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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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School News

Thank you to our parish family for your unwavering support of our school. Our dedicated faculty and staff are providing students with a Christ-Centered education in the Franciscan tradition. Students spend their day learning, praying, sharing, loving and laughing. Catholic education is worth the investment! Thank you!

Is your child turning 4 by September 30th?

We've got just the spot – in our Pre-K classroom!

We are accepting applications for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes. We also have limited space in grades 1-8. To apply, visit www.stfas.org/admissions.

For more information or to schedule a tour please contact Mrs. Orille at lorille@stfas.org or 703-221-3868.



If you would like to make a donation for **Christmas Memorial Flowers**, envelopes are available on the tables in the vestibule. Anyone who wishes to remember their loved ones can fill out the information on the envelope and drop it in **the catch-all slot on the wall in the vestibule**. Those names will be

listed in the bulletin during the Christmas Season.

Christmas Novena Mass cards are available in the vestibule of the church.

Please return the envelope with those names to be prayed for to the church by **December 19, 2023**.



Advent and Christmas 2023

Friday, Dec 8 - The Immaculate Conception

Vigil (12/7) - 7:00 pm (English)
Holy Day (12/8) - 8:45 am & 7:00 pm (English) and 8:30 pm (Spanish)

Tuesday, Dec 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:45 am (English) and 7:30 pm (Spanish)

Friday, Dec 15 - Festival of Praise - 7:30 pm

Wednesday, Dec 20 - Advent Penance Service - 7:00 pm

4th Sunday of Advent, Dec 24th

Saturday Vigil - 5:30 pm | Sunday 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am (English)
Domingo - 12:30 pm (Spanish)

Sunday, Dec 24 - Christmas Eve

Children's Christmas Pageant - 3:15 pm
English: 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 8:00 pm, & 10:30 pm in the church
Christmas Preludes begin at 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm and 9:30 pm
English: 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm overflow in the gym
Spanish: 8:00 pm in the gym with live Nativity

Monday, Dec 25 - Christmas Day

English: 8:00 am, 9:30 am | No Mass in Spanish

Sunday Dec 31 - Usual Vigil/Sunday Schedule

Monday, Jan 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Day (not of obligation) - 8:45 am



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- Mac and Cheese
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fresh Potatoes

If you or your family find yourself in need, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Francis House is open:

- 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

Dinners for the Shelter at The Ferlazzo Building

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 scan the QR code below.

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 closed, unless you are transferring in from another program. **Questions?** Please contact **Sheila Noble** at snoble@stfrncis.org.

Children's Faith Formation for 2023-2024

Dec. 10	Sunday CFF Session
14	Thursday CFF Session
17	Sunday CFF Session

December 21st-January 4th
NO CFF—Christmas Break



Save the date! Discovering Christ will be presented at St. Francis of Assisi in January 2024!! Participants in this 7-week series will meet on Thursday evenings beginning January 4th and continuing through February 15th to enjoy dinner and fellowship, listen to a dynamic teaching and join in a small group discussion about the meaning of life in Jesus Christ. There will be a retreat day on Saturday, February 3rd. The cost for registration for this event is \$35 per person and all meals are included.

For more information, please contact **Sheila Noble** at 703-221-3127, ext. 238 or snoble@stfrncis.org.



St. Francis of Assisi parish has supported the **Un-Trim-A-Tree Program** for more than 20 years; providing assistance for families in need in Dumfries, Triangle, and Quantico. This year St. Francis of Assisi will also be providing monetary donations to the following: Birthright, Project Rachel and Gabriel, and Refugee Newcomers. **We placed trees decorated with tags in the vestibule of the church.** To assist you in the process we have some answers to your frequently asked questions (FAQ'S) below:

What do I do with the tag? Take it home, shop for the gift and return the tag taped to the present by the requested date. **Do Not Wrap the present**

What is the tag for? **The tag is very important** as it indicates the individual's information, what the individual wants and also the way the gifts are sorted and distributed. **When you pull a tag from one of the trees, copy the information down or take a picture of the tag** to ensure that if you lose the tag you will still have the pertinent information like: name, sex, age, code, and wish.

Where do I drop the Present? Gifts may be placed under the tree. They are removed daily.

Presents must be returned by
Sunday, December 10th.
(NO Exceptions)

Can I give additional items than those requested on the tag? Yes, we always welcome and make good use of additional presents.

Do you have questions about the Un-trim-A-Tree Program? Please contact **Francia Salguero** at 703-221-6344 or francias@stfrncis.org.

Thank you very much for your continuing support of this wonderful program.

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, **December 12th** 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.



Festival of Praise

Join us in a celebration of faith, music and community. Get ready to be uplifted and inspired by the power of music and worship. Mark your calendars today!

