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EUCCHARIST

Saturday Vigil - 5:30 PM

Sunday - 8:00 AM; 9:30 AM; 11:00 AM; 5:30 PM

12:30 PM - Español

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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OCTOBER AT THE PARISH

Transitus of St. Francis

Oct 3rd @ 7 pm | Church

Feast Day Mass

Oct 4th @ 8:45 am | Church

Blessing of the Animals

Oct 7th @ 12:00 pm | Campus

Solemnity of St. Francis

All Masses Oct 7th and 8th

FRANCIS FEST



Sunday Oct 8th - 1:30-4:00 pm
Rain or Shine



JOIN US!



Delicious Cakes and Exquisite Wines

We would love to receive your donations of wine from your wine cellar, pantry, or that closet where you store things - or even wine brought straight from the store. Containers for your donations will be available in the vestibule of the church for wine drop-off the weekends of **September 23rd-24th and September 30th-October 1st**, as well as the weekend of the festival.



Cakes and other baked delectables! Fr. Chris has offered to 'taste test' any donations brought early - which indeed will be their date. Please bring cakes and baked goods to the Parish Center foyer the morning of the festival.



The Wine and Cake Wheel are two very popular events which help to offset the cost of the festival.

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.

Mass for Jubilarians

Are you celebrating your **Silver or Golden Marriage Jubilee** this year?

Were you married in **1973 or 1998?**



Then please contact the Parish Office to make sure that you are registered for the "2023 Mass for Jubilarians." This Mass will be celebrated by *Bishop Michael F. Burbidge* at **3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 15th at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Arlington, VA.** The Parish Office must submit all registration to the *Office for Family Life* as soon as possible. Registrations forms are available in the vestibule of the Church and on the parish website (www.stfrncis.org). Please contact **Chanel Marquis** at cmarquis@stfrncis.org or 703-221-4044, ext. 222 with any questions.

Do not delay. **Registration is due no later than Friday, September 29th.**



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- Tuesday 9:00 am until 12:00 pm
- Wednesday 9:00 am until 1:00 pm
- Thursday 9:00 am until 1:00 pm

Meals for Prince William County Homeless Shelter

We believe that helping our brothers and sisters in need is an essential part of who we are as a Franciscan parish. It is a ministry that has been active and serving those in need for more than 20 years! And we need your help!

Sign up to
provide
breakfast for
the shelter



Don't have time , but want to help? It is okay! You can donate the following items milk, juice, fresh fruit, desserts, bags of green salad, other deli salads.

Or donate gifts cards from BJ's, Costco, Sams, Food Lion or Walmart.

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**

Children's Faith Formation



Registration for the 2023-2024 year is now open!! We do have a couple of notable changes for 2023-2024. Please note that **registration fees will remain constant through August 1st, but will increase slightly after that date.** Additionally, we are **changing our program name from Religious Education (RE) to Children's Faith Formation (CFF).** This change will align our children's program name with the previously existing Adult Faith Formation heading, and more importantly seeks to emphasize the significance of the formation of your child(ren)'s faith and relationship with God. There are many wonderful things to learn about our Catholic faith, but an encounter and relationship with Jesus must be the foundational piece.

Please register by scanning the QR code and let us know if you have any questions. A couple of final important notes:

You must be registered with the parish before Children's Faith Formation registration can be completed.



You must complete all three parts of the Registration:

- 1) Children's Faith Formation Registration
- 2) Payment
- 3) Parental Knowledge and Consent

We hope you have a wonderful summer and are looking forward to greeting you again in the fall for a new year!!

Children's Faith Formation for 2023-2024

Sept. 24	Sunday CFF Session
28	Thursday CFF Session
Oct. 1	Sunday CFF Session
5	Thursday CFF Session
8	NO CFF—Columbus Day Weekend
12	Thursday CFF Session
15	Sunday CFF Session
19	Thursday CFF Session
22	Sunday CFF Session
26	Thursday CFF Session
29	Sunday CFF Session
Nov. 2	Thursday CFF Session
5	Sunday CFF Session

"Wrestling With Romans" October 16th to November 20th



Join Fr. Jim for a six-week course on St. Paul's letter to the Romans. This letter is probably Paul's most difficult but also his most profound letter. Even within the New Testament this letter is recognized as controversial and difficult: "our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you, speaking of these things as he does in all his letters. In them there are some things hard to understand that the ignorant and unstable distort to their own destruction, just as they do the other scriptures." (2 Peter 3:15-16). In Romans Paul proclaims that the Gospel is "the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes... For in it is revealed the righteousness of God from faith to faith". What does Paul mean by Gospel, salvation, and righteousness? We will explore all of these issues that call us to a deeper faith and trust in God.

