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Saturday Vigil - 5:30 PM (with Live Stream)
Sunday - 8:00 AM; 9:30 AM; 11:00 AM; 5:30 PM
12:30 PM - Español (with Live Stream)
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 PM—5:00 PM and by appointment (English)
Saturday: 4:00 PM—5:00 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

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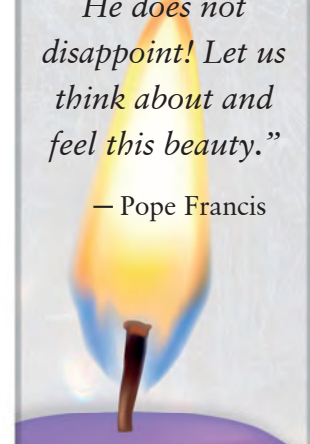
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“The season of Advent, restores this horizon of hope, a hope which does not disappoint for it is founded on God’s Word. A hope which does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! He is faithful! He does not disappoint! Let us think about and feel this beauty.”

— Pope Francis



First Sunday
of ADVENT

Hope



Wednesday, December 8th is the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (a Holy Day of Obligation). Masses will be held:

December 7th—7:30 p.m. (Vigil)

December 8th—8:45 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

December 8th—7:30 p.m. (Misa en español)

On December 14th at 7:00 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.



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.



FRIENDLY REMINDER



Bring your cell phone to church
next Sunday



November 28, 2021 | First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16 | 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 | Lk 21:25-28,34-36

Written by
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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

As the days grow shorter and darker, I am especially ready for Advent wreaths and nativity sets; sparkling lights and singing angels. More than ever, I eagerly anticipate the joyful celebration of Christ's birth. But today's readings for the first Sunday of Advent point us to the end of time, when Jesus returns in glory. Wait a minute, what? I don't want to think about the dismay and fright that Jesus foretells in the Gospel, I want to think about shepherds and holy nights. We really can't do one without the other, however, and the underlying message of the readings is one of hope and reassurance: Our God keeps his promises. He is faithful to the covenants he makes. He loves us so much; he offers us new beginnings. Our God became one of us, died to save us, and will give us the strength to be ready to greet him when he comes again. "Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand," Jesus says. Pray that our preparation for Christ's birth will make us all the more ready for his return.

PRAY Pray the psalm from the first Sunday of Advent each morning. Ask God to open your heart to ways you can be more just. He will teach you, guide you, and strengthen your heart so that you can stand upright to face whatever challenges come your way.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths,
Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior,
and for you I wait all the day.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We are a society and culture that focuses a lot on the outward signs of preparation, and there is a lot of pressure to make it all perfect. Pinterest boards, social media groups, magazine photos, clothing catalogs: all show perfectly dressed people with perfectly adorable dogs standing in front of exquisitely perfect Christmas trees, on perfectly unblemished snow. But perfection on the exterior is not the Christian goal. Our interior preparation - how we make ourselves ready for Christ now, and at the end of time - is the focus of Advent. It is an opportunity for repentance, and a joyful new beginning in our relationship with God. It is a time to recommit ourselves to the covenant he made with us, and the psalm and the second reading offer assistance in doing so. Make time each day to dive in and explore what Scripture reveals about "conducting yourselves to please God."

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

Items of the Month:

- Spaghetti and Pasta
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned Tuna

If you or your family find yourselves in need, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. St. Francis House is open **Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

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



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.**

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.



Winter's Approaching—the Need Continues



A heart felt “thank you” to all who have already so generously donated items and funds to provide much needed support for the Afghan Refugees at Quantico! Your donations and prayers are working wonders.

The parish is still working closely with the US Catholic Conference of Bishops, which brings a lot of experience in emergency response and refugee resettlement. They are amazed at the generosity of the parish and so grateful for the parish leadership of Francia Salguero, the Director of Francis House, and the support of our pastor, Fr. John O'Connor, O.F.M. **With winter approaching, Francia has received a list of newly requested items.** All donated items must be new and unworn and may be left at the Church.

- Winter Jackets—children & adults
- Hats—children & adults
- Gloves—children & adults
- Scarves—children & adults

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
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Francia Salguero y Angelica Silva;

Artículos del mes:

- espaguetis y pasta
- salsa de espagueti
- atún enlatado

Si usted o su familia necesitan ayuda nosotros estamos aquí para ayudarlos. La Casa de San Francisco esta abierta **los miércoles y jueves de 9:00 a.m. a 1:00 p.m.**

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

Meals for the Shelter

Winter is here, and it is a very rough season for the homeless. Our parish is committed to provide dinners for the homeless shelter. At this moment, we are in great need of dinners.

