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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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*Fourth Sunday
 of Advent*



Christmas is finally here! My hope is that you and your families will be able to step back over these next few days from the many responsibilities that you have, from the hectic pace of this season, to focus on the true meaning of Christmas. The coming of Christ among us.

Christmas is traditionally the season of light. To the extent that we truly allow Christ into our lives we can become that light for others.

I thank you this Christmas for the ways that you are a light for others through your compassion and generosity.

As I review the many ministries of our parish, the tremendous outreach programs that we sponsor, as I look at the numerous gifts of food given each week, as I now see the hundreds of presents for the Un-Trim-A-Tree program, I am reminded of just how generous our parishioners are.

Let us carry that spirit of generosity into the new year. Let us continue to be a light for others!

On behalf of the friars and staff of our parish I wish all a very blessed and joyful Christmas.

Merry Christmas!

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

The Christmas Flowers were donated in memory of the following families: **Rayhel and Larke; Thomas and Tarantino; Seliga and Gallagher; Gaston and Zelmira; Sayson; Thomas-Tarantino-Giglio; Caldari and Ildebrando; Badami; and Taravella.**



And the following individuals: **Clyde Richardson; Bryan Richardson; Helen and Bill Kordis; Albert Doyle; William D. Stoddart, III; Samuel and Mary Deitz; Jim and Betty Dart; Thomas M. Austin; Columbiettes; Marvin and Margaret Kramer; Thomas and Florence Fogarty; Edward F. Donnan; Grandma O'Brien; Thomas and Ellen Sheehan; Thomas and Beverly McLutchy; Eva and Albert Goyette; Audrey Jones; Louis and Mary Gasper; Diane Tomasinski; Laurence Dreis; Laura and Frank McNierney; Cheryl McNierney; Charles and Betty Miller; John Francis Carpino; Laurence O'Brien; Ted Geary; Jack and Phyllis Conway; Virginia and Joseph Wohlers; Blaine and Mary Hoover; John and Magdalen Hertneky; Mr. and Mrs. John Tiano;; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Ryan, Sr.; Richard Wright; Patricia Laliberte; Robert Laliberte; Charlotte M. Stafira; George Beck; Noreen Paquette; James Michael Brophy; Dennis Ledwith; Sean Maguire; Jim Longi, Jr.; Denis McManus; Eileen McManus; Lorenzo Manno; Marco Imbarlina; Candida Imbarlina; and Joe Imbarlina.**

Please Pray For

All those who are sick:

G.C. Kraus; S. Jamorski; J. Lawless; D. Mitchell; Mary Ashburn; John Regan; Kathy Miracco; Yong-Su Sidebottom; Lori Connelley; Sarah Back; Laurie Coligan; Herb Harmon; Aaron Childs; and Honey Scott.

And for those recently deceased: Patricia Atwater (sister of Fr. John Alderson, O.F.M.); Lt. Col. Kevin Herrmann, Jr. (son of Kevin and Mary Herrmann).

Please pray for the following who are serving abroad in harm's way:

Thomas S. Hong; Matthew Byron; Tyler Jones; Drew; Leo N. Company; S. Defibaugh; Brianna French; James Moore; Kyle McVay; Kyle T aylor; Marc Gendron; and Darryl Saungweme.

Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve (NO 8:45 a.m. Mass)

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

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

PLEASE NOTE:

**December 21st-January 1st — Parish Office is closed;
will reopen on Wednesday, January 2nd.**

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Gospel Today

Fourth Sunday of Advent | Luke 1:39-45

Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who was filled with The Holy Spirit, and she felt her baby move upon Mary's greeting. Elizabeth said to Mary, who was pregnant with Jesus, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." *Luke 1:42*

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WEEK 4, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

Father or head of household
lights all the candles.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



--- COLOR & CUT ON DOTTED LINES ---

ROLL & OVERLAP
EDGES & GLUE OR
TAPE TOGETHER

COLOR PURPLE →

FOLD →

COLOR GREEN →

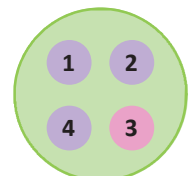
CUT BASE ↑

OVERLAP WITH
OPPOSITE SIDE



*This is what the
finished candle
should look like*

WEEK 4 Cut, color and fold our fourth advent candle - tape or glue this candle to the 9" paper plate or cardboard circle that was used for the first three candles. Place as shown on the diagram at right.





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.

