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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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"Advent invites us to a commitment to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world."

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The Christmas Flowers were donated in memory of the following families: Giglio; Salerno; Korzeniowski; Goyetle; LaMontagne; and Garland.

And the following individuals:

Imelda Pine; Jerri Gall; John Francis Carpino;

Laurence O'Brien; Vito Lamanaco;

Mary Phyllis Shaw; Mr. and Mrs. John Tiano; Stan and Florence Rezler; and Ray and Irene Wagner.



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!

## **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.



### **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)



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.

PLEASE NOTE:

December 22nd-24th and 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**: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094EA5A622A3FD0-shelter">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094EA5A622A3FD0-shelter</a>.

For more information or to support our meal program for the shelters in Prince William County, please visit us at <a href="www.stfrncis.org">www.stfrncis.org</a> and sign-up in the <a href="shelter sign-up">shelter sign-up</a> <a href="mailto:Genius">Genius</a> or contact the Director of St. Francis House and <a href="Meals Coordinator">Meals Coordinator</a>, Francia Salguero at <a href="mailto:francias@stfrncis.org">francias@stfrncis.org</a> 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 <a href="https://www.stfrncis.org">www.stfrncis.org</a>.

## 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>.



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.



SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank

Dr. James E. Lupi, DDS

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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. 19 Sunday RE Session

Jan. 9 Sunday RE Session

NO RÉ—Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend

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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.

"HIS GREATNESS SHALL REACH TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH; HE SHALL BE PEACE."

December 19, 2021 | Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4 | Heb 10:5-10 | Lk 1:39-45

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

"You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah

too small to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel;"

We do not have to go see the most recent superhero movie or bingewatch a streaming TV series that celebrates the underdog to feel the elation that comes with overcoming evil. We need only to look at our own lives, and God's plan of salvation for us, to understand what it truly means to be triumphant. From tiny little Bethlehem - a town of no consequence - would arise the Savior of the world. He would be the One who came to do God's will, and thus consecrated us to God through the offering of his own body as sacrifice, once for all. This is the One Mary carried in her womb and whom Elizabeth's unborn child - we know to be John the Baptist - recognized. He is the child-most-vulnerable who would become King of the Universe, "stand[ing] firm and shepherd[ing] his flock by the strength of the Lord." This is the God we serve: the One who became like us so that we may one day be like him. We shall soon celebrate the anniversary of his birth, while also waiting in joyful hope for his coming again. In this time of preparation, then, we pray for the grace to know the Lord more fully and to appreciate with gratitude the Savior he truly is.

## **GO** EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, now is the time many of us will begin to gather – as families, friends, and faith communities. What an ideal opportunity to renew our relationships with one another and with Jesus, asking the Holy Spirit to help us recognize the presence of God in our lives and in others. Micah's prophesy from today's first reading endures: "His greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace." Let's do our part to share the peace and joy of Christ with those we encounter, witnessing to his saving grace in our lives, and offering others an opportunity to be a part of the greatest story, ever – of God's saving action.

**INVITE/PRAY** Invite visiting family members to your parish or faith community for a concert, worship or other Advent activity. If that's not possible, pray the O Antiphons together at home.



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## Christmas Letter - 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord (Lk 2:11).

How blessed are we to celebrate with profound joy the birth of Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary and Joseph! He is "Light from Light," and for more than 2,000 years, we have walked in the light that he brought the world at his birth.

Born in the midst of darkness, Jesus' light heals the world. He calls us in turn to carry that light and, by his grace, to illuminate a world in desperate need of his compassion, love and healing. The Wise Men followed a star shining in the sky, and, because of their trust and faithfulness, they saw the face of Christ. Likewise, each time we choose to follow the Lord and share his light, he transforms us little by little, and we grow closer to the newborn King, the King of Kings.

As we reflect on the challenges we have experienced this past year, we should consider whether we journey through our circumstances like the Wise Men, journeying closer to God in trust. This Christmas season, reflect on the word Emmanuel, which means "God with us." No matter our challenges and experiences, God is with us and wants to accompany us on our earthly journey.

