

Parish Office Hours - Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 AM-3:00 PM Fri. 9:00 AM-12:00 PM Phone 703-221-404 Fax 703-221-3246 In a Sacramental Emergency-703-468-1180

FUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil - 5:30 PM (Live Streamed) Sunday - 9:00 AM (Must Pre-Register); 11:00 AM (Must Pre-Register); 5:30 PM (Must Pre-Register) 1:30 PM - Español (Must Pre-Register and Live Streamed)

Monday - Friday - 8:45 AM (maximum seating 50 people)

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

Wednesday: 7:00 PM—8:00 PM and by appointment (English) Saturday: 7:00 PM—8:00 PM and by appointment (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.

703-680-0860

703-304-8058

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Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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DECEMBER 27, 2020

A fresh perspective on the Sunday Readings

HIS WORD TODAY

By Rev. William J. Reilly



"Since you are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt mercy, with kindness, humility, meekness and patience. Bear with one another, forgive whatever grievance you have against one another. Forgive as the Lord has forgiven you. Over all these virtues put on love, which binds them together and makes them perfect. Christ's peace must reign in your hearts... Let the word of God, rich as it is, dwell in you."

The time of gift giving is not yet over. Often we remember someone or something we have forgotten. How many gifts we have received for which we are grateful.. But did I remember mercy, forgiveness, meekness, all packaged in the beatitudes of Jesus? And over there, in the corner, an unopened, beautifully wrapped box, sealed with a ribbon, with a tag for an unnamed person. The ribbon is the gift of love.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, our family, may we make sure all the gifts Paul spoke about are distributed, and the greatest one be shared with all.

Happy Holy Family Day.



The Christmas Flowers were donated in memory of the following families: Rayhel; and Larke.

And the following individuals: Eileen McManus; Denis McManus; Jim Longi, Jr.; Florence Fuimarello; Noreen O'Herron; Sean Maguire; and Phyllis and Jack Conway.

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.



December 31st

Mass Schedule 8:45 A.M. 5:30 P.M. (Live Streamed)

Please visit www.stfrncis.eventbrite.com to reserve a
seat for one of the Masses listed below:January 1st11:00 A.M.1:30 P.M. Misa en español



The Public Mass Schedule for Sunday, January 3rd is as follows:

9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. (Spanish) 5:30 p.m.

Please visit <u>www.stfrncis.eventbrite.com</u> to reserve a seat for one of the Masses.

Please visit <u>http://www.stfrncis.org/wp-content/</u> uploads/2020/06/How-to-Use-Eventbrite-At-a-Glance.pdf for Printable Instructions – Includes English and Spanish.

Reserved Seating Video Instructions

Go to https://youtu.be/9KZ-Q49uG88 to learn how to Select Seats for Mass in Eventbrite.

Go to <u>https://youtu.be/SKpg09NIsqw</u> to learn how to Select Seats Using the Map in Eventbrite.

Go to <u>https://youtu.be/S7973o14sfA</u> to learn how to Return/Cancel a Seat Ticket Order.

When attending a public Mass, please be advised of the follow:

- Please arrive at least 20 minutes before the start of Mass
- Each person attending Mass must have a ticket (hard copy or on cell phone)
- A face mask is required for anyone 2 years of age or older
- Each person attending Mass will be required to have a temperature check before entering the church
- Sit in assigned seating areas only
- Avoid touching your face
- Stay home if you have any symptoms of a fever, cough, difficulty breathing, or may have been exposed to COVID-19

Please Note: All the faithful of the Diocese of Arlington are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation until further notice. We will continue to Live Stream Mass on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. until further notice.





December 22nd-December 25th and December 29th-January 1st — Parish Office is closed; will reopen on Monday, January 4th.



St. Francis House an Outreach Program from St. Francis of Assisi Parish 2606 Heth Court, Dumfries, VA 22026 703-221-6344 Francia Salguero and Angelica Silva

St. Francis of Assisi Outreach Ministry

As we approach the end of the year 2020 we continue to support the individuals and families in need in the Eastern PWC.

As follows are some of the many services the we are providing at St. Francis House every week:

- Food assistance for more than 100 families. Around 3600 pounds of food that consist of non perishable food and perishable food like milk, meat, cheese, vegetables, and fruit.
- Baby diapers and wipes and adult diapers and wipes.
- Rental assistance.
- Utility assistance.
- Prescription assistance.
- 60 lunches and 60 dinners every Saturday for the Overnight shelter.
- From Sunday, November 29th until Saturday, December 5th we provide breakfast, lunch, and dinner for 30 residents at the Hilda Barg shelter.
- Support with monetary donations and home items donations for 3 families in Triangle who lost everything in an apartment fire.

Un-Trim-A-Tree-Program

- Christmas presents for families in Dumfries and Triangle E.S.
- Donations of extra gifts for families in PWC through the Volunteers of PWC program
- Christmas gifts and gift cards for our brothers and sisters at the Overnight shelter.
- Christmas bags for the seniors at the Envoy Nursing Home.