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

For more information or to support our meal program for the shelters in Prince William County, please visit us at www.stfrncis.org and sign-up in the **shelter sign-up Genius** or contact the **Director of St. Francis House and Meals Coordinator, Francia Salguero** at francias@stfrncis.org or 703-221-6344.



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 2021-2022

Nov. 28 NO RE—Thanksgiving Day Weekend
Dec. 2 Thursday RE Session
5 Sunday RE Session
9 Thursday RE Session
12 Sunday RE Session
16 Thursday RE Session
19 Sunday RE Session

**December 23rd-January 8th
NO RE—Christmas Break**



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St. Francis of Assisi parish has supported the **Un-Trim-A-Tree Program** for more than 18 years; providing assistance for families in need in Dumfries, Triangle, and Quantico. This year St. Francis of Assisi will also be providing monetary donations to the following agencies: Birthright, Project Rachel and Gabriel, and Migration and Refugee of Catholic Charities. **Trees decorated with tags are now on display in the vestibule of the church for you to take a tag or two or more.** 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 requested 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 12th.

(NO Exceptions)

Can I give additional items than those requested 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 **Angelica Silva** at **703-221-6344 or 571-409-8193 or asalguero@stfrncis.org**. Thank you very much for your continuing support of this program.

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.

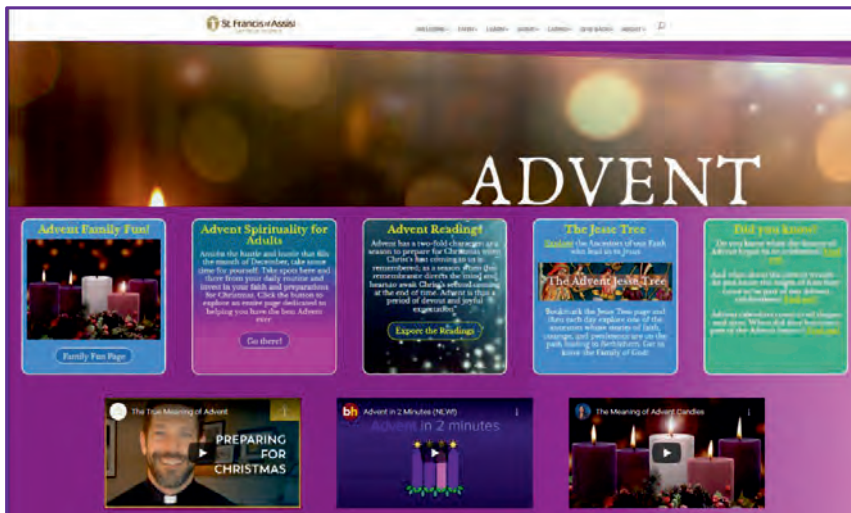
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Advent on the Parish Website

Advent is a wonderful season of the year for all people, young and old, tall and small to prepare for the coming of the Lord. We now have several pages of resources to help you in your Advent preparations. There are:

- ❄️ Family Fun activities, family prayers, videos and games, and instructions for making Advent calendars and a bagel wreath – yes, a “bagel” wreath
- ❄️ Advent Spirituality (reflections, bible study for Advent words, Advent and Art, and lots more)
- ❄️ *Lectio Divina* for the Advent Sunday Readings
- ❄️ Details on creating your own Jesse Tree as a way to journey Advent day-by-day
- ❄️ Interesting “did you know” articles about Advent.



Just look for the “Advent and Family Fun Activities” on the front page of the website, click “Advent Resources and begin your exploration! (www.stfrncis.org)





SATURDAY, November 27—Weekday
4:00 PM Reconciliation
5:30 PM †Alice Tippit
†Pamela Murphy
†Tristan Boomer

SUNDAY, November 28—First Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM †Margarita and †Juanito Alb
9:30 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
†James Frank Teodosio
11:00 AM †Spencer and †Nieves Sagudan
†Mr. and †Mrs. Lam Ha
†Chat Le
†Jon Slocum
12:30 PM Misa en español
5:30 PM People of the Parish
†Thomas Mc Guirk
†Will McCarthy

