

## ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

# Mass Intentions

**April 22 - April 28**

<b>Monday, 4/22</b>	9:00 a.m. Eugene Dudenhoeffer
<b>Tuesday, 4/23</b>	9:00 a.m. Antonio Faria
<b>Wednesday, 4/24</b>	9:00 a.m. Reverend Thomas A. Gude 7:30 p.m. Enrique Quemuel
<b>Thursday, 4/25</b>	9:00 a.m. Olive Atwell Stehle
<b>Friday, 4/26</b>	9:00 a.m. Luigi & Bernice Mastronardi
<b>Saturday, 4/27</b>	9:00 a.m. Mather & Paul Baul 5:00 p.m. <i>Pro populo</i>
<b>Sunday, 4/28</b>	8:00 a.m. Jimmy Gierula 9:30 a.m. Bernie Epstein 11:15 a.m. Isabel A. Barry 5:00 p.m. Terrence Ethridge

### + In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Adriaan de Graaf, husband of Rita de Graaf.

**Please pray for the sick...** Helen Hapeman, Alicia Church, Eddie Lutheran, Sandra Kimball, Leonard Guild, Dennis MacQuilliam, 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 21, 2019

:Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35  
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15  
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18  
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35  
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48  
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118: 1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a [22]/Jn 21:1-14  
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15  
Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

### THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

**Christ is Risen, alleluia! He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

Happy Easter to all who are at Mass on this most glorious Easter day. I want to give a special word of welcome to our visitors who are joining us for Mass today. I hope that you feel very welcome, for indeed you are! Often on Easter when I greet people after the Masses, people stop and ask me questions. Let me mention some questions that I have been asked over the years on Easter Sunday and then answer the questions.

**What do we mean when we say that Jesus rose again from the dead? I thought that he died and rose only once.**

This is very true: Christ died only once and rose only once. Both the Nicene and Apostles' Creed say that Jesus "rose again from the dead." The Greek word for resurrection is *anastasis*. Greek is, of course, the language in which the New Testament is written. *Anastasis* is a compound word. The prefix *ana* means "up" or "again." *Stasis* is related to our word "stand." When the New Testament was translated into Latin from Greek, the word *resurrectio* was used to translate *anastasis*. The Latin word *resurrectio* is also a compound word. The prefix *re* means again. The Latin word *surgere* is related to the English word "surge" and means to "rise" or "stand." The Latin word imitates the component parts of the Greek word.

When you see the word translated into English, often you see the translation "rose again" as a way to capture both parts of the Latin and Greek words. Fr. Paul Turner, a noted pastor and liturgist, remarks that all this means is that Jesus rose in a more complete way than he did when he got up in the morning. He rose into new life. We say that he "rose again" as a way of saying that he rose in a powerful way.

**What do people mean when they talk about making their Easter duty?**

Today most people present themselves for Communion when they attend Mass. But that was not always the case. For many centuries people received communion infrequently. As the Church stressed the belief in the real presence of Christ, people felt unworthy to receive Communion. To handle this situation, the bishops gathered at the Fourth Lateran Council (1215) required the faithful who had reached the age of discretion (typically the age of seven) to confess their sins at least once a year to their own parish priest and to receive the sacrament of the Eucharist reverently at least once a year at Easter. A version of this rule is still in the Code of Canon Law of the Roman Catholic Church. After their first communion, each of the faithful must receive Holy Communion at least once year during the Easter season (the fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost). But for a just cause, people may receive at another time of year. When Catholics reach the age of discretion, they are obliged to confess grave sin at least once a year to any priest, which many people have done during Lent to prepare for an Easter communion. This recommendation in canon law is a minimal requirement. I think that we should confess grave sin right away so that we can receive communion every Sunday!

Until next week,

**Fr. John**

## Easter Sunday

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

*How have I encountered the risen Lord through God's word, through the Eucharist, through my contact with others, through prayer? How will I bear witness to these encounters with the risen Lord to others?*

### DAILY MASS - SATURDAY, APRIL 27

On Saturday, April 27, the 9:00 a.m. Daily Mass will be held in the Rectory Chapel to allow for our First Communion Masses that day. Thank you for understanding!

### THANKS FOR THE GENEROSITY SHOWN DURING THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES LENTEN FOOD DRIVE!

Thank you to all the St. Francis of Assisi parishioners who gave approximately 290 grocery bags of food to the Catholic Charities Lenten Food Drive the weekend of April 6/7. The food donated weighed in at 2,290 pounds, exceeding donations given last year. Carolyn Brauer and Christine Young, co-coordinators of the Food Pantry Ministry, would like to express their gratitude for all the generous donations, as well as to the Food Pantry Ministry volunteers who sorted, packed and delivered the food to the St. Martin's Food Pantry.

