

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

February 11 - February 17

Monday, 2/11	900 a.m. Gemma Palini
Tuesday, 2/12	9:00 a.m. Juana Luisa Arguella
Wednesday, 2/13	9:00 a.m. Ernesto Bouey 7:30 p.m. Marconi Da Costa
Thursday, 2/14	9:00 a.m. Don Smith
Friday, 2/15	9:00 a.m. Joseph & Mary Polosky
Saturday, 2/16	9:00 a.m. Peggy Corner (L) 5:00 p.m. Walter Paroby
Sunday, 2/17	8:00 a.m. <i>Pro populo</i> 9:30 a.m. Yvonne Marie Bening 11:15 a.m. Laurin Balkam 5:00 p.m. George Wassum

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Rosemarie Wilson, former parishioner & choir member.

Please pray for the sick... Jeff Smith, Jean Lea, Mary Lott, JoAnne Kirby, Helene Oliver, Dominic Marcuccilli, Kaycee Mentus, Stan Hummer, Dennis Parnell, Ed Dudenhoeffer, Jackie Roebuck King, Jeni Stepanek. (Names will remain on this list for four consecutive weeks, but can be repeated by calling the Office.)

Readings for the Week of February 10, 2019

Sunday:	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 5:1-11
Monday:	Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	Gn 1:20-2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday:	Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26-

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

Recently I received a letter from Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia who was writing in his capacity as the Chair, Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth. He wrote to remind us that World Marriage Sunday is celebrated on February 10, 2019. We are also observing National Marriage Week USA from February 7-14, 2019. Both of these are opportunities to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with promoting and defending marriage and the family. World Marriage Day (WMD) honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice, and joy in daily marriage life.

The idea of celebrating marriage began in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in 1981, when couples encouraged the Mayor, the Governor, and the Bishop to proclaim St. Valentine's Day as "We Believe in Marriage Day." This event was so successful that the idea was presented to and adopted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter's National Leadership. By 1982, forty-three governors officially proclaimed the day and celebrations spread to U.S. military bases in several foreign countries. In 1983, the name was changed to "World Marriage Day," designated to be celebrated each year on the second Sunday in February. In 1993, His Holiness Pope Saint John Paul II imparted his Apostolic Blessings on World Marriage Day. WMD celebrations continue to grow and spread to more countries and faith expressions each year.

The theme for WMD is "Love One Another." This phrase is the commandment given to us by Our Lord Jesus Christ in John 15:12. It speaks to us in a simple but challenging way of how our Father wishes us to live. Loving one another is a daily decision, simple but challenging.

There is a prayer for World Marriage Day which I put here for your prayer and reflection:

Father, as we prepare for World Marriage Day, we thank you for the tremendous gift of the Sacrament of Marriage. Help us to witness to its glory by a life of growing intimacy. Teach us the beauty of forgiveness so we may become more and more One In Heart, Mind, and Body. Strengthen our dialogue and help us become living signs of your love. Make us a sign of unity in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Brother. Amen. (Prayer composed by Fr. Bill Dilgen, S.M.M.)

National Marriage Week USA is being celebrated from February 7-14, 2019. It is part of an international event seeking to mobilize individuals, organizations, and businesses in a common purpose to strengthen marriage in communities and influence the culture.

Archbishop Chaput hopes that these observances would foster an ever-deeper appreciation for the gift of marriage and the blessings of family life. That would be my hope as well!

Until next week.

Fr. John

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How am I called to transform my life? Have I already transformed my life and feel called to encourage others to do so as well?

MUSIC NOTES - FEBRUARY 10

The hymn "Let Us Break Bread Together" is an African American spiritual. As is the case with spirituals, the song was passed from person to person orally through the years, making its history somewhat a mystery. Scholars believe that the song may have originated in the West African Gullah/Geechee slave culture that developed in areas near the coast in Southeastern colonial America, including St. Helena Island, and in South Carolina near Beaufort and Charleston. Some believe that the final verse, "Let us praise God together" was the original text, and likely existed before the Civil War. Some believe that it perhaps even served as a signal to slaves to gather in worship. Likely, the first two verses, "Let us break bread," and "Let us drink wine" were added after the Civil War.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE LENTEN EVENTS

Tuesday, March 5: *Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 5 pm in the Parish Center.* Come celebrate the start of Lent with pancakes, scrambled eggs, hash browns, bacon, sausage, and all the fixings.

