The Epiphany of the Lord



Parish Office Hours - Mon.-Thurs. 8:00 AM—4:00 PM Fri. 8:00 AM—12:00 PM Phone 703-221-4044 Fax 703-221-3246 In a Sacramental Emergency - 703-221-5697 EUCHARIST

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.

PARISH COUNCIL

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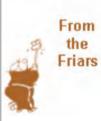
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When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

Matthew 2:10

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Two weeks ago the national news described a funeral Mass, in which a Catholic priest at the funeral of a young man who committed suicide in the Midwest, suggested that the young man has committed a serious sin and might not be allowed entrance to heaven.

That priest made a serious mistake and fortunately has been suspended from preaching at funerals and directed to get counseling.

So what is the Church teaching on suicide?

Indeed for years the Church spoke of suicide as a sin, the taking of one's life. However with the advent of modern psychology the Church now realizes that when one takes their own life there are serious mitigating factors such as the inability to think clearly or make an objective conscious decision, or give clear consent of the will.

Consequently, we do not speak of suicide as a sin but as the ultimate tragedy that it is. A person who has been so overwhelmed by the darkness of depression, and anxiety, a person so exhausted mentally ,that they make a decision that is neither rational nor deliberate.

We talk not about this person being barred from heaven, but rather of this person now being embraced by a loving compassionate God.

Sincerely,

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

The Christmas Flowers were donated in memory of the following individuals: Virginia Vance; Margaret Vittitow; Ralph and Carmella Oropallo; Joseph and Agnes Harrison, Sr.; Paul and Daneen O'Keefe; and Jay and Denyse Slovick





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 <u>wislady@comcast.net</u>.



Thanks to the generosity of the parish, 107 gift bags were prepared by the 55+ Ministry for residents of Envoy of Woodbridge Nursing Center and senior clients of St. Francis House. This is one of the ways the Un-Trim-A-Tree Program spreads Christmas joy in our region.

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** <u>breathofheavenyoga@outlook.com</u>. For Saturday morning classes, please contact **Tracy Morgan at 540-446-9426 or** <u>spiritualyogava@gmail.com</u>.



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.

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 join us for a tour of our facility and to meet our wonderful teachers. For admission questions, please contact Shari Phillips at 703 224 2868 or phill



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Phillips at 703-221-3868 or phillipss.sfas@gmail.com.

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Gospel Today The Epiphany of the Lord | Matthew 2:1-12

And behold, the star that they (the Magi) had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. -Matthew 2:9-11

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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: Cooking Oil and Sugar

- Cereal
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Fruit
- Peanut Butter and Jelly

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

OVERNIGHT SHELTER

TWOWS NO SEASON

Winter is here, and it is a very rough season for the homeless. Our parish is committed to providing dinner every Saturday, at 7:00pm for our brothers and sisters at the Overnight Shelter. At this moment we are in dire need of your help! Sign-up sheets, directions, and more

information are on the table in the vestibule of the church. For more information, please contact **Francia Salguero at** <u>francias@stfrncis.org</u> or 571-572-5862.

Many Members, One Body—our parish ministry which offers support to parishioners who are gay and lesbian, will hold their Epiphany Potluck on January 17th at 7pm in the Br Juniper Room. Please bring a dish to share. Please R.S.V.P. to Friar Henry at friarhenry@stfrncis.org or to Anne Tunney at annetunney@ yahoo.com. Friends and family are welcome!





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 18, 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 <u>marv floom@verizon.net</u> or 703-395-6528.

Boletín Semanal

<u>Charlas Bautismales</u>—Las próximas charlas bautismales en español serán el viernes, febrero 8, 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: Aceite de Cocina y Azúcar

- Cereal
- 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**.



As part of the Social Justice ministries at our Parish, the Anti-Human Trafficking committee meets every month and our volunteers are involved in many community outreach services. Our committee members are comprised of parishioners who have different professional experience that can enhance our community efforts. We are fortunate to have Police Officers, Medical Professionals, Retired FBI, as well as Educators.

