

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

April 8 - April 14

Monday, 4/8	900 a.m. Antwaun Austin
Tuesday, 4/9	9:00 a.m. John Corbett
Wednesday, 4/10	9:00 a.m. Alexander O'Connor 7:30 p.m. Sister M. Joachim Ryan, R.S.M.
Thursday, 4/11	9:00 a.m. Thomas Krafchik
Friday, 4/12	9:00 a.m. Lawrence Aaron
Saturday, 4/13	9:00 a.m. Thomas Dickerson 5:00 p.m. Mary Anne & Miller McCreedy (L)
Sunday, 4/14	8:00 a.m. Mariza Barretto Shauf 9:30 a.m. Don Smith 11:15 a.m. Joseph Hornyak 5:00 p.m. <i>Pro populo</i>

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Stella Polosky, aunt of Donna Zezzo, Kathleen Church Williams, sister of Alicia Church, Frank Federico, father of Guy Federico.

Please pray for the sick... Leonard Guild, Dennis MacQuilliam, Kathleen Taylor Lansing, Macristina Gimena, Patrick Carpentier, Rose McDonough, Sandra Kimball, 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 April 7, 2019

Sunday:	Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/ Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/ Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/ Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/ Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/ Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday:	Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14--23:56

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

Every April, organizations that serve children and youth participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month. This included Catholic dioceses, parishes, and schools. The purpose of this observance is to highlight the importance of protecting minors from abuse. Such efforts are part of the ongoing work of the Catholic Church in the United States to carry out the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.

In the March 24, 2019 bulletin we highlighted an important initiative and outreach of the Archdiocese of Washington to minister to all survivors of abuse, specifically through retreats for men and women who are victims of clerical sexual abuse. A retreat for men will take place in the Fall. A women's retreat will take place on April 12-14, 2019. The retreats will be an occasion for survivors to reflect on God's plan for their lives and for healing through prayer and the sacraments. If any women are interested in and want to register for the retreat, you can call Deborah McDonald at (301) 853-4466. Or you could go to <https://adw.org/the-way-retreat/>.

Let me also indicate two other things that you could do in observance of National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Rosary for Healing and Protection. I invite you to pray a rosary with special intentions for victims/survivors of abuse and the defense of the vulnerable. There are copies of a Rosary Booklet on the Information Desk in the Gathering Space.

Novena for Protection and Healing. I also invite you to spend time with the Lord during nine days in April to pray for the protection and healing of God's little ones. Copies of the novena will be on the table at the Information Desk in the Gathering Space. Here are the intentions for the nine days:

Day One: May the most vulnerable be protected from all types of abuse and exploitation.

Day Two: May those who have been sexually abused receive comfort and healing.

Day Three: May those who work with children and young people be vigilant in protecting them from harm.

Day Four: May those who provide help for the abused act with wisdom and compassion in their healing ministries.

Day Five: May all families strive to provide safe and nurturing environments for children and young people.

Day Six: May all those who committed abuse acknowledge the harm they have done, repent, and accept justice that ultimately comes from God.

Day Seven: May those who have been abused receive the courage to tell their story, and may they be believed and supported.

Day Eight: May Church leaders, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, promote justice and healing for survivors of abuse.

Day Nine: May our Holy Father, Pope Francis, fulfill his role as good shepherd and protect the most vulnerable in his flock.

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Fifth Sunday in Lent

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In what ways is God creating something new in me? In others?

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).

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 Informa-
tion Desk in the Gathering space.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

Then one would pray one Our Father, three Hail Marys, one
Glory Be, and then close with the following Prayer for Healing:

*God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present,
always just. You gave your only Son to save us by his blood on
the cross.*

*Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your suffering the pain of
all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who
betrayed the trust placed in them.*

*Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters who have been gravely
harmed, and the cries of those who love them. Soothe their rest-
less hearts with hope, steady their shaken spirits with faith.
Grant them justice for their cause, enlightened by truth.*

*Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and
transform brokenness into wholeness. Grant us the courage and
wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice. Breathe wisdom
into our prayers and labors. Grant that all harmed by abuse may
find peace in justice. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.*

Until next week,
Fr. John



HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY – April 18

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (Church)
7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY – April 19

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (Church)
11:30 a.m. Seven Last Words of Christ
1:00 p.m. Children's Stations of the Cross
3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
7:30 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY – April 20

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (Rectory Chapel)
12:00 Noon Blessing of Easter Baskets
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

No 5:00 p.m. Liturgy

EASTER SUNDAY – April 21

8:00 a.m./9:30 a.m./11:15 a.m./1:00 p.m.

No 5:00 p.m. Liturgy



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.**

ST. FRANCIS PAX CHRISTI GROUP

Pax Christi will meet on Monday, April 8th at 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Room of the Rectory. All are welcome to attend.

