

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

March 4 - March 10

Monday, 3/4	900 a.m. Virginia Lapp
Tuesday, 3/5	9:00 a.m. Cardinal Joachim Meisner
Ash Wednesday,	9:00 a.m. George Berard
	12:00 p.m. Aberto Blor
	6:00 p.m. <i>Propopulo</i>
	7:30 p.m. Maximo Blor
Thursday, 3/7	9:00 a.m. Anne Wagner
Friday, 3/8	9:00 a.m. Robert Miller
Saturday, 3/9	9:00 a.m. Donald Vogt
	5:00 p.m. Jane Lakebrink
Sunday, 3/10	8:00 a.m. Carol Gianelli
	9:30 a.m. Agnes Angelova
	11:15 a.m. Patricia Naylon
	5:00 p.m. <i>Propopulo</i>

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Bruce Cathie, Wanda Chimiak, mother of Msgr. Karl Chimiak, Archdiocese of Washington; Reverend Michael T. Jennings, Retired Priest of the Archdiocese of Washington, and for Margaret Tintle, wife of the late Deacon Jerome Tintle, Archdiocese of Washington..

Please pray for the sick... Tom Krafchik, Joe Sindoni, Teresa Maguire, Eddie Lutheran, Rick Kreter, Dennis Parnell, Ed Dudenhoefter, 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 March 3, 2019

Sunday:	Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45
Monday:	Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [11a]/ Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday:	Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/ Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/ Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/ Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/ Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday:	Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) issued a statement upon the completion of a four day meeting with the Holy Father in Rome attended by Presidents of Bishops' Conference from all over the world. I want to present his statement in this column, as we as a parish have prayed for the success of this meeting. Now that the meeting is concluded, I hope that we shall soon have specific protocols for handling accusations against bishops, user-friendly reporting mechanisms, and a commitment to greater transparency so that the healing process might occur.

Here are Cardinal DiNardo's remarks on the conclusion of this momentous four day meeting. The text is available on the website of the USCCB:

"The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth." Psalm 145:18

"These have been challenging, fruitful days. The witness of survivors revealed for us, again, the deep wound in the Body of Christ. Listening to their testimonies transforms your heart. I saw that in the faces of my brother bishops. We owe survivors an unyielding vigilance that we may never fail them again.

How then to bind the wounds? Intensify the Dallas Charter. Pope Francis, whom I want to thank for this assembly, called us to 'concrete and effective measures.' A range of presenters from cardinals to other bishops to religious sisters to lay women spoke about a code of conduct for bishops, the need to establish specific protocols for handling accusations against bishops, user-friendly reporting mechanisms, and the essential role transparency must play in the healing process.

Achieving these goals will require the active involvement and collaboration of the laity. The Church needs their prayers, expertise, and ideas. As we have learned from diocesan review boards, a comprehensive range of skills is required to assess allegations and to ensure that local policies and procedures are regularly reviewed so that our healing response continues to be effective. All of the models discussed this week rely upon the good help of God's people.

I and the bishops of the United States felt affirmed in the work that is underway. Enhanced by what I experienced here, we will prepare to advance proposals, in communion with the Holy See, in each of these areas so that my brother bishops can consider them at our June General Assembly. There is an urgency in the voice of the survivors to which we must always respond. I am also aware that our next steps can be a solid foundation from which to serve also seminarians, religious women, and all those who might live under the threat of sexual abuse or the abuse of power.

In our faith, we experience the agony of Good Friday. It can cause a sense of isolation and abandonment, but the Resurrection is God's healing promise. In binding the wounds now before us, we will encounter the Risen Lord. In Him alone is all hope and healing."

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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In what ways do I speak or act without integrity? What must I say or do at home or in my community to bear good fruit? Can I make a commitment to doing something fruitful throughout Lent? What will it be?

BOGUS EMAILS FROM FR. JOHN

Recently bogus emails have been generated for many of the Pastors of the Archdiocese of Washington including our Fr. John. These emails are being sent to parishioners asking for gift cards and money. Please keep in mind the following key points:

- Fr. John's e-mail is **NOT** from a gmail account. His valid email address ends with ...sfadw.org.
- Fr. John will never ask you for gift cards, much less gift card activity via email.
- Fr. John will never ask you for money via email.

