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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

BAPTISN

John answered

them all, saying,

"I baptize you

but he who is

mightier than I

is coming, the

strap of whose

sandals I am not

worthy to untie.

He will baptize

Holy Spirit and

you with the

with fire.

with water.

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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Dear Parishioners,

As we begin this New Year I have been reflecting on some of the many challenges of this past year, and my prayer for each of us for the year ahead.

There has been the challenge of COVID, becoming even greater now, with the advent of the Omicron variant. We ask ourselves, when will we see "the light at the end of this tunnel" called a pandemic? Hopefully we will, in this New Year, be able to see an end, at least to the pandemic aspect of this virus.

In the meantime we give thanks for the sacrifice and dedication of our healthcare workers, first responders, and all who are helping us through this difficult moment in our history.

There has been the challenge of polarization in our nation. Some have described it as Americans retreating into what is called Tribalism. Individuals finding it difficult in good faith to be able to sit down to talk out their differences, in a way that respects the other. May we as Christians and Catholics be for others an example of respectful dialogue and cooperation. May we live the compassion of the Gospel message.

There has been the challenge of immigration, how to integrate thousands of individuals, human beings, fleeing the poverty, oppression, and danger, ever present in their homelands. May we find ways to responsibly welcome others into our homeland.

Then there is the challenge of truth. Some would ask whatever happened to the moral principle of telling the truth?

We hear individuals fabricate the truth, speak a lie, over and over again, until they can get people to believe that it is the truth. We hear of irrational conspiracy theories that thousands of people believe. Theories that have no basis in reality.

The famous Mark Twain once said, "A lie can travel halfway around the world while truth is still putting on its shoes."

The author Seth David Radwell describes it this way, "Social media platforms today are based on a business platform that encourages misinformation, an economy where everyone can make money by "putting stuff out there" as long as it gets clicks and shares. What makes money is not what is true but what gets attention. Tribal outrage works well as a business model for social media, cable television, and talk shows."

Pope Francis in his encyclical Fratelli Tutti says this, "Lack of dialogue means that people are concerned not for the common good, but for the benefits of power, or at best, for ways to impose their own ideas. The heroes of the future will be those who break with this unhealthy mindset and determine respectfully to promote truthfulness, aside from personal interest."

My Brothers and Sisters, in this New year, let us ask the Lord to help us to be those heroes. Let us be the disciples that Jesus calls us to be. Let us work in our families, our communities, our nation, to bring people together, by seeking the truth.

In the words of Jesus from the Gospel of John, "If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, you will know the truth and the truth will set you free."

May the Lord bless you and your families in this New Year.

Sincerely in Christ,

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

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.



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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Francia Salguero y Angelica Silva;

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** <u>francias@stfrncis.org</u>.

Respect Life Ministry



The Knights of Columbus have reserved a bus for the Right to Life March being held in Washington DC on **January 21st**. Please consider joining St. Francis of Assisi Parish to support our belief in the Right to Life. *Reservations are not required at this time.*

The bus will arrive at St. Francis at 10:00 a.m. and **depart** for DC at 10:30 a.m.

The drop-off will be at 12th and Independence at 12:00 p.m.

The pick-up for return will be at 3:30 p.m. at the side of the Botanical Gardens. The estimated return arrival at St. Francis is 4:30 p.m.

Questions? Please contact Angie Powell at avpowell@gmail.com.



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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 RE—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



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youcandance5678@yahoo.com. God bless!

Drama Workshop—Saturday, January 22, 2022 please join JP's Drama Director for a day of mini-master classes. Open to all 7th and 8th graders. Registration information can be found here: https://saintjohnpaul.mypaysimple.com/s/

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Boys Basketball Clinic—Saturday, February 5, 2022

Skill-building clinic open to 5-8th graders! Registration information can be found here: https://

saintjohnpaul.mypaysimple.com/s/middle-school-event-registration

Super Science Saturday—Saturday, March 5, 2022 Fun-filled day for middle school students to explore the sciences at John Paul, with opportunities for activities in our collegiate style labs. More information to come soon!

Upcoming Admissions and Financial Aid Deadlines: Wednesday, January 19, 2022: JP Financial Aid Priority Deadline

Friday, February 18, 2022: Decision Letters Mailed Friday, March 11, 2022: Priority Registration Deadline

Visit <u>jpthegreat.org</u> for details, registration information and more!



The Car Ministry

If you have a used car to donate, please consider The Car Ministry, a charitable agency that processes and repairs donated vehicles, which are given at no cost to needy families and

individuals, who can support a car, and who have been referred by pastors and social workers. These vehicles transform people's lives because transportation allows them to obtain employment in places that were previously inaccessible and it makes them self-sufficient because they now have a means to get to work. For more information, please contact Larry Gordon at 703-237-8479 or John Enzmann at 202-255-2463.

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NAZARETH
WITH THE
HOLY SPIRIT
AND POWER.