### HAPPY EASTER

*from*

*Fr. John & Fr. Jack and the Parish Office Staff*

**PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED**

*April 22- Easter Monday*

### WEDNESDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION MOVES BACK TO THE RECTORY

- Beginning on Wednesday, April 24, Eucharistic Adoration will return permanently to the St. Clare Chapel in the Rectory. Please come join us in praying to the Most Blessed Sacrament from 9:45 a.m.-7:15 p.m. every Wednesday in the St. Clare Chapel!

### NEW CREATION PLAY CELEBRATES GOD'S WORK

Spring is finally here – how better to celebrate than by attending a play on God's creation? All are invited to attend the *New Creation* play being staged by the St. Francis Music Ministry at 1:30 pm Sunday, May 5, in the church. Children in our parish have been working hard on their singing and speaking parts since March and are excited to perform on the altar. For more information, contact Director of Music Ministry Janet Pate at [sfadwmu-sic@gmail.com](mailto:sfadwmu-sic@gmail.com).

### BREW CREW SCHEDULE



No coffee and donuts for the month of April (Easter Sunday) and no coffee and donuts for the month of May (Confirmation Day). The crew will return on June 16th for the last coffee and donuts until September. They will be taking the summer off for a well-deserved rest.

### RCIA - EASTER

After an extended journey, the RCIA and RCIC Elect and Candidates were received into full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil. Our Elect, **Matt Perisin** and **Julia-Emma Mutombo** and our Candidates, **Clara Grothe**, **Emma Grothe** and **Erick Funte** celebrated the initiation sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. In addition, **John Bangura** and **Georgiana Bangura** received the sacrament of Baptism only. As we celebrate the Easter season, we are called to continue to pray for and to welcome these individuals, now called "neophytes," more fully into our St. Francis of Assisi community.

### REBUILDING TOGETHER DAY

#### IS SATURDAY, APRIL 27

The St. Francis Rebuilding Together Day is next Saturday, April 27, and we are still in need of volunteers! If you are a craftsperson or simply a homeowner with basic skills, then please help repair a home owned by people in need in Montgomery County. Projects could include minor home repair work, light gardening and cleanup. Approximately 20 volunteers are needed to work at the home, and if more volunteer, then they will perform maintenance and cleanup work at the parish grounds. Register for the St. Francis Rebuilding Together project by navigating to <https://tinyurl.com/yx9y2wcp>. 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 with you the day of the project.

### Mother's Day



### MOTHER'S DAY MASS CARDS

Cards will be available next weekend in the Gathering Space. This is a wonderful way to remember your Mother, Mother-in-law, Grandmother, Aunt or anyone special at all the Masses on Mother's Day. Please return your spiritual bouquet envelope to the parish office before Wednesday, May 8.

**April 21, 2019**

**LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING** The Lamb of God Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday, April 23. For additional information, please call Louise, (301) 977-5217.

**POOR BOX DONATION** – The donations for next week-end will go to the Prison Ministry Outreach Program. *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](mailto: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.

#### **IN MEMORY OF FR. RALPH**

We were recently informed that the two evergreen trees at the exit of the church facing the rectory were deceased and were 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.

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - COUNCIL 2323 FRIDAY, MAY 10 GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Council 2323 will hold its annual golf tournament in support of seminarians at Laytonsville Golf Course on Friday, May 10, 2019 8:30 a.m. Admission charge of \$125 includes continental breakfast, green fees and cart, lunch, and prizes. Singles couples or foursomes welcome. Open to Knights, Ladies, St. Francis parishioners and anyone else who enjoys a fun day in the sun with great people. Please contact Gary Palmer at 301-948-6494 or [gtdbpalmer@verizon.net](mailto:gtdbpalmer@verizon.net) for information or signup."



#### **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.

#### **ANNUAL INDOOR YARD SALE IN THE PARISH CENTER**

**Saturday, May 11**  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Please sign-up *next weekend* to help with the Annual Yard Sale. We need lots of volunteers. You can also sign up by calling the Parish Office (301) 840-1407. This is a good fundraiser for the parish and a great chance to meet fellow parishioners. *Also, time to spring clean - we welcome your stuff you want to get rid of!*

#### **VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:**

*Come for the whole time or just a few hours. Whatever time you can work will be appreciated!*

**Wednesday, May 8,** 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
**Thursday, May 9,** 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
**Friday, May 10,** 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
**Saturday, May 11,** 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

#### **DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS IN THE PARISH CENTER**

**Wednesday, May 8** 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
**Thursday, May 9** 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
**Friday, May 10** 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

#### **IN TWO WEEKS, ST. FRANCIS LEADERS & THOSE WHO WANT TO LEAD MEET FOR SPRING RETREAT**

On Saturday, May 4, ministry leaders and individuals aspiring to become leaders will gather from 9:45 am-1 pm in the Parish Center to reflect on how participation in the liturgy can deepen and enrich our ministry experiences. Thomas Stehle of St. Matthew's Cathedral, who led the Fall Ministry Retreat, will return to guide St. Francis parishioners on this follow-up retreat. Retreat participants will be asked to share:

- A spiritual practice you have been doing which has deepened your ministry experience.
- Something you've learned from participation in the liturgy which has enriched your ministry experience.

