

# SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

## Jesus, I Trust in You

THE SIMPLE  
ABC MESSAGE...

ASK FOR HIS  
MERCY

BE MERCIFUL

COMPLETELY  
TRUST IN JESUS



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Saturday Vigil - 5:30 PM (Live Streamed)  
Sunday - 9:00 AM (Must Pre-Register); 11:00 AM (Must Pre-Register);  
5:30 PM (Must Pre-Register)  
1:30 PM - Español (Must Pre-Register and Live Streamed)  
Monday - Friday - 8:45 AM (maximum seating 50 people)

#### 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: 3:30 PM—4:30 PM and by appointment (English)  
Saturday: 3:30 PM—4:30 PM and by appointment (Spanish)

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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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 **From the Friars**

Many thanks to all who worked to make our parish Easter celebration a prayerful, hope-filled experience. All gave of themselves selflessly in these most challenging times.

Speaking of these challenging times, we recently received a number of compliments from individuals, some of whom visited our on-site liturgies for the first time. They expressed their gratitude that we had not compromised on safety protocols (temperature taking, masks, and social distancing) as apparently some parishes have.

It goes without saying that we would like to relax these protocols as soon as possible. Unfortunately, the latest news reminds us that the pandemic is not over. In many states, the number of the cases is rising again, with many younger folks now getting COVID, including children. This is the result of new variants present in the population.

Right now it is indeed a race between the virus and getting more and more individuals vaccinated.

We will relax our COVID safety protocols as soon as possible; but for now we are about helping you to stay safe, and stay well!

Sincerely in Christ,

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



**Why does it matter that Jesus rose from the dead?** Join Fr. George in an Easter Season online study of the importance of the Resurrection. Weekly a short video (5-9 minutes) will be emailed/text messaged to you exploring why the Resurrection has such explosive power, how St. Paul went from ardent persecutor to bold missionary, and what to expect of our own resurrected bodies at the end of time. Want to read more – visit <https://www.stfrncis.org/>. Want to sign up? Using the message app on your mobile/cell phone, text “SHArisen” to 84576 – easy as that. **Sign up by Monday April 13<sup>th</sup> and continue to explore your faith.**

### The Easter flowers were donated in memory of the following:

Fran Laskofski; John Carroll; Joseph Carroll; Rayhel Family; Larke Family; Regina and Dennison Pudney; Patricia and Samuel Cipparone; George Beck; Jane Wilson; Gray Family; Erik Domingo; Karen Bertocci; Efrain Zea; Russell and Mary Vullo; Roberto Flores; Mirian Ruth Avelay; Martha Villegas; Proscia Family; Teodosio Family; Glo Callahan; Audrey R. Burget; Imelda Pine; Robert and Marion Casey; Harold and Ruth Spencer; Kenneth Lieb; John Francis Carpino; Laurence O'Brien; Margaret Malachy Noone; and Robert Piccoli;



### The Public Mass Schedule for Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> is as follows:

9:00 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.  
1:30 p.m. (Spanish)  
5:30 p.m.

Please visit [www.stfrncis.eventbrite.com](http://www.stfrncis.eventbrite.com) to reserve a seat for one of the Masses.

Please visit <http://www.stfrncis.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/How-to-Use-Eventbrite-At-a-Glance.pdf> for Printable Instructions – Includes English and Spanish.

### Reserved Seating Video Instructions

Go to <https://youtu.be/9KZ-Q49uG88> to learn how to Select Seats for Mass in Eventbrite.

Go to <https://youtu.be/SKpg09Nlsqw> to learn how to Select Seats Using the Map in Eventbrite.

Go to <https://youtu.be/S7973o14sfA> to learn how to Return/Cancel a Seat Ticket Order.

### When attending a public Mass, please be advised of the following:

- Please arrive at least 20 minutes before the start of Mass
- Each person attending Mass must have a ticket (hard copy or on cell phone)
- **A face mask is required (covering both mouth and nose) for anyone 2 years of age or older**
- Each person attending Mass will be required to have a temperature check before entering the church
- Sit in assigned seating areas only
- Avoid touching your face
- Stay home if you have any symptoms of a fever, cough, difficulty breathing, or may have been exposed to COVID-19

**Please Note:** All the faithful of the Diocese of Arlington are **dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass** on Sundays and holy days of obligation until further notice. We will continue to Live Stream Mass on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. until further notice.