Classes run for 6 weeks from **9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.** in the **St. Clare Room**. First class is Monday, October 16th. All are welcomed. Bring your Bibles. Why not start reading and wrestling with Romans now before classes begin?

Craft Ministry



If you like to knit, crochet, quilt, or sew to help spread God's love and comfort to those in need, please join us:

What: Fellowship while working on our own "unplugged" projects for charity. The Craft Ministry also provides baptismal stoles and prayer shawls for the parish, along with other parish related projects. (no sewing machines or irons, please)
When: Tuesday, September 26th 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
Where: Dining Facility (Parish Center)
Who: Adults (ONLY) who sew, knit, quilt, crochet, etc. (No childcare is provided)

For more information, please contact
Michelle Pippin at daperfectmix@gmail.com.

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PASTORAL COUNCIL Call for Nominations

Will you consider serving our pastor and your fellow parishioners?

The Pastoral Council serves as a *collaborative and consultative body* to the Pastor as he carries out the mission, vision, and goals of the Parish

There are six seats open on the St. Francis Pastoral Council. Each position will serve a three-year term.

Candidates must be a registered parishioner, at least 18 years of age, and have received the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation.

See the website for more information about the Pastoral Council's work and to complete a nomination form.

Nominations forms are due Monday, October 2 at 5pm.

Thank you in advance for nominating yourself, or asking someone you think would be a good candidate to nominate themselves.



September 24, 2023 | Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:6-9 | Phil 1:20c-24, 27a | Mt 20:1-16a

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

Today's readings should bring us great joy. They are a reminder that our Lord may have high standards, but he is also "generous in forgiving" and "near to all who call upon him." In the Gospel, we hear the parable of the laborers in the vineyard. Some work all day while others arrive at the last hour. However, all are paid the same. Similarly, we can all receive God's heavenly reward – whether we are faithful Catholics since birth or converts in our final hour. This parable may evoke mixed feelings for those who see themselves as the laborers who have toiled all day and wonder why their reward is not greater. But rather than making us jealous, this parable should make us rejoice: How wonderful that everyone has the opportunity for everlasting life with the Lord! And what great comfort to know that if we falter and lose our way, it is never too late to return to God.

PRAY The first reading from Isaiah reminds us that the Lord works in ways we can't understand: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord." Let us ask God this week for the fortitude to reorient our thoughts and ways to his will, not ours, so as to "conduct [ourselves] in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Sometimes, knowing that we are the recipients of God's bountiful mercy, we can be tempted to lead a life focused mostly on worldly pleasures. To paraphrase St. Augustine: Make me holy Lord ... just not yet! Of course we know this isn't the right attitude or approach to life, but it's certainly tempting. Let's return to the message of the Gospel for a moment. Yes, the Lord is generous in giving all the workers the same wage. But perhaps equally as important is that we are called to be workers in the Lord's vineyard, and what an honor and privilege that is! Serving in the Lord's kingdom here on earth is not drudgery; it is life-giving and fills us with God's love and grace. Let us recall the words of St. Paul in today's Letter to the Philippians. Although he longs to "depart this life and be with Christ," he knows that staying here on earth means "fruitful labor for me." Let us also strive to keep our eyes on the Lord and labor in his field for as long as we are able.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, September 23—St. Pius of Pietrelcina
4:00 PM Reconciliation
5:30 PM †Gladys Spring
†Alice Tippit
†Linda Cook

SUNDAY, September 24—25th Sunday of Ordinary Time
8:00 AM †Thomas Dibbley
†Jack Haneklau
†Mark Haneklau
9:30 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
†Dr. Thomas Eshbach
11:00 AM People of the Parish
12:30 PM Misa en español
5:30 PM †Gladys Spring
†Jane Wilson
John Maris

MONDAY, September 25—Weekday
8:45 AM †Miriam Longo

TUESDAY, September 26—Weekday
8:45 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik

WEDNESDAY, September 27—St. Vincent de Paul
8:45 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
†Kathryn Gonsorcik

THURSDAY, September 28—Weekday
8:45 AM †Judi Ryerse

FRIDAY, September 29—Sts. Michael, Gabriel, And Raphael, Archangels
†Helen and †George Callaway

