

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)

10:45 AM Mass

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

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



Saturday, **December 8th** is the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary (a Holy Day of Obligation). Masses will be held:

December 7th—7:30 p.m. (Vigil)

December 8th—9:00 a.m.

We do **NOT** have a 12 noon Mass on December 8th.

**Next Saturday
(December 1st) - Please
Come Help Distribute the
Christmas Wreaths at
Quantico National Cemetery**



On Saturday, **December 1st**, volunteers will descend on Quantico National Cemetery to help **distribute more than 9,000 Christmas wreaths** on the graves of our fallen national heroes. Volunteers will arrive early (**9-9:30 AM**), use the main entrance on Joplin Road (Route 619), pass the large flagpoles at the main gate, take the first left onto Rappahannock Place and park their vehicles alongside the roadway – **not off on the grass**.

At **10:00 AM** a short ceremony will commence with the presentation of Colors by the Quantico MCB Honor Guard at the circle in Section 10 followed by the distribution and placement of the 2018 Christmas wreaths.

Many, many hands are needed and you are encouraged to attend and assist. In December Quantico National Cemetery is usually cold and blustery so dress very warmly and bring work gloves.



For all **Lectors, Ushers, Altar 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**.

On December 4th 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.



Please Note: The Mass Intention book for 2019 will open on **Friday, December 14, 2018**.

To schedule a Mass you may come in or call the office. We also have envelopes located on the tables in the vestibule. Just drop the envelope in the catch-all slot.

We will be taking 3 intentions per Mass.

Please Pray For All those who are sick: Doug Bond; The Fafs Family; S. Jamorski; D. Mitchell; Mary Ashburn; Kathy Miracco; Aaron Childs; and Herb Harmon.

And for those recently deceased: Christina Lehmeier; and Deja A. Cheek (husband of Emelita Cheek).

Please pray for the following who are serving abroad in harm's way: Thomas S. Hong; Matthew Byron; Tyler Jones; Drew; Leo N. Company; S. Defibaugh; Brianna French; James Moore; Kyle McVay; Kyle Traylor; Marc Gendron; and Darryl Saungweme.



Please tear-off and return. Envelopes are provided and located in the vestibule of the church.
2018 St. Francis Parish Appeal

Parishioner Name: _____

Address: _____

• Yes, I/we will make a one time gift (enclosed amount \$ _____)

OR

• Yes, I/we will make an annual pledge in the amount of:

____ \$500 ____ \$750 ____ \$1,000 ____ \$1,500 ____ Other Amount \$ _____



St. Francis House Corner

Thanks to the donations from all of our parishioners, the items of the month have been very much appreciated by our clients. With your generosity we

will continue to serve those that are in need.

Items of the Month: Toilet Paper/Paper Towels

- Hamburger Helper
- Spaghetti, Pasta, etc.
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Fruit
- Peanut Butter and Jelly

For more information, please call Francia at 703-221-6344. Thank you for your continuing support!

Many thanks to all of our parishioners who have responded so generously to our requests for breakfast items at the Bill Mehr Shelter. *With the help of our parishioners we provided 1,520 breakfasts for the Spring and Summer seasons. As of Saturday, November 3rd, our responsibilities have shifted to supplying dinner on Saturday evenings to the Overnight Shelter.* Directions and sign-up sheets are located on the table directly below the bulletin board in the vestibule of the Church. For more information, please call Francia at 571-572-5862.



The St. Francis Anti-Human Trafficking Committee is collaborating with ACTS Sexual Assault Services to take donations for Freedom Bears for Court. After Mass on **December 1st and 2nd** committee members will be in the vestibule with a Freedom Bear to take donations to provide for ACTS clients. **(Checks will be accepted and should be made payable to ACTS with Assault Services Bears in the memo of the check.)**



These unique bears come with a small piece of paper on which victims can write down the name of the person who harmed them and stick it in the bear's heart. When the child is ready, whether it be hours or years later, they can take the paper out, drop it in water and watch it dissolve, which can be a cathartic experience. Children also bring their Freedom Bear to court to not only help them tell their story but to also provide comfort before and after testifying.

The St. Francis Anti-Human Trafficking Committee (engaged in action, awareness and advocacy efforts in the fight against human trafficking) will be meeting on *Thursday, December 6th from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center Grade 5 Classroom.* All are welcome! For more information please contact Margie Petrizza at 540-408-2408, or margie.petrizza@gmail.com or Bob Eves at 703-304-9259, or evesrc@verizon.net.

Boletín Semanal

Charlas Bautismales—Las próximas charlas bautismales en español serán el **viernes, diciembre 14**. Las charlas bautismales Son a las 7:00 p.m. en el Salón del Hermano Juniper (Br. Juniper Room). Para más información por favor llamar a la Señora Salguero al 703-221-6344.

Despensa de Comida de La Casa de San Francisco—Gracias a las donaciones de todos nuestros feligreses el Artículo del mes ha sido bien recibido por nuestros clientes. Con sus donaciones podremos continuar ayudando a los más necesitados.