## St. Francis House Corner



**St. Francis House an Outreach Program**  
from St. Francis of Assisi Parish  
**2606 Heth Court, Dumfries, VA 22026**  
703-221-6344

**Francia Salguero and Angelica Silva**

### St. Francis of Assisi Outreach Ministry

Happy Spring! As always our ministry is blessed to have such wonderful and giving parishioners. All of the donations made, both monetary and food; have made it possible for us to help our community. In the month of February we assisted clients with \$7,067.82 towards rent and utility bills, and our food pantry gave out 332 bags (24,236 pounds) of perishable and nonperishable food, and assisted a total of 486 individuals in February. We are very grateful to each and every one of you who make our ministry possible and help us give a helping hand to our brothers and sisters in need, especially during such a tough time.

### Item of the Month: Liquid Dish Detergent

- Canned Fruit
- Pasta
- Jelly

Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.  
For more information, please contact **Francia Salguero** at  
**703-221-6344** or [francias@stfrncis.org](mailto:francias@stfrncis.org).

### Meals for the Shelter

If you would like to provide support for the homeless shelter, please visit the following Sign-Up Genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094EA5A622A3FD0-shelter> or Sign-Up Genius forms can be found on the parish website: [www.stfrncis.org](http://www.stfrncis.org) under Meals for the Shelter. For more information or to support our meal program for the shelters in Prince William County, please contact the Director of St. Francis House and Meals Coordinator, **Francia Salguero** at [francias@stfrncis.org](mailto:francias@stfrncis.org) or 703-221-6344.



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## Boletín Semanal

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**Casa St. Francisco Un Programa de Ayuda Social de la**  
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### Ministerio de Asistencia Social de San Francisco de Asís

Feliz primavera! Como siempre, nuestro ministerio tiene la bendición de tener feligreses tan maravillosos y generosos. Con todas las donaciones realizadas, tanto las donaciones monetarias como las de alimentos hicieron posible que pudiéramos ayudar a nuestra comunidad. En el mes de febrero, ayudamos a los clientes con \$7,067.82 para pagar el alquiler de sus casas y las facturas de servicios públicos, y nuestra despensa de alimentos repartió 332 bolsas, dimos un total de 24,236 libras de comida, y ayudamos a un total de 486 personas. Estamos muy agradecidos con todos y cada uno de ustedes que hacen posible nuestro ministerio y nos ayudan a ayudar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas necesitados, especialmente durante un momento tan difícil.

### Artículo del Mes: Jabon liquido de lavar losa

- Fruta enlatada
- Pasta
- Mermelada

Gracias por su continuo apoyo y generosidad.  
Para obtener más información, no dude en comunicarse con nosotros al **703-221-6344** o [francias@stfrncis.org](mailto:francias@stfrncis.org).

**Please Pray For** **All those who are sick:** Bill Myers; Otella Creegan; Bob Ashburn; Sue Long; Joseph O'Connor; Paul Coangelo; Lilly Diaz; Laurie Zeiszler; Aaron Childs; Gary Ward; and Richard McClevey

**Please pray for the following who are serving abroad in harm's way:** Leo N. Company; and S. Defibaugh.

"Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, 'God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end' (*Spe salvi* 31)."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
"Respect Life Reflection: Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life" (Citing Pope Benedict XVI, *Spe salvi* © 2007, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.)

If you or someone you know has had an abortion, "be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation." \*Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is available. Select "Find Help" from the menu on [www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org) to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you.

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\*\*"Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion"  
[www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy](http://www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy)

### **Faith Formation Office**

Phone: 703-221-3127 Fax: 703-221-3246  
Office Hours: Monday—Thursday: 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.  
Friday: **Closed**

#### **We need Volunteers!**

"Great Big Beautiful World" Vacation Bible School  
June 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>



#### **Sessions:**

9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.

K thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade, \$25.00 per child

Forms and payment will be available online at:  
[www.stfrncis.org/welcome-and-introduction/](http://www.stfrncis.org/welcome-and-introduction/)

Registration begins for kids on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Please consider joining our Team of Volunteers!!  
No experience necessary.

