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EUCHARIST

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

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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*Third Sunday
of Advent*



Christmas Masses

All Mass celebrated in the Church

Christmas Eve - Dec 24th	Christmas Day - Dec 25th
4:00 pm	9:00 am
6:00 pm	11:00 am
8:00 pm (Spanish)*	
10:30 pm*	

*live stream limited overflow celebration in school cafeteria



St. Francis of Assisi Parish is holding an Advent Penance Service on **Tuesday evening, December 14th at 7:00 p.m.** Make the sacrament a part of your Advent Preparation for the Coming of Christ.

Individual confession will be available immediately following the service.

Because of the current rise in the number of COVID cases in the county among the vaccinated and unvaccinated, and due to the close proximity to our priests, we are **requiring that masks be worn** during the entirety of the service and during individual confessions.



Last Chance for Advent Confessions!

Did we get your attention? But seriously, take advantage of our Tuesday, December 14th Advent

Penance Service at 7:00 p.m. We will have one more regularly scheduled Saturday opportunity for Confession on Saturday December 18th at 4:00 pm—and that is the last Saturday before Christmas. Prepare the way for the Lord!

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.



A friendly reminder—please return all unwrapped presents with the tag taped to it by **Sunday, December 12th.**
NO Exceptions.

Questions? 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.

St. Francis House Corner



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

Items of the Month:

- Canned soup
- Canned fruit
- 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.

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.



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 *Prayer of the Faithful* 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!

Boletín Semanal

Despensa de Comida de La Casa de San Francisco
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Artículos del mes:

- Sopa enlatado
- Fruta enlatado
- 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.

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 other agencies in the PWC who are helping with 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. At this time we are in need of the following items:

- Living room furniture
- Dining room furniture
- Bedroom furniture
- Drivers and drivers with a pick up truck to help deliver the furniture

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](http://www.stfrncis.org) www.stfrncis.org.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank
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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

Dec. 12 Sunday RE Session
16 Thursday RE Session
19 Sunday RE Session

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



COKE GIVES PROGRAM

Turn Coke product caps into cash for St. Francis School! Look for codes inside cartons and under lids of Coke, Sprite, Dasani, Fanta, Barq's, Fresca,

Mr. Pibb, Mello Yello, Fuze, Seagram's Ginger Ale, and Tab. Simply bag the caps and / or carton codes—carton codes are especially helpful - 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!

How to High School

Saturday, January 8, 2022
JP's hit readiness and skills workshop is back for 2022! Open to all 7th and 8th graders. Registration information can be found online!



Drama Workshop

Saturday, January 22, 2022
Join JP's Drama Director on January 22nd for a day of mini-master classes. Open to all 7th and 8th graders. Registration information can be found online.

Boys Basketball Clinic

Saturday, February 5, 2022
Skill-building clinic open to 5-8th graders! Registration information can be found online.

Upcoming Admissions and Financial Aid Deadlines:

Friday, January 7, 2022: School Application Priority Deadline
Friday, January 7, 2022: Scholarship Application Deadline
Wednesday, January 19, 2022: Financial Aid Priority Deadline

Please visit jpthegreat.org for details, registration information and more!

What gives ultimate meaning and purpose to life?

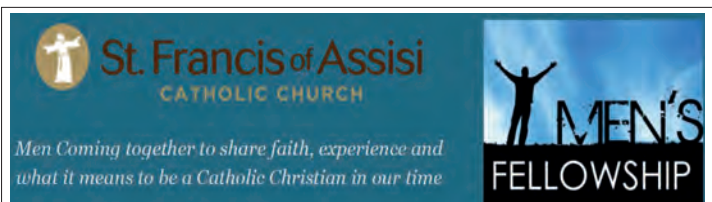
Why do we search for Jesus?

Join us to deepen your relationship with Him!!



Discovering Christ will be presented at St. Francis of Assisi beginning in January!! Participants in this 7-week series will meet virtually on Thursday evenings **beginning January 6th** for fellowship, to listen to a dynamic teaching and join in a small group discussion about the meaning of life in Jesus Christ.

Please contact Sheila Noble at 703-221-3127, ext. 238 or snoble@stfrancis.org for more information.



Men of the parish! Looking for a chance to strengthen your faith? As we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic we want to re-vitalize the SFA Men's Fellowship Ministry. Rather than waiting for the time the parish returns to in-person meetings (hopefully this spring) we will be starting on a [weekly virtual basis in January of 2022](#).

Our goal is focused on bringing together Catholic men to discuss, share, and support one another in our lives of faith and to act and encourage one another to strengthen their faith in Christ to become better husbands, fathers, sons, brothers and friends.

Virtual sessions will include an introduction, short videos by folks like [Father Casey Cole, OFM \(Reclaiming Catholicism\)](#), [Chris Stefanick \(Real Life Catholic\)](#), and [Father Mike Schmitz \(Ascension Press\)](#) and questions/points to consider.

Sign-up information will be provided in upcoming parish bulletins, the weekly e-Newsletter, and on the parish website.



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 **do not** drop the cartridges in the Catch-All Slot.
(No laser cartridges.)

You can drop the cartridges off in the [basket](#) on the table in the vestibule or stop by the Faith Formation Office.

Thank you for your continued support!