Wednesday, March 6: *Ash Wednesday.* Masses at 9 am, 12 Noon, 6 pm and 7:30 pm.

Friday, March 8: *Talk by Fr. Greg Friedman, OFM, on "Walk with Jesus during Lent" at 7:45 pm in the church.* Fr. Friedman will discuss the Lenten season, the Good Friday Collection and a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan from June 3-13. The Franciscan Monastery to the Holy Land of DC is sponsoring the pilgrimage, which is the Franciscan brothers' most popular tour and trip.

Saturday, March 30, & Sunday, March 31: *Catholic Charities Lenten Food Drive.* The Food Pantry Ministry will pass out grocery bags after Masses for the Catholic Charities Lenten Food Drive benefitting the St. Martin's Food Pantry. Parishioners should return the bags filled with non-perishable food items to the Gathering Space by the weekend of April 6/7.

Saturday, April 13: *Lenten Day of Reflection at 1 pm in the church.* With a theme of "Rejoice and Be Glad: Our Call to Holiness and Happiness," the second annual Lenten Day of Reflection will focus on the Beatitudes. Join us for Praise and Worship, singing, Eucharistic Adoration, learning from short talks, listening to personal witness and individual reflection time. Fr. John Dillon and Fr. Jack Berard will both speak, and young adults from Singles for Christ will witness their faith. The day's two-and-a-half hour program will be followed by Confession from 3:30-4:30 and the Saturday Vigil Mass at 5 pm.

JOIN US FOR FAMILY BINGO ON FEBRUARY 15!

Are you ready for some Family Bingo? Please join us from 6:30-8:30 pm Friday, February 15, for Family Bingo in the Parish Center. The Special Events Ministry will be serving pizza and drinks before we start 10 rounds of Bingo. Winners can choose from a fun selection of prizes. The cost to play is \$10 per person and free for children under five. Families, couples, individuals and friends are all welcome! For more information, please contact Fr Jack Berard at sfayouth@sfadw.org.

LENTEN SMALL GROUPS MEETING TO DISCUSS MILLENNIAL'S ARGUMENT FOR BEING CATHOLIC

Why are you Catholic? It's a good question and one that will yield a different answer from every person to whom it's posed. It's also a question that best-selling Millennial author Brandon Vogt answered himself after converting to Catholicism in college and becoming the content director for Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire Catholic Ministries. In his new book, "Why I Am Catholic (And You Should Be Too)," Vogt offers a needed dosage of confidence to practicing Catholics needing affirmation for our beliefs during a time of crisis and skepticism and gives a passionate argument for the truth and beauty of Catholicism to people who have become jaded toward it. St. Francis parishioners will have an opportunity to read and discuss "Why I Am Catholic" during Lenten Small Groups that will begin meeting the week of March 6. The book is divided into short, readable chapters and is accompanied by a study guide to help facilitate weekly discussions over six weeks. Please look out for sign-ups in the Gathering Space in February and online signups available through Flocknote. For more information about Lenten Small Groups, please contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.

YOUR OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTION

Just a reminder that we do not record loose checks from the weekly collection. In order for us to track your contribution and send you a statement at the end of the year, it is suggested that you sign up for envelopes or Faith Direct. To sign up for envelopes you can call the Parish Office, (301) 840-1407. To sign up for electronic contributions visit www.faithdirect.net. The code for St. Francis is MD110. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office.

February 10, 2019

LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING Join the Lamb of God Prayer Group for worship and the study of Scripture on Tuesday, February 12, 7:30 p.m., St. Clare's Chapel in the Rectory. For details, please call Louise, (301) 977-5217.

POOR BOX DONATION – The donations for next weekend will go the Upper Montgomery Area Assistance Network (UMAN). *Thank you for your generosity.*

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRAYER CHAIN If you have a prayer request, please contact Marianne Bullen, (301) 963-3420 or mariannebu@comcast.net with your requests.

ROSARY FOR PRIESTS

Every Wednesday evening at 6:45 p.m. we pray the rosary for our priests before the 7:30 p.m. Mass.

HOLY HOUR FOR THE DYING

On Thursday evenings in the St. Clare's Chapel in the Rectory, a prayer group meets at 7:00 p.m. to pray for the dying. This is a Holy Hour Devotion for the Dying. As a central work of our Catholic faith, we are called to pray for the dying, especially for those who may die suddenly, unprepared to face God. For additional information, please call the Parish Office, (301) 840-1407.

ROSARY CENACLE OF OUR LADY, QUEEN OF PEACE
Cenacle of Our Lady, Queen of Peace to pray for priests and vocations, 2:00 p.m. in the St. Clare's Chapel (Rectory) every Sunday. Please join us.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - COUNCIL 2323

The Knights of Columbus are looking for new, transferring or readmitted members to share in their Charity, Fraternity, Unity and Patriotism activities. Council 2323 supports many St. Francis activities and has many social events. The KofC offers life and long term care insurance opportunities as well as annuities. A new opportunity: join as an Online Member for \$30 per year; go to www.kofc.org and click on "Join Us". If you wish you can join the Council later. If interested in learning more, contact Gary Palmer (301-948-6494 or email gtdbpalmer@verizon.net).

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100 PERCENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ANNUAL APPEAL GO TO PROGRAMS, CHARITIES

On February 16/17, the Archdiocese of Washington will kick off its Annual Appeal (formerly, the Cardinal's Appeal) to raise funds for a number of archdiocesan programs and outreach initiatives that impact the poor and vulnerable in the Washington DC area; seminarians; the office serving sisters, brothers and priests; students attending Catholic schools; campus ministry programs at area universities; and the office serving people with special needs and their families. One hundred percent of parishioners' contributions go to charities and programs that support the appeal; all administrative costs associated with the appeal are paid for by separate archdiocesan funding sources. Interested persons may give by check, credit card or automatic debit of a credit card or checking/savings account. New this year is an option to donate by phone: text the word GIVE to (301) 231-1816. The archdiocese will also gratefully accept gifts of stock or direct transfer gifts from a traditional IRA to the archdiocese for individuals who are 70 ½ or older. For more information about the Annual Appeal, please call the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407.

PUT YOUR PRO-LIFE BELIEFTS INTO ACTION

The Gabriel Project assists needy women and women in crisis pregnancies in Montgomery County. Women volunteers (**especially bilingual Spanish speaking women**) are needed to stay in touch with client mothers. This includes keeping in touch with them via phone or email during their pregnancy, bringing them needed items such as diapers, baby clothes, etc. that are provided by the Gabriel Project, and praying for them. The average time commitment would be approximately 1 - 4 hours per month (or less). Men are also needed to pick up donations once or twice per month. Daily prayer supporters are also needed. Donations of diapers, formula, and baby clothes are also appreciated. For more information, please call Diane Reinke at 301-946-4815, or e-mail Carmen Rojas at gccthompson@juno.com.

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS!

270Catholic is welcoming all young adults (ages 18-35) to join in a six-week small group session during Lent. Small groups will meet one day a week beginning March 6 and ending April 17. 270Catholic is looking for enthusiastic young adults who would like to lead these small groups! No previous experience is required, as 270Catholic can provide all material necessary to get started. Please visit 270catholic.org (Announcements) for more details and relevant FAQs. If any young adult is interested in leading or joining a Lenten 270Catholic small group, please contact Robert Stamper at 270catholic@gmail.com or message him on Facebook [@270catholic](https://www.facebook.com/270catholic).

MONTGOMERY COLLEGE CATHOLICS

Are you a student at Montgomery College's Rockville or Germantown Campus and interested in helping to start a club for Catholic students? If so, or if you know of someone who is, contact Robert Stamper at rstamper@montgomerycollege.edu. Being Catholic is a part of our identity, on campus and off. This is an opportunity to merge your college experience with your faith, and to help others do the same!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS/EVENTS



SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE CAMP!

St. Francis of Assisi Church invites children from age 4 to those who will complete the 5th Grade in June 2019 to join us at Vacation Bible Camp, June 24-28 from 9:00 am to 12:15 pm. Look for camper registration information, as well as information about volunteer opportunities for adults and teens, in the Spring!