Artículo del mes: Papel Higiénico/Papel Toalla

- Ayudantes de Hamburguesa (Hamburger Helper)
- Espagueti, Pasta, etc.
- Tuna Enlatada
- Fruta Enlatada
- Mantequilla de Mani
- Mermelada

Muchas gracias por sus donaciones. Para más información Contactar a la **Señora Salguero al 703-221-6344.**

Muchas gracias a todos nuestros feligreses que han respondido tan generosamente a nuestras peticiones para desayunar en el Albergue de Bill Mehr. Con la ayuda de nuestros feligreses proporcionamos 1,520 desayunos para la primavera y el verano. A partir del sábado 3 de noviembre, nuestras responsabilidades cambiará a suministrar la cena del sábado por la noche al Albergue de la noche Las direcciones y las hojas de inscripción se encuentran en la tabla directamente debajo del tablón de anuncios en el vestíbulo. **Para más información, por favor llame a Francia al 571-572-5862.**

Mass Intentions on Sunday, December 2, 2018

7:30 AM	†Alice Tippit †David Bentson †Rolando Sabay
9:00 AM	†Nicholas Colletti †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †William Murphy
10:45 AM	†Rolando Sabay †Paul J. Gentile †Karis McBride
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph †Joseph Mele
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	People of the Parish

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.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **CatholicMatch.com/goVA** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

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 2018-2019

- Nov. 25 **NO RE—Thanksgiving Day Weekend**
- 29 Thursday RE Session
- Dec. 2 Sunday RE Session
- 6 Thursday RE Session
- 9 Sunday RE Session
- 13 Thursday RE Session
- 16 Sunday RE Session

If you would like your child to participate in the **Children's Christmas Pageant on December 24th at 3:15pm, before the 4PM Mass in the Church**, please return your completed form to the Religious Education Office or in the Catch-All slot located in the vestibule of the Church (please label envelope 'RE-Christmas Pageant Registration'). Children that are 4 years of age and

up are eligible if they are not in the Christmas Choir. **The Deadline for forms is November 25th. No late registrations will be accepted.** Forms are available at www.stfrncis.org under the RE page. Rehearsals are mandatory. **For more information, please call the RE Office at 703-221-3127 or email recoor@stfrncis.org.**

Religious Education is in need of Catechists for the 8:45AM Sunday Session because two additional classes needed to be added to that session. Also, substitutes are needed for all sessions. Please contact **Marianne Hayes** in the Religious Education Office at recoor@stfrncis.org or 703-221-3127, ext. 236, if you can help.

LECTORS

The Word of God

Lector Workbooks for the new year are available for pick up on the bookshelf in the sacristy.

Baptismal Preparation Class

Our next class will be held on **Sunday, December 9, 2018 from 1:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room. **Please call the Parish Office to register at 703-221-4044.**



Light a candle

Votive Candles
Envelopes are provided for the candle money. **Please place them in the new boxes located on the wall (next to the candles) in the church.**

St. Francis High School Youth Ministry is 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, November 25th
Thanksgiving Weekend
NO REAL ACTIVITIES



Sunday, December 2nd
6:30 PM—8:30 PM
St. Catherine Room
REAL Time (Youth Group)
All Teens Grades 9-12

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

Questions? Please contact Brandon Jubar at bjubar@stfrncis.org.

Companions On Our Journey With Jesus

Holy Family Catholic Church
Dale City, VA

Father Griffin Hall
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.



All are invited to attend any or all of the presentations at Holy Family as part of their Journey With Jesus program. This Adult Faith Formation program examines the lives of those who are models for us and companions on our own faith journeys.

- December 2nd—St. Benedict
- January 6th—Martin Luther King
- February 10th—Abraham Lincoln
- March 3rd—Dorothy Day

- Sr. Cecelia Dwyer, O.S.B.
- Friar Henry Fulmer, O.F.M.
- Fr. Jack O'Hara
- Sr. Joanna Burley, O.S.B.



The 55+ Ministry is planning to join the Museum of the Bible Tour, organized by *Bluebird Tours*, on **Friday, January 11, 2019**. There will also be a tour of Lincoln Cottage included. The bus departs Woodbridge at 9:00 a.m. and is expected to return at 5:15 p.m. **The cost is \$65 per person and lunch is on your own.** To reserve your space on the bus, **please contact Bluebird Tours at 703-339-0333.**

Liturgies For the Week

SATURDAY,	November 24—St. Andrew Dung-Lac
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Dr. Clifford Buckley †Clyde Richardson †Bryan Richardson
SUNDAY,	November 25—Our Lord Jesus Christ The King
7:30 AM	All Souls Novena †Alice Tippit †Michael Wesley
9:00 AM	†Flor Rodriguez †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Bob and †Paul Walker
10:45 AM	†Mark Alan Howard Donna Ruth Barton Leroy Cecil Barton
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy †George Wishy †Salvador Robledo
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Juanito Alb People of the Parish
MONDAY,	November 26—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik All Souls
TUESDAY,	November 27—Weekday
8:45 AM	Courtney Shurtleff †Florence Hart All Souls
WEDNESDAY,	November 28—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik All Souls
THURSDAY,	November 29—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Helen Buckley All Souls †Joseph Mele
FRIDAY,	November 30—St. Andrew, Apostle
8:45 AM	†Irma Somma †Maira Peña All Souls
SATURDAY,	December 1—Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Telka Penley †Cy Kelly †Joe Powers

Mark Your Calendars for the
Annual
Festival of Praise!

December 14th at 7:30 p.m.

Enjoy a wonderful evening of Christmas Praise presented by the combined choirs and instrumentalists of the St. Francis Music Ministry, full of music that will stir your heart and leave you feeling joyful!



Readings for the Week of November 25, 2018

Monday	Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5; Luke 21:1-4
Tuesday	Revelation 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11
Wednesday	Revelation 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19
Thursday	Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Luke 21:20-28
Friday	Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22
Saturday	Revelation 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36
Sunday	Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Bless A Child This Christmas

UN-TRIM-A-TREE



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 sorted 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? Gifts may be placed under the tree. They are removed daily.

Presents must be returned by Sunday, December 2nd.

(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 you have questions about the Un-trim-A-Tree Program? Please contact **Francia Salguero** 703-221-6344 or 571-572-5862 calisa3@verizon.net. Thank you very much for your continuing support of this program.