Registration information will be sent out through the Ministry Coordinators Flocknote Group. However, anyone interested in attending this leadership retreat can contact Director of Social Concerns & Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at [abosnick@sfadw.org](mailto:abosnick@sfadw.org) for more information.

#### **SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE FOR STUDY ON TEACHINGS BY ST. POPE JOHN PAUL II**

There are a few spots left in the eight-week study introducing participants to Theology of the Body, a rich collection of Catholic teachings on what it means to be human. The study begins on Friday, May 10, in the Assisi Room and will continue Fridays through June 28. To register for the study, please e-mail [sfad-christ@comcast.net](mailto:sfad-christ@comcast.net).

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS/EVENTS



### 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 21, 22 & 23	No RE Classes (Easter week)
April 28, 29 & 30	RE Classes
May 5, 6 & 7	Last RE Classes ( <i>except for Confirmation classes</i> )

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR 2019-2020

Register now for next year's Religious Education Program! Our program offerings for children and youth include:

- Pre-school and Kindergarten classes on Sunday mornings, 11:10-12:15 pm (*Preschool classes are for children age 3 or 4 by September 1*)
- Grade 1-5 classes offered at two session times:  
Sunday mornings, 9:20-10:35 am  
Monday afternoons, 4:45-6:00 pm
- Grade 6, 7, and 8 classes offered at two session times:  
Monday evenings, 6:45-8:00 pm  
Tuesday evenings, 6:45-8:00 pm
- Grades 9-12 (Youth Group) meet Sunday evenings 6:00-8:00 pm (following the 5 pm Youth Mass)

Since the curriculum of the Religious Education Program is designed to be taught in sequence and each year builds on the content presented in previous years, families should plan for their children to participate in Religious Education classes each year. Registration forms were mailed home to families with children currently attending RE classes. For those new to our program, and if additional forms are needed, blank forms will be available on the parish web site ([www.sfadw.org](http://www.sfadw.org)), in the Gathering Space of the Church, and in the Parish Offices. Completed forms can be returned to RE classes this week, sent in by mail, or dropped off in person at the Rectory Office (Monday-Friday, 8 am-4 pm). Classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Please complete and return the registration forms as soon as possible!

**Registering for Sacramental Preparation** Sacramental preparation for 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation, 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist, Confirmation, and Christian Initiation for Children/Teens (CIC/CIT) is not grade specific and involves preparation in addition to grade level Religious Education classes. At minimum, children are expected to have participated in religious education in the year prior to preparing for a sacrament. *Please note: students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will attend their grade-level Religious Education classes as well as monthly Confirmation sessions.* Families requesting sacramental preparation for their child are asked to mark their registration form accordingly so that additional information can be provided. Please note that there is a separate materials fee for sacramental preparation programs. More details will be provided at the parent meetings next year. If you have any questions, please call the Religious Education Office at 301-258-9193.

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS/EVENTS

### ST. FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### APRIL

21	NO YOUTH GROUP
27/28	Krispy Kreme Pre-Sale
28	Praise & Worship - 6pm in the Church

#### MAY

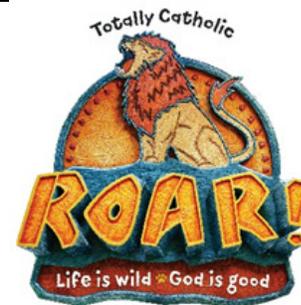
5	Youth Group
12	NO YOUTH GROUP
19	NO YOUTH GROUP
26	NO YOUTH GROUP

#### JUNE

2	END OF YEAR ALOHA PARTY FOR ALL TEENS
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#### GET SOCIAL

Follow us on Instagram & Twitter @ SFADWYOUTH.