St. Francis of Assisi Church Outreach Ministry is possible due to the generosity of all the parishioners and individuals who provide their time, talents, and donations to support our brothers and sisters in need.

Thank you very much from the bottom of our hearts!

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK We would like to thank Angel Kirkbride, Realtor for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

Boletín Semanal

Despensa de Comida de La Casa de San Francisco Casa St. Francisco Un Programa de Ayuda Social de la Parroquia de St. Francisco de Asís 2606 Heth Court, Dumfries, VA 22026 703-221-6344

Ministerio de Asistencia Social de San Francisco de <u>Asís</u>

A medida que nos acercamos al final del año 2020, continuamos apoyando a las personas y familias necesitadas en la PWC del Este.

Los siguientes son algunos de los muchos servicios que brindamos en La Casa de St. Francisco cada semana:

- Asistencia alimentaria para más de 100 familias. Alrededor de 3600 libras de alimentos que consisten en alimentos no perecederos, alimentos perecederos como leche, carne, gueso, verduras y frutas.
- Pañales y toallitas húmedas para bebés y pañales y toallitas húmedas para adultos.
- Asistencia de alquiler.
- Asistencia de servicios públicos.
- Asistencia con recetas medicas.
- 60 almuerzos y 60 cenas todos los sábados para el refugio de noche.
- Desde el domingo 29 de noviembre hasta el sábado 5 de diciembre proporcionamos desayuno, almuerzo y cena para 30 residentes en el refugio Hilda Barg.
- Estamos apoyando con donaciones monetarias y donaciones de artículos para el hogar para 3 familias en Triangle que perdieron todo en el incendio de un apartamento.

Programa Un-Trim-A-Tree

- Regalos de Navidad para familias en Dumfries y Triangle E.S.
- Donaciones de regalos adicionales para familias en PWC a través del programa Voluntarios de PWC
- Regalos de Navidad y tarjetas de regalo para nuestros hermanos y hermanas en el refugio de noche.
- Bolsas navideñas para personas mayores en el Hogar de Ancianos Envoy.

El Ministerio de Asistencia Social de la iglesia de San Francisco de Asís es posible gracias a la generosidad de todos los feligreses e individuos que brindan su tiempo, talentos y donaciones para apoyar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas necesitados.

¡Muchas gracias desde el fondo de nuestro corazón!



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 <u>Prayer of</u> <u>the Faithful</u> 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



Did you know that Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to St. Francis of Assisi School? It is very easy to set up!

<u>AmazonSmile</u> is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to St. Francis of Assisi School if you select the school as your charitable organization of your choice.

Every item available for purchase on <u>www.amazon.com</u> is also available on AmazonSmile (<u>smile.amazon.com</u>) at the same price. You will see eligible products marked "*Eligible for AmazonSmile donation*" on their product detail pages.

For more information about the AmazonSmile program, please visit <u>http://smile.amazon.com/about</u>. Thank you for choosing St. Francis of Assisi School as your charitable organization of choice!!!!

St. Francis High School Youth Ministry is called <u>**REAL!**</u> <u>**REAL**</u> stands for **R**espect, **E**ngage, **A**ccept, Live! <u>**REAL**</u> is open to all High School teens. It is a place to connect your life and your faith, and to share, support and have fun with other teens who are trying to live out God's call in their everyday lives. Please join us to see what <u>**REAL**</u> is all about!



REAL Youth Ministry is happening ONLINE!

NO <u>REAL</u> ACTIVITIES Wednesday, December 30th NEW YEAR'S WEEK

REAL Leadership Wednesday, January 6th—8:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. LEADERSHIP TEAM ONLY

REAL Time Online (Youth Group) Wednesday, January 13—8:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. All Teens Grades 9-12

Text @sfacym to 81010 to sign-up for Remind and get texts with meeting information.

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

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 beginning in January!! Participants in this 7-week series will meet virtually on Thursday evenings beginning January 14th and continuing through March 4th for fellowship, to listen to a dynamic teaching and join in a small group discussion about the meaning of life in Jesus Christ.

Please contact Sheila Noble at 703-221-3127, ext. 238 or <u>snoble@stfrncis.org</u> for more information.

Please Pray For All those who are sick: June Cowles; Joann Winston; Stephanie;Bruce Schechter; Nina; Kathleen Schechter; Nancy; Emily Clemente; Paul Colangelo; LeAnne Floom; Charles Dennison; Bob Ashburn; Sue Long; Charles Brown; Alda Kelly; Betsy Dennison; Fran Laskofski; Imelda Pine; David Back; Laurie Colligan; Aaron Childs; Denise Liss; Dale Hudson; Gary Ward; and Richard McClevey.

And for those recently deceased: Michelle Roccato, and Barbara Angell (sister of Mary Dimarzio).

