

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

April 29 - May 5

Monday, 4/29	900 a.m. Jack Harmon
Tuesday, 4/30	9:00 a.m. Roger Payen
Wednesday, 5/1	9:00 a.m. James Marshall Mayers, Sr. 7:30 p.m. Timothy Knestout
Thursday, 5/2	9:00 a.m. Michele Smith (L)
Friday, 5/3	9:00 a.m. Barbara Lynn Beall 7:30 p.m. Guy Beaven
Saturday, 5/4	9:00 a.m. Don Smith 5:00 p.m. Richard Hunt
Sunday, 5/5	8:00 a.m. <i>Pro populo</i> 9:30 a.m. Paul Jacobsen 11:15 a.m. Gena Asuncion 5:00 p.m. Larry Kelly

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Reverend A. Seamus Kuebler, Archdiocese of Washington.

Please pray for the sick... Rosa Jimenez, Helen Hapeman, Alicia Church, Eddie Lutheran, Sandra Kimball, Leonard Guild, 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 28, 2019

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
Monday:	Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/ Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/ Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/ Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/ Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/ Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

Cardinal Seán O'Malley of Boston issued a pastoral letter in 2016 entitled "God's Mercy Runs to Meet Us" for Divine Mercy Sunday. I thought that it would be good to look at it again on this Divine Mercy Sunday. In the pastoral letter he recommends seven actions for this Jubilee Year of Mercy. The sixth recommendation is to practice each of the works of mercy at least once. Cardinal O'Malley also recommends that a great way to celebrate this Jubilee Year of Mercy with young people is to perform each of the works of mercy with them. I think that these are practices that we should continue even though the Jubilee Year of Mercy has finished. Cardinal O'Malley thinks that this could be a good activity for youth groups, young adults, adult small groups, and even parishes. I am going to devote this column to recommendations that he makes for performing the works of mercy. In order to do that, I shall list the work of mercy and then give his practical suggestions for carrying it out.

Corporal Works of Mercy

- *Feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty.* Give funds to food pantries or meal centers. Organize a food drive. Pray for those who are hungry during grace at meals. Bring a meal to a homeless person that you often pass by. Join your parish's Saint Vincent de Paul Society...
- *Shelter the homeless.* Get involved in the work to care for refugees. Support shelters in your area through gifts of time or treasure. Take in an elderly family member or friend in need. Volunteer at a crisis pregnancy center...
- *Clothe the naked.* Make clothing donations to thrift stores. Organize a drive to send support uniforms to poor countries. Sacrifice the purchase of new clothing and donate what you would have spent to agencies that provide clothing.
- *Care for the sick.* Visit family members and friends who are ill. Pray for the sick individually by name. Make meals for people who are facing difficult situations, perhaps due to the care of a sick loved one.
- *Visit the imprisoned.* Support prison ministry or join a team that visits prisons. Ask prison chaplains about someone that might appreciate receiving regular letters or a personal visit. Support Catholic media ministries that bring the teachings of the Church to the incarcerated.
- *Bury the dead.* Help Catholics get their plans in order (particularly if their next of kin is not a person of faith). Attend wakes and funerals. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary with and for people who are near death. Visit cemeteries and offer prayers and Masses for those who have died.

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Second Sunday of Easter & Divine Mercy Sunday

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

When have I experienced God's mercy in my life? How can I pass on that mercy to others?

