

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

August 5 - August 11

Monday, 8/5	900 a.m.	George S. Wilson
Tuesday, 8/6	9:00 a.m.	Paul Yeast
Wednesday, 8/7	9:00 a.m.	Catherine C. Dillon
	7:30 p.m.	Peggy Layer
Thursday, 8/8	9:00 a.m.	Barbara Lynn Beall
Friday, 8/9	9:00 a.m.	John Coady Dillon, Sr.
Saturday, 8/10	9:00 a.m.	James Bussard, Jr.
	5:00 p.m.	Pat Hunt
Sunday, 8/11	8:00 a.m.	Lee Beng
	9:30 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Genovese Family
	11:15 a.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
	5:00 p.m.	Michael Dwyer

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Flavie Mirand, mother of Marie Alice Luc, Linda Lancon, wife of Henry Lancon.

Please pray for the sick... William Komlo, Lynn Gardner, Gus & Lisa Tseronis, 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 August 4, 2019

Sunday:	Ecc 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
Monday:	Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36
Wednesday:	Nm 13:1-2, 25--14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23
Friday:	Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21 [12a]/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday:	2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
Next Sunday:	Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 /Lk 12:32-48

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

On Tuesday, July 23, 2019, the Holy See announced that the Most Reverend Mark E. Brennan, an auxiliary bishop in Baltimore, had been named the ninth bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, West Virginia. Bishop Brennan is well known to many in the parish, particularly since he was the Pastor of St. Martin of Tours Parish in Gaithersburg, when he was named to be an auxiliary bishop in Baltimore. He will be installed as Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston on August 22, 2019. I have actually known Bishop Brennan since his first assignment as the Associate Pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Potomac. Father Brennan was the Vocation Director and Director of Seminarians when I was accepted as a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Washington. A new Vocation Director and Director of Seminarians was named shortly after I was ordained to the priesthood. Father Brennan had served in that role for ten years. I hope that my ordination class was not the straw that broke the camel's back! When I was appointed Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi in July 2013, he was one of the first to call me to congratulate me and welcome me to the neighborhood. I am delighted that he is going to be the next bishop of Wheeling-Charleston. I have always known him to be humble and prayerful man.

Others agree with that sentiment. Sean Caine, spokesman for the Archdiocese of Baltimore remarked recently that Bishop Brennan is a very down-to-earth person who drives a Ford Focus. Mr. Caine believes that the people in West Virginia are going to appreciate his humble demeanor and his very simple way of life.

John Carr, the founder and director of the Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life at Georgetown University, thinks that Bishop Brennan will be the antithesis of his predecessor. He went to add that Bishop Brennan is what the people of the Diocese of Wheeling Charleston need because he is someone who cares about people and not about things. Mr. Carr also believes that since Bishop Brennan is already seventy-two, it seems like his appointment is one to try to heal and set things right over the next few years.

Father Ray Kemp, a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Washington, also said that Bishop Brennan is the polar opposite of his predecessor. Father Kemp said that he knows Bishop Brennan to be a holy priest who loves the poor and those living in the margins. He is sincere and honest to a fault.

At a Press Conference in Wheeling when Bishop Brennan was introduced to the diocese in which he will soon serve as their ninth ordinary, he said the following:

"Will we have to deal with the past? Yes, but I need to get to know the people in the present and determine what we can do well and what we can do better to move into the future. As far as I can, with God's help, I want to bring healing to the souls of those who have been affected."

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Am I in control of my possessions or are they controlling me? What is the biggest obstacle that I need to overcome to become generous with all that I have?

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Times:

Wednesday, August 14

Vigil Mass: 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 15

9:00 a.m.

12:00 Noon

7:30 p.m.

Parish Offices will also be closed for the Holy Day.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

Bishop Brennan will need to bring healing to the people in multiple ways. In addition to being a shepherd to the people after the ordeals that they have suffered under his predecessor, there is also the opioid crisis in West Virginia. West Virginia leads the nation in drug overdose death rates. The average in West Virginia in these death rates is 57.8 deaths per 100,000 residents. That is nearly three times the national average of 21.7 deaths per 100,000 residents. Bishop Brennan will no doubt continue to support the work of Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to help those who have been impacted by drug addiction. I feel confident from what I have seen him do as Pastor of St. Martin's in Gaithersburg that he will continue the discussions with the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources that had been going on under Archbishop Lori as the Apostolic Administrator. I feel certain that he will also continue the work with the ecumenical partners of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston through the council of churches to determine how the diocese can further help the statewide effort to address the root causes and impact of drug addiction throughout West Virginia.

Bishop Brennan has much work cut out for him in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. I do ask you to join me in praying for him that God will prosper the work of his hands.

Until next week,

Fr. John

WELCOME to the Family of Christ!

The following individuals and their families recently joined our St. Francis faith community during the month of July:

Michael Adekunle & Malia Mayson-Adekunle
Kristine Chatterjie
Ifediorah Chukwumobi
Stephanie Esguerra & Dmitry Dagunts
Didier & Balkissa Jacobs
Epe & Siena Pacantara
Robert Sieradzinski
Andrew & Heather Stein
Nathan & Hannah Stevenson

The following children were baptized during the month of July:

Matthias Tuan Wleh Adekunle
Mateo Joaquin Rosal



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

COME HELP US BRAINSTORM THE PARISH'S GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN 2022!

If you missed the first Brainstorming Session for the parish's 50th anniversary celebration in 2022, then it's not too late to join us for the second. On Monday, August 12, come gather at 7:30 pm in the Rectory's Assisi Room to further discuss ideas on how to mark our parish's Golden Anniversary. We'll review some of the ideas discussed on July 15 and may break out into subcommittees to start initial planning. Walk-ins are welcome! For more information, please contact the Parish Pastoral Council – which is convening the meeting – at asktheppc@gmail.com.

August 4, 2019

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

POOR BOX DONATION – The donations for next weekend will go to the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center. *Thank you for your generosity.*

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRAYER CHAIN If you have a prayer request, please contact Marianne Bullen, (301) 963-3420 or mariannebu@comcast.net with your requests.

ROSARY FOR PRIESTS

Every Wednesday evening at 6:45 p.m. we pray the rosary for our priests before the 7:30 p.m. Mass.

HOLY HOUR FOR THE DYING

On Thursday evenings in the St. Clare's Chapel in the Rectory, a prayer group meets at 7:00 p.m. to pray for the dying. This is a Holy Hour Devotion for the Dying. As a central work of our Catholic faith, we are called to pray for the dying, especially for those who may die suddenly, unprepared to face God. For additional information, please call the Parish Office, (301) 840-1407.

ROSARY CENACLE OF OUR LADY, QUEEN OF PEACE Cenacle of Our Lady, Queen of Peace to pray for priests and vocations, 2:00 p.m. in the St. Clare's Chapel (Rectory) every Sunday. Please join us.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - COUNCIL 2323

The Knights of Columbus are looking for new, transferring or readmitted members to share in their Charity, Fraternity, Unity and Patriotism activities. Council 2323 supports many St. Francis activities and has many social events. The KofC offers life and long term care insurance opportunities as well as annuities. A new opportunity: join as an Online Member for \$30 per year; go to www.kofc.org and click on "Join Us". If you wish you can join the Council later. If interested in learning more, contact Gary Palmer (301-948-6494 or email gtdbpalmer@verizon.net).

COME PRAY IN SPANISH ON THE FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS OF THE MONTH

The Spanish Ministry invites everyone to pray the Rosary in Spanish at 6:30 pm Tuesday, August 6, in the church. Anyone is welcome to come practice your Spanish and learn our prayers alongside native Spanish speakers. We hope to see you! For more information, please contact Deacon Will and Lourdes Garcia at wagarcia@comcast.net or legarcia@comcast.net.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Next weekend Blood Pressure Screening will take place in the St. Clare Room following the Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass and the Sunday Morning Masses. This service is offered by St. Francis of Assisi Health Ministry volunteers.

RCIA MAY BE FOR YOU, BUT IS OFFERED BY ALL OF US

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for:

- People desiring to become Catholic
- Adult Catholics seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation
- Non-Catholics wanting information about the Catholic faith

RCIA may be for you, but we are all called to witness to people exploring our faith. Please consider volunteering for the RCIA team or just be welcoming to people who are seeking information on Catholicism.

For more information about RCIA or to join the RCIA team, please contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.



TAKE THE FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN SURVEY BY AUGUST 9

Parents of young children, are you interested in meeting families with similarly-aged kids who are trying to learn and grow in their Catholic faith? If so, then we want to hear your input on our parish's new Families with Young Children Ministry. Parents are asked to take an online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6RN75T6> that will help inform the mission of the new ministry, which primarily serves St. Francis families with children five and younger. Families with children in this age group with older siblings are also welcomed to participate in the ministry. For more information, please contact Ministry Coordinators Matt and Casey Perisin at mattperisin@gmail.com or casey.perisin@gmail.com.

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.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION

This 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.

SUMMER VACATION MASS TIMES

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS/EVENTS

REGISTER NOW FOR 2019-2020 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Please help us prepare well for this year's Religious Education classes by returning your registration form as soon as possible!

Registration fees can be paid at a later date. Even if you're still working out details of your family's schedule, please return a registration form now, marking your best guess for session time with a note that this is subject to change.

Find registration forms on the parish web site (www.sfadw.org), in the Church Gathering Space, and in the Parish Office. Classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Completed forms can be mailed, or dropped off in person at the Rectory Office (Monday-Friday, 8 am-4 pm).

Classes begin September 15, 16 and 17. Calendars are posted to the parish website, and will be mailed in early September to all who have registered.

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 our curriculum 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.

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.

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:

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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 YOUR MARRIAGE

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. 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

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!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (continued)

Ways to Serve (continued)

- 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.

AUGUST @ ST. FRANCIS

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)	
	Haiti Coffee Sales (GS)	
11	Blood Pressure Screening AM only (SC)	
	Haiti Coffee Sales (GS)	
12	Pax Christi (YR)	7:30 pm
	2022 Anniversary Mtg (AR)	7:30 pm
14	<i>Vigil Mass for Assumption Holy Day</i>	7:30 pm
	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
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)	7:00 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

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.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR

Want to make a difference? Join the staff of the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center as Community Outreach Coordinator. This position builds strong partnerships to support the life-saving mission of SGPC in helping women in need, saving lives and supporting families. Position requires experience in developing and maintaining fundraising projects, public relations and community involvement. The Community Outreach Coordinator is paid, part-time, 3 days a week. Interested? Contact Maggie Downing, 301-963-6223 or email execdirector@pregnancy-options.org.

URGENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Help 'em Smile

Join the Mid-Maryland Dental Mission of Mercy and Health Equity Festival. Help provide 1,000 uninsured people experiencing dental calamity with \$2M worth of emergency treatment. Dental and medical professionals and patient support volunteers, at least 18 years old, are needed to volunteer. Event is September 12-14, 2019 @ University of Maryland Xfinity Center, College Park, MD. To get additional information and sign up please visit: www.CatholicCharitiesDC.org/MOM

Resume Review & Interview Practice Volunteers

Catholic Charities is seeking skilled volunteers (21 or older) to spend time working with the adult students in our *Bank Teller Certification Program* to review their professional resumes in preparation for job interviews. The resume writing workshop and interview practice will take place at the Spanish Catholic Center in Columbia Heights (1618 Monroe St NW, Washington, DC 20010). To get additional information and sign up please visit: <https://bit.ly/2Y1UPSp>.

Job Readiness with TRP

Volunteer with TRP, Transitional Rehabilitation Program, to work with residents to create resumes, practice interviews, and develop computer skills. Volunteers provide a needed service to help the TRP residents prepare for life after the program. Volunteers must be at least 21 years of age and have at least one year of professional work experience to participate. This opportunity takes place at the 801 East Men's Shelter located at 2700 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE, Washington DC 20032. Get additional information and sign up please visit: <https://bit.ly/2M0ajnk>.

Domestic Violence Speaker's Bureau

Professionals sought to educate Catholic groups about the effects of domestic violence in parish families, steps parishes can take to help, and resources available. Volunteers will assist Catholic Charities staff to present workshops and presentations how parish leaders can recognize domestic violence and respond compassionately. Training and materials provided. English, French and Spanish speakers sought. Volunteers must have previous professional experience working with survivors. Office in Lanham, MD. Speaking opportunities in each county. Get additional information and sign up contact Laura.Yeomans@CC-DC.org.

Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) Volunteer (Seasonal)

A volunteer is needed to work directly with people seeking assistance with ERAP. The ERAP volunteer will help interview them about their needs, review their application for funding, and enter their applications into the online database. Volunteers will also talk with people to identify and address case management goals, including participating in other programs of Catholic Charities. This is a seasonal opportunity, from August to September. This opportunity is at the Southeast Family Center (Next to Nativity Catholic Church), 2812 Pennsylvania Ave SE, Washington, DC 20020. Get additional information and sign up please visit: <https://bit.ly/2JFjVm>.