

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

July 29 - August 4

Monday, 7/29	900 a.m.	Briget Joseph
Tuesday, 7/30	9:00 a.m.	Anselmn Akpan
Wednesday, 7/31	9:00 a.m.	Msgr. Thomas M. Duffy
	7:30 p.m.	Guy Beaven
Thursday, 8/1	9:00 a.m.	Peter Konieczny
Friday, 8/2	9:00 a.m.	Barbara Lynn Beall
	7:30 p.m.	Guy Beaven
Saturday, 8/3	9:00 a.m.	David German (L)
	5:00 p.m.	Amelia Dudenhoefter
Sunday, 8/4	8:00 a.m.	Joyce Curtner
	9:30 a.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Tom Krafchik
	5:00 p.m.	Dominica Hofilena

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Joan Raffa, sister of Pat Badolato.

Please pray for the sick...Joan Lutz Maltz, Mary Savo, Mary Lott, Larry Church, Tom Breece, David John Burnett, Michael Bender, Eddie Lutheran, Mary Bowen, Bob Jones, Sandra Kimball, Dennis Parnell, Ed Dudenhoefter, Jackie Roebuck King, Jeni Stepanek. (Names will remain on this list for four consecutive weeks, but can be repeated by calling the Office.)

Readings for the Week of July 28, 2019

Sunday:	Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/ Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
Monday:	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Tuesday:	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/ Mt 13:44-46
Thursday:	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Mt 13:47-53
Friday:	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5- 6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday:	Ecl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

I have been watching the activities of Bishop Edward Malesic, fifth bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg, PA, since his installation as the Bishop of Greensburg in 2015. Some of this would be hometown interest. The county immediately to the East of Butler County is Armstrong County, which is located in the Greensburg Diocese.

In July 2017 Bishop Malesic wrote an impassioned Pastoral Letter: *"From Death and Despair to Life and Hope: A Pastoral Letter on the Drug Abuse Crisis,"* which has devastated Southwestern Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and West Virginia. The depth of the opioid epidemic has only deepened. Bishop Malesic was one of the first bishops who was willing to speak his mind about it.

On July 12, 2019, Bishop Malesic wrote a compelling letter on the immigration stranglehold and its inhumane consequences to the two U.S. Senators elected by the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to the various members of Congress representing districts in the Greensburg Diocese, and President Trump. Let me quote some excerpts from his letter:

I sometimes wonder what the Diocese of Greensburg would look like today if the doors had been locked to impoverished and persecuted immigrants who came to the United States at the turn of the 20th century looking for safety and a better way of life. Italian, Polish, Slovak, German, and Irish parishes were formed to help them feel welcomed and assimilated into the American experience. Their arrival and unfettered settlement in and around Southwestern Pennsylvania are the very foundation of the wide variety of cultures and ethnic flavors that have given vibrancy and life to our Western Pennsylvania Communities for well over 100 years.

In the Diocese of Greensburg, we still rely upon adequate immigration laws to allow us to do the work of the Church and keep it alive and well. Today, nearly a third of our pastors or parochial vicars are missionary priests from the Philippines and other countries. Their work is invaluable to the ministries of the 78 parishes in Westmoreland, Indiana, Fayette, and Armstrong Counties providing spiritual support to nearly 140,000 Catholics. We have excellent relations with the United States Immigration Department, but the bureaucratic red tape is often so thick that each successful working visa for a priest who has guaranteed work here manages to put a significant strain on the resources of two Diocesan departments for months. Often the delays caused by our inefficient system of immigration prevents us from serving the needs of our parishes as best we can with the help of these international priests. With that being said, the inconveniences to us are nothing compared with the terror that many poor and vulnerable children and families face when they approach our borders from the south.

Later in the letter Bishop Malesic quoted President Franklin Delano Roosevelt who said the following in 1940: *"Human kindness have never weakened the stamina or softened the fiber of a free people. A nation does not have to be cruel in order to be tough. The vigorous expression of our American community spirit is truly important. The ancient injunction to love thy neighbor as thyself is still the force that animates our faith—a faith that we are determined shall live and conquer in a world poisoned by hatred and ravaged by war."*

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What have I prayed for persistently in the past? Am I receptive when I am asked for something persistently?

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 (August 2) will begin in the Church following the 7:30 p.m. Mass until 9:00 p.m.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Next weekend the Archdiocese of Washington will take up a collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Funds for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development support organizations, both locally and in other parts of the country, that serve the poor and disenfranchised. Please give generously to the combined Catholic Communications and Human Development collection as a way that you can participate in these two important outreach ministries of the Church.



AUGUST 2019 LUNCH – The St. Francis Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, August 7 at 12:00 Noon at the Red Lobster, 15700 Shady Grove Road, Gaithersburg 20877, (301) 840-0380.

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

SUMMER IN THE CITY FOOD DRIVE DONATIONS DUE THIS WEEKEND

Please return your grocery bag with suggested food items for the Summer in the City Food Drive by 6 pm Sunday, July 28, in the Gathering Space. Thanks for your generosity in supporting Catholic food pantries in need in Washington DC!

