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Arrangements are made with the parish office.

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From the Friars

Dear Parishioners.

We have once again come to that special time of the year Christmas, when we celebrate the birth of Jesus. This is a time of celebrating the hope and promise that Jesus' life on this earth has brought to all of us.

It is also a time to celebrate with family and friends. Last year that was very difficult to do because of the coronavirus. We are still dealing with this challenging virus but hopefully, with the advent of effective vaccines, we will not have to be as isolated as in the past.

Many have shared with me that we are facing so many, many, challenges in our country and world, and so indeed we are. But as I have shared with you in years past, it is the very Christmas message that gives us hope.

Jesus came into a world where there were also many challenges. He confronted the pain and suffering of the people of his time. He walked the journey that we walk. His life showed us that the challenges and difficulties we face, are for the person of faith, not the last word.

This is the season of light. Jesus is that light and as scripture reminds us, "the light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it."

This Christmas I give thanks for all of you, as you have been that light to myself and my fellow friars. Your continued support for our parish; your coming together to worship; your optimism despite the challenges that you confront; and your continued generosity to those who are in need, are all examples of this light.

Your generosity was especially evident this year as you donated so generously to the Afghan refugees in temporary camps at the Quantico Marine Corps Base. The generosity of our parish has become nationally known. We were one of the first local agencies (our outreach program) that the Federal Government reached out to, to coordinate aid to the refugees.

I recently visited the resettlement camp for a second time and as I entered one of the large tents, hundreds of children held up signs they had made, thanking our parish for what we had done for them and their families. This was a moving tribute to your generosity, and your belief in the goodness of humanity.

On behalf of Fr. Jim, Fr. George, Fr. Lalo and the staff of our parish, I wish all of you a blessed Christmas season, and God's many blessings in the New Year!

Sincerely in Christ,

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

The Christmas Flowers were donated in memory of the following families:

Sayson; O'Sullivan; Hofmann; Peitler; Wenzel; McManus; Longi; Enright; Hancock; and Wagner.

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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!

Mass Schedule

December 31st—The Solemnity is a Holy Day, but not of Obligation this year. Therefore there will not be a Vigil Mass.

January 1st

9:00 A.M. (Mary Mother of God) 5:30 P.M. (Epiphany Vigil)

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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.



PLEASE NOTE:

December 29-31st — Parish Office is closed; will reopen on Monday, January 3rd.

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:

- 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.



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.

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.

Boletín Semanal

Despensa de Comida de La Casa de San Francisco
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- Sopa enlatado
- Fruta enlatado
- atún enlatado

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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>.



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 inperson 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.

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.



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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

Jan. 9 Sunday RE Session

13 NO RÉ—Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend

16 NO RE—Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend

Thursday RE SessionSunday RE Session

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

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@stfrncis.org for more information.



December 26, 2021 | Feast of the Holy Family

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 | Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 | Lk 2:41-52

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

Some of my fondest childhood memories are of my dad leading my three sisters and me in song as we made the hour-long drive to visit my grandparents every other weekend. Granted, our silly car songs don't qualify as "singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs," as Paul advised the Colossians, but I do think they reveal that my dad took to heart Paul's advice about family and faith. Paul writes that in putting on holiness, kindness, gentleness, and forgiving one another. we "put on love, that is, the bond of perfection." Whatever we do, in word or deed, we ought to do in the name of the Lord Jesus. Fathers, mothers, and children are to love one another, seeking and choosing the good for one another, and helping each other along life's journey - on long car trips as well as in a lifetime of situations. On this feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we honor their perfect holiness and love, and pray that God may continue to perfect us in holiness and love within our own families, that we may bear good fruit for the Kingdom.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Three Days? Mary and Joseph couldn't find Jesus for three days! Any parent who has had a child missing for a few seconds understands the anxiety Mary and Joseph experienced in three long days of searching for Jesus. In the end, though, all is well – they find him, and the peace of Christ casts out their fears. It is a remarkable scene: Jesus' parents are astonished to see him teaching in the temple, and Jesus is curious as to why they were looking for him – did they not know where he would be? This event marks a sort of milestone in their lives together, as Jesus has hinted at his future public ministry, and his parents have experienced that first bit of soul-piercing that Mary will later fully undergo. For each of them, love is what directed their actions. Joseph and Mary put aside everything to search for their son; Jesus put aside everything to serve his Father; and they joined together in humble obedience to God's will for them. The Holy Family models a way of living for us to imitate, and to witness to others in that imitation.