**Presented by the Saint Francis of Assisi Music Ministry
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7:30 PM | LIVE MUSIC | FELLOWSHIP

FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER



SATURDAY, 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	December 9—Advent Weekday Reconciliation †Alice Tippet †Matthew Hokana †Eileen T. Miller
SUNDAY, 8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM 5:30 PM	December 10—Second Sunday of Advent †Mark Haneklau †Marie Newman †Enrique Cuellar-Gomez †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Federico Casupang, Sr. People of the Parish †Kathy Glasby Misa en español †Frank Maris
MONDAY, 8:45 AM	December 11—Advent Weekday †Ethelyne Monroe
TUESDAY, 8:45 AM 7:30 PM	December 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe †Audrey Proscia †Betsy P. Dennison In Thanksgiving Misa en español
WEDNESDAY, 8:45 AM	December 13—St. Lucy †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
THURSDAY, 8:45 AM	December 14—St. John of the Cross †Doris Bedoya de Alfaro †Kathy Beadnell Arismendi Pena, Jr.
FRIDAY, 8:45 AM	December 15—Advent Weekday †Gregory Edward Sanderson †Raymond Kauffman
SATURDAY, 4:00 PM 5:30 PM	December 16—Advent Weekday Reconciliation †Alice Tippet †Paul Carpino Maximo Tavarez

Mass Intentions on Sunday, December 17, 2023

8:00 AM	†Mark Haneklau
9:30 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Nieves and †Spencer Sagudan †Jack Ryan
11:00 AM	†Paul Puletz †Elizabeth McBride
12:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	People of the Parish

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Readings for the Week of December 10, 2023

Monday	Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26
Tuesday	Zechariah 2:14-17; Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Luke 1:26-38; or Luke 1:39-47
Wednesday	Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30
Thursday	Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15
Friday	Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19
Saturday	Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday	Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

Please Pray For

All those who are sick:

Sarah Morgan; Maria Suarez;
Jean C. Tekverk; Joseph Keady; Jeff Dietze;
Jonathan Hernandez Mata; Phyllis Mitchell;
Kate Schell-Smith; Cecilia Fellner; Butch Asselin;
Mary Kay Jones; Gaston Gianni; Mirian Yanet Segovia;
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; Corazon N. Atienza; Eric Brown; Jan Bond;
Delores Baytan; Tomas Bernardo; David Back;
Chad Burns; Bill Myers; Sue Long; Gary Ward; and
Ted Zamerski.

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.**



Tithing Information

End of Year Statements: Due to the high cost of postage,
we have decided that the end of year tax statements for
2023 will not be automatically sent to each parishioner. **We
will provide a tax statement to any parishioner that
requests one** by contacting Chanel Marquis at
cmarquis@stfrncis.org.

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.



A special thank you to
**Mountcastle-Turch Funeral
Homes** for providing the 2024
calendars for the parish.

KID'S KORNER

Gospel Today
Second Sunday of Advent | Mark 1:1-8

Year B

BE AWARE, PREPARE!
John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, was sent to Baptize many people and prepare them for the coming of Jesus, the True Messiah.

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SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

ARRIVAL OR COMING OF CHRIST

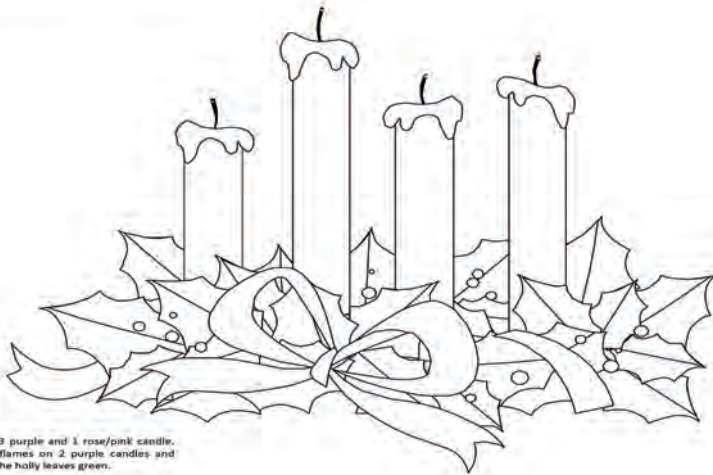
We begin the second week of Advent preparing ourselves for the Messiah. Our Advent wreath has 4 candles (3 purple, 1 rose/pink) for the four Sundays, or weeks before Christmas. The more candles we light, the brighter it gets, and the closer we are to the birth of Christ.

WEEK 2, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for thy only begotten Son that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

Oldest child lights 2 purple candles.



Color 3 purple and 1 rose/pink candle. Draw flames on 2 purple candles and color the holly leaves green.

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