Throughout this Christmas season and into the coming year, we have a unique opportunity to welcome Christ into our lives more deeply. In anticipation of our Golden Jubilee in 2024, I have called for two preparatory years in advance. The first year, which began on November 21, is devoted to the Eucharist. I encourage you to participate in one of the many 40 Hours Eucharistic devotions taking place throughout the Diocese this Christmas season. In adoration of Our Lord, we remember that he truly is with us—he is Emmanuel.

At this time of great joy and celebration, let us ask Our Lord to help us grow in love of him and of our neighbor and to trust in him just as the Wise Men trusted in him. He is our Light, our God.

Please be assured of my prayers for you, and may the peace and abundant blessings that only Jesus can give be yours at Christmas, throughout the New Year, and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge

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Bishop of Arlington



SATURDAY, December 18—Advent Weekday

4:00 PM Reconciliation 5:30 PM †Alice Tippit

†Christina Garcia Quinones

†Marie Frances Berry

SUNDAY. December 19—Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM †John McCann

9:30 AM

†Zaylee Pasada-Carrell †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 †Doris Bedova

5:30 PM People of the Parish

†Jose Ataliva Giovanetti

t Jane Wilson

December 20—Advent Weekday MONDAY.

†Ann Sonntag Cunnick 8:45 AM

†Florance Toscano †Dorrie Horwath

December 21—Advent Weekday TUESDAY,

Larry Doerflein 8:45 AM

†Maye Schanuel **†**Harry Rodman

WEDNESDAY, December 22—Advent Weekday

8:45 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik

THURSDAY. December 23—Advent Weekday

8:45 AM †Harry Rodman Erin Healy

FRIDAY. December 24—Advent Weekday

**NO MASS** 8:45 AM

4:00 PM †Fran Laskofski

**†**Abrielle Flores

†Gregory Edward Sanderson †Helen and †Clifford Buckley

6:00 PM †Robert E. Williams

†Ethelyne Monroe

8:00 PM Katerin Benitez

**†Normand Richard Marquis** 10:30 PM

†John A. Shookster

SATURDAY, December 25—Christmas Day

4:00 PM **NO RECONCILIATION** 

9:00 AM **†**Alice Tippit

†Marion Noel Trudnak †Kevin Ryan Herrmann

†Janet Sarsfield 11:00 AM

5:30 PM **NO MASS** 

Mass Intentions on Sunday, December 26, 2021

8:00 AM †Jerri Gall

9:30 AM †Mark Norman Olds

†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik

**†Spencer and †Nieves Sagudan** 

11:00 AM †Betsy Dennison

†Loretta M. Garzke

12:30 PM Misa en español People of the Parish 5:30 PM

†Jose Giovanetti

Readings for the Week of December 19, 2021

Monday Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38 Tuesday Song of Songs 2:8-14 or

Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45

Wednesday 1 Samuel 1:24-28;

1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd;

Luke 1:46-56

Thursday Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Friday

Luke 1:67-79; Isaiah 62:1-5;

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1:1-25 or

Matthew 1:18-25

Saturday Isaiah 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14;

> Isaiah 62:11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20: Isaiah 52:7-10: Hebrews 1:1-6: John 1:1-18 or

John 1:1-5, 9-14

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 or Sunday

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; Colossians 3:12-21 or Colossians 3:12-17 or

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24; Luke 2:41-52

Please Pray For All those who are sick: 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); 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.

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.



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#### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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Gospel Today

Fourth Sunday of Advent | Luke 1:39-45

Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who was filled with The Holy Spirit, and she felt her baby move upon Mary's greeting. Elizabeth said to Mary, who was pregnant with Jesus, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Luke 1:42

WEEK 4, evening lighting prayer Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

Father or head of household lights all the candles.

## **FOURTH SUNDAY** OF ADVENT



--- COLOR & CUT ON DOTTED LINES

ROLL & OVERLAP EDGES & GLUE OR TAPE TOGETHER

COLOR PURPLE FOLD COLOR GREEN

OVERLAP WITH OPPOSITE SIDE



should look like



CUT BASE

WEEK 4 Cut, color and fold our fourth advent candle this candle to the 9" paper plate or cardboard circle that was used for the first three candles. Place as shown on the diagram at right.

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