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On behalf of the friars and staff, I want to wish all a very blessed and happy New Year!

As we look forward to the year ahead I welcome our new Parish Council. I met recently with the Chair of the Parish Council to discuss plans

for the parish in 2019.

We discussed the development of a five year strategic plan, a weekend retreat and planning session for the Parish Council, preparation for the April visit by the Franciscan Holy Name Province evaluation team, and working with the staff to develop new programs to further bring the parish together and enhance the spiritual life of the parish.

One of the programs that I would like to see "get off the ground" is the weekend family retreat. These were very successful when I was pastor in the late 1990's. We tried to reinstitute the program last year but for a number of reasons had to cancel at the last minute. Hopefully we can work things out this coming year.

As I mentioned recently we will, for the first time, have a licensed psychological counselor available on parish grounds, one day a week beginning in January. This is a service provided by Catholic Charities.

I am pleased to also announce that our parish school has qualified for potential National Blue Ribbon Status. We have submitted the required documentation and should hear something in the next few months.

Mentioning the school, we will be initiating a 4 year old all-day Preschool program in the Fall. It has come to our attention that there is a significant demand for such a program.

Finally I will ask the Parish Council and Finance Committee to investigate the possibility of a Capital Campaign to make possible the expansion of parish meeting space. Currently, we are stretched very thin and often find it difficult to accommodate the many parish organizations and ministries.

All in all it looks to be a busy year ahead!

Sincerely,

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

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.

**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





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.

## 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 Connellev: 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.).

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 Traylor; Marc Gendron; and Darryl Saungweme.

St. Francis of Assisi Elementary, Middle, and Preschool will host an open house for new prospective families on Sunday, January 27th at 1:00 pm. Please plan to ioin us for a tour of our facility and to meet our wonderful teachers. For admission questions, please contact Shari



Phillips at 703-221-3868 or <a href="mailto:phillipss.sfas@gmail.com">phillipss.sfas@gmail.com</a>.



The Lion's Club has 2 donation drop boxes located on the window sill in the vestibule. Please consider donating your used evealasses to the Lion's Club. Your unwanted glasses will help someone see better. Thank you for always being so generous.

PLEASE NOTE:

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

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# KD'S KORNER

## **Gospel Today**

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph | Luke 2:41-52

# KORNER THE BOY JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

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- 1] Jesus went to the temple with his parents in this town.
  - a) Jericho b) Jerusalem c) Bethlehem
- 2] They were there for \_\_\_\_\_\_
  - a) Christmas b) Easter c) Passover
- 3] How old was Jesus?
  - a) Two b) Twelve c) Twenty
- 4] When the caravan left, where was Jesus?
  - a) With the caravan b) He rode ahead
  - c) Left behind

- 5] Mary and Joseph found Jesus after \_\_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) 3 hours b) 3 days c) 3 weeks
- 6] What did the temple teachers think about Jesus?
  - a) Angry b) Annoyed c) Amazed/astounded
- 7] When Mary and Joseph saw Jesus they were \_\_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) Anxious b) Angry c) Astonished
- 8] When Jesus said to his parents "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" Who is Jesus calling his Father?
  - a) God b) Joseph c) David



Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained

behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced [in] wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

#### < BONUS >

The finding of Jesus in the Temple is the Fifth Mystery of which Rosary?

- a) Joyful
- b) Sorrowful
- c) Glorious

d) Mystery of Light/ Luminous



1) b 2) c 3) b 4) c 5) b 6) c 7) c 8) a B



## 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 mary floom@verizon.net or 703-395-6528.

## **Christ Centered Yoga** begins a six-week session on Tuesday, January 8th. There will be a class at 4:00 p.m. and another at 5:45 p.m. Saturday

morning classes will begin later in January. All levels are welcome. Please come and experience a moving meditation of heart and body.



Please contact Rita Evans at 540-270-0667 or breathofheavenyoga@outlook.com. For Saturday morning classes, please contact Tracy Morgan at

540-446-9426 or spiritualyogava@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.

