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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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*Third Sunday
 of Advent*

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 (Cantor)

12:15 p.m. Mass (Cantor)

Dec. 26th

8:45 a.m. Morning Mass

Mass Schedule

December 31st 8:45 A.M.
5:30 P.M.

January 1st 9:00 A.M.
10:45 A.M.
12:15 P.M. Misa en español



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

If you would like to make a donation for **Christmas Memorial Flowers**, 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.



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.**



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. 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 Girdali at nikoleg@stfrncis.org.**

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.**



Electronic Giving

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.

Please Pray For

All those who are sick:

Barbara Borthwick; Estrella Monzon; Gary Ward; David Back; Aaron Childs; and Lori Colligan.

And for those recently deceased: Jamison Clark; and Parris Anthony Phelps, Sr.

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.

PLEASE NOTE:

December 24th-January 1st — Parish Office is closed; will reopen on Thursday, January 2nd.

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
- Mac 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.



The **55+ Ministry** is looking for volunteers to help stuff Christmas gift bags for Envoy nursing home residents and clients of St. Francis House.

This is a great opportunity to socialize as a 55+ community while making the holiday a bit brighter for neighbors in need. Please come to the **Knights of Columbus Hall in the basement of the Parish Center after the 8:45 a.m. daily Mass on Tuesday, December 17th** to stuff the bags with items to be collected through the Un-Trim-a-Tree program. If you can help, please contact **Francia Salguero** at 571-572-5862 or francias@stfrncis.org.

"As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Greek-speaking Christians complained about the Hebrew-speaking Christians, saying that their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, 'It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.' The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit..." (Acts 6:1-5).



We in Stephen Ministry serve as Stephen did. Please email **Kathy Walker** at kwalker@stfrncis.org to talk and get a better understanding of what this ministry is about. **New formation classes start in February.**

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
- 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.



*When the Weather Outside is Frightful:
St. Francis of Assisi Inclement Weather Policy*

Our inclement weather policy is to follow the Prince William County Schools announcement for both School and Church activities. The Parish Offices are closed when the Quantico Marine Corps Base issues a Code Red for its employees.

Daily Mass, Weekend Masses, and Penance Services **will** be celebrated regardless of the weather; however, parishioners are encouraged to use their best judgement regarding the safety of traveling to the church for Mass. In very severe weather, it is customary for the Bishop to excuse Catholics from the obligation of Sunday Mass. In the event that happens, that notice will be posted on the homepage of the parish website.

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Faith Formation Office

Phone: 703-221-3127 Fax: 703-221-3246
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Friday: Closed

Religious Education for 2019-2020

Dec. 15 Sunday RE Session
19 Thursday RE Session

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

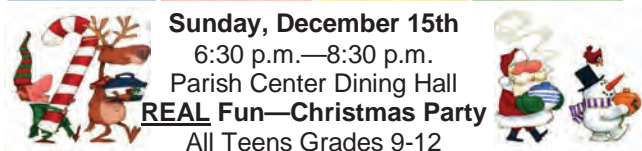
Jan. 9 Thursday RE Session
12 Sunday RE Session

Middle School Youth Group



All middle school students are invited to attend Middle School Youth Group this **Sunday, December 15th from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. in the Gym of the Parish Center!** Join us for fun, FOOD and fellowship!! *We will also have a fun inexpensive gift exchange for those who are interested.* Please contact Sheila Noble (snoble@stfrncis.org) with any questions or to get details about the gift exchange.

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

Sunday, December 22nd
Christmas Break
NO REAL ACTIVITIES

Sunday, December 29th
Christmas Break
NO REAL ACTIVITIES

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



Let's Talk Faith

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

On Sunday, December 22nd our Let's Talk Faith speaker series will continue 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.

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.



SAVE THE DATE!! The 2020 Discovering Christ session will begin at St. Francis of Assisi 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 snoble@stfrncis.org for more information or to register.