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 (May 3) will begin in the Church following the 7:30 p.m. Mass.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

Spiritual Works of Mercy

- *Admonish the sinner (correct those who need correction).* Kindly speak up, with charity, against sinful and unjust practices in the culture. Love the sinner, hate the sin.
- *Instruct the ignorant (teach the faith to others).* Hand on the faith to kids and grandkids through instruction and witness. Sign up to teach RCIA, confirmation, youth group or religious education at your parish. Encourage others to listen to Catholic programming on radio and television and to read Catholic publications.
- *Counsel the doubtful (give advice to those who need it).* Have a heart for those who are struggling, confused, or depressed. Help those looking for jobs and facing big decisions.
- *Comfort the sorrowing (give comfort to those who suffer).* Call or visit friends in difficult situations or who may be lonely. Make meals or care packages. Write an encouraging note to someone in need of support.
- *Bear wrongs patiently (be patient with others).* Practice loving patience with family members and co-workers. Hold your tongue or don't honk your horn.
- *Forgive all injuries (to forgive others who hurt you).* Pray for those who have hurt you. Invite estranged family members to gatherings. Don't speak ill of others.
- *Pray for the living and the dead (to pray for everyone who needs our prayers).* Keep a list of people who need prayers close at hand. Have Masses celebrated for those in need or departed friends and family. Obtain an indulgence this year for family members or friends who have died.

Until next week,

Fr. John

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP

FOR THE SPRING MINISTRY RETREAT

All St. Francis of Assisi ministry leaders and those who would like to take on a leadership role are invited to attend the Spring Ministry Retreat from 9:45 am-1 pm Saturday, May 4, in the Parish Center. The retreat will once again feature Thomas Stehle of St. Matthew's Cathedral. Mr. Stehle will return to lead the group through a discussion on how they or their ministry has grown in faith, since learning ways to enhance one's experience of the liturgy. For more information, please contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.



MOTHER'S DAY MASS CARDS

Cards will be available this 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 on or before Wednesday, May 8.

NEW CREATION PLAY FEATURES CHILDREN SAYING & SING THEIR PARTS

In one more week, the St. Francis Music Ministry will be staging the *New Creation* play at 1:30 pm Sunday, May 5, in the church. Won't you join us for this fun and free play featuring children from our parish, who will be singing and performing? The play, written by Jeff MacKnight, will spotlight children with solo speaking, solo singing and chorus singing roles. Please join us for this performance, which will be appropriate for the entire family. For more information, please contact St. Francis Music Director Janet Pate at sfadwmusic@gmail.com.



MAY 2019 LUNCH – The St. Francis Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, May 1 at 12:00 Noon at Ledo's Pizza, 7213 Muncaster Mill Road, Derwood, (301) 869-7900. If you are planning to attend, please contact Mary Lou Habib and she will save a seat for you, (301) 417-0243.

Altar Servers Schedule

Please check the schedule online at Ministry Scheduler for Altar Server Mass assignments.

It is the responsibility of the Altar Server to get a replacement if you cannot serve at your scheduled time

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LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING The Lamb of God Prayer Group will **NOT** meet on Tuesday, April 30. For additional information, please call Louise, (301) 977-5217.

POOR BOX DONATION – The donations for next week-end will go to Gaithersburg Help. *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).

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 for information or signup."

ANNUAL INDOOR YARD SALE IN THE PARISH CENTER

Saturday, May 11

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Please sign-up **this 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.

TIPS TO SAVE CASH & LOWER BILLS

Last fall St. Francis offered Food and Finance Seminars, which were a big success. Forty of your fellow parishioners completed a nine-week Navigating your Finances God's Way Small Group Bible Study that received rave reviews. Several parishioners have requested an evening session on how to save cash and lower bills.

- How can you lower your cell phone, Internet or cable bill?
- How can you generate extra cash by applying for credit cards with great reward programs?
- What are some tax saving tips to put in place this year?
- How can you spot "scams" that might be after your money?

In many cases parishioners felt that they have saved money toward retirement and want to make sure to minimize their day-to-day expenses so that they can fully enjoy retirement. Plans are underway for a May session with more details to be announced.

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.

Come help us celebrate spring by supporting the annual Plant Sale, to take place Friday, May 3, through Sunday, May 5, in front of the church! The flowers will include annuals, perennials, potted plants and herbs. For more information, please contact Special Events Ministry Coordinator Sylvia Jones at decafqueen@gmail.com.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS/EVENTS

Please make note of the schedule for the remaining Religious Education classes for this school year:

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), 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 1st Reconciliation, 1st 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.

