

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—Mass in the gym (Cantor)

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.*

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| | 1:30 P.M. Misa en español |
| | 5:30 P.M. |

January 1st 9:00 A.M.
(Not a day of Holy Obligation)

Mark Your Calendars for the Annual
Festival of Praise!

December 15th 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.**



If you would like to make a donation for **Christmas Memorial Flowers** envelopes are available on the tables in the vestibule. Anyone who would like 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.

Formation is starting in about a month. The classes center around all you may need to know as a Stephen Minister. God is calling you; all you have to do is... listen. You may be surprised that your Christmas present is to better the people around you with what you learn in formation and by being a part of this Ministry of Empathy and Caring. **Please call Kathy Walker at 703-221-4044, ext. 233 or email kwalker@stfrncis.org to get more information.** And MEN! We need you! Find out how, by calling Kathy Walker.



There are now separate numbers for the Parish Office (703-221-4044) or (703-291-7285), School Office (703-221-3868), and Religious Education Office (703-221-3127). If a parishioner wishes to reach someone in those offices, we ask that they please call the designated number. This is a change from the previous arrangement where you would be able to dial an extension after reaching the general number of the parish. **We had to make this change to correct problems we were having with the former system.**



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.**



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: Laundry Detergent**
- Hamburger Helper
- 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



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!

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: Jabón de Lavar Ropa**
- Hamburger Helper
- 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, enero 12**. 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.**

Misa En Honor a Nuestra Señora Virgen de

Guadalupe—Los invitamos a la celebración a Nuestra Señora Virgen de Guadalupe. El Lunes, Diciembre 12 empezando misa a las 7:00 p.m. en la iglesia y seguido por un danza y Celebración en el comedor de la iglesia. **Para mas información por favor hablar con el Hermano Ignacio al 703-221-4044.**

Misa de Nochebuena—Los invitamos a participar de la pastorela y misa de Nochebuena el domingo, diciembre 24 a las 8:00 p.m. en el gimnasio de la iglesia. Ven y acompáñanos. Para mas información o para colaborar en los preparativos de la celebración por favor hablar con el **Hermano Ignacio al 703-221-4044.**

To all our dear Filipino Kababayans: You are cordially invited to our **Second Christmas Mass/Simbang Gabi at St. Francis of Assisi on December 16th at 7:00 pm.**, to be celebrated

with us by our ever supportive Parochial Vicar, Fr. John Alderson, O.F.M. There will be a dinner reception right after the Holy Mass in the Parish Center Dining Hall. Everyone is encouraged to wear your Filipiniana/Barong Tagalog as we celebrate our faith and culture especially during the season of Advent. We look forward to seeing everyone at this "great festivity". Everyone is welcome!



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, so the only way we will know if you are in the hospital is if you or a family member informs us.

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

Dec. 10 Sunday RE Session
14 Thursday RE Session
17 Sunday RE Session

December 21st—31st NO RE—Christmas Break

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.

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

Sunday, December 17th
**CHRISTMAS PARTY,
DANCE & POTLUCK**
6:30 PM—9:30 PM
Parish Center Dining Hall
REAL FUN!
All teens grades 9-12



Sunday, December 24th
Christmas Eve
NO REAL ACTIVITIES

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



Baptismal Preparation Class
Our next class will be held this **Sunday,**
December 10, 2017 from
1:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m. in the
Br. Juniper Room.

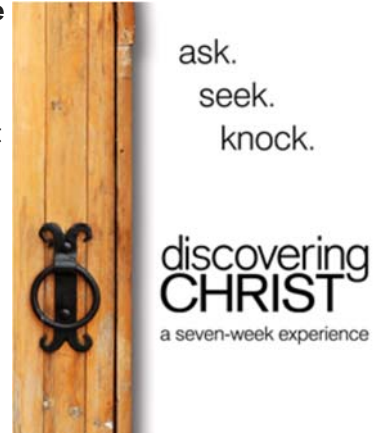
SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
We would like to thank
Mid-County Physical Therapy
for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

Mass Intentions on Sunday, December 17, 2017

7:30 AM †Emogene Pearson
†Elaine Minor
†James L. Mooney
9:00 AM †Bob Walker
†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
10:45 AM †Marciana Alfero
12:15 PM †Clara Kennedy
1:30 PM Misa en español
5:30 PM People of the Parish

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@stfrncis.org.