MONDAY, November 29—Advent Weekday
8:45 AM †Liam Crone

TUESDAY, November 30—St. Andrew, apostle
8:45 AM †Eileen Bolen

WEDNESDAY, December 1—Advent Weekday
8:45 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
†Kathryn Gonsorcik

THURSDAY, December 2—Advent Weekday
8:45 AM †Dr. Gerry Girdaukas
Helen Deutermann Olsen

FRIDAY, December 3—St. Francis Xavier
8:45 AM George Dien Vu
Stephan Hein Vu
Joseph Duc Vu

SATURDAY, December 4—Advent Weekday
4:00 PM Reconciliation
5:30 PM †Alice Tippit
†Gladys Spring
†Emerenciana Bernardo

Mass Intentions on Sunday, December 5, 2021

8:00 AM †Kevin Ryan Herrmann
†Ron Koontz
†Jon Slocum

9:30 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
†Marie Newman
†Spencer and †Nieves Sagudan

11:00 AM †Stephen Gomez
†Joseph Gomez
†Jerome Zadell

12:30 PM Misa en español
5:30 PM People of the Parish
†Henry and †Pia James
†Christopher James

Readings for the Week of November 28, 2021

Monday Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11
Tuesday Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22
Wednesday Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37
Thursday Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Friday Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31
Saturday Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26;
Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11;
Luke 3:1-6

Please Pray For All those who are sick:
Delores Baytan; Tomas Bernardo;
John Kenney; David Back; Jeff Dietze; Mark Cramer;
Chad Burns; Bill Myers; Sue Long; Aaron Childs;
Gary Ward; Ted Zamerski; and Aurea Simbulan.

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

Novena for Infertility, Miscarriage and Infant Loss

You are invited to join Bishop Burbidge in a Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe, offered for the intentions of couples struggling with infertility, miscarriage or early infant death. **The novena begins on Saturday, December 4th and concludes on Sunday, December 12th, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.** Bishop Burbidge will also be offering a Mass for this intention in his private chapel. To submit your intentions and to find the novena prayers, please visit OurFruitfulLove.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.**



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 16, 2021.**

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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KORNER

Gospel Today
First Sunday of Advent | Luke 21:25-28, 34-36
Jesus tells us to be on guard, and be watchful for His coming.

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WEEK 1, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

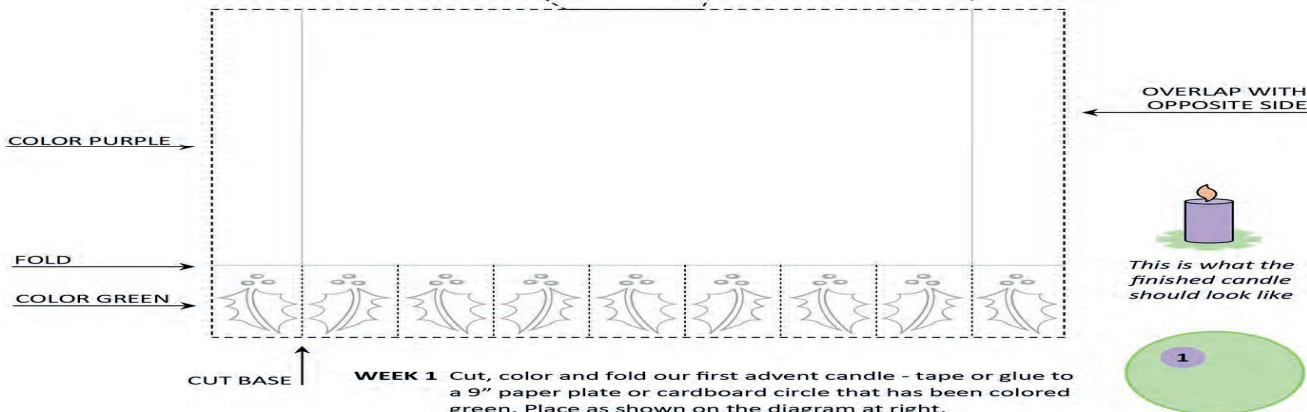
“O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come, that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord, Amen”.

Youngest child lights 1 purple candle.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



--- COLOR & CUT ON DOTTED LINES ---



WEEK 1 Cut, color and fold our first advent candle - tape or glue to a 9" paper plate or cardboard circle that has been colored green. Place as shown on the diagram at right.

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