JJ
(ACTS 10: 38)

January 9, 2022

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11 | Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 | Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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

For cradle Catholics, baptism may be the most important step on the Christian journey that none of us actually remembers. Which is too bad! After all, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* instructs us that baptism is "the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit." (#1213) Yes, baptism cleanses us of original sin, but it's much more than that! We need only look to Jesus to see that. Though without sin, Jesus' baptism is a turning point in his life all the same. The Holy Spirit descends upon him and a voice from heaven cries out, "You are my beloved Son." So begins the public ministry, in which Jesus would carry out his Father's saving mission. Through our baptism, at any age, we, too, become God's beloved sons and daughters. Through word and sacrament, Jesus invites us to share in his mission by turning our lives over to our Father as we embrace our Christian journey.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Baptism is often referred to as "the doorway to the Church" because through this sacrament, our sins are forgiven and we are united to Christ and his Church. It is the door which gives access to all the other sacraments. (Cf., CCC 1213) At the conclusion, the celebrant asks God to continue to pour out his blessing upon those being baptized, and send his peace to all who are gathered. As baptized Christians, we are now adopted children of God; we are disciples who are empowered, through the wisdom and strength of the Holy Spirit, to share the Good News and help build the kingdom of God on earth. Sound intimidating? It shouldn't. Each day that we "put on Christ" and do his work, God is re-creating us and making us into something far better than we could ever be on our own. Embrace this faith you have been given and go out and share your gifts and talents with others, confident in the Spirit that guides you.

SERVE Think of something you have been told you are very good at by friends or coworkers – something for which you have been "anointed," in a sense. In what way can you do something specific to lead others with care in this area, or perhaps do a very particular good yourself?



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY,	January 8—Christmas Weekday
4:00 PM	Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Alice Tippit

†Alice Tippit †Harry Wahl

†Maria Auxiliadora Angulo

SUNDAY, January 9—Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM †Jack Haneklau †Barbara Joan Irvine 9:30 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik

Daniela Diaz

11:00 AM †Jose Giovanetti

12:30 PM

5:30 PM

†Edward Warzywak Misa en español People of the Parish

MONDAY. January 10—Weekday 8:45 AM †Janet Sarsfield TUESDAY, January 11—Weekday 8:45 AM †Maye Schanuel

†Jack Haneklau

WEDNESDAY, January 12—Weekday †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik 8:45 AM

†Kathryn Gonsorcik †Betsy Dennison

THURSDAY. January 13—Weekday †Jack Haneklau 8:45 AM FRIDAY. January 14—Weekday 8:45 AM †Miriam Longo

SATURDAY, January 15—Weekday 4:00 PM Reconciliation 5:30 PM **†**Alice Tippit

†Loretta Frankowski †Andy Thomas

Mass Intentions on Sunday, January 16, 2022

8:00 AM People of the Parish †Jack Haneklau 9:30 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Joan Grande Gabriel Diaz 11:00 AM †Jose Giovanetti 12:30 PM Misa en español 5:30 PM †Loretta Frankowski †Dorrie Horwath

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.



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.

Readings for the Week of January 9, 2022

Monday 1 Samuel 1: 1-8; Mark 1: 14-20 Tuesday 1 Samuel 1: 9-20; Mark 1: 21-28 1 Samuel 3: 1-10. 19-20; Mark 1: 29-39 Wednesday 1 Samuel 4: 1-11; Mark 1: 40-45

Thursday 1 Samuel 8: 4-7. 10-22a; Mark 2: 1-12 **Friday**

1 Samuel 9: 1-4. 17-19; 10: 1; Saturday

Mark 2: 13-17

Sunday Isaiah 62: 1-5; 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11;

John 2: 1-11

Please Pray For All those who are sick:

Jan Bond; Ross Johnson;

Don Clausen; Delores Baytan; Tomas Bernardo; David Back; Chad Burns; Bill Myers; Sue Long; Aaron Childs; Gary Ward; Ted Zamerski; and Aurea Simbulan.

And for those recently deceased: Eldon and Monica Streff.

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 reassess for next year at a later date.

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.



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.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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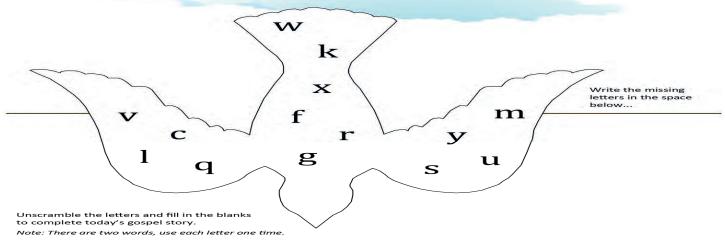
Gospel Today

The Baptism of the Lord | Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

After Jesus was baptized by John, and while He was praying, the Heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove.

And a voice came from Heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Luke 3:22





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