved Seating Video Instructions**

Go to https://youtu.be/9KZ-Q49uG88 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.

The Associates of St. John Bosco offers scholarships to undergraduate students who demonstrate an intense desire to serve the Church in some capacity after graduation. They are pleased to offer three scholarships in the amount of \$3,500 and one



scholarship, the Vincent T. Vaccaro Education Scholarship, in the amount of \$5,000 to a student who will be engaged in education or work with young adults after college. The application is due **May 18th**. For more information, please visit: <u>https://www.asjb.org/scholarship-program</u>.

### 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 family 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 (www.stfrncis.org).

#### Item of the Month: Liquid Laundry Detergent

- Cereal
- Mac & Cheese
- Jelly

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

## **Meals for the Shelter**

Many thanks to all of our parishioners who have responded so generously to requests for dinner items at the Overnight Shelter. With the help of our parishioners, we provided 1,470 dinners. On Saturday,



April 6th, our responsibilities shifted to supplying breakfast on Saturday mornings. If you would like to provide support for the homeless shelter, please visit the following Sign-Up Genius link: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/</u>

go/904094EA5A622A3FD0-shelter or Sign-Up Genius forms can be found on the parish website: www.stfrncis.org 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, La Casa de St. Francisco ha podido seguir brindando asistencia alimentaria y financiera a las familias necesitadas del este del condado de Prince William. Si usted o su familia se encuentran en necesidad, no dude en comunicarse con nosotros. 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 elementos que podemos utilizar para mantener funcionando nuestra despensa de alimentos. Además, puede brindar asistencia monetaria a través de nuestro programa de donaciones electrónicas. Puede encontrar las instrucciones en el sitio web de la parroquia (www.stfrncis.org).

#### Articulo del Mes: Jabón liquido de lavar Ropa

- Cereal
- Macarrones con queso
- Mermelada

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>.

#### The Lion's Club has 2 donation drop boxes located on the window sill in the vestibule.

Please consider donating your used eyeglasses to the Lion's Club. Your unwanted glasses will help someone see better. Thank you for always being so generous.



# Please Pray For All those who are sick:

John Przybojewski; Santiago and Norma Llobrera; Bill Myers; Otella Creegan; Sue Long; Joseph O'Connor; Paul Coangelo; Lilly Diaz; Laurie Zeiszler; Aaron Childs; Gary Ward; and Richard McClevey.

And for those recently deceased: Kevin Mahler

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

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.

#### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH TRIANGLE, VIRGINIA

#### MAY 9, 2021

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

### **BROTHER JUNIPER**





## **High School Youth Ministry**

**REAL** Youth Ministry is happening ONLINE!

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

REAL Time Online (Youth Group) Wednesday, May 26th—8:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. All Teen Grades 9-12

REAL Leadership (Planning) Wednesday, June 2nd—8:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Leadership Team

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

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

#### 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!





Parish Office, or from the parish website <u>www.stfrncis.org</u>. 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.

There is a book located in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel next to the Tabernacle for you to write your own prayers of petition. During the <u>Prayer of</u> <u>the Faithful</u> during weekend liturgies, an intercession will call to mind those prayers in a general way. In this manner, the



public prayer of the church is bound to the many prayers of the faithful who live in the body of Christ!



#### **COKE GIVES PROGRAM**

Turn Coke product caps into cash for St. Francis School! Look for Coke Rewards stamps on *Coke, Sprite, Dasani, Fanta, Barq's, Fresca, Mr. Pibb, Mello Yello, Fuze, Seagram's* 

Ginger Ale, and Tab. <u>Simply bag the caps</u> and bring them to the school. We will take it from there. For more information, please contact **William Sharp at 571-408-5213 or** youcandance5678@yahoo.com. God bless!

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.





**Hearing Assistance Earphones** are available for use during the Mass, for those who would like sound amplification. They have been checked and are functioning well. See one of the friars or come to the sacristy before Mass. A word of advice to everyone: if you can't remember whether or not you called your mother, you didn't. But what about when your mom doesn't remember if you called? And it has only been five minutes.

My mom was of solid pioneer stock from families that settled in Utah during the first wave of Mormon settlers. I really cannot remember a day when she was sick. She was active, played golf until she was 90, even occasionally broke 100 from the red tees. When she was 90 she was about to play golf with my sister and her husband - both doctors - when she had an unexpected heart arrhythmia event, blood pressure dropped like a rock, and she fell like a pine tree onto a concrete walkway. Of course both doctors responded, but mom quickly returned to consciousness. Amid all the questions from the doctors she did not seem to be paying attention. She wasn't; she was running her tongue over her front teeth, realizing she had done a "face plant." The first words her two attending doctors heard were: "Damn, I just finished paying for that cap." She did not break anything – except her front tooth. As I said, she was of tough pioneer stock.



Mom was already starting to be forgetful about some things, but things accelerated after her fall. Over time mom had more moments of forgetfulness, episodes of confusion and the slow erosion of easy access to memories. On a day off from the Tampa parish I was driving over to the Mt. Dora, FL area to visit. On the way, my sister, the nurse, called telling me to meet her in the ER at the local hospital. Routine blood work showed Mom to be severely anemic, her resting heart rate was quite elevated, and she was pointedly confused. Things were getting more severe.

