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February 25, 2024
Second Sunday of Lent

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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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Ashes and Blessings



This past Ash Wednesday all were welcomed to receive ashes since all of us are both saints and sinners. As we receive ashes Jesus invites us to “Repent and believe in the Gospel,” or “Turn and put our faith and trust in God.”

Before Jesus issues this invitation he proclaims: *“This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”* (Mark 1:15). God takes the initiative and stands next to us, “at hand” waiting to embrace us as we turn to God.

You might have noticed on Ash Wednesday all are welcomed to receive ashes from babies to adults, Catholics and non-Catholics, couples in irregular situations and couples of the same sex. The distribution of ashes is not a sacrament but a sacramental. Since it is not a sacrament one does not have to be in the state of grace to receive ashes. All are welcome to receive ashes.

A similar line of reasoning applies to the recent declaration of the Dicastery of the Doctrine of the Faith “Fiducia supplicans, On the Pastoral Meaning of Blessings” which discusses the blessing of couples in irregular situations and couples of the same sex. The declaration makes a distinction between a liturgical blessing and a simple blessing. A liturgical blessing takes place in the context of the celebration of a sacrament and requires one to be in the state of grace. The Dicastery goes on to state: “One must also avoid the risk of reducing the meaning of blessings to this point of view alone, for it would lead us to expect the same moral conditions for a simple blessing that are called for in the reception of the sacraments.” I and the other priests perform many such “simple blessings.” We not only bless people but objects such as water, houses, cars, and even animals on the feast of St. Francis. These simple blessings are sacramentals and are open to all people just like ashes.

All of us, saints and sinners, whatever state we may be in, need the blessing and the help of God to direct and guide us in our daily life. All are welcome to receive ashes, and all are welcome to receive these simple blessings. When Pope Francis asked the famous or infamous question, “Who am I to judge?” he was really paraphrasing the words of Jesus: *“Stop judging, that you may not be judged. For as you judge, so will you be judged...Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's or sister's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own eye?”* (Matthew 7:1-3).

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Jim Scullion, O.F.M.

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.

Join Our Clean-Up Day!



Help care for God's creation this fall by helping us pick up trash! We will meet on **Saturday, March 2nd** in the church parking lot from **10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.** The Care for Creation Ministry will provide trash pickers, gloves, vests, and trash bags. We encourage you to bring water, bug spray, sun screen, and dress for the weather. Participants under 18 years of age, must be accompanied by an adult. Please sign-up via Flocknote at:

<https://stfrancis.flocknote.com/signup/156423>.

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

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 can make a gift at: www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA or scan the QR code:



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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.**

Diocesan Day of Unplugging | Friday, March 1, 2024

With attachment to digital devices affecting so many, this effort is intended to help us fast from excess screen time and renew our minds and hearts, reorienting us to God. The one-day challenge is to intentionally detach from digital media devices—phones, tablets, TVs—as much as is possible or realistic. The encouragement is not simply to “unplug”, but to offer the time otherwise spent in front of a screen back to God through prayer and/or in service to one another. Commit to spending March 1st fully - or partially - unplugged!

To learn more, please go to: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/unplug/>.

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.	25	Sunday CFF Session
	29	Thursday CFF Session
Mar.	3	Sunday CFF Session
	7	Thursday CFF Session

March 10th—31st
NO CFF Sessions

Stafford County and Prince William County School's Spring Break

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, **February 27th** 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.



Each Friday in Lent - Join us for Fellowship and Worship



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.



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).



Sunday Morning Faith Series—Please plan to join us on **Sunday, March 3rd at 10:30 a.m.** in the dining hall of the parish center for a presentation by Fr. Charley Miller, OFM. Fr. Charley is a former pastor of our parish and an engaging speaker! We hope to see you there!

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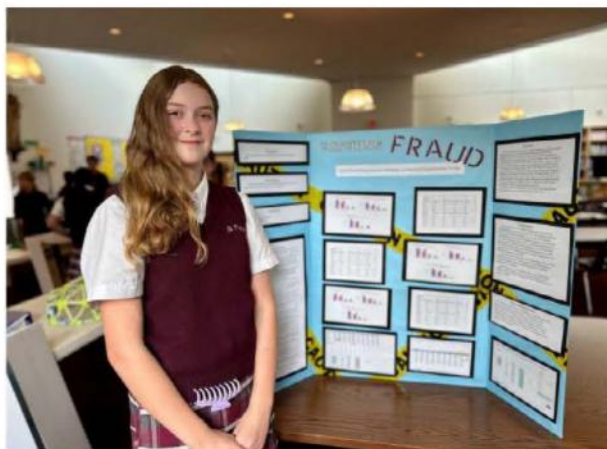
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School News

Students in 7th and 8th grades participated in a Science Fair during Catholic Schools Week. Those who finished in 1st or 2nd place in their category can move on to represent St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School at the Prince William-Manassas Regional Science and Engineering Fair. We wish our future chemists, engineers, mathematician, and scientists good luck at the event on March 16.



Second Sunday of Lent

SATURDAY, February 24—Lenten Weekday

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

SUNDAY, February 25—2nd Sunday of Lent

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

MONDAY, February 26—Lenten Weekday

8:45 AM Juan Escobar
†George and †Helen Callaway

TUESDAY, February 27—Lenten Weekday

8:45 AM †Judy Boyd
†George and †Helen Callaway

WEDNESDAY, February 28—Lenten Weekday

8:45 AM †George and †Helen Callaway

THURSDAY, February 29—Lenten Weekday

8:45 AM †Eileen Bolen

FRIDAY, March 1—Lenten Weekday

8:45 AM †Janet Sarsfield

SATURDAY, March 2—Lenten Weekday

4:00 PM Reconciliation
5:30 PM †Tony O. Lopez
†Alice Tippit
†Maureen Comer

Mass Intentions on Sunday, March 3, 2024

8:00 AM †Mark Haneklau
†Jack Haneklau
9:30 AM †John and †Mary Misyak
†Spencer and †Nieves Sagudan
11:00 AM †Brent Lancaster
†Kathleen White
People of the Parish
12:30 PM Misa en español
5:30 PM †Lourdes Medios
†Jane Wilson
†Gladys Spring

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 25, 2024

Monday Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38
Tuesday Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12
Wednesday Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28
Thursday Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31
Friday Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday Exodus 20:1-17 or Exodus 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

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: Joanne Flores-Hite (wife of James 'Jim' Hite).

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.**



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.

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.



40 Hours Devotion



Solemn Exposition
each day following
8:45 am Daily Mass
until 7:00 pm

Thursday evening's
Exposition
concludes with a
Solemn Benediction
at 6:15 pm

March 4-7, 2024

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

Plan to spend an hour in prayer and devotion before the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist. While everyone is invited to come when you can, to ensure that the Eucharist in Exposition is always accompanied by the faithful, please sign up for one or more of the times during the four days of devotion. You can find the sign ups by scanning the QR code or visiting <https://stfrncis.org/lenten/40-hours-devotion/>.



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