

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

May 27 - June 2

Monday, 5/27	900 a.m.	Deceased Veterans
Tuesday, 5/28	9:00 a.m.	Jeffrey Smith
Wednesday, 5/29	9:00 a.m.	Greg Bielecki
	7:30 p.m.	Frances D'Aurora
Thursday, 5/30	9:00 a.m.	Rosalina F. Ruiz
Friday, 5/31	9:00 a.m.	Pat Hunt
Saturday, 6/1	9:00 a.m.	Reverend Michael T. Jennings
	5:00 p.m.	Patricia Naylon
Sunday, 6/2	8:00 a.m.	Timothy Knestout
	9:30 a.m.	Jose Relunia
	11:15 a.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
	5:00 p.m.	All 2019 Graduates (L)

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Peter Konieczny, husband of Mariana Konieczny, Long Do.

Please pray for the sick... Elizabeth & William Manyin, Doreen Dyer, Tanya Jefferson, 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 May 26, 2019

Sunday:	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/ Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29
Monday:	Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26--16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/ Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/ Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/ Jn 16:16-20
Friday:	Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [6]/Lk 1:39-56
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/ Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday:	Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/ Eph 1:17-23/Lk 24:46-53

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

On May 9, 2019 Pope Francis published a *Motu Proprio* entitled *Vos estis lux mundi*. A *Motu Proprio*, in Catholic Canon law, refers to a document issued by the pope on his own initiative and personally signed by him. *Vos estis lux mundi* can be translated into English as "You are the Light of the World." This document is the result of ongoing collaboration among various Church entities over the past decade, the February 2019 global summit on abuse, and perhaps more importantly, listening to survivors of abuse. Various offices of the Archdiocese put together some questions and answers for pastors to share with parishioners about the *Motu Proprio*. I presented two of those questions last week. Here are the remaining seven questions.

***One of the questions refer to the role of the Metropolitan. A Metropolitan is an Archbishop holding authority over the other bishops of the province. A good example of this would be the State of Pennsylvania where there is the Archdiocese of Philadelphia as well as the Dioceses of Pittsburgh, Erie, Greensburg, Altoona-Johnstown, Harrisburg, Allentown, and Scranton. If there would be trouble with the Bishop of Greensburg, Archbishop Chaput, as the Metropolitan, would be the one designated to handle it.**

3. *When do these norms take effect?*

- They will take effect on June 1, 2019;
- They will be reviewed by the Holy See after three years and adjusted as needed;
- Every diocese and eparchy (either individually or collectively) is to have a publicly accessible means for people to report cases covered under the *Motu Proprio* by June 1, 2020.
- In the United States, while this has already been accomplished for cases involving the sexual abuse of minors by priests and deacons, reporting mechanisms will have to be modified to serve the broader categories of the *Motu Proprio*.

***The Archdiocese of Washington has already implemented two ways to report abuse:**

- a. Online on the ADW website**
- b. Through the Office of Child Protection and Safe Environment, available 24 hours a day by phone and email and EthicsPoint, an independent, third-party service.**

4. *What about cases of sexual misconduct that do not fall under this Motu Proprio?*

- These are generally already covered by existing diocesan or eparchial codes of conduct. With the help of lay and legal experts, bishops are working on ways to ensure that coverage and enhance awareness and reporting mechanisms for such cases.

***The Archdiocese of Washington has a code of conduct that deals with sexual misconduct that is not covered by the child protection policy.**

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What do I find inspirational in welcoming all people to our parish and community, and what do I find uncomfortable? How can the Holy Spirit affect my reaction?



**Parish Offices will be closed
Monday, May 27th
in observance of Memorial Day**

BROWN BAG CONVERSATION TOPIC THE HOLINESS OF JOB

Bring a bag lunch and a friend to this interesting conversation about *The Holiness of Job*, led by Fr. John Dillon on Sunday, June 2, in the Rectory's Youth Room. Job is a normal human being who is beset by misfortune, trials, suffering and emotional pain. Let's explore the outstanding example of steadfast faith and enduring love in the way he handled severe trials. Doors open at 12:30 pm in the Rectory's Youth Room for the brown bag lunch and fellowship. For more information, please contact Adult Faith Formation Team Member Medy DeAusen at medy-deausen@comcast.net.