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

Bishop Malesic closes his letter by asking the two Senators from Pennsylvania to protect the vulnerable, to welcome the stranger, to secure our borders, to tend to the needs of immigrant children and families no matter their home or origin, and to welcome those from dangerous and impoverished countries who have risked life and limb in the hopes of finding the particular brand of American hospitality and care that sets us apart from other nations, and finally, to work as hard as they can to create and support legislation that releases the unnecessary stranglehold on immigration to the United States.

Until next week,
Fr. John



*****SAVE on registration fees by returning your registration form by August 1 *****

See Page 5 - "Religious Education News" for class days, times and details.

JOIN US FOR THE SECOND BRAINSTORMING SESSION COMMEMORATING THE PARISH'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

If you were unable to attend the first Brainstorming Session for our parish's 50th Anniversary Celebration in 2022, then it's not too late to join us for the second! On Monday, Aug. 12, join parishioners in the Rectory's Assisi Room at 7:30 pm to continue our discussion on ways to commemorate St. Francis of Assisi Parish's Golden Anniversary on June 1, 2022.

A few of the ideas that were discussed at the first meeting July 15 included:

- Mass recognizing the founding parishioners and former pastors, parochial vicars and deacons who have served at St. Francis of Assisi
- Parish wide Day(s) of Service
- Dance where we dress up like it's 1972!

For more information, please contact the Parish Pastoral Council at asktheppc@gmail.com.

FATHER RALPH'S TREE

Thank you to everyone who donated to Father Ralph's tree. The tree people have suggested that we plant it in the Fall - not during these hot summer days. We will plant the tree after Labor Day but definitely before his second anniversary, October 12.

July 28, 2019

LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING Lamb of God Prayer Group will **NOT** meet on Tuesday, July 30 and Tuesday, August 6. For details, please call Louise, (301) 977-5217.

POOR BOX DONATION – The donations for next weekend 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).

ROSARY PRAYED IN SPANISH IN THE CHURCH

The Spanish Ministry prays the Rosary in Spanish at 6:30 pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month in the church. Please join us. For more information about the Spanish Ministry, please contact Will Garcia at wagarcia@comcast.net or Lourdes Garcia at legarcia@comcast.net

ON AUGUST 4, JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR PEACE AT THE PEACE POLE

On August 4, the St. Francis of Assisi Pax Christi Ministry invites you to pray at the Peace Pole after the 8 am, 9:30 am and 11:15 am Masses to offer a short prayer and receive a gift. The date falls two days before August 6, the 74th anniversary of the bombing of the Japanese city of Hiroshima. *Let's pray for peace!*

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CATHOLICISM AND ITS TEACHINGS? RCIA MAY BE FOR YOU.

Did you know that the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which adults become Catholic?

If you can answer "yes" to any of these questions, then RCIA may be the place for you.

- *Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?*
- *Are you unbaptized but recognize a need for spirituality in your life?*
- *Were you baptized Catholic or baptized into another denomination but never received any formal religious education?*
- *Are you married to a Catholic and attend Mass, but just don't know what the next step is to become one of the Catholic faithful?*

Every year adults are welcomed and supported by the entire Catholic community through RCIA. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings you to Jesus Christ who is our Lord and Savior.

Classes will begin in mid-September. For more information, we invite you to e-mail Director of Faith Formation and Social Concerns Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org. or call him at (301) 840-1407. There is no obligation, just information.

HELPING OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS WITHOUT HOMES

After St. Francis of Assisi Parish donated \$250 to the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless through the Parish Outreach Fund, we received a thank you from Donor Relationship Manager Derek Longbrake, saying, "Thank you for your ongoing support for Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless (MCCH). You have been a part of helping **the number of those experiencing homelessness in the county decrease by 23 percent this year to 647 from 840 in 2018.** Your support will help continue the momentum that we have toward ending the experience of homelessness for our neighbors." Thank you for supporting this important program helping our brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. For more information on MCCH, visit www.mcch.net.

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- 1) Go to sfadw.formed.org
- 2) Click "Register" and enter your name, email address, and desired password
- 3) You're all ready to access the inspiring and Engaging content on FORMED!
- 4) Enjoy and share with others in our local community!

FORMED is available 24/7 for you to grow in your faith. St. Francis has purchased this gift for parish use.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS/EVENTS

REGISTER NOW FOR 2019-2020 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Return your completed form by August 1 to receive \$25 discount off total registration.

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

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 are 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 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.

As we prepare for next year's Religious Education program, please consider whether you can serve as a catechist for our children and young people. If you would like to learn more about this important ministry, please contact Susan Anderson, Director of Religious Education, at 301-258-9193.

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.

Look for Ways to Serve in the Column to the Right.....

YOUR OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTION

Just a reminder that we do not record loose checks from the weekly collection. In order for us to track your contribution and send you a statement at the end of the year, it is suggested that you sign up for envelopes or Faith Direct. To sign up for envelopes you can call the Parish Office, (301) 840-1407. To sign up for electronic contributions visit www.faithdirect.net. The code for St. Francis is MD110. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS/EVENTS

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY

Watch for Upcoming Youth Events

Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School

We are...St. Jude

www.StJudeRockville.org

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 Program 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 and click on Online Student Registration. If you wish to visit us during the summer, our hours are 9-1 Monday through Thursday.

