



Parish Office Hours - Mon.-Thurs. 8:00 AM-4:00 PM Fri. 8:00 AM-12:00 PM Phone 703-221-4044 Fax 703-221-3246 In a Sacramental Emergency - 703-221-5697

EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil - 5:30 PM Sunday - 7:30 AM; 9:00 AM; 10:45 AM; 12:15 PM; 5:30 PM @ 10:45 AM—Family Liturgy 1:30 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: 4:00-5:00 PM and by appointment (English and 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.

PARISH COUNCIL

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| Maggie Eves (Vice Chair) | 703-304-8058 |

PARISH SCHOOL

703-221-3868 FAX 703-221-0700 Grades Pre-school—8th Dr. Tricia Barber, Principal

tricia.barber@verizon.net Elizabeth Orille, Office Coordinator/Admissions orillee.sfas@gmail.com

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703-221-6344 (Emergency Financial Assistance) Francia Salguero, Director calisa3@verizon.net 2606 Heth Court, Dumfries, VA 22026

CYM 540-273-0777 Brandon Jubar, Coordinator of Youth Ministry bjubar@stfrncis.org

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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH TRIANGLE, VIRGINIA

DECEMBER 1, 2019



Several parishioners have asked me what steps are being taken in view of recent developments in our country, to enhance security at our parish.

I recently met with a member of the Secret Service, a member of our parish. This individual will coordinate a

meeting of parish members who are law enforcement officers within the next few weeks.

The purpose of this meeting will be to, as best as possible, ensure that we have Law Enforcement coverage at the weekend Masses.

In addition we will be hiring an off duty Prince William County Police officer to be present on the parish grounds at the morning Masses. His primary responsibility will be for traffic control but he will also be patrolling the property.

Sincerely,

Fr. John O'Connor, O.F.M.

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 of the church.



If you would like to make a donation for Christmas



<u>Memorial Flowers</u>, 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.

On December 10th 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.





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. Mark Your Calendars for the Annual Festival of Praise! December 20th 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! After the Festival, please join us in the Parish Hall for food and fellowship. <u>The Concert is free</u> 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 <u>nikoleg@stfrncis.org</u>.



St. Francis of Assisi parish has supported the Un-Trim-A-Tree Program for more than 17 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 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. <u>Do Not Wrap the present</u>

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.

<u>Presents must be returned by Sunday, December 8th</u>. (<u>NO</u> Exceptions)

Can I give additional items other than those requests 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 703-221-6344 or 571-572-5862 <u>calisa3@verizon.net</u>. Thank you very much for your continuing support of this program.

St. Francis House Corner

Thank you for the donations from our parishioners. The items of the month are appreciated very much by our clients. With your generosity, we will continue to serve those who are in need.



Items of the Month: Sugar and Coffee

- Spaghetti Sauce •
- **Peanut Butter and Jelly** .
- Cereal

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



We are in dire need of assistance to feed dinners to our brothers and sisters at the **Overnight** Homeless 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 Salquero at 571-572-5862.

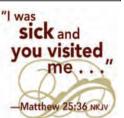
Important Paper Forms

We ask that you please not allow children to play or write on the forms located on the tables directly below the bulletin board. These are very important papers. We thank you for vour help in this matter.



Advent Yoga class on Tuesday, December 10th from 5:30PM to 7:00PM 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. Beginners and all levels are welcome to attend. Please come and enjoy. For more information, please contact Rita Evans at 540-270-0667 or at breathofheavenyoga@outlook.com.

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 therefore, the only way we will know if you are hospitalized would be if a family member notifies us.



SPONSOR OF THE WEEK We would like to thank Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home and Crematory for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

Boletín Semanal

Charlas Bautismales—Las próximas charlas bautismales en español serán el viernes, diciembre 13, 2019. 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: Azúcar y Café

- Salsa para espaguetis
- Cereal

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

Formas en la Iglesia:

Les pedimos por favor no deiar a sus niños jugar o escribir en las formas que se encuentran en las mesas de la iglesia. Estos son documentos con información muy importante. Muchas gracias por su colaboración.