Looking for the Perfect Gift?

Give Her an Overnight Women's Cornerstone Retreat
April 6—7, 2018
\$130 for a Double Room or **\$145** for a Single Room
www.stfrncis.org/cornerstone

Please Pray For All those who are sick: Pat Bennick; Maira Peña; Maureen Cremmins; S.J. Defibaugh; Nancy Brown; Judy Mitchell; B. Kraus; M. Searing; B. Lyle; Charles Dennison; and Aaron Childs.

And for those recently deceased: Anna Maria DiCocco (Mother of Marc DiCocco); and Traci Lynn Rayhel.

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SATURDAY,	December 9—Advent Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†William Byers †Jean Szwejbka †Traci Lynn Rayhel
SUNDAY,	December 10—Second Sunday of Advent
7:30 AM	†Deborah Barber McNeill People of the Parish
9:00 AM	†Girolamo Pisani †Ben Badami †Enrique Cuellar †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
10:45 AM	†Marie L. Newman
12:15 PM	†George Beck †Clara Kennedy †Federico C. Casupang, Sr.
1:30 PM	Misa en español
5:30 PM	†Marie L. Mooney †James E. Hamilton †Marguerite M.R. Hamilton
MONDAY,	December 11—Advent Weekday
8:45 AM	†Mary V. Deitz
TUESDAY,	December 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe
8:45 AM	†Audrey A. Proscia In Thanksgiving †Ken Spanier
WEDNESDAY,	December 13—St. Lucy
8:45 AM	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik †Kathryn Gonsorcik
THURSDAY,	December 14—St. John of the Cross
8:45 AM	†Merlein Marshall
FRIDAY,	December 15—Advent Weekday
8:45 AM	†Leona Stumm †Migdalia Flores
SATURDAY,	December 16—Advent Weekday
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	†David John Butts †Grace Moran †Sindulfo DeLeon

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.**

Christmas Novena Mass cards are available in the vestibule of the church. Please have the envelope with the names on them, to be prayed for, into the church by **December 20, 2017.**

Readings for the Week of December 10, 2017

Monday	Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26
Tuesday	Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47
Wednesday	Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30
Thursday	Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15
Friday	Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19
Saturday	Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday	Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28



**CALLING ALL YOU IRISH LADIES
By BIRTH OR MARRIAGE**

The Fr. Mychal Judge, O.F.M. Ladies Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians **will be meeting on Monday,**

December 11, 2017 in the **Parish Center Library!** We will gather at 6:45 pm. The meeting will last from 7:00-8:00 pm.

Criteria to join this group of ladies? You must be an Irish Catholic female of 16 years of age or older, Irish descent OR married to an Irish gentleman.

Once a part of this Irish Catholic Organization—all we would ask is for you to live our motto of:

"Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity"

Come by and see what is going on within our group! We would enjoy meeting you and having you JOIN us. **For more information or/and if you are eligible and interested in joining, please contact Mary Kay Jones at 540-287-4383 or jonesmk@aol.com.**

The **Rosary Guild** meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Please join us **Tuesday, December 12th** from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the **St. Catherine Room**. All are welcome. **For more information, please call Otella Creegan at 571-264-0312.**



The **55+ Ministry** is looking for volunteers to help stuff and transport Christmas gift bags for 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 St. Catherine Room after the 8:45 a.m. daily Mass on Tuesday, December 19th** to stuff the bags with items to be collected through Un-Trim-a-Tree. If you can help, please contact **Lisa Ostendorf lostendorf@stfrancis.org** or 703-221-3127.

Votive Candles

Envelopes are provided for the candle money. **Please place them in the Catch-All slot located in the vestibule of the church.**

