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Epiphany  
of the  
Lord



**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**  
Roman Catholic Church  
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**EUCCHARIST**

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.

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*When they saw the star,  
they rejoiced exceedingly  
with great joy.*

*Matthew 2:10*

The Christian community of St. Francis of Assisi welcomes with great joy the following new members of our parish baptized in the months of **October and November**:



*Antonio Batista Barcenas*  
*Evalina Marie Beech*  
*Hector Ivan Benitez*  
*Jackson Douglas Bond*  
*Delanie Marie Burke*  
*Dominic Anthony Carbone*  
*Clara Grace Chapelle*  
*Colin George Chapelle*  
*Jeffrey Cruz-Arguetta*  
*Brianna Nicole Dominguez Echegoyen*  
*Abigail Marie Erickson*  
*Alyssa Julianne Espinoza*  
*Aaliyah Yolanda Garcia*  
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*Marco Amezquita Garcia*  
*Maribel Sinai Gomez Sorto*  
*Leo Thomas Hall*  
*Kiana Umiko Hill*  
*Finnian Robert Hirsch*  
*Aaliyah Navea Jones*  
*Camryn Amaya Jones*  
*Chase Ryan Jones*  
*Zalden Bryce Jones*  
*Jaxon Drew Lepley*  
*Azelie Phoebe Montoya*  
*Annabelle Kelley Oren*  
*Trinity Star Polk*  
*Avery Clark Smith*  
*Cayden Michael von Gersdorff*  
*Isabella Maria Walker*  
*James Warren Walker*



Sunday speaker series  
**January 26, 2020**  
10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  
**Parish Center Dining Facility**

On Sunday, January 26th our Let's Talk Faith speaker series will continue with a **presentation by Fr. John Alderson, O.F.M.** on *A Fresh Look at Reconciliation*. 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.

**Note to self...** Today with God's help no matter what I face, I will let faith and trust be my first response and Stephen Ministry the second ... instead of worry or fear. **Please email Kathy Walker at [kwalker@st.frncis.org](mailto:kwalker@st.frncis.org) to begin your journey to a God-filled and peaceful life.**



Please join us for a **Bible Study** exploring the book of Romans on **Sunday afternoons from 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m. beginning Sunday, January 26, 2020 in the St. Catherine Room.** Please visit [www.stfrncis.org/resources](http://www.stfrncis.org/resources) for the course description and to register for the study. Contact **Sheila Noble ([snoble@stfrncis.org](mailto:snoble@stfrncis.org))** with any questions.

#### **Altar Server Training**



**Norm Litterini** will conduct 'New' Altar Server training on: **Saturday, January 11th from 2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.**

**We are in great need of servers, and encourage boys and girls from grades 3rd-10th to consider participating.**

Please contact **Norm Litterini** at [litterini.family@gmail.com](mailto:litterini.family@gmail.com) to register for the training or for any questions.



The **Rosary Guild** meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Please join us at our next meeting on **Wednesday, January 8th** from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. in the **St. Clare Room**. All are welcome. **For more information, please call Otella Cregan at 571-264-0312.**



**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.



**Item of the Month: Sugar**

- Spaghetti Sauce
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Cereal
- Mac and Cheese

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

**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 your help in this matter.

**2020 March for Life Bus Transportation**



Sign-up sheets for bus transportation to the 2020 March for Life in Washington, D.C. on January 24, 2020 are located in the vestibule of the Church. The bus will leave at 10:30 a.m. on January 24, 2019 and return at the conclusion of the March. Please arrive at 10:15 a.m. and meet in the vestibule of the Church. This will allow us to attend the opening remarks and walk the March. We will not stay for the speeches in front of the Supreme Court. The bus will depart promptly at 3:30 p.m. from the Botanical Gardens near the Capital. If you do not sign-up and decide at the last minute to come, just show up for the bus on time. You are more than welcome.

Our parish ministry, Many Members, One Body welcomes Catholics that are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender. They will be hosting their Annual Epiphany Potluck on January 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Br. Juniper Room. All are welcome to attend. For questions or additional information, please contact Friar Henry Fulmer at [friarhenry@stfrancis.org](mailto:friarhenry@stfrancis.org).