Hearing Assistance Earphones are available for use during the Mass, for those who would like sound amplification. They have been checked and are functioning well. See one of the friars or come to the sacristy before Mass.



Please Pray For All those who are sick: Gary Ward; David Back; Aaron Childs;

Lori Colligan; and Tanya Bond.

And for those recently deceased: Elisabeth Nowak.

Please pray for the following who are serving abroad in harm's way: James O'Shaunessey; S. Defibaugh; James O'Sullivan; Drew; and Leo N. Company.

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 praver of the church is bound to the many prayers of the faithful who live in the body of Christ!



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.

Faith Formation Office

Phone: 703-221-3127 Fax: 703-221-3246 Office Hours: Monday—Thursday: <u>8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.</u> Friday: Closed

Religious Education for 2019-2020

Dec. 1 NO RE—Thanksgiving Day Weekend

- 5 Thursday RE Session
- 8 Sunday RE Session
- 12 Thursday RE Session
- 15 Sunday RE Session
- 19 Thursday RE Session

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



Project Bread for Life

Confirmation students will be selling fresh bread after all Masses during the weekend of **December 7th and 8th**. Project Bread for Life supports thousands of families and abandoned children who live in

unspeakable conditions. Your bread purchase will help the Poor Servants of the Mother of God religious community of Sisters providing nursing care, literacy and parenting skills classes for adults, and education for children.

St. Francis High School Youth Ministry is called <u>**REAL**</u>! <u>**REAL**</u> stands for Respect, Engage, Accept, Live! <u>**REAL**</u> 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 <u>**REAL**</u> is all about!



Sunday, December 1st Thanksgiving Break NO <u>REAL</u> ACTIVITIES

Sunday, December 8th 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. St. Catherine Room <u>REAL</u> Time (Youth Group) All Teens Grades 9-12

Sunday, December 15th 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Parish Center Dining Hall <u>REAL</u> Fun—Christmas Party All Teens Grades 9-12



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



SAVE THE DATE!! The 2020 Discovering Christ session will begin at St. Francis of Assis parish on Thursday, January 9th. Participants in this 7 week series will meet on Thursday evenings at 6:45 p.m. beginning January 9th and continuing through February 20th. Enjoy a delicious 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 8th. The cost of registration for this event is \$25 per person and all meals are included. Please contact Sheila Noble, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, at 703-221-3127, ext. 238 or <u>snoble@stfrncis.org</u> for more information or to register.

Baptismal Preparation Class

Our next class will be held on **Sunday**, **December 8, 2019 from** <u>1:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m.</u> in the Br. Juniper Room. **Please call the Parish Office to register at 703-221-4044.**





Sunday speaker series December 22, 2019 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Parish Center Dining Facility

On Sunday, October 27th our Let's Talk Faith speaker series will start with a **presentation by Brandon Jubar**, on The Incarnation. Let's Talk Faith presentations are monthly opportunities for parishioners to gather and learn about their Catholic faith, while enjoying a cup of coffee and breakfast pastry. The series compliments the book, *Believing in Jesus: A Popular Overview of the Catholic Faith* by Leonard Foley, O.F.M., which is available for purchase from Amazon. Each talk is separate, so please plan to attend one or all of them.

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Middle School Youth Group



All middle school students are invited to attend Middle School Youth Group on **Sunday, December 7th from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. in the Gym of the Parish Center!** Join us for fun, FOOD, and fellowship!! **Please contact Sheila Noble (snoble@stfrncis.org) with any questions.**



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.

2019 St. Francis Parish Appeal

Currently our parish has reached <u>33%</u> of our goal of \$300,000 for the St. Francis Parish Appeal. We are very grateful to those who have already supported this year's appeal.

We know that there are families who have not yet made a gift or a pledge to the appeal and we are asking for support from every household.

