

Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

- 7:30 A.M.
- 9:00 A.M.
- 10:45 A.M.
- 12:15 P.M.
- 1:30 P.M. Spanish Mass in the gym

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

4:00 P.M. – Mass in the gym (Cantor)

5:45 Prelude **6:00 PM Children's Mass**
(Children's Choir)

6:00 PM Overflow Mass in the gym

7:30 Prelude **8:00 PM Mass** (Teen Choir/Ensemble)
8:00 PM Spanish Mass in the gym

9:30 Prelude **10:30 PM Mass** (Adult Choir)

(No Mass at Midnight)

Christmas Day

8:45 Prelude **9:00 AM Mass** (Cantor)

10:45 AM Mass

11:30 Prelude **12:15 PM Mass** (Ensemble in church)

Dec. 26th

8:45 a.m. Morning Mass

Since December 25th (Christmas—the Nativity of the Lord) falls on a Monday this year, the question has been raised as to whether a person can attend Mass on the evening of Sunday, December 24th and fulfill both the Sunday Mass obligation and the Christmas Mass obligation. In other words, can one Mass fulfill two obligations?

The U. S. Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship's response was, "The prevailing view of many canon lawyers is that each obligation must be fulfilled with a separate Mass. Thus, when consecutive obligations occur on Saturday-Sunday or Sunday-Monday, **the faithful must attend Mass twice to fulfill two separate obligations.**

On December 13th 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.



For all lectors, ushers, 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.**

Next Saturday (December 2nd) - Please Come Help Distribute the Christmas Wreaths at Quantico National Cemetery



On Saturday, December 2nd, 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 AM**), 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 their vehicles alongside the roadway – **not off on the grass.**

At 10:00 AM 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 2016 Christmas wreaths.

Many, many hands are needed and you are encouraged to attend and assist. In December Quantico National Cemetery is usually cold and blustery so dress very warmly and bring work gloves.

Please Pray For All those who are sick: Charles Dennison; Callie Linscott; and Aaron Childs.

And for those recently deceased: Diem X. Bui; Deborah Barber McNeill (sister of Dr. Tricia Barber); and Fr. Gerry Creedon (Pastor of Holy Family Catholic Church).

Please pray for the following who are serving abroad in harm's way: Jonathan Boron; Tyler Jones; Drew; Leo N. Company; S. Defibaugh; Brianna French; James Moore; Kyle McVay; Kyle Traylor; Marc Gendron; and Darryl Saungweme.



Please tear-off and return. Envelopes are provided and located in the vestibule of the church.
2017 St. Francis Parish Appeal

Parishioner Name: _____

Address: _____

- Yes, I/we will make a one time gift (enclosed amount \$ _____)

OR

- Yes, I/we will make an annual pledge in the amount of:
_____ \$250 _____ \$500 _____ \$1,000 _____ Other Amount \$ _____

St. Francis House Corner



Thanks to the donations from all of our parishioners the items of the month have been very much appreciated by our clients. With your generosity we will continue to serve those that are in need.

- **Item of the Month:** Coffee and Sugar
- Canned Fruit
- Spaghetti and Pasta
- Cereal (**kid friendly**)

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

Mission 2018

Join St. Francis Parishioners in June 2018 on a journey to our Sister Parishes in Lima, Peru. Departs Saturday, June 16th Returns Monday, June 25th



- Applications and deposit of \$100 now being accepted. The final date for receipt of applications is **January 31, 2018**.
- Fee includes airfare, lodging, most meals and local transportation.
- Full payment (\$1,500) is due by **January 31, 2018**
- Applications are available on line at (<http://www.stfrancis.org/sister-parish-in-peru/>) and next to the Sister Parish section of the church bulletin board.