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
**FESTIVAL OF
PRAISE**

Presented by the Saint Francis of Assisi Music Ministry

**DECEMBER 20
7:30 P.M.**

Under the direction of Nikole Giraldi and Colleen Wells

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! Join us afterward in the Parish Dining Center for food and fellowship.



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SATURDAY,	December 14—St. John of the Cross
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Cy Kelly People of the Parish †Margaret Teodosio
SUNDAY,	December 15—Third Sunday of Advent
7:30 AM	†Alice Tippit †Elaine Walz †Gerri Rezler
9:00 AM	†Gregory Sanderson †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Dorothea Cariello
10:45 AM	†Diem X. Bui †Bong T. Nguyen †Margarita and Juanita Alb
12:15 PM	†Frances and †Christopher Maloney †Elizabeth Halpin †Ann and †Anthony Quaranto
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†James L. Mooney †Marguerite H. Mooney Melissa C. Willey
MONDAY,	December 16—Advent Weekday
8:45 AM	†Lou Johnson
TUESDAY,	December 17—Advent Weekday
8:45 AM	†Lloyd O'Daniel †Tom Moynihan
WEDNESDAY,	December 18—Advent Weekday
8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik †Judy Carter
THURSDAY,	December 19—Advent Weekday
8:45 AM	†Elizabeth Orsini †Parris Phelps
FRIDAY,	December 20—Advent Weekday
8:45 AM	†James Runkel †Kevin Ryan Herrmann
SATURDAY,	December 21—Advent Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Cy Kelly †Leda Jensen †Ruth and †Clifford Brady

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!



Mass Intentions on Sunday, December 22, 2019

7:30 AM	†Alice Tippit †Paul Krieger †Mary E. Fabbio
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik People of the Parish †Catherine Byrne
10:45 AM	†John Dumoulin, Sr. †Tam D. Vu †Ken T. Dao
12:15 PM	†Bob and †Clara Kennedy †Helen Emory Kennedy †Ann and †Anthony Quaranto
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	Walt Burgert

Readings for the Week of December 15, 2019

Monday	Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Matthew 21:23-27
Tuesday	Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17
Wednesday	Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25
Thursday	Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25
Friday	Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38
Saturday	Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45
Sunday	Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24



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For more information, please contact **William Sharp at 571-408-5213 or youcandance5678@yahoo.com. God bless!**

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Questions? Or for more information, please contact **Chanel Marquis (Box Top Coordinator) at cmarquis@stfrncis.org.**

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

< **KID'S** >
KORNER

Gospel Today
Third Sunday of Advent / Matthew 11:2-11

Year A

Jesus told the people John the Baptist had been sent ahead of Him to prepare for His coming. Jesus continued preaching the Good News and helping the poor, sick and dying. By His lessons we are taught to help others by our good words and actions.

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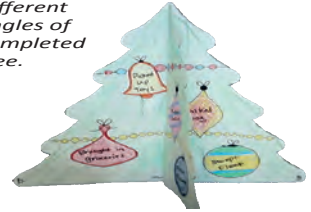
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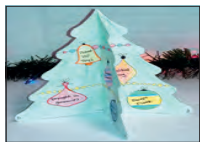
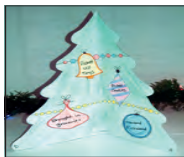
- [1] Color the tree green, write your good deeds on the ornaments and color them in.
- [2] Cut out and fold at right angle to stand up by itself.
- [3] Each week of Advent complete the tree and repeat steps 1-2.
- [4] After you have 4 weeks of trees colored, filled in and cut out, attach **week 1** to **week 2** by matching the corner letters and gluing or taping halves together up to the fold line. Do the same for **week 3** and **week 4**, which will then attach to **week 1** and **2** to complete.



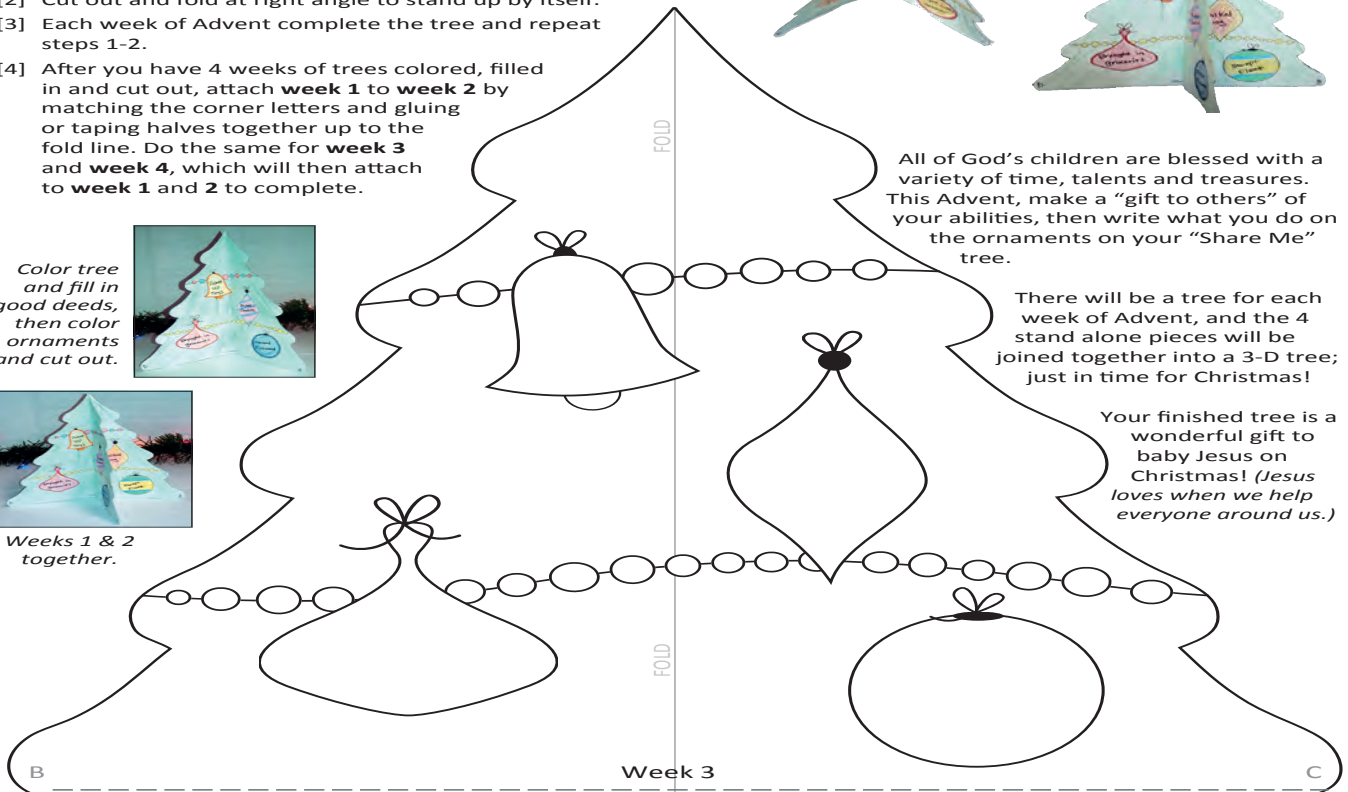
Different angles of completed tree.



Color tree and fill in good deeds, then color ornaments and cut out.



Weeks 1 & 2 together.



All of God's children are blessed with a variety of time, talents and treasures. This Advent, make a "gift to others" of your abilities, then write what you do on the ornaments on your "Share Me" tree.

There will be a tree for each week of Advent, and the 4 stand alone pieces will be joined together into a 3-D tree; just in time for Christmas!

Your finished tree is a wonderful gift to baby Jesus on Christmas! (Jesus loves when we help everyone around us.)

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