There are appeal envelopes in the vestibule of the church that you may fill out and place in the Catch-All slot or bring to the Parish Office. Using the tear-off slip below, you may make a one-time donation or a pledge that can be paid throughout the year.

St. Francis Parish Appeal funds not only our immediate parish needs but also helps to finance our outstanding outreach programs, to the

disadvantaged and needy. Let us join together to do the Lord's work—works that touch the lives and souls of thousands of people. Please reflect on your blessings and consider joining in support of the Parish Appeal. Every donation/pledge is important! Thank you in advance for your great generosity!



Our Knights of Columbus are offering *Christmas wreaths, centerpieces, and table top holiday trees.*

The Holiday Evergreens you purchase for yourself, family, and friends will be delivered via Fed-X in a festive carton with your personalized message in early December. A tree will be planted for

every item sold. Please order online at

www.mickmanholidaygifts.com and use our coupon code
 KNIGHTVA003. You will receive a \$3 discount and our
 Council gets a donation. For each Evergreen purchased,
 \$8 is donated to support the Knights of Columbus Potomac
 Council Free shipping on orders of 2 or more items.

Sales end December 14th.

Next Saturday, December 7th Please Come Help Distribute the Christmas Wreaths at Quantico National Cemetery

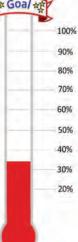


On Saturday, December 7th, volunteers will descend on Quantico National Cemetery to help distribute more than 9,000 Christmas wreaths on the graves of our fallen national heroes. Volunteers will arrive early (9-9:30 a.m.). Please use the main entrance on Joplin Road (Route 619), pass the large flagpoles at the main gate, take the first left onto Rappahannock Place, and park your vehicle alongside the roadway – not off on the grass.

At 10:00 a.m. 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 2019 Christmas wreaths.

Many, many hands are needed and you we encourage you to attend and assist. In December Quantico National Cemetery can be cold and blustery so please dress warm and bring work gloves.

| Please tear-off and return. Envelopes are provided and located in the vestibule of the church. 2019 St. Francis Parish Appeal |
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| Parishioner Name: |
| Address: |
| Yes, I/we will make a one time gift (enclosed amount \$) <u>OR</u> |
| Yes, I/we will make an annual pledge in the amount of: S500\$750\$1,000 \$1,500Other Amount \$ |



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH **TRIANGLE, VIRGINIA**

SATURDAY, November 30—Weekday 4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:30 PM **†**Cy Kelly †James Tarbell **†Harry Logel** SUNDAY. December 1—First Sunday of Advent 7:30 AM **†**Alice Tippit **†**Florence and **†**Stan Rezler **†**Telka Penley 9:00 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Nicholas Colletti Barbara Colletti 10:45 AM †Loi D. Vu †Tiep D. Vu †Minh Ly T. Tran 12:15 PM **†**Darrell Lav Anna Endrizzi People of the Parish 1:30 PM Misa en español 5:30 PM **†**Donald Stevenson **†**David Earle MacLeod †Margaret T. MacLeod MONDAY, December 2—Advent Weekday **†**Janet Sarsfield 8:45 AM December 3—St. Francis Xavier TUESDAY, 8:45 AM Gretchen Mav †Andrew Negvesky Sarah Ecklund WEDNESDAY, December 4—Advent Weekday †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik 8:45 AM **†**Kathryn Gonsorcik THURSDAY, December 5—Advent Weekday 8:45 AM **†**Aurora Morris **†**Franklin Andres December 6—Advent Weekday FRIDAY, 8:45 AM **†**Kevin Ryan Herrmann +Jeff Brown +Crew Sumo 41 SATURDAY. December 7—St. Ambrose Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 PM 5:30 PM +Cy Kelly **†Bob Beiner †**Anne Gordon

Please Note: The Mass Intention book for 2020 will open on Monday, December 16, 2019.

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.