April 7, 2019

LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING Join the Lamb of God Prayer Group for worship and the study of Scripture on Tuesday, April 9, 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).

RCIA - The Third Scrutiny

The third scrutiny will be celebrated today at the 9:30 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 Lazarus will fill the spirit of the Elect with Christ the Redeemer, who is the resurrection and the life. 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.

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS ALL SOULS CEMETERY

Walk with Jesus on His journey to the Cross. Gather with us at All Souls Cemetery on Good Friday, April 19, 2019, at 12:00 noon to meditate on each step of Christ's journey of sacrifice to Calvary. Our Pastor, Fr. John, will lead the Stations. For additional information on Good Friday Stations please contact All Souls Cemetery, (301) 428-1995

UPCOMING LENTEN EVENTS

Lenten Fish Dinner- 6-8 pm Friday, April 12, at the Knights of Columbus Father Cuddy Hall in Derwood. Come join us for the third and final Lenten Fish Dinner to benefit charities supported by KoC Council 2323. The menu for adults and children will include fish tacos, sides and dessert, while kids can also choose fish sticks. Admission is \$8 for individuals 11 and older; \$5 for children under 10 and free for kids five and under. For more information, contact Knights of Columbus Warden Dan Huff at Huffdar@gmail.com.

Lenten Day of Reflection – 1-3:30 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 DeAusen at medy-deausen@comcast.net.

For a complete list of Lenten events and the Holy Week schedule, please see the web site, <https://www.sfadw.org/lentandeaster2019>

REBUILDING TOGETHER PROJECT TAKES PLACE IN JUST THREE WEEKS

Once again, St. Francis of Assisi Parish will be taking part in the Rebuilding Together National Rebuilding Day project on Saturday, April 27. This nonprofit collaboration enables St. Francis parishioners to help a local homeowner in need with light house repairs, general cleanup, landscaping work and other assigned tasks. If there are too many volunteers who sign up to work at the house, then individuals will be asked to perform light repair and landscaping work at the Rectory. No matter what task you may be assigned, your contributions are valuable and are very appreciated!

If you are interested in joining us at the St. Francis Rebuilding Together project, then please register by going to <https://tinyurl.com/yx9y2wcp> or by signing up in the Gathering Space. Any participant over the age of 14 is welcome to volunteer. However, if you are 14-18, then you must print out the Volunteer Waiver form at <https://rebuildingtogethermc.org/volunteer-center/volunteer-waiver-form/>, have an adult sign it and bring it onsite with you the day of the project.

For more information, contact House Captain Mike Rogewitz at rogewitm@gmail.com, John Vilgos at John.Vilgos@gmail.com, or volunteer coordinator Pat O'Connor at leafs20879@aol.com.

ASPIRING MINISTRY LEADERS GATHER FOR SPRING RETREAT ON MAY 4

All St. Francis ministry leaders or those who feel called to be leaders are invited to attend the Spring Ministry Retreat, scheduled for 9:45 am Saturday, May 4, in the Parish Center. Tom Stehle, leader of the Fall Ministry Retreat, plans to return and lead a discussion on how ministry leaders have implemented what they learned at the Fall Retreat, both personally and within their ministries. Participants will also hear from members of the Parish Pastoral Council's Ministry Fair Committee on the upcoming Ministry Fair, scheduled for June 8/9 after all Masses. Topics of discussion will include logistics on the structure of the event and how ministries can participate. For more information on the Spring Ministry Leaders Retreat, please contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.

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 today, 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.

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER HOLIDAYS

Religious Education classes will not meet during Holy Week and Easter week. Please make note of the schedule for the remaining Religious Education classes for this school year:

April 14, 15 & 16	No RE Classes (Holy Week)
April 21, 22 & 23	No RE Classes (Easter week)
April 28, 29 & 30	RE Classes
May 5, 6 & 7	Last RE Classes (except for Confirmation classes)

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE & PARENT MEETING

A reminder to Confirmation Candidates and Parents: There will be a meeting for students and parents on Monday, April 15, 6:45-8:30 pm in the Parish Center.

FAMILY STATIONS OF THE CROSS VOLUNTEER TO READ

A special Stations of the Cross for children and families will be held on Good Friday, April 19 at 1:00 PM. *The stations are an excellent way for families to honor Jesus on this special and solemn day in a way that children of all ages can understand. All are welcome to join us for this special time of prayer.*

- **Children and Teens (Grades 1-8) read the stations:** *No rehearsal required.* Instructions and material are provided ahead of time so children can practice reading at home. *To volunteer as a reader, please contact the Religious Education Office at sfareligioused@sfadw.org, or 301-258-9193.*

ST. FRANCIS ANNUAL PLANT & FLOWER SALE

Friday, May 3	4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday, May 4	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday, May 5	8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

See today's bulletin insert for details.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS/EVENTS

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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BOOK FAIR THANK YOU - Thank you for supporting the Book Fair. We sold over \$5,300 worth of books and supplies! With the profit from the Book Fair we will purchase books that support the curriculum in all grades but will focus on replacing the "well-loved" books. In addition, we will purchase best sellers and award winners to be read for enjoyment. Special thanks to the Book Fair volunteers. The Book Fair would not have been a success without your help.