### Register NOW for Vacation Bible Camp 2019 — ROAR! Life is wild \* God is good.

<b>Who:</b>	Children age 4 by 6/23/2019 through those who are completing 5th grade June 2019
<b>Where:</b>	St. Francis of Assisi Church Parish Center
<b>When:</b>	June 24 – 28, 2019 from 9:00 am – 12:15 pm
<b>Cost:</b>	\$50 per child
<b>How:</b>	Complete the Registration Form found in the Church Gathering Space and on our parish website ( <a href="http://sfadw.org/vbc">sfadw.org/vbc</a> ). Return by mail or in person to the Parish Office during business hours (Mon-Fri; 8am – 4pm) with the Registration Fee via Check (or Faith Direct, contact the Parish Office, 301-840-1407 for details.)

Spaces fill quickly so be sure to return your registration form and payment as soon as possible.

Please share information about VBC with friends and neighbors.

**All are welcome!**

*Volunteers Needed — Adults and Teens  
(Grades 6-12 as of June 2019)!*

*See VBC Registration Form for details and application.*

Teen spots fill quickly!



### ENCOUNTER THE RISEN CHRIST

We prayed, we fasted and gave alms - and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we encounter our Risen Lord to bring the hope of Resurrection to a world in need. **Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl this weekend if you haven't already.**

**A REMINDER FROM FR. JOHN ...** If anyone is living in a marriage that has not been recognized by the Catholic Church, it would be wise to consult with a priest to see whether that situation might be rectified. It could be as simple as repeating your marriage vows quietly in front of a priest and receiving the Church's blessing. In that way, one would become eligible to receive the Sacraments of the Church, especially the Eucharist.

**LET'S HAVE A BROWN BAG CONVERSATION IN 2019!** Our theme for 2019 is **Holiness**. Pope Francis said: *"Holiness means living with hope, not doing extraordinary things."* The Adult Faith Formation Committee invites you to targeted conversations around holiness. Fr John will kick off this year's first Brown Bag on **Sunday, May 5**, by highlighting "The Primacy of Grace." *Bring a brown bag....bring a friend!*

#### 2019 Brown Bag Schedule

May 5	"The Primacy of Grace"	Youth Room (Rectory)
June 2	"The Holiness of Job"	Youth Room (Rectory)
July 7	"Strong Women"	Assisi Room (Rectory)

### HOPE & HEALING FOR BEREAVED PARENTS (COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS)

The Compassionate Friends (TCF) is an international organization that offers support to bereaved parents. These parents come together in an informal setting to learn to cope with the pain and grief of living after their child has died. The TCF sessions are open to parents, grandparents, siblings and supportive friends. There is a local Chapter that meets on the first Tuesday evening of each month at 6:45 pm at the following location: Potomac Presbyterian Church, 10301 River Road, Potomac MD 20854.

Parents do not have to attend a meeting to receive support. St. Francis of Assisi parishioners George and Barbara Beall, who lost their daughter to cancer 14 years ago, are available to speak with those in pain at any time of the day or night. Their phone number is (301) 253-8740 and their e-mail address is [old-edish@starpower.net](mailto:old-edish@starpower.net). Feel free to contact them if you have any questions about TCF or would like to receive a brochure.

### 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.

### 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@sfdaw.org](mailto:jberard@sfdaw.org).

### Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School *We are...St. Jude* [www.StJudeRockville.org](http://www.StJudeRockville.org)

**DANCING WITH THE 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STARS** - Join us for *Dancing with the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Stars* on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 in the Thaddeus Room. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will dance the Waltz, Tango, Swing, and Hustle in our annual 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance Competition.

**SJRCS JUNIOR SCIENCE FAIR – May 9** Please come and explore the exciting world of science as budding scientists from Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grades display their science projects. The Jr. Science Fair will be held May 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 2:15 pm and 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm (Family Night) in the Thaddeus Room.

**BOWMAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION Due: Tuesday, April 30** The Kayleigh Anne Bowman Memorial Guardian Angel Scholarship has been designed to provide financial assistance, based on need, annually to a St. Jude student who has displayed academic promise and the values that are learned through a Catholic education. The intent of the Scholarship is to provide a grant of \$4,000 towards tuition for that student. If you are interested in this scholarship, please contact the school office.

**WASHINGTON NATIONALS** Join us at the Nationals game on Friday, May 17th as the Nationals take on the Chicago 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>.

### "THE ISRAEL-PALESTINE CONFLICT - LIVES IN THE BALANCE"

Learn why this is a pivotal moment for peace, justice, human rights and security in the Middle East and why this issue is of major importance to all members of Abrahamic faiths - Jews, Muslims and Christians. Join Pax Christi Metro DC-Baltimore at 8:30 am Saturday, April 27, at Resurrection Catholic Church in Burtonsville to hear from five distinguished speakers on the subject – two Jews, a Muslim and two Catholics, who will provide us with current information on this vital subject. For registration and information go to <http://paxchristimdcb.org/>.

### 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](http://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace).