

## Mass Schedule

**Christmas Eve (NO 8:45 a.m. Mass)**

3:15 PM Children's Christmas Pageant in church  
**Followed by 4:00 PM Children's Mass**  
(Children's Choir)

**4:00 P.M. – Mass in the gym** (Cantor)

5:45 Prelude **6:00 PM Children's Mass**  
(Children's Choir)

**6:00 PM Overflow Mass in the gym**

7:30 Prelude **8:00 PM Mass** (Teen Choir/Ensemble)  
**8:00 PM Spanish Mass in the gym**

9:30 Prelude **10:30 PM Mass** (Adult Choir)

**(No Mass at Midnight)**

**Christmas Day**

8:45 Prelude **9:00 AM Mass** (Cantor)

**10:30 AM Mass**

11:30 Prelude **12:15 PM Mass** (Ensemble in church)

**Dec. 26th**  
**8:45 a.m. Morning Mass**

Please join us on **Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 3:00pm** for the annual **St. Francis School Boutique**. Shop from several local artisans selling handmade items including jewelry, pottery, textiles, holiday items and gifts. A portion of the proceeds will benefit St. Francis School.



For more information on attending the event, or on becoming a vendor, please contact **Linda Hess** at [hessl.sfas@gmail.com](mailto:hessl.sfas@gmail.com).

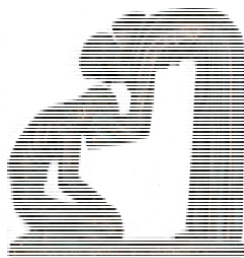


If you would like to make a donation for **Christmas Memorial Flowers** envelopes are available on the tables in the vestibule. Anyone who would like to remember their loved ones can fill out the information on the envelope and drop it in **the catch-all slot on the wall in the vestibule**. Those names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

**IT IS NOT TOO LATE** to order Christmas wreaths, centerpieces and table top holiday trees. You can order online **until December 15<sup>th</sup>** at [www.mickmanholidaygifts.com](http://www.mickmanholidaygifts.com) using our coupon code **KNIGHTVA003**. The Holiday Evergreens you purchase for yourself, family, and friends will be delivered in a festive carton with your personalized message. You will get a \$3 discount and our Knights of Columbus Council will receive a \$5 donation. **Free shipping on orders over \$60.**



**On December 6th at 7:30 p.m.**, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Penance. **This will be a traditional Communal Penance with music, readings from scripture, and a short homily.** Several priests will be available for individual confessions.



For all lectors, ushers, servers, and Eucharistic ministers who wish to serve during the Christmas Eve and/or Christmas Day masses, the **sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the vestibule.**

Mark Your Calendars for the Annual  
Festival of Praise!

December 16th at 7:30 p.m.

Enjoy a wonderful evening of Christmas Praise presented by the combined choirs and instrumentalists of the Saint Francis Music Ministry, full of music that will stir your heart and leave you feeling joyful! After the Festival, please join us in the Parish Hall for food and fellowship. The Concert is free of charge, however a free will offering will be accepted to help cover the cost of the Concert.



For more information, please contact Nikole Giraldi at [nikoleg@stfrncis.org](mailto:nikoleg@stfrncis.org).

**Open AA Step Study Group Friday night**  
**Group meets 7-8:00 p.m. in the Br. Juniper Room.**  
Come study the 12 Steps to Recovery.



**Advent Yoga class on Tuesday, December 6th from 6:00PM to 7:30PM in St. Catherine Room.** A donation of \$15 is suggested, however any amount is appreciated. All class proceeds will be donated to the St. Francis Un-Trim-A-Tree

Project. *Class will be limited to the first 20 registrants.* For more information please contact **Rita Evans at 540-270-0667** or at [breathofheavenyoga@outlook.com](mailto:breathofheavenyoga@outlook.com).

