



# The Holy Family of *Jesus, Mary and Joseph*



**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**  
 Roman Catholic Church  
 18825 Fuller Heights Road  
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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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 **From the Friars**

Congratulations to Nikki Giraldi, Colleen Wells, the members of our parish choirs and musicians for the Festival of Praise, a superb evening of Christmas hymns and songs. What a great way to begin the celebration of the Christmas season.

My thanks also to all who participated in the Christmas liturgies. It is always inspiring to see so many folks come together to celebrate this most holy day of the year.

Thanks also to our Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Church Decorators, Ushers, and all who worked to make the Christmas liturgies so special. And last but not least thank you again to our Choirs.

We celebrate the New Year on Wednesday. What better way to do that than to take some time to celebrate with us at one of the New Year's Eve, or New Year's Day Masses. It is a great opportunity to thank God for the blessings of the past year and to ask his blessing for the New Year.

On behalf of the Friars and the parish staff I wish all of you a very blessed and happy New Year!

Sincerely,

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

The Christmas Flowers were donated in memory of the following families: **Badami; Thomas and Tarrantino; and Giglio.**



And the following individuals: **Kevin Ryan Herrmann; Mr. and Mrs. John Tiano; Rosemary, John, and Adelaide Wenzel; Dorothy and Arthur Peitler; Cathy Asselin; Jack and Phyllis Conway; Joseph and Virginia Wohlers; Albert and Eva Goyette; Mary and Russell Vullo; Cheryl McNierney; Larry Dreis; Ruperta Kayanan; Corsine Kayanan; Catherine Padgett; Michael Caddy; Claudina and Thomas Wright; Frank and Laura McNierney; Lester Ricard; Clifford and Ruth Brody; Patricia and Michael Ryan; Jean and George Herrmann; and Charlotte M. Stafira.**

**Please Pray For** All those who are sick: David Back; Laurie Coligan; Aaron Childs; Imelda Pine; Barbara Borthwick; and Estrella Monzon.

**And for those recently deceased:** Jane Wilson (wife of Harold Wilson).

**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.

### Mass Schedule

<b>December 31st</b>	8:45 A.M. 5:30 P.M.
<b>January 1st</b>	9:00 A.M. 10:45 A.M. 12:15 P.M. Misa en español

### Counseling at St. Francis of Assisi



#### Family Services Fredericksburg - Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington Counseling Services Offered at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Every Tuesday

Please call Catholic Charities' Intake Coordinator, **Lee Ann Pompeii at 540-371-1124** with questions or to schedule an appointment. **Cost is based on a sliding scale (income and dependents). Insurance accepted.**

St. Francis of Assisi Parish and Catholic Charities are partnering to offer Catholic Charities Counselor **Peter Drabant's** services to St. Francis of Assisi parishioners every **Tuesday between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. by appointment, in the Parish Office.**

Peter, a native of Canada, is licensed as both a professional counselor (LPC) and a drug/alcohol counselor (CAADC / IC-RC). He is new to the region and to Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Arlington. Residing and providing therapy services in Michigan for 15 years, he ran a Catholic private practice for a few years and in 2006, joined a CMH (Community Mental Health) agency for 12 years providing individual therapy and crisis intervention for both adults and youth; treating those affected with depression, anxiety, obsessive compulsive disorder and scrupulosity; trauma; anger; behavioral issues; substance use; and couple/marital issues. He has provided group therapy for those with personality disorders (DBT), substance use disorders (IOP) and Anger Management groups.



#### Have you been reading the Stephen Ministry announcements for a while?

Have you noticed that they change from week to week? That is because Stephen Ministry is here for any number of reasons... NOT just grief, loss, or sad issues. Whatever you are going through and need an unbiased, caring, and empathetic confidante for your journey, a Stephen Minister is ready to help. **Please email Kathy Walker at [kwalker@st.frncis.org](mailto:kwalker@st.frncis.org) for more information.**

**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.



### 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 7pm in the Br. Juniper Room. All are welcome to attend. For questions or additional information, please contact Friar Henry Fulmer at [friarhenry@stfrncis.org](mailto:friarhenry@stfrncis.org).



### 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).

## 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.

### 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.



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.

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 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, December 29th  
Christmas Break  
**NO REAL ACTIVITIES**



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

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

The next generation of Box Tops is here!

[Please download the new Box Top App.](#) Instead of clipping from packages and checking expiration dates, the Box Top App now allows you to scan your store receipt, find participating products, and instantly add Box Tops to **St. Francis of Assisi School** earnings online.



Still have some traditional Box Tops in your home right now? Simply bag the Box Tops and place them in the Catch-All Slot in the vestibule of the Church. Thank you for supporting St. Francis of Assisi School!

Questions? Or for more information, please contact Chanel Marquis (Box Top Coordinator) at [cmarquis@stfrncis.org](mailto:cmarquis@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 [admisison@jpthegreat.org](mailto:admisison@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.**



What gives ultimate meaning and purpose to life?

Why do we search for *Jesus*?



*“For today a Savior has been born for you in the city of David: He is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:11  
Join us to deepen your relationship with Him!*

Figure 1

Join us for this exciting new 7-session series where we gather to share a delicious dinner, enjoy a dynamic teaching, and explore answers to some of the most important questions worth asking about God and finding ultimate purpose in life.

**Thursday evenings, January 9<sup>th</sup> – February 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:45-9:00 pm**  
**Saturday (Holy Spirit retreat) - February 8<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am-5:00pm**

7-week dinner and program (one-time \$25 registration fee covers dinner and program for all 7 sessions).

For more information on this course or to register, contact Sheila Noble in the Faith Formation office: [snoble@stfrncis.org](mailto:snoble@stfrncis.org)  
(703-221-3127, extension 238)

Or cut and send the bottom portion of this form to:  
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----- Registration form -----

## ChristLife - Discovering Christ

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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## Mass Intentions

<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>December 28—Holy Innocents</b>
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	Christmas Novena
	†Cy Kelly
	†Margaret Teodosio
<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b>December 29—Holy Family</b>
7:30 AM	†Lee Dixon
	†Alice Tippit
	John and Janice Wagner
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
	People of the Parish
	†Bernard Hoffman
10:45 AM	†Diem X. Bui
	†Hien T. Vu
	†Duc T. Vu
12:15 PM	†Mary Goyette
	†Lucia Tornes
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Carmine and †Carmela Poppiti
	†William and †Mary Rozon
	†Clyde and †Mabel St. Clair
<b>MONDAY,</b>	<b>December 30—Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas</b>
8:45 AM	Christmas Novena
<b>TUESDAY,</b>	<b>December 31—Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas</b>
8:45 AM	Christmas Novena
	†Scott Kujawa
	†Maria Tuyet Bach Thi Vu
5:30 PM	
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b>	<b>January 1—Mary, Mother of God</b>
9:00 AM	Christmas Novena
	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
	†Kathryn Gonsorcik
10:45 AM	†Eileen Bolen
12:15 PM	Misa en español
	†Donald Widener
<b>THURSDAY,</b>	<b>January 2—Sts. Basil and Gregory Nazianzen</b>
8:45 AM	Christmas Novena
<b>FRIDAY,</b>	<b>January 3—Christmas Weekday</b>
8:45 AM	Christmas Novena
	†Kevin Ryan Herrmann
<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

### Mass Intentions on Sunday, January 5, 2020

7:30 AM	†Alice Tippit
	†Carol Freeman
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
10:45 AM	†Mr. and †Mrs. Ha
	†Thomas Kinh and †Regina Dang
12:15 PM	†Janet Sarsfield
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Jane Wilson

### Readings for the Week of December 29, 2019

<b>Monday</b>	<b>1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1 John 2:29—3:6; John 1:29-34</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12</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).

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.



A special thank you to **Mountcastle-Turch Funeral Homes** for providing the 2020 calendars for the parish.

### SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **Abigail Miller, Attorney at Law** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.



# HOLY FAMILY

Year A

## < KID'S > KORNER

### Gospel Today

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph / Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Following the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem and a visit from the Magi, the Angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream with a message to take Jesus and Mary to a safer place. When it was time to return to Israel, Joseph was again guided by the angel in a dream.

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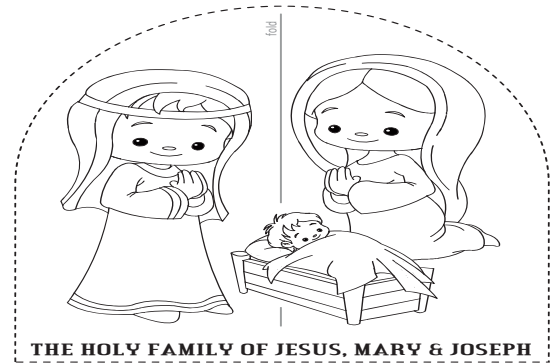


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Color the Holy Family - cut out, fold and stand beside your Advent "Share me" tree. Next week - Epiphany, find a star for your tree.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



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