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 about the 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. 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 .ONA

We encounter Ona in Gaza, where despite lack of economic opportunity, people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How do your daily choices impact others throughout the world? How can your choices support the dignity of workers? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Peace is a product of justice, but justice is not enough. Love is necessary - the love that makes us feel that we are brothers and sisters is properly what makes for true peace.” Words from the martyred Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero. Saint Oscar Romero, canonized October 14, 2018.

CATHEDRAL PENANCE SERVICE

The Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle invites you to experience the love of Christ through the Sacrament of Reconciliation at a Lenten Communal Penance Service, "Come Home for Easter," on Tuesday, April 16 at 12:10 pm. More than 15 priests will be available for individual confessions, including Spanish-speaking and other foreign language confessors. The Cathedral is located at 1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, between Connecticut Ave. and 17th St., near the Red Line Farragut North Metro station. www.stmatthewscathedral.org/Lent2019

TENEBRAE AT THE CATHEDRAL

Join us at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle on Wednesday of Holy Week, April 17 at 7:30pm for the Liturgy of *Tenebrae*, including the singing of the Lamentations of Jeremiah and a new setting of *Velum Templi*. The *Schola Cantorum* will lead the assembly in the singing of psalms and canticles and while soloists chant the traditional Lamentations of Jeremiah. After the 15 candles of the hearse or candelabra are gradually extinguished, the traditional *Strepitus* is sounded in the total darkness created when the Paschal candle is taken from the sanctuary, recalling Christ death. Come to experience this unique and rarely celebrated ancient rite. The Cathedral is located at 1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, between Connecticut Ave. and 17th St., near the Red Line Farragut North Metro station. www.stmatthewscathedral.org/Lent2019

IN MEMORY OF FR. RALPH

We were recently informed that the two evergreen trees at the exit of the church facing the rectory are deceased and need to be taken down. We will be replacing the two trees, but would like to plant one of the trees in memory of Fr. Ralph. If you would like to, you can make a donation for the planting of a tree in his memory. Please put your donation in an envelope marked "Fr. Ralph's Tree" and put it in the collection basket or drop it off at the office. There will be a plaque at the base of the tree stating the tree is being planted in his memory.

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.

GROUP OF ENVIRONMENTALLY-CONSCIOUS CATHOLICS LOOK FOR ENGAGED MEMBERS

The group, Maryland Catholics for Our Common Home, invites Catholics interested in environmental issues to become involved with their activities. Most outreach can be done by e-mail from home. The group made up of Catholics from across the state advocates for legislation in Maryland, such as the Maryland Clean Energy Jobs Act (CEJA), which is being considered by the Maryland State Legislature. Group members are also concerned with legislation affecting the health of the Chesapeake Bay. If you would like to be on their information and contact list, please send your home and e-mail address to robertmsimon@gmail.com.

VOICES FROM THE HOLY LAND SERIES CONTINUES WITH FREE FILMS THIS MONTH

St. Francis parishioners are invited to view four upcoming free films, all part of the 5th Annual Voices from the Holy Land Film Series, which explores the complex issues preventing peace in Israel and Palestine over the past three generations. The films all begin at 2:30 pm at regional venues and are followed by audience discussions of the films.

- "Naila and the Uprising," 2:30 pm Sunday, April 7, at the Washington National Cathedral's Perry Auditorium, 3101 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Washington DC.
- "The Occupation of the American Mind," 2:30 pm Sunday, April 14, at the Islamic Center of Maryland, 19411 Woodfield Road in Gaithersburg.
- "1948-Creation and Catastrophe," 2:30 pm Sunday, April 28, at the Washington National Cathedral's Perry Auditorium, 3101 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Washington DC.
- "Imprisoning a Generation," 2:30 pm Saturday, May 11, at the Washington National Cathedral's Perry Auditorium, 3101 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Washington DC.

For additional information on the film series, go to www.voicesfromtheholylan.org or [Facebook.com/VoicesHolyLand](https://www.facebook.com/VoicesHolyLand). St. Francis of Assisi's Pax Christi Ministry is a supporter of the Voices from the Holy Land Film Series. For more information, contact parishioner Pat LaBuda at patlabuda@aol.com.

NATIONAL TELEPHONE ROSARY

A National Telephone Rosary in recognition of Fatima is held on the 13th of each month at 8 pm by the National Council of Catholic Women. Call 515-739-1261 and insert code 703993#. For additional information contact Province Director Cindy Perry at cindy.perry@hotmail.com.