If you do receive one of the bogus emails please delete it. If you would like to confirm it is in fact bogus, please call the office to confirm.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER SERVES BREAKFAST FOR DINNER

Are you ready for breakfast for dinner? If so, then join us for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper from 5-8 pm Tuesday, March 5, in the Parish Center. On this day before Ash Wednesday, we will celebrate the last day of Ordinary Time with hot-cakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns and plenty of sweet treats to dress up your pancakes. Admission for adults is \$8 and \$5 for kids 6-12 years old. Children five and under eat for free. Families are \$25. For more information, contact Special Events Ministry Coordinator Sylvia Jones at (301) 762-6564.

WELCOME to the Family of Christ!

The following individuals and their families recently joined our St. Francis faith community during the month of February:

George & Patricia Apetse
James Banfield
Octavio Barbosa Garcia & Maria Silva
Nicholas & Ariana Kamprad
Andrew Matemu
Dilma & Manuel Reyes

There were no February Baptisms.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

The Cardinal concluded his remarks by adding a sincere word of thanks to the many who prayed for him and for all that this meeting might be a success. May it be so!

Until next week,
Fr. John Dillon

ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass Schedule – March 6

9:00 a.m. 12:00 Noon 6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Daily Mass: Mon thru Sat 9:00 a.m.
Wed 7:30 p.m.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena follows
Wednesday Evening Mass

Lenten Evening Prayer Friday Evenings 6:40 p.m.
Stations of the Cross Friday Evenings 7:00 p.m.

Confession: In addition to Saturday afternoon, Confessions will be heard each Wednesday evening during Lent before Mass 5:45 –7:15 p.m. **(The Light is ON for you.)**

Confession is also heard 30 minutes before Daily Mass and Sunday Masses during Lent.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Fasting: Ages 18-59 fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, limiting themselves to one full meal.

Abstinence: Catholics age 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent



MARCH 2019 LUNCH – The St. Francis Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, March 6 at 12:00 Noon at the Elks Club, 5 Taft Court, Rockville MD 20850 (off Guide Drive) 301-424-2202. If you are planning to attend, please contact Mary Lou Habib and she will save a seat for you, (301) 417-0243.

PAX CHRISTI MEETING

A Pax Christi meeting will be held on Monday, March 11th at 7:30 pm in the Youth Room of the Rectory. Due to the recent inclement weather, this will be a joint meeting with the members of the St. Rose Pax Christi Group. All are welcome to attend.

LENTEN EVENTS For a comprehensive listing of all recurring and one-time Lenten events and activities, please see our web site at www.sfadw.org. A summary of Lenten events of interest to the general parish is also printed on posters located in the Gathering Space and in the Parish Center. *May you all have a good Lenten journey, as we walk with Jesus Christ and one another!*

March 3, 2019

LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING Join the Lamb of God Prayer Group for worship and the study of Scripture on Tuesday, March 5, 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 to the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center. *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).

SPAGHETTI DINNER THANK YOU

Montgomery Council 2323 of the Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who attended our 21st Annual Spaghetti Dinner. It was a huge success with over 230 people attending. This event raised over \$2,900 for St. Francis of Assisi's Medical Mission to Haiti. Our next events will be three fish dinners during Lent. More information about these dinners will be in future bulletins, or by going to our website at KofC2323.org.

ITALIAN CELEBRATION OF ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE

All Italians or Italian descendants are invited to join the members of the Roma Lodge for an Italian Celebration of St. Joseph's Table that will be held Monday, March 18th, 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace Church Hall (located on the back left of the church). Please contact Kathleen Caponiti at 301-717-6644 to confirm you will be joining the celebration. Please bring any meatless dish, vegetable, fruit salad, fresh fruit or dessert.

HAND PAINTED EASTER EGGS

Hand painted cherry wood Easter eggs from the Sisters Congregation of Divine Mercy in Poland will be available next Sunday after the 8:00, 9:30 and 11:15 Masses for purchase in the Gathering Space. Divine Mercy religious items will also be available. All proceeds benefit the Sisters in Poland.

OLD PALMS – We will be collecting old palms through today, March 3. Please place your palms in the Palm Collection Box in the Gathering Space.