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 is Sunday, May 5 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS/EVENTS

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

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

GET SOCIAL

Follow us on Instagram & Twitter @ SFADWYOUTH.

Register NOW for
Vacation Bible Camp 2019 —

ROAR! Life is wild * God is good.

Who: Children age 4 by 6/23/2019 through those who are completing 5th grade June 2019

Where: St. Francis of Assisi Church Parish Center

When: June 24 – 28, 2019 from 9:00 am – 12:15 pm

Cost: \$50 per child

How: Complete the Registration Form found in the Church Gathering Space and on our parish website (sfadw.org/vbc). 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!*

LIGHT THE WORLD - is a summer program for high school students, where they are given the opportunity to see how faith and culture interact with each other. Each day, our participants hear from Catholic U professors on the day's topic, and then we go into the city and hear from professionals who are living their faith while working in that field of study (such as Business, Science, Sports, Service, Politics, and Art). Learn more here: <http://www.lighttheworldcua.org/>.



THANK YOU!

Our parish changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say "THANK YOU!" Don't forget to turn in your Rice Bowl at the Social Concerns Table or at the Parish Office.

**JOIN US FOR THE UCR
5K WALK & ROLL-A-THON ON JUNE 22!**

Do you want to support a great cause and get some exercise, to boot? Then, come join "Team St. Francis" during the Upcounty Community Resources 5K Walk and Roll-a-thon at 4 pm Saturday, June 22, at Bohrer Park in Gaithersburg. Join fellow parishioners Deacon Dan and Georgana Finn, Sylvia and Megan Jones, Maureen and Brent Hanson, Melissa Egan and family, and others in walking and having a great time for a wonderful cause.

Founded by parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Church and St. Patrick's Catholic Church, UCR is a private, nonprofit organization that promotes the full inclusion of persons with developmental and intellectual differences into every aspect of community life. As the major fundraiser for UCR, the 5K Walk and Roll-a-thon supports the many social, therapeutic, exercise, skills development and respite programs that serve adults primarily in upper Montgomery County. UCR programs give adults with differences a chance at independence and friendships that many of us take for granted.

And this year we have challenged St. Patrick's! Which parish will have the most walkers! Which parish will have the most donations! If your firm or practice would like to donate to this worthy cause, please consider it. You can register for the walk or make a donation at <https://www.ucresources.org/5k-walk--roll-a-thon.html>; be sure to indicate you are from St. Francis.

Carol Maloney of MASN Sports will be the guest starter. Food trucks, such as Mayorga Coffee, Corn Beef King, and Rita's Ice, will be onsite, as well as chances for a 50/50 raffle. Music will be provided by HOT 99.5. For more information, please contact Deacon Dan Finn at deacondanfinn@gmail.com.

**MEN'S DISCERNMENT DINNER
Sunday, May 19 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

All single men, college age and up, who are practicing Catholics are invited to attend a Men's Discernment Dinner held at Saint John Paul II Seminary. The evening will include Mass, dinner, and a chance to discuss the priesthood with priests, seminarians, and other young men from the Washington D.C. area. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations, at 202-636-9020 or vocations@adw.org. Register online at www.DCpriest.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.

**Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School
We are...St. Jude
www.StJudeRockville.org**

SJRCS JUNIOR SCIENCE FAIR – May 9 Please come and explore the exciting world of science as budding scientists from Pre-K through 5th grades display their science projects. The Jr. Science Fair will be held May 9th 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>.

PUT YOUR PRO-LIFE BELIEFTS INTO ACTION

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

ROSARY IN RECOGNITION OF FATIMA

A National Telephone Rosary in recognition of Fatima is held on the 13th of each month at 8:00 pm by the National Council of Catholic Women. Call 515-739-1261 and insert code 703993#. Questions? Contact Province Director Cindy Perry at cindy.perry@hotmail.com.