CATECHESIS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Our parish offers monthly catechetical sessions specifically designed for children and youth with special needs and their families. Our next session will be this Sunday, February 10 from 3:30-4:30 pm in the St. Clare Room. If you would like to learn more about these sessions, or if you are interested in serving as a catechist or aide for children with special needs, please call Susan Anderson, Director of Religious Education, at 301-258-9193.

NO RE CLASSES NEXT WEEK

In observance of the Presidents' Day holiday, there are NO Religious Education classes on Sunday, February 17, Monday, February 18, and Tuesday, February 19.

CATECHIST MEETING: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

There will be a Catechist Meeting for all RE catechists on Monday, February 18, from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Assisi Room (lower level of the Rectory). Please join us as we share ideas for enriching our faith formation classes!

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE SESSION: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Confirmation candidates will meet on Tuesday, February 19, for Confirmation class from 6:45-8:30 pm in the Parish Center.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SNOW CANCELLATION POLICY

If Montgomery County Public Schools are closed, and if schools are dismissed early, Religious Education classes, including Youth Group are also cancelled. This applies to Sunday classes as well if Montgomery County Public Schools announces cancellation of weekend school activities. Cancellation announcements will be recorded on the Religious Education Office phone (301-258-9193) and posted on the St. Francis Parish website and Facebook page ("St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church"). Whenever in doubt, please use your own judgment about local weather and driving conditions, and err on the side of safety when making decisions about bringing your child to class.

GIVE THE GIFT OF SERVICE

Catholic Charities DC encourages you to give back by taking advantage of a variety of volunteer opportunities available in Washington, DC and southern Maryland. For more information on volunteering with Catholic Charities, or to register to volunteer, visit catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS/EVENTS

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

9-10 Bake Sale
10 Youth Group
15 Family Bingo
24 Youth Group

MARCH

2 ADW High School Youth Rally @ CUA

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DINO-MITE BOOK FAIR & FAMILY READING NIGHT ARE COMING TO SJRCS

The Scholastic Book Fair will bring to St. Jude's the books kids want to read! We will have a great selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please join us! All proceeds go to purchase books for our school library.

Book Fair dates: March 19-21

Shopping hours: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Family Reading Night – March 19 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Book Fair will be open during Family Reading Night

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

As in previous years, we are collecting Box Tops to earn cash for the school. You may submit Box Tops using the mailbox outside of the School Office. For more information go to <https://www.boxtops4education.com>.

THE 6TH ANNUAL ESPA JOB FAIR

Teachers, teaching assistants, counselors, office staff, nurses, join us for the 6th Annual ESPA

JOB FAIR

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2019

9:00AM – 12:00PM

THE ACADEMY OF THE HOLY CROSS

4920 Strathmore Avenue, Kensington, MD

DISCOVER THE DIFFERENCE!

Bring resumes and meet with representatives from elementary schools throughout the Archdiocese of Washington.

POSITION OPEN - Shady Grove Pregnancy Center

Shady Grove Pregnancy Center seeks Community Development Coordinator to work with Executive Director in the development & implementation of fundraising and community outreach. Candidate will promote mission and programs to stakeholders. Includes recruiting volunteers to support outreach & fundraising. Candidate will raise funds, establish new avenues of support & build relationships with key donors. Hours are 9 to 5 three days/week, Gaithersburg. To apply please send your resume to the following e-mail: director@pregnancy-options.org.

JOIN YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS AT CATHOLICS IN ANNAPOLIS!

Are you looking for a way to advocate for the unborn, speak out against assisted suicide and show support for students with limited means who could benefit from Catholic school scholarships? Then, consider joining a small delegation from St. Francis of Assisi Parish at Catholics in Annapolis from 3-8 pm Thursday, February 21. Catholics in Annapolis provides an opportunity to get inspired and meet face-to-face with Maryland state legislators to share with them the Church's position on important issues. Your help is needed this year to stop a proposed pro-abortion constitutional amendment, secure scholarships for low-income students, halt the legalization of assisted suicide and help protect human rights. Agenda for Catholics in Annapolis, to be held at the Miller Senate Office Building in Annapolis:

- 3 pm: Rosary
- 3:30 pm: Speakers
- 4:30 pm: Legislator meetings
- 6 pm: Reception

Catholics in Annapolis is free, but registration is required at www.catholicsinannapolis.org. For more information, please contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org or by calling him at (301) 840-1407. **Need a ride to Catholics in Annapolis?** Be sure to sign up for the bus nearest you. Buses will depart from regions across the state. Visit www.catholicsinannapolis.org/buses for more information or to reserve your seat on a bus.