Mom hadn't lived with her siblings in more than 70 years, yet still it was disconcerting when she had moments when she asked, "Do I have sisters and brothers?" In time, her granddaughter Julie became "that girl who lives in Salt Lake and just got married." That indeed was a good description of Julie. She remembered Julie had a sister, another granddaughter, and that she was married too, and she lived somewhere up north. Alexandria was "north." For some reason her name seemed harder for her to recall which surprised us since one of Mom's sisters and her best friend was nicknamed "Katie." Of course Julie used that to affirm she was the favorite grandchild, or at least ahead of her older sister Katie. Mom had two other grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She'd remember them when we showed her a picture. We were never sure if she truly remembered or was just being polite.

Me? There's good news and bad news. The bad news was sometimes she didn't remember I was her son. She thought I was a cousin and would ask how my mother was. I just answered the question. Sometimes, I was not even a cousin. But there is good news. I was "that well-mannered, good-looking young man."

But most times she knew who I was. Although the whole being a priest thing seemed to throw her off. My mom was Mormon. So she wondered why I hadn't met someone to marry. I just told her I was busy. I was tempted to take someone with me and introduce her as my wife. Don't worry I was only tempted!

The cognitive impairment worsened over time. Some recognition became more challenging and mixed. There were times when she knew I was her son and other times she thought I was my father - and occasionally I was Uncle Theron. At least I was always family. It was the "family moments" that proved to be the most interesting. In one "family moment," mom leaned towards me and in a low, conspiratorial voice asked "her brother" if I remembered when the two of us "stole dad's truck and went for a joy ride?" Of course, I responded "yes" and asked her to remind me of the details....and she had details!!

While she had trouble navigating the memories of the present, the whole process seemed to heighten her memories of growing up in Paradise, Utah, the Great Depression, moving to Washington DC to support the nation by working in the War Department, and more. I learned more details about mom's childhood and her life into her early 20's. However, I had to remind her she had travelled the world and had lived in Paris for three years. I once taped many pieces of paper together and drew a timeline of her life, filling in details from her stories and my memories, taping pictures from her many albums to illustrate the time. It was a project of a couple of visits. When it was finished we went over it like a story, adding more details as she recalled some person or place. At the end, she turned to me and said, "What a fascinating life... I wish I remembered it."

We "kids" celebrated Mother's Day. We'd gathered at mom's house. Maybe I was the cousin, or the young man. I was pretty sure I was ever her favorite son (being the only son has its advantages). All the while, I was aware that in the moments when we were not recognized it didn't mean we were forgotten. Holding a hand, a kiss, a story, a familiar voice, a laugh; it all made a connection. Amidst the frustrations, the anxiety, the concern, and the uncertainty, there was always an opportunity to love. Indeed that is the deepest calling of a parent, a child, or anyone who would take on the name Christian. In 2016, Mom passed into God's bright glory.

Happy Mother's Day, Mom!

#### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH TRIANGLE, VIRGINIA

Alleluia Liturgies For The Week			
<b>SATURDAY,</b> 3:30 PM 5:30 PM	May 8—Easter Weekday Reconciliation †Alice Tippit Brendan White †Les Kimble		
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 9:00 AM	May 9—Sixth Sunday of Easter †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik People of the Parish †Jerri Gall		
11:00 AM	†Fran Laskofski †Donna Bowman Olds †Imelda Pine		
1:30 PM 5:30 PM	†Gerardo Ponce Mother's Day Novena †Frank Maris †Ricarda Quitoriano		
<b>MONDAY,</b> 8:45 AM	<b>May 10—Easter Weekday</b> Mother's Day Novena Maryann Wells Special Intention		
TUESDAY, 8:45 AM	May 11—Easter Weekday Mother's Day Novena		
WEDNESDAY, 8:45 AM	<ul> <li>†Kathy Ruggiero</li> <li>May 12—Easter Weekday</li> <li>Mother's Day Novena</li> <li>†Kathryn Gonsorcik</li> <li>†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik</li> </ul>		
THURSDAY, 8:45 AM	May 13—Easter Weekday Mother's Day Novena		
FRIDAY, 8:45 AM SATURDAY,	May 14—St. Matthias, apostle Mother's Day Novena May 15—Easter Weekday		
3:30 PM 5:30 PM	Reconciliation Mother's Day Novena †Alice Tippit †James Kean		
Mass Intentions on Sunday, May 16, 2021			
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †James Toner †Jerri Gall		
11:00 AM	People of the Parish †Aldo Rocco		
1:30 PM 5:30 PM	†Gerardo Ponce Mother's Day Novena †Isidra Lucas Borje		
	SPONSOR OF THE WEEK		

We would like to thank Lupi Orthodontics for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

#### Readings for the Week of May 9, 2021

Monday	Acts '
Tuesday	Acts '
Wednesday	Acts '
Thursday	Acts '
Friday	Acts '
Saturday	Acts '
Sunday	Acts '
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Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26—16:4a Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11 Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; John 16:12-15 Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20 Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17 Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28 Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23 or Ephesians 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mark 16:15-20

#### A fresh perspective on the Sunday Readings HIS WORD TODAY



By Rev. William J. Reilly

"In this way the love of God has been revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we may have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he has loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins... remain in my love."

Our love of God is only a reflection of His never ending love of me. He creates, sustains and fills me with His life and love. I might think about my love of the Lord, but in reality, it mirrors Hi love for me.

'Love one another as I love you' is His commandment. My response is directed toward others. When I realize that they are worthy of Christ's love, then I eagerly want to do the same. His love for me is to be given to others. 'God is love and he who abides in love abides in God and God in him.'

We invite all Catholic men, at least 16 years of age and of Irish birth or descent, to join the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH), which is America's oldest Irish Catholic fraternal organization. For membership and other information about the Fr. Mychal Judge, O.F.M., AOH Division at St. Francis, please contact **Tom Kelley:** 



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