



ASCENSION of the Lord



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Roman Catholic Church
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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

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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.

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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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This High
Priest of ours
is One who
has taken
His seat in
heaven, on
the right
hand of that
throne where
God sits in
majesty.

—Hebrews 8:1

The Community Gathers



At the end of a long project or journey, we often say that we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. Perhaps that expression is best modified for our pandemic experience with all the waves and surges of COVID variants. One needs to be sure there is no relative motion between the light and the end of the tunnel. It might just be the train headed your way.

Our COVID journey is not over, but we are far enough along that we have some assurance there is no train headed our way. And so, we need to make new plans and efforts to realign the parish to again be an open and welcoming community celebrating our Catholic Identity and Franciscan Spirituality amid a diverse and ever-changing landscape of our lives in Prince William County.

Over the coming weeks and months, you will see ministries and groups begin to offer and promote opportunities to become engaged in the life of faith. There will be all manner of opportunities to enhance your faith, apply your energies, reach out to neighbor and stranger alike – for individuals, families, and everything in between. We will announce them in the parish e-Newsletter, bulletins, website, and social media channels. Stay tuned!

However, over the past two years, too often we have had to announce: “Join us in person or online.” Our online streaming of the Mass was a blessing that helped our community stay connected as we all were “safer at home.” In the beginning, most weekends there were several thousand “views” of the live streamed Mass. Two years have passed, and we are in a new season of hope.

These days hope is evident as seen in the increased attendance of Mass in-person. Meanwhile our average livestream viewership is between 20-40 with an average viewing time of 28 minutes. Our best guess is that viewers are disconnecting after the homily. Could it be that there is not a desire to “watch” the Eucharist by those who long to receive it?

In this new season we need to remember that at the core of our Catholic Identity and Franciscan Spirituality is the celebration of the Mass, the Sacred Liturgy in which the community gathers. It is simply not the same to be disembodied entities at the end of a digital stream, at least not in what it means to gather. In the Vatican II Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, we proclaim that Christ is truly present, most especially in the Eucharist, in and through the ministry of the priest, in the Word of God proclaimed, and “when the Church prays and sings, for He promised: ‘Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them’ (Matt. 18:20)”. Yes, two or three can gather anywhere, but the fullness of the presence of Christ is in the community gathered, the Word of God proclaimed, and most especially in the Holy Eucharist.

It is time to fully return to Mass and focus our energies on the embodied gathering of the faithful to celebrate the Sacred Liturgy in prayer, in song, and in receiving the Holy Eucharist. We need to hear the babies cry in church, signs of new life. We need to see the reddened eyes of the person in the pew and ask, “Can I help?” We need to catch up with folks on the sidewalk and at coffee and donuts.

It is time to end our live streaming of Sunday Mass. Even as we plan this, we are aware that those who are homebound or sick will not be able to participate in Mass. But this is not a new problem. In the past, we have handled this inevitability by visiting these people at home in person. A small team of lay eucharistic ministers volunteered to go to the home of anyone who could not make it to church and wanted a visit. They would meet one-on-one with people, caring for them, reciting a short liturgy together, serving communion and catching up. This asks more from a community in terms of time and commitment than streaming a service online. It gives the gifts of personal, embodied presence, friendship, and love – and most especially the Eucharist.

Pentecost Sunday, June 5th will be our last weekend of live streamed Mass. Between now and then we have work to do to update our list of the homebound and recruit our homebound visitation ministry. We have been asking via our newsletter and the front page of the website. The responses are not what we hoped for – even in the identification of the homebound. One of the dynamics of parish life is that people assume someone else has already told the parish. Trust me, they have not. Give us a call and let us know. This is how we will again be a community fully present to each other.

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

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 and 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 francias@stfrncis.org.

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 francias@stfrncis.org 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.

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.



The truth is, unless you let go, unless you forgive yourself, unless you forgive the situation, unless you realize the situation is over... you cannot move forward. Please e-mail **Kathy Walker** at kwalker@stfrncis.org or call **703-221-4044**, ext. 233 to have a Stephen Minister help you find your truth.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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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
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.



High School Youth Ministry

REAL Youth Ministry is back In-Person!

REAL Leadership Team (Online)
Sunday, June 5th—8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Leadership Team Members

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.

Join Our June Clean-Up!



Please join the Care for Creation Ministry on **Saturday, June 4th from 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.** for our **June 2022 Church Clean-Up**. We will meet in the parish parking lot. Please dress for the weather, and bring water. Gloves, trash pickers, bags, and reflective vests will be provided. Participants under 18 years of age, must be accompanied by an adult. Please sign-up via Flocknote at: <https://stfrncis.flocknote.com/signup/91109>.

Questions? Please contact **Scott Deane** at vadeanes@yahoo.com.

BASKETBALL CAMP 2022

Boys and Girls—rising 3rd-8th grade for the 2022-2023 academic year



Open to all in the St. Francis Parish community and those outside the parish

Date: June 6th—June 10th
Place: St. Francis (Parish Center) Gym
Time: 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m. (3rd—5th grade)
6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. (6th—8th grade)
Registration Fee: \$75 (3rd-5th grade)
\$75 (6th-8th grade)

Make checks payable to: St. Francis of Assisi School with 'Basketball Camp' in the memo.

For registration please go to www.stfas.org; home page.

The deadline for registration is June 1, 2022.

Registrations can be dropped off or mailed to the school office at 18825 Fuller Heights Road, Triangle, VA 22172
Questions? Please contact **Terry DeVito** at Devitot.sfas@gmail.com or 540-226-6515.