Questions? Please call:
Terry Danner at 703-680-0860
terrydanner@verizon.net

Or

Chuck O'Hern at 910-795-6203
Charles.ohern@usmc.mil

Boletín Semanal

Despensa de Comida de La Casa de San Francisco: Gracias a las donaciones de todos nuestros feligreses el artículo del mes a sido bien recibido por nuestros clientes. Con sus donaciones podremos continuar a los mas necesitados.

- **Artículo del mes:** Café y Azúcar
- Fruta Enlatada
- Espagueti
- Cereal (**Para niños**)

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

Charlas Bautismales—Las próximas charlas bautismales en español serán el **viernes, Diciembre 8**. Las charlas bautismales Son a las 7:00pm en el Salón del Hermano Juniper (Br. Juniper Room). Para más información por favor llamar a la **Señora Salguero al 703-221-6344.**

The St. Francis Anti-Human Trafficking Committee (engaged in action, awareness and advocacy efforts in the fight against human trafficking) is collecting Magazines in both Spanish and English for the ACTS offices. They can be dropped off in Dumfries or Manassas.

Recently WTOP news reported, 3 Human-Trafficking victims were rescued. <https://wtop.com/fairfax-county/2017/11/police-halt-human-trafficking-springfield-hotel/>.

Our next meeting **Thursday, December 7th at 7:00—8:30 pm in the 5th Grade Classroom (located in the Parish Center)**. All are welcome! For more information, please contact **Margie Petrizza at 540-408-2408**, margie.petrizza@gmail.com or **Bob Eves at 703-304-9259**, evesrc@verizon.net.

Advent Yoga class on Tuesday, **December 5th 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. Class will be limited to the first 20 registrants. Beginners and all levels are welcome. **For more information, please contact Rita Evans at 540-270-0667 or at breathofheavenyoga@outlook.com.**



We are re-starting the Stephen Ministry Formation in January. If you are interested or still have an application to turn in, please talk with Kathy and get your name on the list. The Holy Spirit works in mysterious ways. If you were on the fence, or needed more time to think about the Ministry, or summer was too short to really contemplate this undertaking... How great that Advent starts next week; A time for discernment and preparing. So listen to the Holy Spirit. He may be giving you the chance you need to help others and yourself. Formation starts in January, after the holidays. A good way to start out the New Year! **Please call 703-221-4044, ext. 233 or email kwalker@stfrancis.org for information.**

Faith Formation Office

Phone: 703-221-3127 Fax: 703-221-3246
Office Hours: Monday—Thursday: 8:00 am—2:00 pm
Friday: Closed

Religious Education for 2017-2018

- Nov. 26 NO RE—Thanksgiving Day Weekend
- 30 Thursday RE Session
- Dec. 3 Sunday RE Session
- 7 Thursday RE Session
- 10 Sunday RE Session
- 14 Thursday RE Session

We have a need for **Substitute Catechists** for all sessions and all grades, Sunday 8:45 AM, Sunday 10:30AM and Thursday 5PM. Training will be provided. If you are able to help, please contact **Marianne Hayes, DRE** at 703-221-3127.

If you would like your child to participate in the **Children’s Christmas Pageant on December 24th at 3:00pm** before the 4PM Mass in the Church, please return your completed form to the Religious Education Office or in the Catch-All slot located in the vestibule of the Church (please label envelope ‘RE-Christmas Pageant Registration’). Children ages 4 years of age and up are eligible if they are not in the Christmas Choir. **Deadline for forms is November 26th. No late registrations will be accepted.** Forms are available at www.stfrancis.org under the RE page. Rehearsals are mandatory. **For more information, please call the RE Office at 703-221-4978 or email recoor@stfrancis.org.**



Baptismal Preparation Class

Our next class will be held on **Sunday, December 10, 2017 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.**