Items of the Month: Toilet Paper/Paper Towels

- Hamburger Helper
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Fruit
- Peanut Butter and Jelly

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



Please save the date and sign-up for the 2019 March for Life Transportation. Sign-up sheets for bus transportation to the 2019 March for Life in Washington, D.C. on January 19, 2019 are located in the vestibule of the Church. **Buses will leave after the 8:45 a.m. Mass on January 18th** and return at the conclusion of the March. This will allow us to attend the opening remarks and walk the march. We will not stay for the talks in front of the Supreme Court.

Questions? Please contact Marv Floom, at marv_floom@verizon.net or 703-395-6528.



Christ Centered Yoga Retreat

There will be a day retreat at St. Francis on **January 19th from 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. in the St. Catherine Room**. All adults (beginner and all levels) are welcome. The day will include yoga, meditation, discussion, fellowship, and more! **The cost of the retreat is \$15.**

For more information or to register, please email stfrancisyoga@gmail.com.

Boletín Semanal

Charlas Bautismales—Las próximas charlas bautismales en español serán el **viernes, enero 11, 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: Papel Higiénico/Papel Toalla

- Ayudantes de Hamburguesa (Hamburger Helper)
- Tuna Enlatada
- Fruta Enlatada
- Mantequilla de Maní
- Mermelada

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

Mission 2019



Join St. Francis Parishioners in June 2019 on a journey to our Sister Parishes in Lima, Peru. **Departs Saturday, June 22nd Returns Monday, July 1st**

- Applications and **deposit of \$100** now being accepted. The final date for receipt of applications is **January 31, 2019**.
- Fee includes airfare, lodging, most meals and local transportation.
- Full payment (**\$1,750**) is due by **January 31, 2019**
- Applications are available on line at (<http://www.stfrncis.org/sister-parish-in-peru/>) and next to the Sister Parish section of the church bulletin board.

Questions? Please call:

Sharon or Terry Danner at 703-680-0860

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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!



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 2018-2019

December 20th—30th **NO RE**—Christmas Break

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND BLESSED NEW YEAR!

Religious Education is in need of Catechists for the 8:45AM Sunday Session because two additional classes needed to be added to that session. Also, substitutes are needed for all sessions. Please contact **Marianne Hayes** in the Religious Education Office at recoor@stfrncis.org or 703-221-3127, ext. 236, if you can help.

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 23rd
Christmas Break
NO REAL ACTIVITIES

Sunday, December 30th
Christmas Break
NO REAL ACTIVITIES

Sunday, January 6th
6:30 PM—8:30 PM
St. Catherine Room
REAL Leadership
Leadership Team Only

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

Votive Candles

Envelopes are provided for the candle money. **Please place them in the new boxes located on the wall (next to the candles) in the church.**



Baptismal Preparation Class

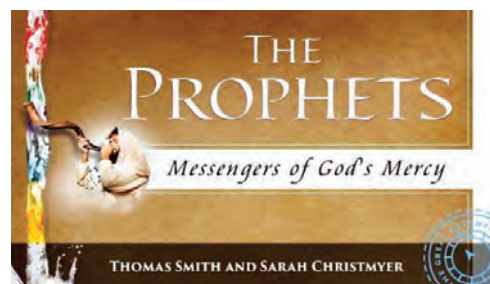
Our next class will be held on **Sunday, January 13, 2019 from 1:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m.** in the Br. Juniper Room. **Please call the Parish Office to register at 703-221-4044.**

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 3rd and continuing through February 14th** to 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 2nd**. The cost for registration for this event is \$25 per person and all meals are included. **Registration fliers can be found on the tables in the vestibule.** Please contact Sheila Noble at 703-221-3127, ext. 238 or snoble@stfrncis.org for more information.

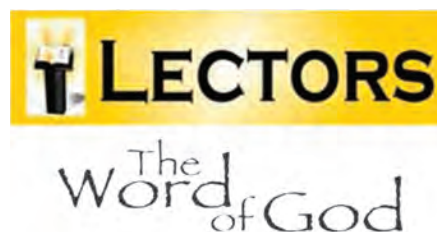


New Monday Morning Bible Study! "The Prophets"

Mondays, beginning January 14, 2019
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
St. Catherine Room



Make a 2019 resolution to delve into The Bible. Understand how the central message of the prophets is one of love, proclaiming the mercy of God for his children. See how their powerful words speak to us today, shedding light on our faith and our lives. To register for the course and purchase your workbook, please visit <https://ascensionpress.com/studies/34891/registrations/new>. For questions, please contact study leader **Lisa Ostendorf** at lostendorf@stfrncis.org.