FRANCISCAN PRIEST'S TALK FOCUSES ON HOW WE CAN WALK WITH JESUS THIS LENT

If you are hoping to welcome Jesus Christ into your heart this Lent, then start by attending a talk at 7:45 pm Friday, March 8, by Franciscan priest Fr. Greg Freidman, OFM, in the church. Fr. Greg will speak on the topic, "Walk with Jesus during Lent," touching on the Good Friday Collection and the pilgrimage to the Holy Land hosted June 3-13 by the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America. If you are interested in reading more about the pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan, then please see this link: <https://holylandpilgrimages.org/holy-land-and-jordan-june-3-13-2019/>. Fr. Friedman's talk will follow Evening Prayers to be held at 6:45 pm and the Stations of the Cross. Please plan to join us for this evening of prayer and learning, as we begin the Lenten season. For more information, please contact Tony Bosnick, Director of Adult Faith Formation and Social Concerns, at abosnick@sfadw.org.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWLS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Along with our Religious Education students, all parishioners at St. Francis of Assisi Parish are invited to take part in the Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl program. This program invites all Catholics to pray, fast and give small amounts of money during the 40 days of Lent to provide food and necessary goods to our brothers and sisters in foreign countries so they might live with dignity and in safety. Families who take part in the program can also access the web site – www.crsricebowl.org – to find non-meat recipes they can prepare together on Fridays during Lent, as well as other resources that can help participants live in empathy and compassion for poor people in foreign countries. The Rice Bowls are available in the Gathering Space now. Please take home a Rice Bowl, place your monetary donations in them throughout the season of Lent and return the Rice Bowls to the designated box in the Gathering Space at the end of the Lenten season. For more information about the Rice Bowl program, please contact Director of Adult Faith Formation and Social Concerns Director Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.



**SUNDAY MARCH 10
SET YOUR CLOCKS ONE HOUR AHEAD**

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 on Sunday, March 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.

FIRST EUCHARIST PARENT MEETING

A reminder to families of children preparing to celebrate First Eucharist this year: the next First Eucharist Parent Meetings will be held on Wednesday, March 13 or Thursday, March 14 at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center. Parents are asked to attend one of these meetings. If you have questions, please call the Religious Education Office, 301-258-9193.

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.

CHEESECAKE FUNDRAISER DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR CHEESECAKE FOR EASTER

Please support St. Francis Youth Ministry by ordering cheesecakes for Easter. This fundraiser runs until Wednesday, March 20.

Sweetz Cheesecake in Gaithersburg will be providing the cheesecakes. Order forms will be in next week's bulletin. You can also e-mail Fr. Jack @ jberard@sfadw.org.

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YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS/EVENTS

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

- 3 Youth Group
- 6 Ash Wednesday
- 10 Youth Group
- 17 Youth Group - St. Patrick's Day Party
- 20 Sweetz Cheesecake Order Forms Due
- 23 Hoops for Haiti
- 24 Youth Group
- 29-31 Youth Retreat at SkyCroft Retreat Center
- See Fr. Jack to register!
- 31 NO YOUTH GROUP

GET SOCIAL

Follow us on Instagram & Twitter @ SFADWYOUTH.

Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School

We are...St. Jude

www.StJudeRockville.org

SJRCS March Madness

It's time again for the annual 8th grade vs. Faculty and Parents basketball game. Game is set for Thursday, March 7th at St. Patrick's Catholic School. Doors open at 6:00 pm. All are invited!

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: 8am - 4pm

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

Visit our Book Fair homepage at

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/stjuderockville>

GIRLS ON THE RUN AND HEART & SOLE ARE BACK FOR THE SPRING SESSION!

These programs inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. Join the Fun! Girls in 3rd through 5th grade are invited for GOTR and girls in 6th through 8th grade for Heart & Sole. You don't even have to love running. Learn about yourself! Explore who you are and build your confidence. Hang out with friends! Dance!

WHEN: Practices will on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 pm to 4:45 pm from March 12th until May 23rd.

COST: The regular fee for the program is \$175, but financial scholarships are granted based on financial need.

HOW: Please visit <https://www.girlsontherunofmoco.org/Register-Now> to register.

MARRIED COUPLES, JOIN US FOR A DAY OF RECOLLECTION ON MARCH 9

Married couples, are you looking for ways to grow your relationship with Jesus Christ as a couple this Lent? St. Francis married couples are invited to attend the Lenten Day of Recollection for the Coastal and Mid-Atlantic regions of Teams of Our Lady, on Saturday, March 9, from 9:30 am-5 pm in the church. The day of recollection is a regional gathering for Teams of Our Lady, an international lay movement in the Catholic Church, designed to enrich marriage spirituality and make good marriages better. About 50 couples are expected to attend the Lenten Day of Recollection, which will feature talks by speakers, Professor John and Claire Grabowski. With a theme of "Reconciliation: Sign of Love," the day's agenda also includes prayer, group discussion and opportunities to receive penance. Participants whose marriages are recognized by the Catholic Church will start the day off with registration and gathering; morning prayer, talks and witness testimony from several married couples. There will be no cost for married couples at St. Francis who are not currently members of Teams of Our Lady to attend. For more information, contact Fr. John Dillon at jdillon@sfadw.org.

