

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

April 1 - April 7

Monday, 4/1	900 a.m. Marie Galvin
Tuesday, 4/2	9:00 a.m. George Berard
Wednesday, 4/3	9:00 a.m. Reverend Henry Januszkiewicz 7:30 p.m. Nat Naddeo
Thursday, 4/4	9:00 a.m. Margarita Shavartz
Friday, 4/5	9:00 a.m. Barbara Lynn Beall 7:30 p.m. Guy Beaven
Saturday, 4/6	9:00 a.m. Joseph Gerard O'Sullivan 5:00 p.m. Anne & John Sullivan (L)
Sunday, 4/7	8:00 a.m. Monsignor Ralph Kuehner 9:30 a.m. Dr. Albert Fleury 11:15 a.m. <i>Pro populo</i> 5:00 p.m. Angel Andrada

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of George Anthony Burch, brother-in-law of Barbara Latta, Joyce Hayes Curtner, mother of Helen Hayes, Emelita Santos Canaveral and for Jeff Smith.

Please pray for the sick... Dennis MacQuilliam, Kathleen Taylor Lansing, Macristina Gimena, Patrick Carpentier, Rose McDonough, 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 31, 2019

Sunday:	Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/ 2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Monday:	Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/ Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/ Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/ Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday:	Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/ Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

From March 4-21 Cyclone Idai devastated the African countries of Mozambique, Malawi, and Zimbabwe. It is an item that has barely made the news and yet over 750 people were called. Many more will probably die from malaria and cholera with the devastation caused by this storm. Our US Bishops offer prayers and solidarity for recovery after the deadly cyclone hit those countries. Cardinal Joseph Tobin, Archbishop of Newark and Chairman of the U.S. Bishops' Subcommittee on the Church in Africa, and U. S. Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop for the Military Services and Chairman of the U. S. Bishops' Committee on International Justice and Peace, wrote to the Catholic Bishops' Conferences of Mozambique, Malawi, and Zimbabwe to express sorrow on behalf of the Catholic Church in the U.S.A. and to offer prayers for recovery. Here is the full statement:

"It is with profound shock, horror, and sadness that we learn about the devastation and massive loss of life that has occurred in your country due to Cyclone Idai. The magnitude of the cyclone and the scope of its damage are almost beyond belief.

We pray for the hundreds of people who lost their lives in the storm. May they rest in peace and bask in the eternal embrace of our heavenly Father. We also pray for the family members who survived the devastation and now mourn the loss of their loved ones, and struggle to rebuild their homes and livelihoods. They face a long road to recovery. We join them in their mourning. May they find comfort and solace. We offer them our prayers and support.

As a concrete manifestation of that support, we are pleased to inform you that Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops overseas relief and development agency, immediately set up an emergency relief initiative to collect resources to provide humanitarian aid and begin the longer-term recovery efforts in Mozambique/Malawi/Zimbabwe. We have full confidence that you will soon see the results of these efforts.

CRS and the USCCB remain committed to stand with the Church and the people of Mozambique/Malawi/Zimbabwe in your long road to recovery and increased prosperity."

Donations can be made to Catholic Relief Services.

I hope that people will contribute to the relief of the suffering people of these countries who are now threatened with an outbreak of disease.

I am going to leave you with a question to consider. *What is the difference between a cyclone, hurricane, and a typhoon?*

Until next week

Fr. John

Fourth Sunday in Lent

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

With whom do I need to reconcile? What can I do over the next three weeks to reconcile with them?

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 6:45 p.m.
Stations of the Cross Friday Evenings 7:00 p.m.

Confession: In addition to Saturday afternoon (3:30-4:30 p.m.), Confessions will be heard each Wednesday evening during Lent before Mass 5:45 –7:15 p.m. **(The Light is ON for you.)**

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

Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration - Adoration will be held in the Church, 9:30 a.m. - 7:15 p.m. during Lent. Once Lent is over, Adoration will move back to the Rectory Chapel (Wednesday, April 24th).

ST. FRANCIS IS REPRESENTED AT ARCHDIOCESAN PASTORAL PLANNING WORKSHOP

On March 16, 10 representatives from St. Francis of Assisi Parish used the “Engaging the Mission” workshop held at The Catholic University of America in Washington DC to tweak its parish strategic plan that parish leaders had already started compiling over the previous year.

The event, hosted by the Archdiocese of Washington’s Secretariat for Pastoral Ministry and Social Concerns, convened to help more than 200 parish leaders from across the archdiocese begin developing a pastoral plan. Facilitator Jim Lundholm-Eades, director of programs and services for Leadership Roundtable, led the day.

“A plan is a relationship based on the community and the mission. The stronger the community, the more entrenched the relationships are, the stronger your mission is,” said Lundholm-Eades. “The mission of the Catholic Church is to proclaim the Gospel – break it open!”

The event’s agenda was broken into four sessions: “Telling Our Parish Story,” “Creating a Pastoral Plan,” “Naming Our Leadership Team,” and “Our Parish Journey.” The representatives from St. Francis of Assisi Parish – Director of Religious Education Susan Anderson, Parish Pastoral Council Member Alicia Church, Fr. John Dillon, Communications Coordinator Melissa Egan, Deacon Dan Finn, Spanish Ministry Coordinators Will and Lourdes Garcia, Parish Pastoral Council Member Chris King, and Parish Pastoral Council Member Vincent Price and his wife, Jeannette -- worked in a small group to fine-tune the strategic priorities the Parish Pastoral Council had already begun working on since last fall.

These strategic priorities will now be communicated to the entire Parish Pastoral Council, so it can continue its work in developing a strategic pastoral plan for the parish. For more information on St. Francis’ pastoral plan, please contact the Parish Pastoral Council at asktheppc@gmail.com.

RCIA - THE SECOND SCRUTINY

The second scrutiny will be celebrated this weekend at the 11:15 Mass. The scrutinies are rites of self-searching and repentance for those seeking initiation into the Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil. They are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak or sinful in the hearts of the Elect; and to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good. Today’s Gospel reading of the man born blind will fill the spirit of the Elect with Christ the Redeemer, who is the light of the world. During our Lenten journey, we should use the scrutinies of the Elect to prepare ourselves for Easter. Please, continue to pray for our Elect, Matt Perisin and Julia-Emma Mutombo.

UPCOMING LENTEN EVENTS

Lenten Penance Service: 7 pm Monday, April 1, in the church.
Come receive the Sacrament of Penance during our community Penance Service.

Lenten Fish Dinner: 6-8 pm Friday, April 5, at the Knights of Columbus Father Cuddy Hall, 17001 Overhill Road, Derwood. Join the Knights of Columbus Council 2323 for their second fish dinner! The dinner menu will include salmon and shrimp scampi, fresh vegetables, roll, and dessert for adults and fish sticks, buttered noodles, fresh vegetables, roll, dessert, and beverage for children. Admission is \$10 for individuals 11 and up; \$5 for children 10 and under and free for children under five. For more information, contact Dan Huff at Huffdar@gmail.com.

Evening Prayers and Stations of the Cross: 6:40 pm Friday, April 5, in the church. Pray and reflect on Jesus’ ultimate sacrifice and crucifixion.

Catholic Charities Lenten Food Drive: Masses on April 6/7.
Return the grocery bags distributed March 30/31 full of non-perishable food items to benefit the St. Martin’s Food Pantry. For more information, contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.

Lenten Day of Reflection: 1 pm Saturday, April 13, in the church. Join us for praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, talks and personal witness. For more information, contact Adult Faith Formation Team Member Medy DeAussen at medydeausen@comcast.net.

March 31, 2019

LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING Join the Lamb of God Prayer Group for worship and the study of Scripture on Tuesday, April 2, 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 week-end will go to Gaithersburg Help. *Thank you for your gener-*

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).



APRIL 2019 LUNCH – The St. Francis Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, April 3 at 12:00 Noon at China Jade, 16805 Crabbs Branch Way, Rockville MD 20855, 301-963-1570. If you are planning to attend, please contact Mary Lou Habib and she will save a seat for you, (301) 417-0243.



ARE YOU CELEBRATING A SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR? The annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years will be held Sunday, **June 16, 2019** at 2:00 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the parish office to register (301-840-1407). Names of Jubilarians need to be turned into the parish office on or before **Friday, April 19**.

Holy Week Schedule:

April 14: Palm Sunday

Regular Mass Schedule (Please note that the 11:15 am Mass will begin in the Gathering Space). Blessing of palms at each Mass.

April 18: Holy Thursday

9 am Morning Prayer

7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper. The Washing of Feet and the Transfer of the Most Blessed Sacrament will occur at this Mass, with Eucharistic Adoration until midnight. *Contemporary Ensemble*.

April 19: Good Friday

9 am Morning Prayer

11:30 am Seven Last Words of Christ. *Vocal ensemble of eight singers, performing unaccompanied choral works.*

1 pm Family Stations of the Cross. *Children's choir.*

3 pm Stations of the Cross. *Trio of singers.*

7:30 pm Passion of the Lord. Veneration of the Cross will occur during this service. *Choir with cello.*

April 20: Holy Saturday

9 am Morning Prayer

12 Noon: Blessing of the Easter baskets in the church.

April 20: Easter Vigil

8 pm The Easter Vigil. *Choir.*

April 21: Easter Sunday

8 am Cantor with two trumpets and a cello.

9:30 am Adult choir with trumpets and a cello.

11:15 am *Contemporary Ensemble.*

1 pm Cantor

Please note that there will be no 5 pm Youth Mass on Easter Sunday.

HOLY THURSDAY– WASHING OF THE FEET

We are looking for volunteers to have their feet washed at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday at 7:30 p.m. If you would like to participate please call the Parish Office, (301) 840-1407, no later than Monday, April 15 or sign-up at the Information Desk in the Gathering space.

BEGIN HOLY WEEK WITH THE LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION ON APRIL 13

On Saturday, April 13, begin Holy Week in prayer and praise worship at the second annual Lenten Day of Reflection to be held from 1-3:30 pm in the church. The Lenten Day of Reflection will focus on the Beatitudes, with a theme of "Rejoice and Be Glad: Our Call to Holiness and Happiness." Join attendees 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 and the parish community will witness their faith. The day's two-and-a-half hour program will be followed by Confession from 3:30-4:30 pm and the Saturday Vigil Mass at 5 pm. For more information, contact Adult Faith Formation Team Member Medy DeAussen at medy-deausen@comcast.net.

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 class meets next Sunday, April 7 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.

REMINDER TO GRADE 3-8 CATECHISTS

Catechists teaching grade 3-8 Religious Education classes are asked to attend a planning meeting today, Sunday, March 31, from 1-2:30 pm in Room 6 of the Parish Center.

FIRST EUCHARIST PREP DAY: APRIL 6

Children preparing to receive First Eucharist this spring will attend a day of preparation on Saturday, April 6, from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm, in the Parish Center.

CHILDREN NEEDED TO READ & SING AT THE FAMILY STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Attention all families – organizers of the Family Stations of the Cross at 1 pm Friday, April 19, are looking for children who'd like to serve as a reader or join the Children's Choir during the Stations. The choir will have rehearsals in the church at 5 pm Monday April 8 and 15, as well as at noon on Good Friday. Children's Choir members should be age six or older. To sign your child up for the Children's Choir, please contact Contemporary Ensemble Co-Director Sue Madison at musikal76@msn.com. To sign your child up as a reader, please contact the Religious Education Office at sfareligoused@sfadw.org or by calling (301) 258-9193. Children can also be both a reader and singer, since the songs are sung between readings.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

All are welcome! Join the Ministry of Eucharistic Adoration and assist with adoration in the following manner:

- *Become a regular attendee at adoration in the Parish.*
- *Pray that Eucharistic Adoration will increase.*
- *Foster Eucharistic Adoration in our parish by evangelizing His Eucharistic Presence.*
- *Deepen your personal relationship with Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament.*

First Friday Adoration (April 5) will begin in the Church following the 7:30 p.m. Mass .

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS/EVENTS

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

31 NO YOUTH GROUP

APRIL

6/7 Sweetz Cheesecake Pick-up

7 Youth Group

14 NO YOUTH GROUP

21 NO YOUTH GROUP

27/28 Krispy Kreme Pre-Sale

28 Praise & Worship - 6pm in the Church

GET SOCIAL

Follow us on Instagram & Twitter @ SFADWYOUTH.

Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School

We are...St. Jude

www.StJudeRockville.org

RESTAURANT NIGHT AT CHUY'S

April 16-17 - Restaurant Night at Chuy's in Rockville - Let's try this again! Visit for lunch or dinner on either day and be sure to mention St. Jude! Share with your networks!

BOOST SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

We are excited to share that the state is currently accepting applications for the BOOST Scholarship Program for the 2019-2020 school year! The program is open to both public school students seeking a scholarship to St. Jude Regional Catholic School (or any other nonpublic school) and current St. Jude students! Please remember that you must reapply even if your student received BOOST in prior years. All applications must be submitted by **midnight on April 17, 2019**. To apply or learn more BOOST scholarship program visit: www.marylandpublicschools.org/BOOST.

SJRCS DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS *INTO THE WOODS JR.*

Be careful what you wish for, as Stephen Sondheim's and James Lapine's cockeyed fairytale comes to life in this adaptation of their groundbreaking, Tony Award-winning musical. *Into the Woods JR.* features all of your favorite characters — Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack (and his beanstalk) and the Witch — in this retelling of classic Brothers Grimm fables. Show times: April 12 & 13 at 7:00PM

WASHINGTON NATIONALS

Buy tickets to watch our home team take on the Cubs! Tickets must be purchased by May 6th to ensure seating with our group. Due to the popularity of this game, tickets will be released the next day so purchase your tickets early! Cost is \$28 per ticket which includes an \$8 concession credit and a \$5 donation to our school. Purchase tickets at <https://www.groupmatics.events/event/Stjude2019>



ENCOUNTER KUMBA

We encounter Kumba from Sierra Leone, who through her education, is providing hope for her family and community. How has education given you opportunities in life? How do you use your education for the common good? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

PLAN TO JOIN US FOR THE PARISH MINISTRY FAIR ON JUNE 8/9

Save the date for the parish Ministry Fair to be held June 8/9 after all Masses Pentecost weekend! Please join the Parish Pastoral Council on June 8/9 to see some of the many ministries that do the work of Jesus Christ in the Derwood community and beyond. St. Francis of Assisi Parish is blessed to have many ministry opportunities, including those falling under the areas of Liturgy, Social Concerns, Community Building and Administration. Please plan to join us for refreshments and fellowship on June 8/9 in the Gathering Space, and weather permitting, in the front lawn of the church. To volunteer at the Ministry Fair or for more information, please contact Parish Pastoral Council members Daniel Kosciński danielkosciński@gmail.com, Bernie McGuire at brmgsm@msn.com and Ann Pierre at pierre35@hotmail.com.

PARISH SECURITY COMMITTEE SEEKING MEMBERS

Do you have experience as a first responder, law enforcement officer, emergency medical services personnel, strategic communicator or as a parish usher? If so, then please consider serving on the newly-formed Parish Security Committee. The Parish Security Committee is charged with advising Fr. John Dillon on matters of parish security, especially those that could result in a loss of life. Fr. John will serve as chairman of the committee and parishioner Joshua Vincent will serve as vice chairman.

The parish is now seeking parishioners with relevant backgrounds and experience as first responders (Police, Fire/Emergency Medical Services), medical personnel, facilities engineers, communications and parish ushers to serve. Once convened, the 14-member committee will begin meeting this spring to discuss:

- Roles of parish ushers and parishioners who are professional first responders during a security event.
- Security assessment of the parish physical plant by local police and fire.
- Use and potential customization of the Parish Emergency Guide Flip Chart.
- Necessity to develop local parish emergency response plan, including practice drills.
- Identification of industry resources for current church security practices.
- Sharing parish security practices with neighboring parishes.
- Other security matters relevant to the local parish.

Interested persons are encouraged to contact Fr. John by calling the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407.

Friday Nights at the Rectory , May 10-June 28, 2019 A course for everybody!

An Introduction to Theology of the Body

Are you the person you want to be? Are you happy and fulfilled? Do you see and love someone as a “person”? Fr. John invites you to a powerful journey as we discover the Theology of the Body. Given to us by Pope John Paul II, the Theology of the Body presents an in-depth *biblical* reflection on the meaning of life...our humanity. “*A prayerful study of Theology of the Body is not only informational but also transformational. Healing the wounds of sin, the Holy Spirit renews us interiorly through a spiritual transformation.*” (CCC 1695)

Description:

An Introduction to the Theology of the Body: Discovering the Master Plan for Your Life is an eight-week study delivered by theologian Christopher West designed to give us a solid understanding of God’s plan for humanity. It addresses the two most fundamental and universal questions:

1. *What does it mean to be made human in the image and likeness of God?*
2. *How can I live my life in a way that brings happiness and fulfillment?*

Each session is held from 7-9 pm Fridays in the Rectory’s Assisi Room, beginning May 10. Light refreshments will be served. The study’s course will be held **May 10, 17, 24 & 31 and June 7, 14, 21 & 28.**

Registration:

Please register in the Gathering Space on **Sunday, April 7** after all Sunday Masses. There is no registration fee; however, each person will be charged \$10 for the cost of the student workbook.

For additional information or questions, please E-mail Medy DeAusen at SFADCHRIST@COMCAST.NET.

“I THOUGHT I HAD MY FAITH FIGURED OUT BUT NOW I SEE THERE’S SO MUCH MORE...”

PREPARE FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Rockville is hosting a Lenten Simple Supper of soup and sandwiches and featuring speakers **Joan & Dave Maroney**, founders and directors of Mother of Mercy Messengers (MOMM), a Divine Mercy Apostolate of the Marian Fathers of Stockbridge, Massachusetts. The theme of their talk is ***“The Image, the Shroud, & the Feast of Mercy.”*** Do not miss this special presentation that will prepare you for receiving unfathomable graces on Divine Mercy Sunday. Lenten Simple Supper at St. Patrick’s: Friday, April 12 (5:30-7:15pm), St. Patrick’s Parish Center, 4101 Norbeck Road, Rockville. [RSVP: monica.ludwig@stpatrickadw.org](mailto:monica.ludwig@stpatrickadw.org).

FRIENDLY REMINDERS FROM NANCY, OUR SUNDAY CROSSING GUARD

Just a reminder that when entering & exiting the church parking lot:

- 1) Please use your turn signals coming in and going out.
- 2) Please use the correct lane in exiting the church.
- 3) **Most important!** Please pay attention to the Crossing Guard and not the traffic.