SATURDAY, September 30—St. Jerome
4:00 PM Reconciliation
5:30 PM †Alice Tippit
†Helen and †George Callaway
†Jose Hernandez

Mass Intentions on Sunday, October 1, 2023

8:00 AM †Lillian Laubinger
†Thomas Dibbley
†Helen and †George Callaway
9:30 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
Sr. Lucie Durant
11:00 AM †Donald Widener
12:30 PM Misa en español
5:30 PM †Lois Brown

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.**



SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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Readings for the Week of September 24, 2023

Monday Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18
Tuesday Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21
Wednesday Ezra 9:5-9;
Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4b-fg-hn, 7-8; Luke 9:1-6
Thursday Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9
Friday Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or
Revelation 12:7-12ab; John 1:47-51
Saturday Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a;
Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13;
Luke 9:43b-45
Sunday Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11 or
Philippians 2:1-5; Matthew 21:28-32

Please Pray For

All those who are sick:

Kate Schell-Smith; Cecilia Fellner;
Butch Asseoin; Mary Kay Jones; Gaston Gianni; Deneen Laffman; Mirian Yanet Segovia; Cathy O'Connor; Maira Pena; Larry Evans; Andrew Wagner; Jim Riordan; Randy Chapman; Kevin Sliwinski; Paul Puletz; Estrella Monzon; JJ Powell; Michelle Fornelli; Collin Callahan; Solange Wahl; Ricardo Sayson; Recaredo Monzon; Juliet Erasmo; Maureen Caddigan; S.J. Defibaugh; Lisa Kraus-Lyle; Corazon N. Atienza; Eric Brown; Jan Bond; Delores Baytan; Tomas Bernardo; David Back; Chad Burns; Bill Myers; Sue Long; Gary Ward; and Ted Zamerski.

And for those recently deceased: Ileana Mele; and Dario Jimeno (husband of Marilu Jimeno)

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KID'S KORNER

Gospel Today
 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 20:1-16a
 Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to the vineyard - the rewards are equal for all regardless of when the workers begin, or the faithful respond to the call of Jesus.

Cycle A

The landowner went out at dawn to hire workers. The first workers agreed on a daily wage. Later in the day the next workers agreed to a just, or fair wage. The last workers only worked 1 hour. Though all the workers started at different times, the landowner paid them the same. Upon receiving the same daily wage, the workers who were in the vineyard all day were envious. The landowner said, "Take what I promised and go. I am free to be generous with my money."

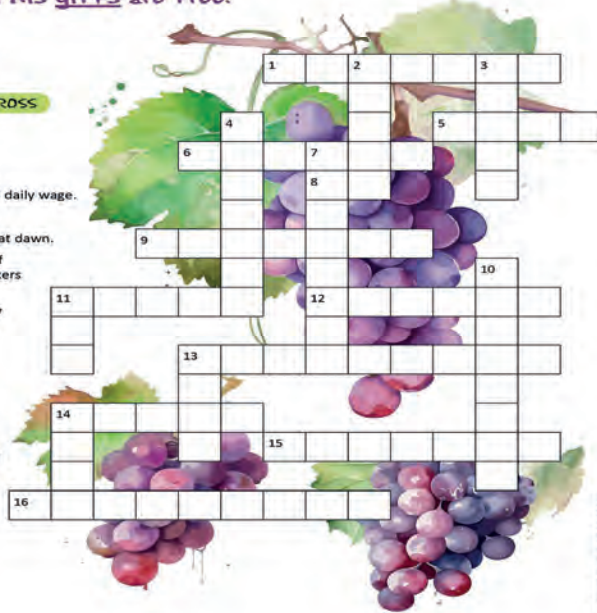
God is generous... His gifts are free.

- 1 Today's reading is from the book of _____
- 5 Word meaning "fair"
- 6 Kingdom of _____
- 8 Heaven _____ like...
- 9 People ready to do a job
- 11 God's _____ are free.
- 12 The workers _____ to the usual daily wage.
- 13 The _____ hired the workers.
- 14 The _____ workers were hired at dawn.
- 15 The first workers were _____ of the wage paid to the last workers hired.
- 16 The first workers thought they would be _____ more money.

ACROSS

DOWN

- 2 The workers all started at different _____ of day.
- 3 The same, or _____
- 4 In Heaven, the _____ are equal for all.
- 7 A place to grow grapes
- 10 The landowner was _____ with his money.
- 11 Our Heavenly Father
- 13 The workers hired _____ were paid first.
- 14 No charge



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