ChristLife is a lay Catholic ministry established in 1995 in response to the Church’s call to a New Evangelization. **Discovering Christ will be presented at St. Francis of Assisi beginning in January!!** Participants in this 7 week series will meet on Thursday evenings beginning January 4th and continuing through February 15th to enjoy 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 3rd**. *The cost for registration for this event is \$25 per person and all meals are included.* **For more information, please contact Sheila Noble at 703-221-3127 ext. 238 or snoble@stfrancis.org.**



ask.
seek.
knock.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **Meg Czapiewski, Owner, Realtor** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

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, November 26th
NO REAL ACTIVITIES
Thanksgiving Weekend

Saturday, December 2nd
Sunday, December 3rd
AFTER ALL MASSES
Church Lobby
Ornament Fundraiser

Sunday, December 3rd
6:30 PM—8:30 PM
St. Catherine Room
REAL Time (Youth Group)
All teens grades 9-12

Sunday, December 10th
6:30 PM—8:30 PM
St. Catherine Room
REAL Leadership
Leadership Teams Only

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

Handmade Christmas Ornaments
December 2 & 3



St. Francis High School Youth Ministry

Liturgies For the Week

SATURDAY,	November 25—Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Walker Williams †Clyde Richardson †Jean Szwejbka
SUNDAY,	November 26—Our Lord Jesus Christ The King
7:30 AM	†Muriel Dreswick †Faust Villareale †Deborah Barber McNeill
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Charles Burns †Ann Marie Blake
10:45 AM	All Souls Novena †Diem X. Bui
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy †Girolamo Pisani †Chuck Eiwen
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Juanito and †Margarita Alb †Leona Stumm People of the Parish
MONDAY,	November 27—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Roberta Kay Corniel †Mary Elizabeth Johnson
TUESDAY,	November 28—Weekday
8:45 AM	All Souls Novena †Eleanor Bandik
WEDNESDAY,	November 29—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Helen C. Buckley †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
THURSDAY,	November 30—St. Andrew, Apostle
8:45 AM	†Michael Slade †Deborah Barber McNeill †Kumsung Han
FRIDAY,	December 1—Weekday
8:45 AM	†Telka Penley †Richard Thomas †Enrique Lizarralde
SATURDAY,	December 2—Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†Jim Hopkinson †Donna Celestini †Dana Durani
Mass Intentions on Sunday, December 3, 2017	
7:30 AM	Thomas Lee †Jennie Fonzo †Paul and †Connie Arcudi
9:00 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Floyd M. Barretto
10:45 AM	†Diem X. Bui People of the Parish
12:15 PM	†Clara Kennedy
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†E.J. and †Geri Prudot †Marguerite Mooney †James S. Mooney

Please Note: The Mass Intention book for 2018 will open on **Friday, December 15, 2017.**

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.**

Readings for the Week of November 26, 2017

Monday	Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Luke 21:1-4
Tuesday	Daniel 2:31-45; Daniel 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Luke 21:5-11
Wednesday	Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Daniel 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Luke 21:12-19
Thursday	Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22
Friday	Daniel 7:2-14; Daniel 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Luke 21:29-33
Saturday	Daniel 7:15-27; Daniel 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87; Luke 21:34-36
Sunday	Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

St. Francis of Assisi parish has supported the Un-Trim-A-Tree Program for more than 16 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 some 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.

Do Not Wrap the present

What is the tag for? **The tag is very important** as it indicates the individual information, what the individual wants and also the way the gifts are sorted and distributed. **When you get the tag home, copy the information down or take a picture** to ensure that if you lose the tag you still have the pertinent information like: name, sex, age, code, and wish.

Where do I drop the Present? Gifts may be placed under the Christmas Angel Giving Trees on display in the vestibule of the church. They are removed daily. **Presents must be returned by Sunday, December 10th. (NO Exceptions)**

Can I give additional items than those requests on the tag? Yes, we always welcome and make good use of additional presents.

If you have questions about the Un-trim-A-Tree Program? Please contact **Francia Salguero** 703-221-6344 or 571-572-5862 calisa3@verizon.net. Thank you very much for your continuing support of this program.