PARISH MINISTRY FAIR TAKES PLACE ON JUNE 8/9

In two weeks, join us for the St. Francis Ministry Fair to be held after all Masses in the Gathering Space the weekend of June 8/9. The Ministry Fair will provide an opportunity for all parishioners to see the many ways we can live out our faith in action through Faith Formation, Community Building, Worship, Social Justice, and Administrative ministries benefitting the local community and beyond. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Daniel Kosciński at danielgkosciński@gmail.com.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

5. *How are transparency and confidentiality promoted in this new Motu Proprio?*

- The *Motu Proprio* increases transparency by establishing clear procedures that must be followed, reaffirming the obligation to report to civil authorities, providing for lay involvement in internal investigations, protecting from possible conflicts of interest, and ensuring that those who report complaints to the Church are also free to report the same information to others and are protected from retaliation. At the same time, because the *Motu Proprio* involves the investigation of a complaint, it carefully balances the rights of those involved. Confidentiality is needed for the effectiveness of the investigation. It protects victims and witnesses, as well as the presumption of innocence and the seal of the confessional.

6. *Does this new Motu Proprio interfere or hinder civil law, such as mandatory reporting requirements and civil investigations?*

- In no way. The *Motu Proprio* establishes the canonical (Church law) procedures that are to be followed. Included in these procedures, however, is the obligation to comply with all applicable civil laws.

7. *Zero tolerance is not mentioned. Is that no longer the policy of the Catholic Church?*

- In the United States, zero tolerance has been the policy since 2002, which comes from the *Charter* and the *Essential Norms*. The *Motu Proprio* does not undo this policy. Other Episcopal conferences around the world have or will be developing policies appropriate to their legal and cultural situations. The good news here is that what was first thought of as an "American problem" or a "Western problem" is now on everyone's radar.

8. *Why does the Motu Proprio focus on the role of the Metropolitan?*

- The *Motu Proprio* uses the Metropolitan because it is a position in the Church that is grounded in tradition and the teaching of Vatican II and is governed by existing canon law.
- This also allows investigations to be carried out on the local level, where the Metropolitan will have more direct access to information, documents, and lay experts to help investigate, and can collaborate with civil authorities. The Metropolitan, being local, can also take measures to preserve and secure evidence.
- Recent investigations of misconduct by a bishop have successfully followed this practice.

9. *What does this mean for the proposals the U.S. bishops considered last November?*

- The work of our committees that has already taken place will be examined and adapted to work within the framework of the new *Motu Proprio* and will be the basis for deliberation over its implementation at the USCCB Plenary Assembly in June.

Until next week,
Fr. John

May 26, 2019

LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING The Lamb of God Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday, May 28. 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).

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

In the Archdiocese of Washington, the observance of the Ascension of the Lord is transferred to Sunday, June 2. Thursday, May 30, 2019 is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

ROSARY TO BE PRAYED IN SPANISH IN THE CHURCH EVERY TUESDAY THIS MONTH

In honor of May as the month of Mary, the Spanish Ministry will pray the Rosary in Spanish at 6:30 pm every Tuesday this month in the church. Please join us to practice your Spanish. For more information about the Spanish Ministry, please contact Will Garcia at wagarcia@comcast.net or Lourdes Garcia at legarcia@comcast.net



JUNE 2019 LUNCH – The St. Francis Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, June 5 at 12:00 Noon at Red Hot & Blue, 16811 Crabbs Branch Way, Rockville MD 20855, 301-301-948-7333. If

you are planning to attend, please contact Mary Lou Habib and she will save a seat for you, (301) 417-0243.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; go ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."

Mt 9:37-38

Join your fellow parishioners in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at the "**Holy Hour for the intentions of the Ordinandi**" and an increase in Vocations to the priesthood and Consecrated Life from 6:20-7:20 pm Wednesday, June 12, in the church.

Unite with parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Washington as we anticipate the Ordination of our Priests on June 15! This year's Ordinandi:

*Deacon John Benson
Deacon Joseph Cwik
Deacon Brendan Glasgow
Deacon Christian Huebner
Deacon Ebuka Mbanude
Deacon Stefan Megyery
Deacon Patrick Mullan
Deacon Benjamin Petty
Deacon Jan Pietryga
Deacon Michael Russo*

Every vocation, every path to which Christ calls us, ultimately leads to fulfillment and happiness, because it leads to God, to sharing in God's own life." – **Pope John Paul II**

MEMORIAL MASS FOR POET & PHILOSOPHER MATTIE T. STEPANEK TO BE HELD JUNE 22

To memorialize the life of Mattie J.T. Stepanek, a 13-year-old poet, philosopher and peacemaker who died in 2004, St. Francis of Assisi Parish will host a 15th Anniversary Memorial Mass and Reception at the parish where he belonged. The Mass will take place at 11 am, with Msgr. Charles Pope giving the Homily. It will be interpreted in American Sign Language.