EVENINGS WITH THE MERCIFUL JESUS

On the 22nd of every month from 7-10 pm, the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, DC (3900 Harewood Rd., NE) hosts a gathering for young adults and the young at heart, featuring a talk, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with praise and worship music, Confession, refreshments, and a time for fellowship. Please contact events@jp2shrine.org or visit jp2shrine.org for more information.

THE ART OF PRAYER

Taking place on Sunday evenings from 6-7 pm at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, DC (3900 Harewood Rd., NE), *The Art of Prayer* includes a presentation on interior prayer, time for silent meditation, and a sung Sunday Vespers service. For more information, visit jp2shrine.org or email pastoral.programs@jp2shrine.org.

65TH ANNUAL U.S. NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES JUNE 30-JULY 9, 2019 SERVING THE SICK & PILGRIMS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Father Joseph Allen, O.P. from St. Catherine of Siena Parish, invites you to join him on the 65th pilgrimage to Lourdes. This pilgrimage is accompanied by a Medical Staff and Clergy to assist the needs of the pilgrims. For details, contact Fr. Joseph Allen, Joseph.Allen@opeast.org or CATHOLIC TRAVEL: Toll Free 1-877-276-7279 or lourdespilgrimageoffice@comcast.net. Website: www.lourdes-pilgrimage.com. The deadline for reservations is **March 15, 2019**.

HOOPS FOR HAITI CELEBRATES FUN & FELLOWSHIP AT ST. FRANCIS

Hoops for Haiti is just around the corner! Please plan to join us Saturday, March 23, at the Our Lady of Good Counsel High School Gymnasium, 17301 Old Vic Blvd, in Olney. This annual event pits the parish's adults (Ol' Saints) against the youth and young adults (Swole Saints) for the main event basketball game in the evening. Along with great basketball, there will also be a 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament to kick off the main event; food and drinks for sale; face painting; Bible Trivia; and a screen streaming the NCAA Basketball tournament. Join us for a fun day and great fundraising event for the Haiti Medical Mission!

You can take part in two ways:

- Members of parish ministries are invited to form a team to compete in the 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament kicking off the main game between the Ol' Saints and the Swole Saints. Please contact Haiti Ministry Coordinator Dan Cardile at dancardile@yahoo.com for more information.
- Families, couples and singles are invited to attend the main game! Bring friends to enjoy some family-friendly entertainment, good food and the fellowship of our church.

For more information about Hoops for Haiti, please contact Youth Minister Fr. Jack Berard at sfayouth@sfadw.org or Youth Minister CORE member Wendel Hall at wendel@halllawoffice.net.

AMAZONSMILE ENABLES ST. FRANCIS TO INCREASE FUNDRAISING THROUGH ONLINE SHOPPING

St. Francis parishioners can support our church whenever they're shopping online at Amazon.com. St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church recently became a recipient of AmazonSmile, which enables the church to receive 0.5 percent of the price of eligible AmazonSmile purchases you make. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7174107> and start shopping! For more information, please contact Fr. Jack Berard, jberard@sfadw.org.

TELEPHONE ROSARY FOR HEALING - The Washington Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (WACCW) is hosting a telephone Rosary call from now until September 4, with the special intention of healing for all hurt by individuals within the Church. All are welcome to join the call at 8pm EST, Mondays-Saturdays, at 605-468-8016, code 357090#. For more information, contact Sharon O'Brien, WACCW President, at ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com, and follow on Facebook at [Facebook.com/WashACCW](https://www.facebook.com/WashACCW).

YOU DON'T DESERVE TO BE ABUSED

Domestic violence refers to a pattern of violent and coercive behavior by one adult over another in an intimate relationship. It can consist of repeated severe beatings or subtle forms of abuse, including threats and control. If you experience any form of abuse, please know that there is help. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233. To learn more about domestic violence, please visit www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace.