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February 18, 2024
First Sunday of Lent

Parish Office Hours - Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Fri. 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

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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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St. Francis of Assisi Pastoral Council



The role of the Parish Council is to serve as a collaborative and consultative body with the Pastor for the life and mission of the Church. Parishioners are always welcome to join us in working towards this goal as we are always open to input and/or feedback on any matter.

Council members elected in Fall 2023 began their terms at the December meeting. Welcome to the following new members of the Parish Council: James Casey, Blair Dolinger, Jean Jamrisko, Mary Mahler, Kristi Phelps, Eduardo Torres, Maria Villavicencio.

Current tasks on the council's agenda include updating the Strategic Plan. Maintaining a dynamic document is important as we work towards the goal of meeting the ever-changing and evolving needs of the parish. The council is planning to discuss and approve any changes soon. Upon completion those changes will be available for distribution.

We are also working on updating the Constitution of the Parish Council. This document can be found on the parish website at <https://stfrncis.org/pastoral-council>. Using the contact form on that website, parishioners are invited to offer suggestions for any revisions. Please do so no later than Sunday, March 3rd.

Planning has begun for a parish-wide social event in late spring. More information will follow as this event is being planned with the hope of strong participation in an enjoyable day of community fellowship and family activity.

2024 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL (BLA) BEGINS!



The theme this year's BLA is shared with the theme of our Diocesan Jubilee: "Behold, I make all things new." After reflecting upon the blessings God has given you, please prayerfully consider a pledge. As we look forward to the celebration of the 50-year Golden Anniversary of our diocese, let us renew our commitment to the Lord and be inspired to share what we have received from Him. You make a gift at:

www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA or scan the QR code:



SCAN ME

Confessions During Lent



The season of Lent is a great time to be renewed and reconciled. The sacrament of **Reconciliation will be available:**

- **Wednesdays** from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.
- **Saturdays** from 4:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.
- **Lenten Penance Service**—March 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Exceptions:

- March 6th (due to 40 Hours Devotion)
- March 30th (Holy Saturday)

The last day for reconciliation is March 27th.



The Ancient Order of Hibernians

is recruiting Catholic men (16 years and older) of Irish birth or descent. AOH in America was founded in 1836 and is the oldest Catholic brotherhood in the U.S.A. We have a proud tradition of support to the Catholic church reaching back to the 16th century in Ireland. Join our brothers from St. Francis of Assisi Parish who support local Catholic

organizations, charities, and generally do good works in our communities. For more information, please contact Dan Sullivan at dan_irene@verizon.net or 703 282 2117.

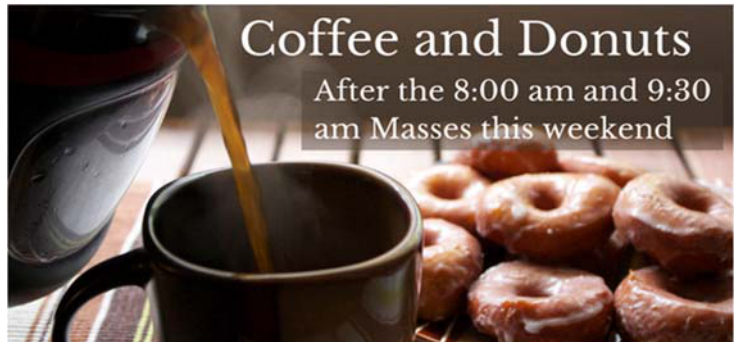
Balance: Stability produced by even distribution of forces.

Our lives are delicately balanced. A small shift in one area of life can set us off balance. A major change can send us spinning out of control. **Stephen Ministers** can help when life gets out of balance. For more information, please contact **Terry Mastrucci** at 607-745-9946 or tmastrucci@stfrncis.org.



Coffee and Donuts

After the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses this weekend



Please Note: The parish offices will be closed on **Monday, February 19th** in observance of Presidents' Day.



An outreach
ministry of
the parish



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Food Pantry Needs:

- Spaghetti Sauce
- Spaghetti
- Pasta (elbow, penne, rigatoni)

At this time we do not need any canned soup or canned vegetables. Thanks to your generosity we have plenty of these items.

Thank you for all that you do!

Items of the Month:

Sugar
Salt
Coffee

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
dinner 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.**



On **February 18, 2024**, after all the morning Masses and the 12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass, the St. Francis of Assisi Anti-Human Trafficking committee is hosting a Fair-Trade Sale. Featured items are St. Basil Coffee, Divine Chocolate, and the much-loved Monk's Bread and Biscotti!

Proceeds will support the Central Virginia Justice Initiative (CVJI). Please take this opportunity to support CVJI's efforts to raise awareness of this modern-day slavery and their outreach to victims and survivors of human trafficking. Our committee will be in the vestibule of the St. Francis of Assisi School and available to share our current activities.

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

Feb.	18	NO CFF (President's Day Weekend)
	22	Thursday CFF Session
	25	Sunday CFF Session
	29	Thursday CFF Session
Mar.	3	Sunday CFF Session
	7	Thursday CFF Session



Please join in the largest Adult Faith program of the year by hosting a few friends, family and/or neighbors into your home for an hour a week during Lent. Each year, hundreds of St. Francis of Assisi parishioners enrich their spiritual lives at this sacred time by participating in small faith groups. The 4—10 person groups meet in Host homes, beginning the week of February 18th, as part of a six-week study. This year, we will utilize the Pastoral Center *Around the Lenten Circle* resource. Hosts are instrumental to the program's success, and it is very easy to be a Host! All you need is an open heart to invite people you already know into your home for approximately an hour a week, on a day and time that best fits your schedule. Each registered Host will receive handouts for your participants as well as a leader guide to assist you. There is no training required, and it is completely up to each Host as to who to invite and when to meet. To register as a Host, receive your materials and learn more about the program, or to join a group that meets virtually, please contact **Sheila Noble** (snoble@stfrncis.org).

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank
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A season within a season—

Word gets around. Visitors or parishioners will sometimes stop me on the sidewalk in front of church and remark, "I heard you were in the Navy..." This is, of course, a prelude to reminisce, tell sea stories, recount home ports and ports-of-call, and all manner of things true and... well, sea stories. Back in the day I was conversant in all the acronyms of naval service of the day. If someone asked if I ever did a loop through AUTC, I knew what they were talking about. If someone said, "Bravo Zulu," I understood. "COMNAVSEASYSOM" – got it... but this century has a whole lot of new acronyms that just evade my comprehension.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

We do the same thing in Church. We who work within the world of ministries have our own set of acronyms. This time of year, you can hear us announce all manner of things about RCIA. We just assume everyone knows what it is: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. But we also assume everyone knows the what, why, and where-for of RCIA. Hopefully true, but then again...so let me outline a little. Why now? Because we are coming to a key milestone in the RCIA process: Lent, the Rite of Acceptance and the Easter Vigil. But let us begin at the beginning.

There are, broadly speaking, two kinds of people who participate in the RCIA program: (a) those who have never been baptized and (b) those who are already validly baptized in another Christian denomination. What is common and shared is that both groups want to be in full communion with the Catholic Church. Technically, only the unbaptized are "converts," as they are converting to Christianity. You often hear the moniker "convert" applied to someone from another Christian church who is becoming Catholic – but not really, they are already Christian.

The first group is called "catechumens" from the Greek *katekhoumenos*, "being instructed." They are being instructed in Jesus, sacred scripture, sacraments, liturgy, and more – all the things that are part of the Tradition and traditions of the Catholic Church. It is our way of saying, this is who we are and inviting them to join us – and most importantly, to be in relationship with Jesus as Lord and Savior.

The latter group is called "candidates." While we cover many of the same things it is more "this is the Catholic understanding" of the Bible, liturgy, ministry, and more. It is our way of inviting our fellow Christian brothers and sisters to be in "full communion" with us.

Lent is a special time for those in RCIA. It began on the Sunday after Ash Wednesday, when the catechumens participated in the Rite of Sending, a moment in time when we as a community affirmed the good work of the RCIA catechists and commended the catechumens to the Bishop. That same day, the bishop formally received them in the Rite of Election, saying, "You are ready to participate in the Easter Vigil and become one with us." During the weeks of Lent, depending on the Mass you attend, you might have witnessed several rites of blessing for the candidates and the catechumens, now called "the Elect."

In the weeks to come, pray for all the Elect, their sponsors and families – and give thanks to God for the growth in our community of faith.