### **BROTHER JUNIPER**



**Adult Confirmation Classes** will begin on **Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** If you are an adult who has been Baptized, received First Communion and are interested in preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, please contact **Sheila Noble** ([snoble@stfrncis.org](mailto:snoble@stfrncis.org)) to register for the classes and receive the virtual link to attend. **Sessions will be held each Wednesday evening up to and including May 12<sup>th</sup>.**



### **High School Youth Ministry**

**REAL** Youth Ministry is happening **ONLINE!**

#### **REAL** Time Online (Youth Group)

Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>—8:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.  
All Teen Grades 9-12

#### **REAL** Online (Living Laudato Si' Discussion Group)

Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>—8:00 p.m.-8:45 p.m.  
All Registered Teens

**SIGN-UP** for **REAL** Faith Online!  
Self-paced High School Faith Formation  
All Teens Grades 9-12  
Register at [keepingitreal.club/realfaith](http://keepingitreal.club/realfaith)

Text @sfacym to 81010 to sign-up for **Remind** and get texts with meeting information.

Questions? Please contact Brandon Jubar at  
[bjubar@stfrncis.org](mailto:bjubar@stfrncis.org).

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Please **do not** drop the cartridges in the **Catch-All Slot**.  
(No laser cartridges.)

**You can drop the cartridges off in the basket**  
**on the table in the vestibule**  
**or stop by the Faith Formation Office.**

**Thank you for your continued support!**



# Lord of All

Life can be breathless. Sometimes we need to take a breath and see how far we have come; to ponder our successes, our failings, all the hurdles we jumped, disasters we dodged, and things that we accomplished. As strange as it might seem, the Easter Season can be a time to think about Lent. At the beginning of Lent the classic refrain is "What are you giving up?" One parishioner who loves chocolate gave it up entirely for Lent. I asked, "Did that bring you closer to God?" The response was, "Not really. I just end up being cranky and miserable for all of Lent." I am pretty sure that was not the hoped-for result. Within the tradition of prayer, alms giving, and fasting, there needs to be a path that makes room in your life for our God who is ever close to us.

So — we have journeyed through Lent and arrived at Easter — it is an important marker on the bigger journey of life. Back in the days before GPS, all naval vessels, even submarines, had to routinely "take a fix" to verify its location, to get our bearings. We knew where we intended to go, estimated we were halfway there (but still in the middle of the ocean), so we took out our navigation gear and "fixed" our position on the charts. In that way we measured our progress and had a chance to assess all the factors that might have taken us slightly off course, delayed us, or moved us ahead of schedule.

If the Lenten leg of the journey of faith was to make room in your life for God, what was the result? Are you closer to God? Did you make room for God? Did that "making room" result in some transformation or conversion large or small? Were you filled with God's presence and shaped by God's grace? We have journeyed through the mystery of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection in the celebration of Holy Week — and now He is risen.

I think a great Easter season question is this: "What began in Lent, will you continue to let it grow? And where is this all taking you?" Life with God in heaven is the answer in the long term, but it strikes me that a nearer term goal might be centered in the way we look at all this. If Lent was the period in which we "made room for God," I would suggest that the next segment of this transformation is "we should make God the room."

What I mean by this is that God should be not merely the reference point but the whole context out of which we operate. God is not merely the source of our existence, He is the substance of our existence, the very life we have, and without God we would be lifeless, even if we are alive. Put another way, if Jesus is not Lord of all, He is not Lord at all.

I think St. Francis understood that God is not an "abstract philosophical construct or a theological theory," but the One who gives us life every day, is the reason we get up in the morning, and is the focus of our praise. God is both our creator and our redeemer; both our *raison d'être* and the reason why we do what we do. God is both the source of love and the sort of love we should have and express. God is the overwhelming, awesome, all-loving being that can sweep our lives into wholeness, completeness, and rest. He is Lord of all.

But that transformation in the way we view God does not leave us in control. Frankly, it can be scary. Rather than seeing it as being swept up in the arms of a loving parent and held close, it seems like the flood waters sweeping us away. So, it is safer to domesticate God, turn God into our buddy, shrink him down to our size to manageable proportions. We can even turn it all into a popular Top-40 song: "What if God was one of us? Just a slob like one of us? Just a stranger on the bus?" (words by Eric Bazillian, sung by Joan Osborne, 1995). While I liked the song and even sing along with it, I am deeply aware that God was indeed one of us and while He was right there on the bus, He was not a slob like one of us. Jesus did not come to merely try on humanity or hang out with us. He came to show us the fullness of what humanity was intended to be. He came to save us from ourselves, and for Himself.