DECEMBER 1, 2019

Mass Intentions on Sunday, December 8, 2019

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| 7:30 AM | †Alice Tippit |
| | †Florence Hartt |
| | †Irene Ksanznak |
| 9:00 AM | †Donna Bowman Olds |
| | †Ben Badami |
| | †Marie Newman |
| 10:45 AM | †Diem X. Bui |
| | People of the Parish |
| 12:15 PM | +Concepcion Andres |
| | †Federico C. Casupang, Sr. |
| | †George Beck |
| 1:30 PM | Misa en español |
| 5:30 PM | +Severo and +Olivia Miravalles |
| | †Frank Maris |
| | †Thomas Bordigon |
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Mass Schedule

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

3:15 p.m. Children's Christmas Pageant in church Followed by 4:00 p.m. Children's Mass (Children's Choir)

4:00 p.m. – Mass in the gym (Cantor)

5:45 Prelude 6:00 p.m. Children's Mass (Children's Choir) 6:00 p.m. Overflow Mass in the gym

7:30 Prelude 8:00 p.m. Mass (Teen Choir/Ensemble) 8:00 p.m. Spanish Mass in the gym

9:30 Prelude 10:30 p.m. Mass (Adult Choir)

(No Mass at Midnight)

Christmas Day 9:00 a.m. Mass (Cantor)

10:45 a.m. Mass

11:30 Prelude 12:15 p.m. Mass (Ensemble in church)

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

Readings for the Week of December 1, 2019

| Monday | Isaiah 4:2-6; Matthew 8:5-11 |
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| Tuesday | Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24 |
| Wednesday | Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37 |
| Thursday | Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27 |
| Friday | Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31 |
| Saturday | Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; |
| - | Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 |
| Sunday | Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; |
| - | Matthew 3:1-12 |

Christmas Novena Mass cards are available in the vestibule of the church. Please return the envelope with those names to be praved for to the church by December 20, 2019.

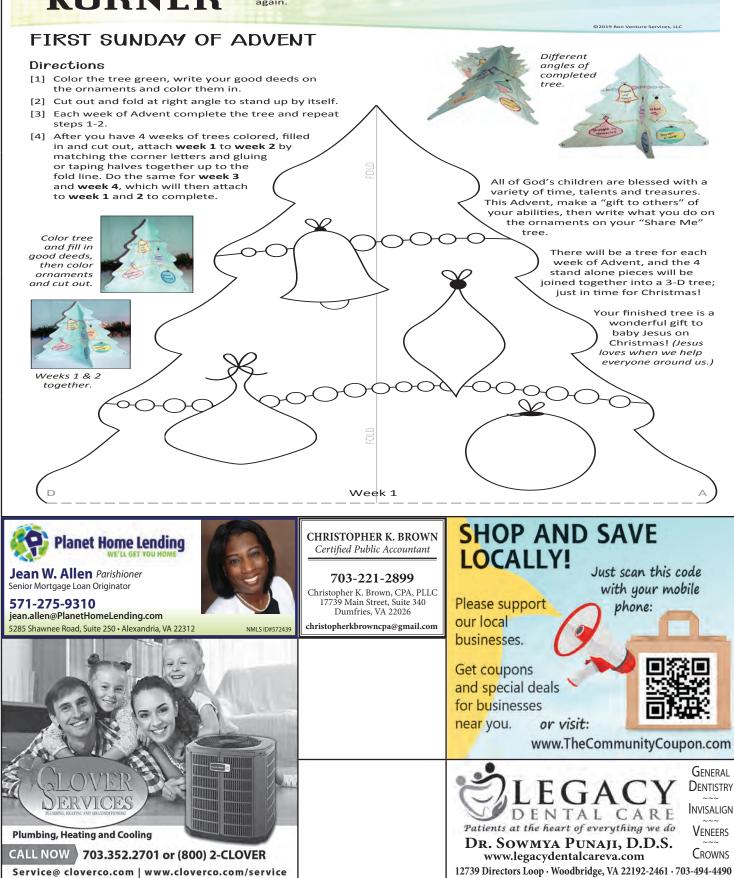
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Gospel Today First Sunday of Advent / Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus wants us to lead good lives and help others, so we are ready when He comes

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