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**Boletín Semanal**

**Charlas Bautismales**—Las próximas charlas bautismales en español serán el **viernes, enero 10, 2020**. 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**

- Salsa para espaguetis
- Crema de maní y mermelada
- Cereal
- Macarrones con queso

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

**Formas en la Iglesia:**

Les pedimos por favor no dejar 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.

**The Monserrate family** is looking for a female personal care attendant to work with their disabled daughter in their home. The hours and hourly compensation will be discussed at the interview. *Must be able to pass a criminal background check and be able to work in the state of Virginia.* If you are interested, please contact Anibal or Anissia Monserrate at 703-349-5860.

St. Francis of Assisi's **Anti-Human Trafficking Committee (AHTC)** in collaboration with the St. Francis of Assisi Secular Franciscan Fraternity is inviting you to **SAVE THE DATE, Sunday, February 9, 2020 for a Fair-Trade Sale.**



We will be offering two Fair Trade Certified products for purchase – Larry's Coffee and Divine Chocolate. The Fair-Trade Certification is your assurance that a product has been produced with a free, fairly compensated work force and not trafficked labor.

Papal teaching prioritizes efforts to eradicate human trafficking. All three of the Church's most recent papal leaders, Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis, have publicly decried trafficking in persons, calling for its eradication and for the protection of survivors.

If you are interested in finding out more about our committee, we meet the **first Thursday of each month from 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.** Please Contact **Margie Petrizza** at [Margie.petrizza@gmail.com](mailto:Margie.petrizza@gmail.com) or **Bob Eves** at [evesrc@verizon.net](mailto:evesrc@verizon.net).

**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**

**Religious Education for 2019-2020**

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

Jan. 9 Thursday RE Session  
12 Sunday RE Session

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, January 5th**

6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

St. Catherine Room

**REAL Time (Youth Group)**

All Teens Grade 9-12

**Sunday, January 12th**

6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

St. Catherine Room

**REAL Fun—Game Night**

All Teens Grades 9-12

**Sunday, January 19th**

MLK Day Weekend

**NO REAL ACTIVITIES**



Questions? Please contact Brandon Jubar at [bjubar@stfrncis.org](mailto:bjubar@stfrncis.org).



**COKE GIVES PROGRAM**

Turn Coke product caps into cash for St. Francis School! Look for Coke Rewards stamps on *Coke, Sprite, Dasani, Fanta, Barq's, Fresca, Mr.*

*Pibb, Mello Yello, Fuze, Seagram's Ginger Ale, and Tab.* Simply bag the caps and bring them to the school. We will take it from there.

For more information, please contact **William Sharp at 571-408-5213 or [yocandance5678@yahoo.com](mailto:yocandance5678@yahoo.com). God bless!**

**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](http://www.stfrncis.org).

There are many exciting things happening at St. John Paul the Great Catholic High School! Here are descriptions of some of the upcoming events:



- **8th Graders: Apply Today to Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School!**  
The Wolfpack invites all 8th Graders Students to complete their applications to John Paul by January 10th, 2020 online at [www.jpthegreat.org](http://www.jpthegreat.org). We GREATLY look forward to welcoming the Class of 2024! If you have any questions or would like to schedule a shadow day, please contact the Director of Admissions, **Mr. John Sawyer** at [admisisions@jpthegreat.org](mailto:admisisions@jpthegreat.org) or 703-445-0218.

- **Middle School Events at Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School in 2020!**

How to High School—Saturday, January 11th  
Middle School Spirit Night—Tuesday February 4th  
Basketball Clinic—Saturday, February 15th  
Soccer 3 v 3 Clinic—Sunday, February 29th  
Volleyball Clinic—Saturday, April 25th  
Football Clinic—coming Spring 2020!

Registration information for these and more events can be found at [www.jpthegreat.org/apps/pages/middle\\_school\\_events](http://www.jpthegreat.org/apps/pages/middle_school_events)

**Baptismal Preparation Class**

Our next class will be held on **Sunday, January 12, 2020 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.**



***What gives ultimate meaning and purpose to life?***

***Why do we search for Jesus?***

***Join us to deepen your relationship with Him!!***



**Discovering Christ will be presented at St. Francis of Assisi parish on Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.** Participants in this 7 week series will meet on Thursday evenings at **6:45 p.m. beginning January 9<sup>th</sup> and continuing through February 20<sup>th</sup>.** 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 8<sup>th</sup>.** *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 [snoble@stfrncis.org](mailto:snoble@stfrncis.org) for more information or to register.**