**Advent Yoga class on Saturday, December 17th from 7:45 AM- 8:45 AM in the St. Catherine Room.** A donation of \$15 is suggested, however any amount is appreciated. All class proceeds will be donated to the St. Francis Un-Trim-A-Tree Project. *Class will be limited to the first 20 registrants.* For more information please contact **Tracy Morgan at 540-446-9426** or at [spiritualyogava@gmail.com](mailto:spiritualyogava@gmail.com).

### Votive Candles

Envelopes are provided for the candle money. **Please place them in the Catch-All slot located in the vestibule of the church.**



## Gobble, Gobble, Gobble



Thanks to the generosity and support of all our parishioners, church ministries, St Francis of Assisi School, St Francis' Cub Scout Pack 1385 and Boy Scout Troop 138, we were able to provide 80 Families with turkeys and food for their Thanksgiving dinner.

### Un-Trim A Tree Program

St. Francis of Assisi parish has supported the Un-Trim-A-Tree Program for more than 16 years, providing assistance for families in need in Dumfries, Triangle, and Quantico. This year St. Francis of Assisi will also be providing gifts for a number of refugee families' sponsored by Catholic Charities and the Bill Mehr Homeless Shelter. 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 request date. Do Not Wrap the present



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

**Where do I drop the Present?** On November 27th, St. Francis of Assisi will place a Christmas Angel Giving Tree on display in the vestibule of the church; gifts may be placed under the tree. They are removed daily. Presents must be returned by Sunday, December 11th. (NO Exceptions)

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

**If I still have questions concerning the Un-trim-A-Tree Program?** Please contact Francia Salguero 703-221-6344 or 571-572-5862 [calisa3@verizon.net](mailto:calisa3@verizon.net). Thank you very much for your continuing support to this program.

## Boletín Semanal

**Despensa de Comida de La Casa de San Francisco**— Gracias a la generosidad y apoyo de todos nuestros feligreses, ministerios de nuestra iglesia, La Escuela de San Francisco y los St. Francis' Cub Scout Pack 1385, Boy Scout Troop 138, pudimos proveer a 80 familias con pavos y comida para su celebración de Acción de Gracias.

**Charlas Bautismales**—Las próximas charlas bautismales en español serán el viernes, Diciembre 9. Las charlas bautismales son a las 7:00pm en el Salón del Hermano Juniper (Br. Juniper Room). Para más información por favor llamar a la **Señora Salguero al 703-221-6344.**

**Misa En Honor a Nuestra Señora Virgen de Guadalupe** Los invitamos a la celebración a Nuestra Señora Virgen de Guadalupe. El Lunes, Diciembre 12 empezando con una misa a las 7:00pm en la iglesia y seguido por un danza y celebración. Para mas información por favor hablar con el Padre John Heffernan al 703-864-2053.

**Servicio de Penitencia**—El martes, diciembre 6 a las 7:30 p.m. celebraremos el Sacramento de la Penitencia. Esta será una penitencia comunal y tradicional con música, lecturas de las escrituras, y una breve homilía. Varios sacerdotes estarán disponibles para las confesiones individuales. Además de esta fecha estamos disponibles para confesiones los sábados de 4:00pm a 4:45pm.

**Misa de Nochebuena**—Los invitamos a participar de la pastorela y misa de nochebuena el sábado, diciembre 24 a las 8:00pm en el gimnasio de la iglesia. Ven y acompáñanos.

**Dando en Navidad**—Por los últimos 16 años nuestra Iglesia San Francisco de Asís ha asistido a las familias en necesidad del área de Dumfries y Triangle con regalos de Navidad. En el vestíbulo de la iglesia encontraran dos arboles de navidad con etiquetas con información para los regalos. Si usted desea ayudar a una familia necesitada por favor tome una etiqueta, compre el regalo y devuélvalo sin empacar con la etiqueta pegada al regalo antes del domingo, diciembre 11 Para mas información por favor llamar a **Francia al 703-221-6344.**



If you or a family member is in the **hospital** or **homebound**, please call the parish office if you would like a visit from one of the friars. The hospitals are not permitted to give out the names of patients, so the only way we will know if you are in the hospital is if you or a family member informs us.