Want a New Year's Resolution? Become a lector and join the ministry of proclaiming The Word. Training for new and current lectors will be conducted on **January 12, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the Br. Juniper Room.**

For further information, please contact **Pequitte Schwerin** at 703-590-8492 or wislady@comcast.net.



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Christmas, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In hope, we rejoice this Christmas, for *a light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us*. On Christmas and each day this coming year, may we seek this Light before all else and allow it to radiate within our diocese, homes and communities.

Even in the midst of the darkness we experience within our world, nation and Church, we are filled with joyful hope as we celebrate the truth that Jesus, our Lord and Savior and the Light of the World, has dispelled the darkness. Therefore, with trust and confidence, we dare to pray for one another. We pray for all who lead and serve within the Church, that enlightened by the new radiance of God's incarnate Word, what we know in faith will shine through our deeds. We pray that God will show our civil leaders the way of truth, guiding them to defend the sacredness of all human life. We pray that the whole human family will imitate the Holy Family in practicing virtue and in the bonds of charity. We pray that those in need will experience the radiance of God's love in and through our generosity, goodness and sacrifices. Finally, we pray that we, who know God already by faith, may pass through the shadows of this world to reach the brightness of our eternal home.

Please be assured of a special remembrance at the Masses I will celebrate on Christmas. Through the intercession of Mary our Mother and Saint Joseph, may Our Lord Jesus Christ fill you with the gift of his peace and favor this Christmas and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael F. Burbidge".

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SATURDAY, December 22—Advent Weekday

4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM †Paul Krieger
†John Dumoulin, Sr.
†Cy Kelly

SUNDAY, December 23—Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM †William and †Robert Monroe
†Harry Ravert
†Alice Tippet
9:00 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
†Catherine Murphy
†Gilberto Fermin
10:45 AM †Diem Bui
†Hien T. Vu
†Duc T. Vu
12:15 PM †Clara Kennedy
†Omar Abdelrazaq
†Joseph Bigalke
1:30 PM Misa en español
5:30 PM People of the Parish
†Paige Marie Laster
†Angelina Chua Chiaco

MONDAY, December 24—Advent Weekday

8:45 AM **NO MASS**
4:00 PM †Bill and †Marion Richmond
†Clyde Richardson
†Bryan Richardson
4:00 PM **(GYM)**
†Gregory Sanderson
†Raymond Barber
†Deborah Barber McNeill
6:00 PM †George Beck
†Helen and †Clifford Buckley
†Harry Ravert
6:00 PM **(GYM)**
†Thomas and Divina Austin
8:00 PM People of the Parish
†Helen and †Clifford Buckley
†Gwen Huber
8:00 PM Misa en español **(GYM)**
10:30 PM †Bob Walker
†Normand Richard Marquis
†Deacon Kenneth Klear

TUESDAY,

9:00 AM

10:45 AM

12:15 PM

WEDNESDAY,

8:45 AM

THURSDAY,

8:45 AM

FRIDAY,

8:45 AM

SATURDAY,

4:00 PM

5:30 PM

December 25—Christmas Day

Christmas Novena
†Larry Dreis
†Robert Earl Williams
†Virginia and †Joseph Wohlers
†Laura and †Frank McNierney
†Cheryl McNierney
†Donald Widener
†Albert Symes
†Clara Kennedy

December 26—St. Stephen

Christmas Novena
†Mark Norman Olds, Sr.
†Mr. and †Mrs. Robert Yates

December 27—St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Christmas Novena
†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
†Kathryn Gonsorcik

December 28—Holy Innocents

Christmas Novena
†Mary Goyette
†Jerome Alexander

December 29—Fifth Day within the Octave of Christmas

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Christmas Novena
†Lee Dixon
†Cy Kelly

Mass Intentions on Sunday, December 30, 2018

7:30 AM James A. Carmack
†Betty Jane Carmack
†Bishop William George Curlin
9:00 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
†Joseph Murphy
†Gilberto Fermin
10:45 AM †Regina Phung
†Carmine and †Carmella Poppiti
†Thomas Tri
12:15 PM †Clara Kennedy
†Joseph Mele
†Alice Tippet
1:30 PM People of the Parish
5:30 PM †Katherine Perusi
†Valenzuela Torres





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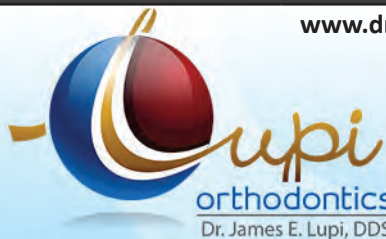
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