Sherri Mason, a committee member who has put her passion into action and not only published several medical articles but she and her husband have started an LLC. This is the information and if your Company or organization could use her assistance please see the details here:

Neos Diamant, LLC, partnering with Shannon Scott, BSN, RN, SANE, a forensic nurse examiner, and Bill Woolf of Just Ask, who just received a presidential medal for his work in combating trafficking in humans to provide human trafficking recognition to hospitals, clinics and hotels in the Northern Virginia area and nationwide. Our mission is to engage and educate those positioned best to provide recognition and intervention for victims enslaved by traffickers. We also work with NOVAHTI to direct them for victim support to local victims.

Helpful numbers and websites: <u>JustAsk.com, or</u> <u>NOVAHTI.com</u>. National Trafficking Hotline:<u>1-888-373-7888</u> (TTY: 711)|Text 233733

> SPONSOR OF THE WEEK We would like to thank Deluxe Nails and Spa for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

Faith Formation Office

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

Religious Education for 2019

Jan. 6	Sunday RE Session
10	Thursday RE Session
13	Sunday RE Session
17	NO RE—MLK HOLIDAY
20	NO RE—MLK HOLIDAY
24	Thursday RE Session
27	Sunday RE Session
31	Thursday RE Session
Feb. 3	Sunday RE Session
7	Thursday RE Session
10	Sunday RE Session
14	NO RE—Presidents' Day Holiday
17	NO RE—Presidents' Day Holiday



It is time to start planning VBS! We are having an informational meeting on January 24th at 6:30 p.m. in the **RE Conference Room (located in the Parish Center)**. If you are an adult, teen, or first year confirmation student and interested in volunteering, please join us. Do not miss this meeting! **VBS will be held June 17th-June 21st** and we are in need of volunteers. We also need a VBS Coordinator!

Questions? Please contact Marianne Hayes at 703-221-3127, ext. 236.

Please Pray For 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.

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.

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 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!

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!

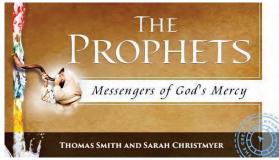


Sunday, January 6th 6:30 PM—8:30 PM St. Catherine Room <u>REAL</u> Leadership Leadership Team Only

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

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

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 <u>https://</u> ascensionpress.com/studies/34891/registrations/new.

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



Baptismal Preparation Class

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

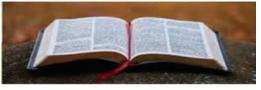
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BROTHER JUNIPER



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



"Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart will throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you...all from Sheba shall came, bringing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord...Then they spread their treasures and offered him gifts of gold frankincense and myrrh."

The season of holiday visiting is drawing to a close. Lights still shine, the manger scene is special today, and unwrapped gifts are still to be seen. The memories of visits, carols and delicious traditional foods are still fresh and happy. But what happens now?

Like the magi we have waited, searched and found the Christ. It is our turn to bring gifts, not the three mentioned in Isaiah and Matthew, but a more precious gift, a more valued gift, the one that the Lord Jesus is waiting to receive from us. It is the gift of ourselves.

We bring joy, hope and happiness. Joy—because we have a Savior, hope—because our world can become better, happiness—because He has chosen me to bring Him to others. We bring an awareness that this Jesus comes again and wishes to accompany us in this new year. He cannot wait for us to get started. We can choose this route, or just simply take the decorations and put them away to gather dust for another year. The choice is quite clear. "They departed for their own country by another way." 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@jpthegreat.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 <u>www.jpthegreat.org</u>. Please contact us for more information: <u>admissions@jpthegreat.org</u> 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 admissions@jpthegreat.org or registering at www.jpthegreat.org. 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: jpthegreatdrama.org.
- 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 Aquinas 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.

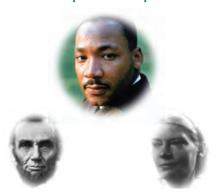
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Readings for the Week of January 6, 2019

Monday	1 John 3:22—4:6;
-	Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday	1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44
Wednesday	1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52
Thursday	1 John 4:19—5:4; Luke 4:14-22
Friday	1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16
Saturday	1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30
Sunday	Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11;
	Acts 10:34-38 or Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7;
	Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

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 6th—Martin Luther King Friar Henry Fuln February 10th—Abraham Lincoln Fr. Jack O'Hara March 3rd—Dorothy Day

Friar Henry Fulmer, O.F.M. Sr. Joanna Burley, O.S.B.

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