#### **Companions On Our Journey With Jesus**

Holy Family Catholic Church Dale City, VA Father Griffin Hall 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.



All are invited to attend any or all of the presentations at Holy Family as part of their Journey With Jesus program. This Adult Faith Formation program examines the lives of those who are models for us and companions on our own faith journeys.

January 6<sup>th</sup>—Martin Luther King February 10<sup>th</sup>—Abraham Lincoln March 3<sup>rd</sup>—Dorothy Day

Friar Henry Fulmer, O.F.M. Fr. Jack O'Hara Sr. Joanna Burley, O.S.B.



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

#### **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 <a href="recoor@stfrncis.org">recoor@stfrncis.org</a> or 703-221-3127, ext. 236, if you can help.

St. Francis High School Youth Ministry is called <u>REAL!</u>
<u>REAL</u> stands for Respect, Engage, Accept, Live! <u>REAL</u> 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 30th Christmas Break

**NO REAL ACTIVITIES** 

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

Sunday, January 13th 6:30 PM—8:30 PM St. Catherine Room REAL Time (Youth Group) All Teens Grades 9-12

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**,

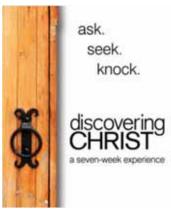
January 13, 2019 from

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.

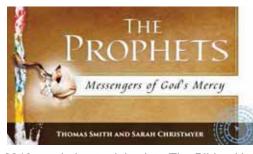
New Monday Morning Bible Study!

"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 <a href="https://ascensionpress.com/studies/34891/registrations/new">https://ascensionpress.com/studies/34891/registrations/new</a>.

For questions, please contact study leader Lisa Ostendorf at lostendorf@stfrncis.org.

Adult Confirmation classes will begin Tuesday, February 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center Library. This six-week program is for Catholic adults who have already received the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist



(First Communion) and would like to complete their initiation with Confirmation. Please register with Lisa Ostendorf to obtain the paperwork and to reserve a textbook at lostendorf@stfrncis.org or 703-221-3127, ext. 277.

#### **BROTHER JUNIPER**



A fresh perspective on the Sunday Readings
HIS WORD TODAY
By Rev. William J. Reilly



"Because 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 grievances you have against one another. Forgive as the Lord has forgiven you. Over all these virtues put on love, which binds the rest together and makes them perfect... Joseph went to the region in Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth."

We are still admiring the many gifts of Christmas. The packages have been opened and their contents displayed. There are gifts you still have to be shared with others. You did not deliver them yet. They are the virtues enumerated by St. Paul in his letter. Surely there is someone waiting to receive your gift of patience, humility and kindness. It is not too late to make sure they receive it. The gift of love is the gift wrap, bow or ribbon to bring everything together.

Can't you see the Holy Family, settling down after their journey from Bethlehem to Egypt, happy to take a few minutes to relax and be glad that they have a home? As this special family began to accustom themselves to a new experience, they surely mush have been glad the infant Son was with them. As we settle, as we approach a new year, may we find the same Lord as the center of our attention with our family in our home.

There are many exciting things happening at St. John Paul the Great Catholic High School! Here are descriptions of some of the upcoming events:

- January 12th: "How To High School" A Readiness Skills Workshop for 7th and 8th Graders, hosted by the Faculty of Saint John Paul the Great, on Saturday, January 12th from 12:00 p.m. -4:00pm! Workshop sessions include "How to Ace the Test," "How to Make the Team," "How to Manage Money," "How to Explore Your Brain," and more! This event includes lunch and is free of charge. For more information, please contact us at howtohighschool@ipthegreat.org. You can R.S.V.P. your child at: tiny.cc/howtohighschool.
- APPLY TODAY! St. John Paul the Great's accredited college-preparatory curriculum is a rigorous course of study, featuring a unique formation in Bioethics in a community-oriented environment, with the Dioceses' original House System. John Paul is also proud to offer Special Services, which includes an inclusive Options Program: a special education program for students with moderate intellectual or cognitive disabilities. You can apply at <a href="www.ipthegreat.org">www.ipthegreat.org</a>. Please contact us for more information: <a href="mailto:admissions@jpthegreat.org">admissions@jpthegreat.org</a> or 703-445-0218.
- January 12th: High School Placement Test! It is not too late! St. John Paul the Great still has space on Saturday, January 12 at 8:30 a.m.. Please let us know if you are coming by emailing us at <a href="mailto:admissions@jpthegreat.org">admissions@jpthegreat.org</a> or registering at <a href="www.jpthegreat.org">www.jpthegreat.org</a>. If you are not taking the test at John Paul, our code is 77!
- January 12th: An all Senior Cast at St. John Paul the Great presents "The Jeweler's Shop," a play written by Pope John Paul II on the values of marriage and family. Tickets are \$5 and the show starts at 7:00pm on January 12th, 2019. More info at: <a href="mailto:iptheqreatdrama.org">iptheqreatdrama.org</a>.
- March 2nd: Mardi Gras Gala! St. John Paul the Great Catholic High School is hosting their seventh annual gala on March 2, 2019. Please come enjoy a night of fellowship and fun at Potomac Point Winery! Tickets are available at:

#### www.jpthegreat.schoolauction.net/jpgala2018.

January 29th - March 5th, Tuesdays from 7:00 p.m.— 8:30 p.m.: Bioethics Seminars for Adults, "The Human Person—A Philosophical Perspective", hosted by St. John Paul the Great Catholic High School. Sister Terese Auer, O.P., is the chair of the Bioethics Department at John Paul. Sister Terese has been a Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia (also known as the "Nashville Dominicans") for more than 30 years. She earned a Ph.D. in Thomistic Philosophy from St. Thomas University in Houston, TX and is the author of John Paul's four year Bioethics Curriculum. All sessions will be held at John Paul in St. Thomas Aguinas Hall from 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Course topics and dates: January 29th—Human Happiness, February 5th—The Moral Law, February 12th— Conscience and Truth, February 19th—The Human Act, February 26th—The Moral Act, and March 5th—Virtue.



## Mass Intentions

SATURDAY,	December 29—Fifth Day within the Octave of Christmas
4:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM	Christmas Novena
	†Lee Dixon
	†Cy Kelly
SUNDAY,	December 30—Holy Family
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 Tippit
1:30 PM	People of the Parish
5:30 PM	†Katherine Perusi
	†Cristina Valenzuela Torres
MONDAY,	December 31—Seventh Day within the
	Octave of Christmas
8:45 AM	Christmas Novena
	†Kevin Herrmann, Jr.
5:30 PM	†Solpecio Tornes
TUESDAY,	January 1—Mary, Mother of God
9:00 AM	Christmas Novena
	†Harry Ravert
	Sarah Ecklund
10:45 AM	†Cesar A. Castaneda
12:15 PM	Misa en español
WEDNESDAY,	January 2—Sts. Basil and
0.45.414	Gregory Nazianzen
8:45 AM	Christmas Novena
	†Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
THURSDAY	†Kathryn Gonsorcik
THURSDAY,	January 3—Christmas Weekday
8:45 AM	Christmas Novena
FRIDAY,	January 4—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
8:45 AM	†Kevin Herrmann, Jr.
CATUDDAY	†Raymond Barber
SATURDAY,	January 5—St. John Neumann



Sacrament of Reconciliation

**†**Joe Powers

†Alice Tippit

†Cy Kelly

4:00 PM

5:30 PM

Readings for the Week of December 30, 2018

Monday 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18 Tuesday Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7;

Luke 2:16-21

Wednesday 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28 Thursday 1 John 2:29—3:6; John 1:29-34 Friday 1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42 Saturday 1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51

Sunday Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6;

**Matthew 2:1-12** 

#### Mass Intentions on Sunday, January 6, 2019

#### Please Note: The Mass Intention book for 2019

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.



#### 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 (<u>http://www.stfrncis.org/sister-parish-in-peru/</u>) 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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