HELP US BUILD THE NEW FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN MINISTRY

Does your family include a child who's five years old or younger? If so, would you like to meet other families in a similar station of life? Consider joining the new Families with Young Children Ministry, which will primarily serve families whose children are not yet old enough to participate in our Religious Education Program. Families with at least one preschool-aged child and older siblings are also welcome to participate.

To get a better idea of what families with young children would like to do as activities, parents are invited to fill out an online survey to learn more about the needs of these families. The survey can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6RN75T6> or you may pick up a flyer at the Information Desk with a QR Code providing you access to the instrument. The survey will close on Friday, August 9, so please take it soon.

For more information, please contact Ministry Coordinators Matthew and Casey Peresin at mattperesin@gmail.com or casey.peresin@gmail.com.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (continued)

Ways to Serve

The entire parish community shares responsibility for faith formation and the support of many volunteers makes our programs successful. There are a variety of ways to serve, including weekly, monthly, and "as needed" commitments:

- Catechist
- Classroom Aide
- Art Team Catechist
- Substitute
- Support for Service Projects
- Help with Sacramental Celebrations & Special Events

Please consider supporting our Religious Education program as a volunteer! To learn more about this important ministry, please call the Religious Education Office at 301-258-9193.

JULY @ ST. FRANCIS

27-28 Summer in the City Food Bag
Returns (GS)

AUGUST @ ST. FRANCIS

1	Alanon (Lib)	7:00 pm
	CL (SC)	8:00 pm
2	First Friday Mass followed by Adoration	7:30 pm
3	Men's Group (YR)	9:00 am
	Haiti Coffee Sales	
4	Haiti Coffee Sales	
	Youth Movie Night (YR)	6:00 pm
6	Spanish Rosary (CH)	6:30 pm
7	Baptism Prep Class (AR)	7:30 pm
8	Alanon (Lib)	7:00 pm
	St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (YR)	7:00 pm
	CL (SC)	8:00 pm
10	Men's Group (YR)	9:00 am
	Blood Pressure Screening (SC)	
11	Blood Pressure Screening AM only (SC)	
12	Pax Christi (YR)	7:30 pm
	2022 Anniversary Mtg (AR)	7:30 pm
14	<i>Vigil Mass for Assumption Holy Day</i>	<i>7:30 pm</i>
	Martha & Mary (YR)	7:30 pm
15	<i>Assumption Holy Day Masses</i>	
	<i>9/12/7:30 pm</i>	
	Parish Offices Closed	
	Gaithersburg Soup Kitchen	3:30 pm
	Alanon (Lib)	7:00 pm
	CL (SC)	8:00 pm
17	Men's Group (YR)	9:00 am
18	Youth Movie Night (YR)	6:00 pm
20	Spanish Rosary (CH)	6:30 pm
22	Alanon (Lib)	7:00 pm
	St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (YR)	7:00 pm
	CL (SC)	8:00 pm
24	Men's Group (YR)	9:00 am
25	RE Registration after Morning Masses	
26	Liturgy Meeting (AR)	7:30 pm
28	Martha & Mary (YR)	7:30 pm
29	Alanon (Lib)	7:00 pm
	CL (SC)	8:00 pm
31	Men's Group (YR)	9:00 am

GIVE THE GIFT OF SERVICE

Catholic Charities DC encourages you to give back by taking advantage of a variety of volunteer opportunities available in Washington, DC and southern Maryland. For more information on volunteering with Catholic Charities, or to register to volunteer, visit catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer.

SUMMER VACATION MASS TIMES

While traveling this summer, don't forget to visit www.masstimes.org for Mass times and locations across the country.

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!

PART-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS (IVC)

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) DC / Metro Maryland regional office is seeking a part-time **Program Associate** to provide recruiting assistance and a strategic recruitment plan to the Director. The Program Associate will be primarily responsible for helping to grow the IVC in strategic geographical areas of Washington, DC and its surrounding suburbs in the Archdiocese of Washington. This home-based position is **20 hours per week**, with flexible hours. A communications/public relations and/or marketing background is preferred, driver's license and use of personal vehicle is required and Spanish fluency is a plus. **Start date is mid to late August.** Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. To apply, send a letter of interest and resume to: Mike Goggin, Ignatian Volunteer Corps, DC / Metro Maryland Director, 19 I Street NW, Washington, DC 20001 or e-mail mgoggin@ivcusa.org.

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.

MARRIAGE HELP – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the September program beginning with a weekend on 30 August - 1 September 2019 call (443) 400-7017, or email: 3015@retrouvaille.org or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org

SHADY GROVE PREGNANCY CENTER SAVING LIVES - SUPPORTING FAMILIES

Want to help women walk through their decision making process about their pregnancy? Become a volunteer counselor at the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center. Training will be provided and consists of 5 classes and begins in early August. Specific dates and times to be determined. Call Kathleen Garcia, Executive Director, 301-963-6223 for more information.

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.