The life of Mattie Stepanek resonates because, at the age where children are learning to navigate the world, Mattie called for peace in the world. He lived with dysautonomic mitochondrial myopathy, a rare disorder from which his three older siblings died. During his brief time on Earth, he wrote several books on peace, including the best-selling "Heartstrings," met former President Jimmy Carter and served as the Muscular Dystrophy Association's national goodwill ambassador.

All are invited to attend the 15th Anniversary Memorial Mass, with a brief reception to follow in the Gathering Space. For more information about the memorial Mass, please contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS/EVENTS



CATECHIST MEETING: TUESDAY, JUNE 4

There will be a Catechist Meeting on Tuesday, June 4, at 7 pm in the Youth Room to review the results of this year's Faith Knowledge Assessment. Please join us for this important discussion.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS/EVENTS

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

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NO YOUTH GROUP



JUNE 2 END OF YEAR ALOHA PARTY FOR ALL TEENS!

GET SOCIAL

Follow us on Instagram & Twitter @ SFADWYOUTH.

Teen volunteer positions are filled! Thank you for your support. Camper spots are filling quickly!

Register by June 1 for Vacation Bible Camp 2019 — ROAR! Life is wild * God is good.

Send your kids on a roaring adventure filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Daily art projects, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. At ROAR! VBC, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life.

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.)

Be sure to return your registration form and payment as soon as possible to secure your child's place at VBC. Registrations will be processed in the order received. To allow time to order t-shirts and supplies, registration will close on June 1, 2019.

Please share information about VBC with friends and neighbors.

All are welcome!

UCR 5K WALK & ROLL-A-THON IS LESS THAN A MONTH AWAY

Following the Mattie J.T. Stepanek Memorial Mass, St. Francis parishioners can show their support for the disability community by taking part in 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 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

Enjoy a fun summer night out, with food and beverages provided by Mayorga Coffee, Corn Beef King and Rita's Ice. Attendees can enjoy music by HOT 99.5 and buy chances for a 50/50 Raffle. 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. For more information, please contact Deacon Dan Finn at deacondanfinn@gmail.com.

TELEPHONE ROSARY FOR HEALING - The Washington Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (WACCW) is hosting a telephone Rosary call from now until September 4, with the special intention of healing for all hurt by individuals within the Church. All are welcome to join the call at 8pm EST, Mondays-Saturdays, at 605-468-8016, code 357090#. For more information, contact Sharon O'Brien, WACCW President, at ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com, and follow on Facebook at [Facebook.com/WashACCW](https://www.facebook.com/WashACCW).

ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY MASS ALL SOULS CEMETERY

Monday, May 27 at 10:00 a.m. Celebrant will be Bishop Mario E. Dorsonville. In case of inclement weather (rain), Mass will be held under a tent at All Souls Cemetery.

DONATE YOUR USED CLOTHING If you are sorting through gently used clothing to give away, remember that there is a St. Vincent de Paul clothing collection bin in the lower parking lot. Donations of clean clothing in good repair is greatly appreciated. Please put clothing in a plastic bag and deposit in the slot at the top of the bin. Collections are made weekly and will be a great blessing to those in need in the region.

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.

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 our Home Page to 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

8TH GRADE GRADUATION

Join us for the 8th Grade Graduation at 4:00 pm Thursday, June 6 in the Shrine of St. Jude. Please pray for our graduates as they continue their journey to high school.

2018-2019 YEARBOOKS

Purchase your yearbooks now! Send in \$18 cash or check (made out to "St. Jude Regional Catholic School") to the Main Office in an envelope with your child's name on it to get your yearbook.

CATCH OUR SPIRIT! REGISTER NOW FOR FALL 2019!

Spaces are filling up quickly so register now! Applications for fall enrollment are being accepted on a first come basis for our 3 year-old Pre-K to 7th grade (limited spaces are available). For information on the curriculum, admissions policies and registration, contact Ellen Donnelly in the school office at 301-946-7888 or register your student online at www.StJudeRockville.org

ORDER YOUR 2019 SCHOOL SUPPLIES NOW!

Order securely online until June 16 (late orders from June 17-July 7). For more information, contact Hazel Gitau at hzglgitau@yahoo.com. <https://www.educationalproducts.com/ShopPacks/> School code: stj002

GALA 2020

Our Gala Committees are being formed now! Sign-up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F44A5AF2AAA8-stjude>

PUT YOUR PRO-LIFE BELIEFS INTO ACTION

The Gabriel Project Cluster of Montgomery County 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. Event Assistants are also needed for approximately 1 - 2 hours per month. Daily prayer supporters are also needed. Donations of diapers and formula are also appreciated. Please check out our website at www.gpmoco.org. For more information, please call or text Diane Reinke at 301-946-4815, or e-mail Carmen Rojas at gccthompson@juno.com.