**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!



### Faith Formation Office

Phone: 703-221-3127 Fax: 703-221-3246  
Office Hours: Monday—Thursday: 8:00 am—2:00 pm  
Friday: Closed

### Religious Education for 2016-2017

Dec. 4	Sunday RE Session 4PM-5:15PM
8	Thursday RE Session 5PM-6:15PM
11	Sunday RE Session 4PM-5:15PM
15	Thursday RE Session 5PM-6:15PM
18	Sunday RE Session 4PM-5:15PM

December 22nd—January 5th NO RE—Christmas Break

St. Francis High School Youth Ministry is now called REAL! REAL stands for Respect, Engage, Accept, Live! REAL is open to all High School teens. It is a place to connect your life and your faith, to share, support and have fun with other teens who are trying to live out God's call in their everyday lives. Please come see what REAL is all about!



**Sunday, December 4th**  
**No REAL Activities**

**Sunday, December 11th**  
6:30 PM—8:30 PM  
St. Catherine Room  
**REAL Time (Youth Group)**  
All teens grade 9-12

**Sunday, December 18th**  
6:30 PM—9:30 PM  
Parish Center Dining Facility  
**REAL Christmas Party**  
All teens grade 9-12

## BEST *Advent* EVER

We prepare for everything we consider important in life. And that includes Christmas. We shop for gifts, bake cookies, decorate our trees, and visit family and friends until we are ready to drop. This year, prepare for Christmas in a different way. Join Dynamic Catholic for Best Advent Ever: Rediscover Christmas. You will receive daily emails with inspirational videos, practical tips, or free Christmas music that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most. You will experience Christmas in a way you have never experienced it before. Are you ready for your best Advent ever? To sign-up, please visit [BestAdventEver.com](http://BestAdventEver.com).

**ChristLife is a lay Catholic ministry established in 1995**



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in response to the Church's call to a New Evangelization. Their vision is to equip Catholics for the essential work of evangelization so that others might come to know personally the love of God through Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit, becoming his followers and members of the Church. **Discovering Christ will be presented at St. Francis of Assisi beginning in January!!** Participants in

this 7 week series will meet on Thursday evenings **beginning January 5<sup>th</sup> and continuing through February 23<sup>rd</sup>** 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 4<sup>th</sup>**. *The cost for registration for this event is \$25 per person and all meals are included.* **For more information, please contact Sheila Noble at 703-221-3127, ext. 238 or [snoble@stfrancis.org](mailto:snoble@stfrancis.org).**

### Valentine Dinner Dance



The Columbiettes are sponsoring a **Valentine's Day Dinner Dance on February 11, 2017** in St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center, 18825 Fuller Heights Rd., Triangle, VA 22172. You will not want to miss this special event which will include an open bar with wine and beer, hors d'oeuvres, a delectable dinner and dessert; all to the music of a DJ. Please contact **Irene Sullivan** if you have any questions at [dan\\_irene@verizon.net](mailto:dan_irene@verizon.net).



**Save the Date** for the Cornerstone Retreats:  
Men's **March 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>** / Women's **March 24<sup>th</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup>**  
For more information, please checkout the St. Francis of Assisi webpage.

**Baptismal Preparation Class**—Our next class will be held on **Sunday, December 11, 2016 from 1:30p.m.—2:30p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room. **Please call the parish office to register at 703-221-4044.**

### SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank  
**Meg Czapiewski—Honorable Service Realty Group**  
for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**SATURDAY, December 3—St. Francis Xavier**  
 5:30 PM †Yvette T. Nichols  
 †Lola and †Hank Troidl  
 †Jo Rita Murray