NOTICE: If COVID numbers become a concern, **BASKETBALL CAMP 2022** will be canceled and all fees will be reimbursed.

VOLLEYBALL CAMP 2022



Girls—rising 6th-8th grade for the 2022-2023 academic year

Open to all in the St. Francis Parish community and those outside the parish

Date: June 27th—June 30th (Monday-Thursday)
Place: St. Francis (Parish Center) Gym
Time: 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m. (**June 27th only**)
9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$75

Make checks payable to: St. Francis of Assisi School with 'Volleyball Camp' in the memo.

For registration please go to www.stfas.org; home page.

The deadline for registration is June 13, 2022.

Registrations can be dropped off or mailed to the school office at 18825 Fuller Heights Road, Triangle, VA 22172
Questions? Please contact **Terry DeVito** at Devitot.sfas@gmail.com or 540-226-6515.

NOTICE: If COVID numbers become a concern, **VOLLEYBALL CAMP 2022** will be canceled and all fees will be reimbursed.

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.

May 29, 2022

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 | Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23 |
Lk 24:46-53

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

“Praise Jesus.” Those two words pack a powerful punch. We often say them with relief on hearing news of a better-than-expected prognosis, celebrating a milestone, seeing a beautiful sunset, or other moments when we feel God’s presence. Jesus’ ascension to the Father was clearly one of those moments. After Jesus was taken up into heaven, the Apostles “returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God.” We might wonder how they could do that, after watching Jesus depart. I think the answer is found in Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians. The Apostles had what Paul desired for the people of Ephesus, and for all people: “a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of [Christ]”; enlightened hearts that know “the hope that belongs to his call” for all who believe. The Lord has brought us salvation: “Sing praise to God, sing praise; sing praise to our king, sing praise.”

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Jesus said, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” The Apostles took Jesus’ words to heart, and we must too. In a homily in 2013, Pope Francis said: “The Ascension does not point to Jesus’ absence, but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way. He is no longer in a specific place in the world as he was before the Ascension. He is now in the lordship of God, present in every space and time, close to each one of us.” As the two men clothed in white reminded the Apostles, Jesus will return. And we know that he is not distant, but that he is fully present to us in a new way. His presence is felt through the workings of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the sacraments.

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT Remember confirmation? A refresher on the gifts of the Spirit can serve as inspiration when we have a big decision to make or need guidance in our everyday lives: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord.





SATURDAY, 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	May 28—Easter Weekday Reconciliation †Alice Tippit †Jean Stoddart †Joel Cuevas
SUNDAY, 8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM 5:30 PM	May 29—Seventh Sunday of Easter The Boasmanboon Family The Koler Family The Lax Family †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Don Clausen †Doug Pine People of the Parish †Donald Widener Trish Lyndon †Sara Nieto †Maria de Calderon Felix Calderon Loera †Maria de Calderon †Betsy Dennison †Christopher James †Henry and †Pia James
MONDAY, 8:45 AM	May 30—Easter Weekday †Mary Schott Sarah Ecklund †Maureen Helen Acerra
TUESDAY, 8:45 AM	May 31—Visitation of Mary †Michael John Trudnak †Robert Juarez †Mary Mae Cioffi
WEDNESDAY, 8:45 AM	June 1—St. Justin Martyr †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik †Margaret Ignatuck
THURSDAY, 8:45 AM	June 2—Sts. Marcellinus and Peter Maureen Campbell
FRIDAY, 8:45 AM	June 3—St. Charles Lwanga and Companions †Janet Sarsfield
SATURDAY, 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	June 4—Easter Weekday Reconciliation †Alice Tippit †Jean Stoddart †Thomas Joseph Kean

Mass Intentions on Sunday, June 5, 2022

8:00 AM	†Mielen Arquines Peg Montanaro
9:30 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Mary Lou Jackson †Maria San Jose
11:00 AM	†Federico J. Casupang, Jr. †James McMahan †Narciso Varela
12:30 PM 5:30 PM	Misa en español People of the Parish †Liz Winston

Readings for the Week of May 29, 2022

Monday	Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33
Tuesday	Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Luke 1:39-56
Wednesday	Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19
Thursday	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26
Friday	Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19
Saturday	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25
Sunday	Acts 2:1-11; 1Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23

Please Pray For

All those who are sick:

Lewis Breeding; Jean C. Tekverk;
Ann Hackett; Juliet Erasmo; 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.

And for those recently deceased: Roberta Judith Burns
(mother of Michael T. Burns).

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



A Novena of Masses will be offered for all Fathers, living
and deceased, and will begin on June 19th.

Spiritual Bouquet Cards are available on the tables in the
vestibule. Please drop the inside envelope in the Catch-All
Slot in the vestibule or in the Parish Office

no later than 12 noon on Thursday, June 16th.



**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.**



**The Parish Office
will be closed on
Monday, May 30th
in observance of
Memorial Day.**

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today

The Ascension of the Lord | Luke 24:46-53

Jesus tells His disciples that with His death and resurrection scripture has been fulfilled. As witnesses, when the Holy Spirit comes upon them, they will go out and teach in the name of Jesus, repentance and forgiveness to all nations. Then Jesus led them out, raised His hands and blessed them and was taken into heaven.

Year C

While he was blessing them,
he left them and was taken
up into heaven.

—LUKE 24:51

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left,
right, up, down or diagonally.

World
Preach
Gospel
Everywhere
Creation
Believes
Baptized
Saved
Signs
Accompanied
Lord
Jesus
Spoken
Taken
Heaven
Sat
Right
Hand
God
Ascension
Disciples
Went
Worked
Confirmed
His
Word

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