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

Respect Life Ministry—Notice

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Francis of Assisi Parish will <u>not</u> be sponsoring a bus to the March for Life 2021.



Many thanks to all who are wearing masks in public. Wearing a mask can save a life. One of the best ways to show that you are pro-life is to wear a mask.

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

donating your used eyeglasses to the Lion's Club. Your unwanted glasses will help someone see better. Thank you for always being so generous.



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Save These Dates!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8 Priority Application and Scholarship deadline – *Apply today!*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14 Middle School Game Night on Zoom *–Have fun with the Wolfpack!*

MONDAY, JANUARY 18 Financial Aid Application deadline – *FACTS application online!*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26 Bioethics Webinar – Open event for anyone interested in learning about the dignity of the human person!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6 Virtual How to High School – A preparedness workshop open to all middle schoolers!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 Virtual Photography Workshop – Get a taste of a JP media elective!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27 Virtual Super Science Saturday – *Participate in labs from home!*

EVERY DAY: JP students studying in person!

Visit jpthegreat.org for details!

and Happy New Year

FROM



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

ROMANS 15:13

DECEMBER 27, 2020

Mass Intentíons

SATURDAY, 5:30 PM	December 26—Holy Innocents Christmas Novena †Mark Norman Olds		
	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik		
SUNDAY,	December 27—Holy Family		
7:30 AM	+Alice Tippit		
	†Mary Goyette		
	John and Janice Wagner		
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik		
10:45 AM	Christmas Novena		
	†Stephan Hien T. Vu		
12:15 PM	People of the Parish		
1:30 PM	Misa en español		
5:30 PM	†Jane Wilson		
MONDAY,	December 28—Holy Innocents		
8:45 AM	Christmas Novena		
	†Mary Goyette		
	tMary Lou Jackson		
TUESDAY,	December 29—Fifth Day within the		
	Octave of Christmas		
8:45 AM	Christmas Novena		
	tLee Dixon		
	Jeff Cleveland		
WEDNESDAY	December 30—Sixth Day within the		
	Octave of Christmas		
8:45 AM	Christmas Novena		
	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik		
	tKathryn Gonsorcik		
THURSDAY	December 31—Seventh Day within the		
	Octave of Christmas		
8:45 AM	Christmas Novena		
	†Scott Kujawa		
	+Martin Long Vu		
5:30 PM	VIGIL MASS (Live Streamed)		
	†James Ryan		
	†Joseph Quang Quoc Pham		
	†Anthony Viet Quoc Pham		
FRIDAY,	†January 1—Mary, Mother of God		
11:00 AM	Christmas Novena		
	†Joseph Hoa Vu		
	†Maria Tuyet Bach Thi Vu		
1:00 PM	Misa en español		
SATURDAY,	January 2—Sts. Basil and		
	Gregory Nazianzen		
5:30 PM	+Alice Tippit		
	†Don Kujawa		
	†Thomas Madora		
Mass Int	Mass Intentions on Sunday, January 3, 2021		

9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
11:00 AM	+Roy Gilbert Talbot
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	Christmas Novena

Readings for the Week of December 27, 2020

Monday	1 John 1:5—2:2; Matthew 2:13-18
Tuesday	1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35
Wednesday	1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40
Thursday	1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18
Friday	Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7;
	Luke 2:16-21
Saturday	1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28
Sunday	Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6;
	Matthew 2:1-12

Wondering how you can still support the Parish during the COVID-19 situation? Please consider using some of our fast and easy options:



- You can use our Electronic Giving Form (located online and in the vestibule of the Church). Please simply complete the form and drop it off or mail it in to the Parish.
- You can set up Electronic Giving through your own financial institution.
- You can give electronically through the Donate Online (PayPal) section of the Parish website (http://www.stfrncis.org/donations/#Donations).

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 <u>barbaras@stfrncis.org</u>.



We are praying for YOU!!

As the current call for social distancing leaves many of us feeling anxious or alone, please know that your parish family is praying for each of you! The Friars, Parish Staff, and members of

our newly forming Intercessory Prayer Team are praying for health and healing from all illness and anxiety for each of our parishioners. We would like to pray for your specific needs also! Please go to the Parish website (<u>www.stfrncis.org</u>) and click on the '*Prayer Request*' button with any specific prayer requests. As much as possible, let us try to keep our eyes focused on Jesus as He walks with us through this difficulty!

PARISH RECEPTIONIST POSITION—Current employee retirement necessitates our seeking a full-time parish receptionist (40 hours per week), (Bilingual English/Spanish Preferred), whose primary job is admitting and greeting parish office visitors and answering in-coming parish telephone calls. The receptionist will provide visitors and external phone callers with requested general parish information or direct them to the related ministry. In addition, the receptionist will be performing a variety of clerical tasks. The core hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please send resume to: Search Committee-Parish Receptionist, St. Francis of Assisi, 18825 Fuller Heights Rd., Triangle, VA 22172. **No phone calls please.**