# HOW TO *High School*

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**Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, Noon - 4:00pm**

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Questions? Contact us at [howtohighschool@jpthegreat.org](mailto:howtohighschool@jpthegreat.org)

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## Mass Intentions

<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>January 4—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</b>
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Vinnie Fitzpatrick People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b>January 5—Epiphany of the Lord</b>
7:30 AM	†Alice Tippit †Carol Freeman
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †John Walker
10:45 AM	†Mr. and †Mrs. Ha †Thomas Kinh and †Regina Dang
12:15 PM	†Thomas V. Vitale
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Jane Wilson
<b>MONDAY,</b>	<b>January 6—Christmas Weekday</b>
8:45 AM	†Eileen Bolen
<b>TUESDAY,</b>	<b>January 7—Christmas Weekday</b>
8:45 AM	Gretchen May
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b>	<b>January 8—Christmas Weekday</b>
8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
<b>THURSDAY,</b>	<b>January 9—Christmas Weekday</b>
8:45 AM	†Miriam Longo
<b>FRIDAY,</b>	<b>January 10—Christmas Weekday</b>
8:45 AM	†Kevin Ryan Herrmann †Jamison Clark
<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>January 11—Christmas Weekday</b>
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Marion and †Bill Richmond People of the Parish

### Mass Intentions on Sunday, January 12, 2020

7:30 AM	†Joan Heubel
9:00 AM	†Theresa Thompson †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
10:45 AM	†Janet Sarsfield
12:15 PM	†Richard and †Carol Orth
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Jane Wilson

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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.



### Readings for the Week of January 5, 2020

<b>Monday</b>	<b>1 John 3:22—4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1 John 4:19—5:4; Luke 4:14-22</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17</b>

**Please Note: The Mass Intention book for 2020** is now open. To schedule a Mass, you may come in or call (703-221-4044) the Parish Office. We also have envelopes located on the tables in the vestibule of the Church. Just drop the envelope in the catch-all slot.

**We take ONLY 3 intentions per Mass.**



At **St. Francis of Assisi Parish** we are committed to finding the resources to support our ministries and organizations. We are grateful for your continued support of the Parish. Please consider the opportunity and advantages of electronic giving. Forms are available in the vestibule of the Church.

If you have any questions regarding electronic giving, please contact **Barbara Stouffer**, at the Parish Office at **703-221-4044, ext. 232** or e-mail [barbaras@stfrncis.org](mailto:barbaras@stfrncis.org).

**Please Pray For** **All those who are sick:** Sue Long; Gary Ward; David Back; Laurie Coligan; Aaron Childs; Imelda Pine; and Barbara Borthwick.

**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.

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

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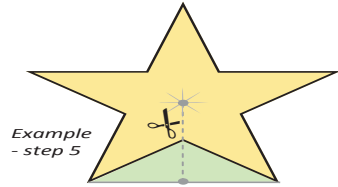
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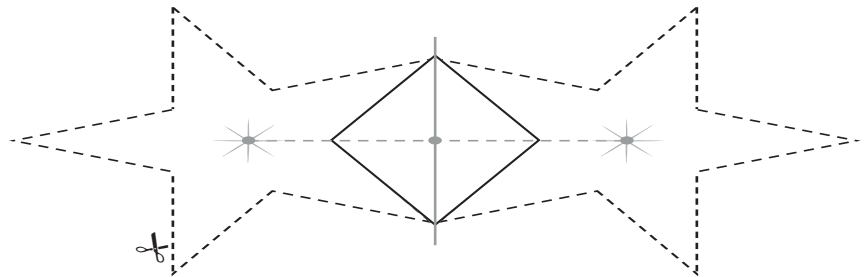
Behold, Magi from the East arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw His star at its rising and have come to do Him homage."  
- Matthew 2:1-2

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At the time when Jesus was born it was a common belief that a new star appeared at the time of a ruler's birth. The Magi believed following the star would bring them to Jesus, the newborn King, and it did!



Example - step 5



**DIRECTIONS TO MAKE A STAR FOR THE TOP OF YOUR ADVENT "SHARE ME" TREE**

- 1] Color twin stars yellow
- 2] Color diamond (the space between the stars) green to match your tree
- 3] Cut out the double star on dotted line
- 4] Fold on gray solid line and glue together to form double-sided star
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