SERVE/STUDY Perhaps you have some down time in this coming week between Christmas and New Year's. As a family, choose an activity that allows you to think outside yourselves and serve others. Or make a plan to read the Scripture for each day of the upcoming week; everyone can choose a favorite verse to memorize each day. You may be surprised how often these verses enter your mind throughout the week.

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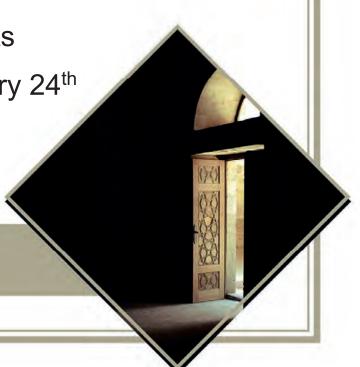
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

All sessions held virtually

Learn more and register:

snoble@stfrncis.org

No cost to participate!





Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, 4:00 PM	December 25—Christmas Day NO RECONCILIATION
9:00 AM	†Alice Tippit
0.0071111	†Marion Noel Trudnak
	†Kevin Ryan Herrmann
11:00 AM	†Janet Sarsfield
5:30 PM	NO MASS
SUNDAY, 8:00 AM	December 26—Holy Family †Jerri Gall
9:30 AM	†Mark Norman Olds
0.00 / tivi	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
	†Spencer and †Nieves Sagudan
11:00 AM	†Betsy Dennison
	†Loretta M. Garzke
12:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	People of the Parish †Jose Giovanetti
	Christmas Novena
MONDAY,	December 27—St. John, Apostle
8:45 AM	John and Janice Wagner
	†Barbara Racicot
THEODAY	Christmas Novena
TUESDAY, 8:45 AM	December 28—Holy Innocents
0.45 AIVI	†Mary Lou Jackson †Maye Schanuel
	†Jack Haneklau
WEDNESDAY,	December 29—Fifth Day within the
	Octave of Christmas
8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
	†Kathryn Gonsorcik
THURSDAY,	†Mary J. Goyette December 30—Sixth Day within the
11101000711,	Octave of Christmas
8:45 AM	†Sue Shirley
	†Millard Shirley
EDIDAY	Christmas Novena
FRIDAY,	December 31—Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas
8:45 AM	†Baby Innocent
0.407111	†Honors Wyse
	Christmas Novena
SATURDAY,	January 1—Mary, Mother of God
4:00 PM	NO RECONCILIATION
9:00 AM 5:30 PM	†Eileen Bolen †Alice Tippit
3.30 F W	†Betsy Dennison
	†Cesar Castaneda
	entions on Sunday, January 2, 2022
8:00 AM	People of the Parish
	†Jack Haneklau
9:30 AM	Christmas Novena †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
11:00 AM	†Jose Giovanetti
11.00 AW	†Ruth Galligan
12:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Stephen Gomez
	†Joseph Gomez

Readings for the Week of December 26, 2021

1 John 1: 1-4; Jn 20: 1a and 2-8 **Monday** Tuesday 1 John 1: 5-2: 2; Matthew 2: 13-18 Wednesday 1 John 2: 3-11; Luke 2: 22-35 1 John 2: 12-17; Luke 2: 36-40 **Thursday Friday** 1 John 2: 18-21; John 1: 1-18 Number 6: 22-27; Luke 2: 16-21 Saturday Sunday Isaiah 60: 1-6; Ephesians 3: 2-3a. 5-6;

Matthew 2: 1-12

Please Pray For All those who are sick:

Ross Johnson; Don Clausen;

Delores Baytan; Tomas Bernardo; David Back; Mark Cramer; Chad Burns; Bill Myers; Sue Long; Aaron Childs; Gary Ward; Ted Zamerski; and

Aurea Simbulan.

And for those recently deceased: John 'Jack' Haneklau (husband of Joan Haneklau).

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

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.



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 reassess for next year at a later date.



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Gospel Today The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph | Luke 2:41-52

THE BOY JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

- - a) Jericho b) Jerusalem c) Bethlehem
- They were there for a) Christmas b) Easter c) Passover
- How old was Jesus?
 - a) Two b) Twelve c) Twenty
- When the caravan left, where was Jesus? a) With the caravan b) He rode ahead
- Mary and Joseph found Jesus after
 - a) 3 hours b) 3 days c) 3 weeks

Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced [in] wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

- a) Angry b) Annoyed c) Amazed/astounded
- When Mary and Joseph saw Jesus they
 - a) Anxious b) Angry c) Astonished
- When Jesus said to his parents "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" Who is Jesus calling his



< BONUS >

The finding of Jesus in the Temple the Fifth Mystery of which Rosary?

- a) Joyful
- b) Sorrowful
- c) Glorious
- d) Mystery of Light/ Luminous



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