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School News

Students at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School celebrated our nation during Catholic Schools Week. Students dressed in Red, White, and Blue as they sang the national anthem during a flag raising ceremony.



Enrollment

Are you interested in joining our school family?

Enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year is now open! We are accepting applications for Pre-Kindergarten (must be 4 years old by September 30th) and Kindergarten classes. We also have limited space in grades 1-8. To apply, please visit www.stfas.org. For more information or to schedule a tour of our campus, please contact Mrs. Orille at lorille@stfas.org or 703-221-3868.

First Sunday of Lent

SATURDAY, February 17—Lenten Weekday

4:00 PM Reconciliation
5:30 PM †Tony O. Lopez
†Alice Tippet
†Ralph E. Gaunay, Jr.

SUNDAY, February 18—1st Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM †Anicita and †Elias Eugenio
Tom Caulfield
†Richard Jenkins
9:30 AM †Lydia Back
†Matthew Hokana
†Mary G. Schott
11:00 AM †Spencer and †Nieves Sagudan
†Alfonso R. Cruz
12:30 PM †Enrique Rodriguez
5:30 PM Kathleen Trudnak
People of the Parish
†Walter Abt

MONDAY, February 19—Lenten Weekday

8:45 AM †Anicita and †Elias Eugenio

TUESDAY, February 20—Lenten Weekday

8:45 AM †Anicita and †Elias Eugenio
†Anthrene Scarcia
†Steve and †Anna Kovalchik

WEDNESDAY, February 21—Lenten Weekday

8:45 AM †Marv Floom

THURSDAY, February 22—Chair of St. Peter, Apostle

8:45 AM †James Ross Barton

FRIDAY, February 23—Lenten Weekday

8:45 AM William Krepps

SATURDAY, February 24—Lenten Weekday

4:00 PM Reconciliation
5:30 PM †Mike and †Mary Trudnak
†Tony O. Lopez
†Alice Tippet

Mass Intentions on Sunday, February 25, 2024

8:00 AM †Frank Piorkowski, Sr.
†Caroline Street
9:30 AM †Spencer and †Nieves Sagudan
†Maggie Birk
†William Sandvig
11:00 AM People of the Parish
12:30 PM †Alejandro Medina
†Leandra Medina
5:30 PM †Walter Abt
†Lourdes Medios
†Oscar Raul Cervantes Tapia

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.**



Readings for the Week of February 18, 2024

Monday Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18;
Matthew 25:31-46
Tuesday Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15
Wednesday Jonah 3:1-10; Joel 2:12-13;
Luke 11:29-32
Thursday 1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:18;
Matthew 16:13-19
Friday Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26
Saturday Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48
Sunday Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;
Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10

Please Pray For

All those who are sick:

Donna Leeds; Jim Casey; Bill Saliski;
Dolly Brunk; 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; Estrella Monzon;
JJ Powell; Michelle Fornelli; Collin Callahan;
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.

And for those recently deceased: Solange Wahl (mother of Angela Schumacher); and John Mittino (father of Patty Brown-Mittino and Janice Mittino).

The lost and found drawers in the Church vestibule are overflowing. If you are missing keys, gloves, umbrellas, books, water bottles, baby toys/stuffed animals, etc., please check the drawers. **All items remaining at the end of February will be donated.**



CAR RAFFLE 2024



All Saints Church (Manassas, VA) has invited us once again to participate in their **4-Car Raffle**. Prizes include four 2024 vehicles from Ourisman Ford of Manassas (Ford Escape,

Mustang, Ranger Truck and Bronco Sport). **One \$5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all four vehicles plus \$40,000 in cash prizes.** An information letter and tickets will be mailed to your home on Thursday, February 22, 2024.

Any questions, please contact Chanel Marquis at 703-221-4044, ext. 222 or cmarquis@stfrncis.org.

Please take note—All tickets (used or unused and money) can be mailed back directly to ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH.; turned into the Parish Office; placed in the collection basket; or the Catch-All Slot. St. Francis will STILL receive the normal proceeds from the Raffle. This is our Parish's largest fundraiser and we thank you in advance for your support.





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AND CAN BE FOR SALE,
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- AND -
WORTH FAR MORE
THAN THINGS."

- Pope Francis



The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, human life is under direct attack from [abortion](#) and [euthanasia](#). The value of human life is being threatened by [cloning](#), [embryonic stem cell research](#).

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