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St. Francis of Assisi parish partners with **Flocknote**, a communication service created by Catholics for Catholic parishes. It is used by over 1,000 Catholic parishes so that we can *communicate*! Our weekly eNews is great, but it's a one-way discussion. **Flocknote** lets us truly communicate with emails, text messages, and newsletters. And **Flocknote** lets us scale the communication from parish-wide to individual groups and ministries. In fact, most of our parish ministries have been using Flocknote for about 6 months! Now we are going "parish-wide."

Stay connected to St. Francis of Assisi parish by receiving emails or even better, texts from us! We promise never to bombard you with useless information. The Pastor will be able to send out important messages, along with occasional reminders for parish events, Holy Days of Obligation, and other information to help you grow in your faith. You can also choose to receive updates from any of our ministries or parish groups!



SIGN UP NOW!! Simply scan the QR Code or text **SFAT** to **84576**. You can unsubscribe at any time.

PLUS... as part of the parish "flock" when you are signed up for Flocknote, you also have an "All Access Pass" to Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire digital library of videos, podcasts, eBooks, bible reflections, and so much more!

SIGN UP NOW!! Text **SFAT** to **84576**



Some Frequently Asked Questions:

Will you need to download software, open an account, and have another set of passwords to remember? Nope. Flocknote emails and newsletter simply go to the email account you designate when you sign up. Text messages will go to the mobile number you designate when you sign up.

Is this another personal email system? Nope. It is meant to support group communications. And we can establish any groups we like. The Lectors have a group, the Craft Ministry has a group, Care for Creation has several groups (for the ministry members and another for folks who want to stay connected with the group's newsletters.)

Can I reply to messages and emails? Can everyone read my replies and comments? Yes, you can reply - that's what makes it a two-way communication tool. Flocknote allows you to mark your replies and comments "private" - in fact, that is the default setting. Only the "group admin" - e.g., the ministry leader who sent the note - will be able to read your comment.

When I sign up will I be able to join parish groups? Yes, that is also part of the sign-up process.

Is this system safe? Flocknote meets all the requirements of the Diocesan Safe Environment program and uses super-secure encryption and TLS protocols.



SATURDAY, 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	December 11—Advent Weekday Reconciliation †Alice Tippit †Gladys Spring Thomas and Joan Matochik
SUNDAY, 8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM 5:30 PM	December 12—Third Sunday of Advent †Betsy Dennison †Donald Masch †Audrey Proscia †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik Karen Dennison †Pedro Rincon Martinez †Tyler J. Mangus †Frederico Casupang, Jr. Misa en español People of the Parish †Solpecio Tornes †Lucia Tornes
MONDAY, 8:45 AM	December 13—St. Lucy †Betsy Dennison †Gerardo Somarriba and †Melida Oruzco †Le Chat
TUESDAY, 8:45 AM	December 14—St. John of the Cross †Maye Schanuel †Harry Rodman Miguel Romani
WEDNESDAY, 8:45 AM	December 15—Advent Weekday †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik †Grace Lechleitner
THURSDAY, 8:45 AM	December 16—Advent Weekday †Le Chat †Joan Grande
FRIDAY, 8:45 AM	December 17—Advent Weekday †Janet Sarsfield
SATURDAY, 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	December 18—Advent Weekday Reconciliation †Alice Tippit †Christina Garcia Quinones †Marie Frances Berry

Mass Intentions on Sunday, December 19, 2021

8:00 AM	†John McCann †Zaylee Pasada-Carrell
9:30 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Spencer and †Nieves Sagudan †Kay Mercogliano
11:00 AM	†Donald Leroy Carlson †Brandon Michael Brown O'Leary †William and †Mary Roson
12:30 PM 5:30 PM	†Doris Bedoya People of the Parish †Jose Ataliva Giovanetti †Jane Wilson

Readings for the Week of December 12, 2021

Monday	Numbers 24:2-7; 15-17a; Matthew 21:23-27
Tuesday	Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21:28-32
Wednesday	Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Luke 7:18b-23
Thursday	Isaiah 54:1-10; Luke 7:24-30
Friday	Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17
Saturday	Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25
Sunday	Micah 5:1-4a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

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

And for those recently deceased: Joan Grande (sister of Anne Tunney).

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



End of Year Statements: Due to the high cost of postage and current financial concerns due to COVID, Fr. John has decided that the end of year tax statements for 2021 will not be automatically sent to each parishioner. **We will provide an electronic tax statement (no later than January 31, 2022) to any parishioner that requests one** by contacting Chanel Marquis via email only at cmarquis@stfrncis.org. We understand that this is a departure from our usual method of handling the tax statements and thus we will re-assess for next year at a later date.



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.**



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.**

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Gospel Today

Third Sunday of Advent | Luke 3:10-18

John the Baptist was a powerful teacher, and led many to be baptized. When questioned if he were The Messiah, he answered, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of His sandals. He will baptize you with The Holy Spirit and Fire." Luke 3:16

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WEEK 3, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

Mother lights the first & second purple and the rose/pink candle.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

— GAUDETE SUNDAY —



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

COLOR PINK

FOLD

COLOR GREEN

CUT BASE

WEEK 3 Cut, color and fold our third advent candle - tape or glue this pink candle to the 9" paper plate or cardboard circle that was used for the first two candles. Place as shown on the diagram at right.

ROLL & OVERLAP
EDGES & GLUE OR
TAPE TOGETHER

OVERLAP WITH
OPPOSITE SIDE



This is what the
finished candle
should look like



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