**SUNDAY, December 4—Second Sunday of Advent**  
 7:30 AM Thomas Lee  
 †Darryl Lease  
 †Barbara Ann Lamm  
 9:00 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik  
 †Joseph Dominique Ky Ngoc Vu  
 †Maria Phuong Thi Dinh  
 10:30 AM †Betty Allen  
 †Paul and †Ann Cremer  
 Barbara Moore  
 12:15 PM †Clara Kennedy  
 1:30 PM Misa en español  
 5:30 PM People of the Parish  
 †Michael Creegan

**MONDAY, December 5—Advent Weekday**  
 8:45 AM Clyde Richardson  
 Special Intention

**TUESDAY, December 6—Advent Weekday**  
 8:45 AM Gretchen May  
 †Agnes Han  
 Joe Mele

**WEDNESDAY, December 7—St. Ambrose**  
 8:45 AM †Nick Pirko  
 †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik  
 †Kathryn Gonsorcik  
 7:30 PM **VIGIL**

**THURSDAY, December 8—Immaculate Conception**  
 6:30 AM People of the Parish  
 8:45 AM †Raymond D'Ottavio  
 †Jim Bigelow  
 7:30 PM †Donna Bowman Olds  
 †Florence Mittino

**FRIDAY, December 9—Advent Weekday**  
 8:45 AM †Eileen Bolen

**SATURDAY, December 10—Advent Weekday**  
 4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 5:30 PM †Jo Rita Murray  
 †Florence Mittino  
 †John Mackey

**Mass Intentions on Sunday, December 11, 2016**  
 7:30 AM People of the Parish  
 9:00 AM †Ben Badami  
 †Marie Newman  
 †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik  
 10:30 AM †Federico Casupang, Sr.  
 †Dennis Malloy  
 12:15 PM †George Beck  
 †Clara Kennedy  
 †Solpecio Tornes  
 1:30 PM Misa en español  
 5:30 PM †Mary V. Deitz  
 †Michael Creegan

Readings for the Week of December 4, 2016

**Monday** Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26  
**Tuesday** Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14  
**Wednesday** Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30  
**Thursday** Genesis 3:9-15, 20;  
 Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38  
**Friday** Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19  
**Saturday** Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13  
**Sunday** Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; James 5:7-10;  
 Matthew 11:2-11

**CALLING ALL YOU IRISH LADIES**  
**By BIRTH OR MARRIAGE**



The Fr. Mychal Judge, O.F.M. Ladies Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians *will be meeting on Monday, December 12, 2016* in the Parish Center Library! We will gather at 6:45 pm. The meeting will last from 7:00-8:00 pm.

**Criteria to join this group of ladies?** You must be a Catholic female of 16 years of age or older and Irish, Irish decent OR married to an Irish gentleman.

Once a part of this Irish Catholic Organization—all we ask is for you to live our motto of:

*"Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity"*

Come by and see what is going on within our group! We would enjoy meeting you and having you JOIN us. **For more information or/and if you are eligible and interested in joining, please contact Mary Kay Jones at 540-287-4383 or [jonesmk@aol.com](mailto:jonesmk@aol.com).**

**Please Pray For** All those who are sick: Sandra Nielson; Tom Nielson; Phylis Shaw; Dolores Lasco; and Annelies Gendron.

**And for those recently deceased:** Florence Hartt.

**Please pray for the following who are serving abroad in harm's way:** Josh Bookout; Brianna French; William Place, Glenn Harms; Bo Bosak, Joseph Sheridan, James Moore, Kyle McVay, Kyle Traylor, Kasey Eggie, Eustaquio Castro-Mendoza, Marc Gendron, and Darryl Saungweme.

**Around the Diocese**

**Temporary Exhibition on Saint Thomas More**

In a new landmark exhibition, God's Servant First: The Life and Legacy of Thomas More, the St. John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C. presents the life, martyrdom, and legacy of the 16th century English philosopher-statesman whom Pope John Paul II named the heavenly Patron of Statesmen and Politicians. The exhibition runs through March 31, 2017, and the Saint John Paul II Shrine in Washington, D.C. Please visit [www.jp2shrine.org](http://www.jp2shrine.org) for more information.