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.

CHILDREN IN GRADES ONE THROUGH SEVEN, COME JOIN OUR CREATION PLAY!

Are your kids and grandkids budding thespians? If so, please have them take part in the Creation play being staged by the St. Francis of Assisi Music Ministry at 1:30 pm Sunday, May 5, in the church. Director of Music Ministry Janet Pate invites all children in grades one through seven to take part in the "New Creation" play written by Jeff MacKnight. There will be several solo, chorus and ensemble roles that children can fill. Rehearsals will be from 5:15-6 pm on Tuesdays, beginning on March 12. A dress rehearsal will be held at 11 am Saturday, May 4, with the main performance being staged at 1:30 pm Sunday, May 5. For more information, please contact Director of Music Ministry Janet Pate at sfadwmusic@gmail.com or call her at (443) 812-5585.

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

HOOPS FOR HAITI IS ALMOST UPON US!

Join us for this annual tradition of basketball, fun and fellowship at the eighth annual Hoops for Haiti basketball fundraiser on Saturday, March 23, at the Our Lady of Good Counsel High School Gymnasium in Olney, MD. This year, the Youth Ministry is raising funds to finish reconstruction and renovation work on the church at Conversion of St. Paul's Parish – our sister parish in Leon, Haiti – which sustained major damage from the Hurricane Matthew in 2016. Come help the youth of our parish augment funds to raise money for a new roof and sanctuary. Remember – "Many Hands Building One Church!"

You can take part in Hoops for Haiti in several ways:

- Sign up your ministry to participate in the 3-on-3 basketball tournament at 4:30 pm, preceding the main basketball event. This fun mini tournament will pit teams of three players against one another in games to see who reaches 12 points first. Last year, the Contemporary Choir, the Health Ministry and the Haiti Ministry were just a few of the St. Francis ministries willing to show off their dribbling and shooting skills. Join us this year for a team fee of \$30. For more information, contact Haiti Ministry Coordinator Dan Cardile at dan-cardile@yahoo.com.
- Volunteer to help at the event. Help CORE Team Member Arleen Hall prepare foods to be sold in the concession stand; mind the doors to the gymnasium; or help with babysitting young attendees who need a break from the basketball games. For more information, contact CORE team member Wendel Hall at wendel@halllawoffice.net.
- Come to the game! The main game at 7 pm will pit the Ol' Saints (adults) against the Swole Saints (young adults/youth), who are looking to redeem themselves after last year's close loss. Bring your family, friends and neighbors and support your fellow St. Francis parishioners playing their hearts out for Haiti.

Admission to the event is \$5 for students, \$10 for adults and a maximum of \$30 for a family. Advance tickets will be sold in the Gathering Space on March 2/3 during the Just Haiti Coffee Sales and on March 9/10. Come support your St. Francis of Assisi parish community and help build a church! For more information, please contact Haiti Ministry Coordinator Dan Cardile at dan-cardile@yahoo.com, CORE Team Member Wendel Hall at wendel@halllawoffice.net or Fr. Jack at sfayouth@sfadw.org.

LENTEN DAY RETREAT Please come to a Lenten Day Retreat with the relevant theme of "Devotion to the Holy Face" with the prayers of reparation entrusted by the Lord himself to the Carmelite nun Sister Mary of St. Peter. Receive a free booklet. This will be on Saturday, March 23 at the Mother of God Community, 20501 Goshen Road, Gaithersburg, and is open to all from 9 am to 3 pm: bring your family, bring your friends, and bring your own lunch, continental breakfast and beverages available. Led by Father John Dillon, Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, there will be Mass at 10.30 am, two conferences by Father Dillon, Morning and Midday Prayer, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and participation in the Bible-based experience "Surge in Prayer". Share impromptu discussions, find quiet places for prayer and reflection as you draw closer to the Lord during this season of prayer. Organized by the Secular Carmelite Community in Frederick, Cost is \$5, pay at the door.