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Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7



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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

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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Recently the news has reported that a member of Congress, known for a number of outlandish statements and disturbing beliefs, has now attacked the Catholic Church and specifically the Bishops, referring to the Church and Bishops as Satanic.

This is a part of a larger disturbing trend of right wing politicians and right wing Church leaders using religion as a weapon. It is in the words of one author, "the danger of religious passion."

"Religious passion encourages tribalism and seeks to celebrate division between people. Opponents are described as infidels and the consequence of this is often the rise of prejudicial attitudes."

Indeed we see signs of a reinvigorated movement of prejudice in our country: prejudice against people of color, anti-Semitism, and people of different sexual orientation. Now, we see prejudice against the Catholic Church. Unfortunately, this is not the first time we have seen a movement of anti Catholicism in the history of the U.S.

This author goes on to say, "Religious passion seeks to lower standards to which we hold leaders and sets up a system where the only political choice is between a dictator, or social abyss."

Often, this new movement is presented as a return to "traditional family values". Not so hidden in the agenda is the movement to install autocratic governments, a movement to do away with the free press, and a movement toward a theocracy. It suggests to be a true Christian is to be a white person, who is politically conservative, and preferably, one who is of wealth; one who does not tolerate a person who is different than themselves.

The author and theologian CS Lewis said this, "I believe that no man or group of men is good enough to be trusted with uncontrolled power over others. And the higher the pretensions of such power, the more dangerous I think it, both to the rulers and subjects. Hence Theocracy is the worst form of Government."

Lord Acton the Philosopher once said that, "Power corrupts, Absolute Power corrupts absolutely."

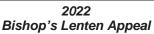
Jesus teaches us in the scriptures the powerful words of the Beatitudes. He also exhorts us "to love our neighbors as we love ourselves". Therefore, no if, ands or buts; no qualifiers. He challenges us "Whoever is the greatest should be the servant of others." There are words our society needs to hear, and teachings we need to model. Let us not be complacent!

Our nation, more than ever, needs the moral voice of true Christianity, a Christianity grounded in Gospel values, not in power and prejudice.

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CONGRATULATIONS to three of our St. Francis families! They were three of the CASH winners in the 2022 Car Raffle, totaling \$26,000. Our parish has won prizes, including a car, 10 out of the last 12 years! We are very blessed. **Thank you so much for participating in our parish's largest fundraiser.** See you next year!





We did it! Thanks to the generosity of all St. Francis parishioners, we have reached our BLA goal (over 100%). The BLA funds many programs, services, and ministries that serve people in need and further Jesus' Mission in our diocese. Thank you!



SAVE THE DATE

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.

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.

We will begin meeting in-person on Tuesday evenings, May 17th from 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. in the Br. Juniper Room. Come join us!

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

Thanks to the support of all of our parishioners, we were able to provide the following financial assistance during the month of April:

Rent: \$1,590 Electric: \$3,160 Gas: \$650 Water: \$850

Afghan Refugees:\$3,000 Total Families Helped: 56

Total families helped with food assistance: 250

Items of the month: Salt and Sugar

At this time we are in need of the following items:

- Canned vegetables
- Pasta
- Cereal
- Peanut butter & Jelly
- Canned fruit
- Spaghetti and spaghetti sauce
- Mac Cheese

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

Meals for the PWC Shelters

Our meals ministry is in dire need of your help. 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 <u>francias@stfrncis.org</u> or 571-572-5862.

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
2606 Heth Court, Dumfries, VA 22026
703-221-6344
Francia Salguero y Angelica Silva

Gracias al apoyo de todos nuestros feligreses, pudimos brindar la siguiente asistencia financiera durante el mes de abril:

Renta: \$1,590 Eléctrico: \$3,160 Gasolina: \$650 Agua: \$850

Refugiados Afganos: \$3,000 Total de familias ayudadas: 56

Total de familias ayudadas con asistencia alimentaria: 250

Artículos del mes: Sal y Azúcar

En este momento necesitamos los siguientes artículos:

- Vegetales enlatados
- Pasta
- Cereal
- Crema de maní
- Mermelada
- Fruta enlatada
- Espagueti and salsa para espaguetis
- Macarrones con queso

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**.



Christ Centered Yoga will resume virtual classes on May 19th. There will be two classes offered. One at 1:00 p.m. and another at 5:30 p.m. every Thursday for the next 6 weeks. All levels are welcome. Use of a chair or other props are encouraged as needed. Christ Centered Yoga takes the best element of a gentle and restorative form of yoga and joins them with a Christ Centered focus and community. We use prayer, scripture and music to support our Catholic faith during our practice, creating a sacred space of community, spirituality and health. "For in Him, we live and move and have our being." (Acts 17:28) For more information or to sign-up, please contact Rita Evans at 540-270-0667 or breathofheavenyoga@outlook.com.

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

May 8 NO RE—Mother's Day Weekend

- 12 Thursday RE Session
- 15 Sunday RE Session
- 19 Thursday RE Session
- 22 Sunday RE Session
- 26 NO RE—Memorial Day Weekend
- 29 NO RE—Memorial Day Weekend



Religious Education
Registration for 2022-23 school
year will begin on May 1st for all
registered parishioners' children
grades 1st—8th and high school
sacramental preparation class.
Registration forms are available
in the back of the church or
online at www.stfrncis.org. For

more information, please contact the **Religious Education** Office at 702-221-3127 or recoor@stfrncis.org.

We need Volunteers!



"Great Big Beautiful World" Vacation Bible School

June 20th – 24th, 2022

9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Pre K (4 Year Old) thru 5th grade, \$25.00 per child

Forms and payment will be available online at www.stfrncis.org/welcome-and-introduction/

Child Registration has begun!

Please consider joining our Team of Volunteers!!

No experience necessary.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank
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High School Youth Ministry REAL Youth Ministry is back In-Person!

REAL Time (Youth Group)

Sunday, May 15th—6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. All Teens Grade 9-12

Sign-up for text messages to get information on all upcoming **REAL** activities!

Text @sfacym to 81010 to receive texts with meeting information.

Questions? Please contact Brandon Jubar at bjubar@stfrncis.org.

We welcome those who entered into our Catholic faith through the sacraments at the Easter Vigil, and all those who received sacraments of initiation:

Ever Aguilar Ortiz; Ivana Andia; Murilo Bizon; Jesse Caballero; Sebastian Chavez; Vanessa Dunlap; Samantha Gonzalez Alvarez; Jorge Gonzalez Tenas; Rachel Hearns; Dilan Lemus; Kevin Lopez Ramirez; Ana Olivo; and Dawn Ordonez.



The RCIA catechists and team offer our thanks to the families, sponsors, and parishioners whose support was instrumental for this journey. Please continue to pray as they continue on their pilgrimage to our Father in Heaven



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 voucandance5678@yahoo.com. God bless!

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.



Isabelle Banda Noah Bayard Antoni Berta Logan Betyak-Eisler Alexander Black Jeremiah Boasmanboon Alexander Bodnarchuk **Edward Bowling Emily Brunais** Lacy Bruszewski Katherine Cadugan Jeffrey Cardoza Medina Daniela Castillo Sean Cioffi **Emily Craddock** Daniela DeLeon Kei Deomano Christian DiCocco **Jacob Doumitt** Marcus D'Souza William Etu Kiley Farris Stella Figarella

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*Already confirmed



Luur	gies for the week
SATURDAY,	May 7—Easter Weekday
4:00 PM	Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Alice Tippit
0.00	†Mildred Keady
	†Margaret Meagher
SUNDAY,	May 8—Fourth Sunday of Easter
8:00 AM	†Jack Haneklau
	†Thomas Frizzell
	†Dennis Morris
9:30 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
	†Gisela Melendez
	†Imelda Pine
11:00 AM	People of the Parish
	†Betsy Dennison
	Socorro Misael Diaz
12:30 PM	†Mirko Hinojosa
	†Freddy Hinojosa
	†Mario Argueta
5:30 PM	Mother's Day Novena
	†Dan Maris
MONDAY,	May 9—Easter Weekday
8:45 AM	Mother's Day Novena
	†Frank Maris
_	†Bob Ezersky
TUESDAY,	May 10—Easter Weekday
8:45 AM	Mother's Day Novena
	†Beverly Lyle
	†Jean Stoddart
WEDNESDAY,	
8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
	†Kathryn Gonsorcik
THIRDODAY	Mother's Day Novena
THURSDAY,	May 12—Easter Weekday
8:45 AM	Mother's Day Novena †Betsy Dennison
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EDIDAV	†Kathleen B. Trotta
FRIDAY, 8:45 AM	May 13—Easter Weekday Mother's Day Novena
0.45 AW	†Betsy Dennison
	†Poikayil Varghese
SATURDAY,	May 14—St. Matthias, Apostle
4:00 PM	Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Alice Tippit
0.00 1 111	Mother's Day Novena
	†Hernani Acuesta
Mass Ir	ntentions on Sunday, May 15, 2022
8:00 AM	†Jerald Morgan
	†John Pothecary
9:30 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
	†Spencer and Nieves Sagudan
	†Fred Kuss
11:00 AM	Mother's Day Novena
	†Betsy Dennison
	†Theresa Gwizdak Harrigan
12:30 PM	†Sara Nieto
	Ana Paula Zaragoza
5:30 PM	People of the Parish
	+Daug and +Imalda Dina

†Doug and †Imelda Pine

Readings for the Week of May 8, 2022

Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10 Monday Tuesday Acts 11:19-26; John 10: 22-30 Acts 12:24-13:5a; John 12:44-50 Wednesday Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20 **Thursday Friday** Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6 Acts1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17 Saturday Sunday Acts 14:21-27; Revelation 21:1-5a; John 13:31-33a, 34-35

Please Pray For All those who are sick:

Maureen Caddigan; S.J. Defibaugh;

Lisa Kraus-Lyle; Corazon N. Atienza; Eric Brown; Jan Bond; Ross Johnson; Don Clausen; Delores Baytan; Tomas Bernardo; David Back; Chad Burns; Bill Myers; Sue Long; Aaron Childs; Gary Ward; and Ted Zamerski.

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

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.





Do you like to sing? The Saint Francis Music Ministry welcomes all singers to come check out a rehearsal.

Sometimes we sit listening to the choirs and wish we were singing with them. Now is your chance! Come check out a rehearsal and learn more about the choirs. All singers are welcome. Please consider joining us in making joyful music through one of our choirs:

- The **Adult Choir**, which sings at the 9:30 a.m. Mass every Sunday, rehearses every Monday evening from 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.
- The Worship Ensemble sings at the 11:00 a.m. Mass every Sunday. Rehearsals are held every Thursday from 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

All rehearsals take place in the choir area of the church. For more information, please contact Nikole Giraldi at nikoleg@stfrncis.org



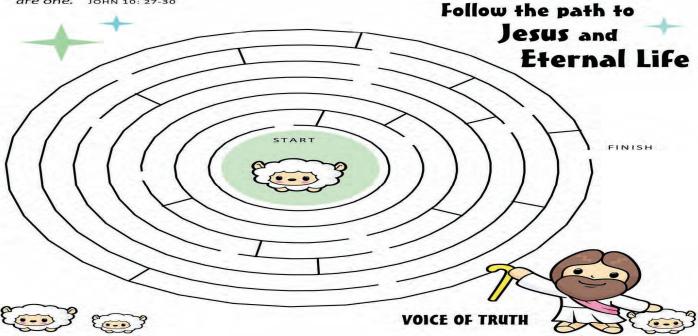


Gospel Today

Fourth Sunday of Easter | John 10:27-30

s and God are One. By following the Voice of Jesus we hear the Word of God.

My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them Eternal Life and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one. JOHN 10: 27-30



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