So often we just cannot see that, but then vision is often a problem in the human condition. I can remember being in high school and really wanting one of my classmates to "really see me." I just knew that if she really knew who I was, well heck, she would invite me to the prom. Now take that same kind of experience and blow it up to cosmological proportions. If we could just really see God, we would run to the "divine prom," the *perichoresis*, (*peri* – around; *chorea* – dance) that divine dance of the Triune God in, with, and through all life, all being, all love.

It is indeed a Divine Mercy that God waits for us to simply realize who He is. He is Lord of all.





**SATURDAY, April 10—Easter Saturday**  
3:30 PM Reconciliation  
5:30 PM †Alice Tippit  
†Al DeCarli  
†Loretta Frankowski

**SUNDAY, April 11—Easter**  
9:00 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik  
†Robert Laychak  
†Jerri Gall  
11:00 AM People of the Parish  
†Jackie Briggs  
†Abrielle Flores  
1:30 PM Andrea Carillo  
Luz Mila Castiblanco  
5:30 PM †Skye Richardson  
†Rosemarie Donlon  
†Victoria Linares

**MONDAY, April 12—Easter Weekday**

8:45 AM  
**TUESDAY, April 13—Easter Weekday**  
8:45 AM †Dan Maris  
†Ethel Comyns  
†Israel Troncoso

**WEDNESDAY, April 14—Easter Weekday**  
8:45 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik  
†Kathryn Gonsorcik  
†Michael Slade

**THURSDAY, April 15—Easter Weekday**  
8:45 AM †June Donna  
†Philomena D'Souza  
†Kathleen Koehl

**FRIDAY, April 16—Easter Weekday**  
8:45 AM †June Donna  
†Frank Piorkowski, Sr.  
†Terrance Dolan

**SATURDAY, April 17—Easter Weekday**  
3:30 PM Reconciliation  
5:30 PM †Alice Tippit  
†Mary Mancuso  
†Celine Nebbia

**Mass Intentions on Sunday, April 18, 2021**

9:00 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik  
†Ann Tossell  
†James Toner  
11:00 AM †Neil Carmelo Britos  
†Jim Belli  
†Harry Ravert  
1:30 PM †Cristina Garcia Quinones  
5:30 PM People of the Parish  
†Luis Garcia  
†Dillon Foley

**Readings for the Week of April 11, 2021**

**Monday** Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8  
**Tuesday** Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15  
**Wednesday** Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21  
**Thursday** Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36  
**Friday** Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15  
**Saturday** Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21  
**Sunday** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5a;  
Luke 24:35-48



A Novena of Masses will be offered for all Mothers, living and deceased, and will begin on May 9<sup>th</sup>. [Spiritual Bouquet Cards](#) are available on the tables in the vestibule of the Church. Please drop the inside envelope in the Catch-All Slot in the vestibule or in the Parish Office **no later than Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**.

**CAR RAFFLE 2021**

**The Car Raffle is still on!**

We are a little over a week away from the **April 20th deadline** to turn in all unsold and ticket stubs with payment.

**One \$5.00 ticket offers a** more generous venture than purchasing a vehicle on our own and each purchaser has a chance to win five cars plus \$20,000 in cash drawings! This makes "selling" at work or to family and friends more like an opportunity—just show them the ticket—it will sell itself! Please visit our website ([www.stfrncis.org](http://www.stfrncis.org)) to view the five 2021 vehicles.



Any questions, please contact Chanel Marquis at 703-221-4044, ext. 222 or [cmarquis@stfrncis.org](mailto:cmarquis@stfrncis.org).

**Please take note—All tickets (used or unused and money) can be mailed back directly to ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH; turned into the Parish Office; placed in the collection basket; or the Catch-All Slot. St. Francis will STILL receive the normal proceeds from the Raffle. This is our Parish's largest fundraiser and we thank you in advance for your support.**



## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

### < KID'S > KORNER

#### Gospel Today

2nd Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy | John 20:19-31

That evening, when Jesus appeared to the disciples for the first time since His Resurrection, they were in a room with the door locked. When Jesus offered them peace and the Holy Spirit, their fears were relieved. The following week Jesus appeared again, this time making Thomas a believer.

Year B

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### BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

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| Appeared  | Wounds   |
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### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Jesus gave Sister Marie Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938)  
a simple ABC message to write down

**Ask for His Mercy, Be Merciful, Completely Trust in Jesus**

Do you sometimes feel like a "doubting Thomas"? Think of this  
simple ABC message God has given us to strengthen your faith.



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