

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

August 19 - August 25

Monday, 8/19	900 a.m.	Marie Galvin
Tuesday, 8/20	9:00 a.m.	Marie & James Galvin
Wednesday, 8/21	9:00 a.m.	Peggy Layer
	7:30 p.m.	Patricia Stehle Artman
Thursday, 8/22	9:00 a.m.	Peggy Layer
Friday, 8/23	9:00 a.m.	Peggy Layer
Saturday, 8/24	9:00 a.m.	Ann McDonald
	5:00 p.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
Sunday, 8/25	8:00 a.m.	Joan Kapcoe
	9:30 a.m.	Anastacia Meneses
	11:15 a.m.	Tom Krafchik
	5:00 p.m.	Alexander O'Connor

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Wassler, sister-in-law of Mary O'Sullivan.

Please pray for the sick... Leeann Parnell, William Komlo, Lynn Gardner, Gus & Lisa Tseronis, Tom Breece, 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 August 18, 2019

Sunday:	Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/ Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
Monday:	Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/ Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8- 9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/ Jn 1:45-51
Next Sunday:	Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2, [Mk 16:15]/ Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

I received a text message from my sister recently. Her younger daughter (my niece) was visiting some of the great old cities of the former Austro-Hungarian Empire. When my niece was in Prague, she went on a tour of the Jewish Quarter. She was amazed that the Jewish Quarter was so well preserved. The tour guide told that this was owing to a very morbid reason. The Nazis left it preserved because they planned to keep it as a museum to an extinct race once they had successfully killed all Jewish men, women, and children. It was a horrible reminder to me of what awful things could happen owing to racial hatred.

On August 8, 2019, Bishops from three committees at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) expressed deep concern about racism and xenophobia has apparently motivated the massacre in El Paso and that have motivated numerous other mass shootings in the United States. The Chairmen called on our elected officials to exert leadership in seeking to heal the wounds that these shootings have caused and to deal with the scourges of racism, xenophobia, and religious bigotry, including refraining from hurtful, painful, and divisive rhetoric that dehumanizes and polarizes people on the basis of their race, religion, ethnicity, or national origin.

Bishop Joe S. Vásquez of Austin, chairman of the Committee on Migration, Bishop Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of Venice, FL, chairman of the Committee on Domestic Social Development, and Bishop Sheldon J. Fabre, Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux, chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism made the following remarks:

“The tragic loss of life of 22 people this weekend in El Paso demonstrates that hate-filled rhetoric and ideas can become the motivation for some to commit acts of violence. The anti-immigrant, anti-refugee, anti-Muslim, and anti-Semitic sentiments that have been publicly proclaimed in our society in recent years have incited hatred in our communities. Hatred and harsh rhetoric were echoed in the El Paso shooter’s explanation about why he had committed the shooting that weekend, as well as being evident in the motivation of the shooters who attacked the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh last year and the Mother Emmanuel AME Church in Charleston, SC, in 2015. We, therefore, renew our call to all to act swiftly to stop using hate-filled language that demeans and divides us and motivates some to such horrific violence. Instead, we ask our leaders and all Americans to work to unite us as a great, diverse, and welcoming people.”

Cardinal Patrick O’Boyle was our first residential Archbishop of Washington. From his long experience in working in Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of New York before being named Archbishop of Washington in 1947, he became a staunch opponent of racism. Once he arrived in Washington he totally integrated the Catholic schools of Washington six years before the U.S. Supreme Court ruled segregation unconstitutional.

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

When have I stood up for what is right? When would I be willing to do so?

ON AUGUST 25, COME TO OUR INFORMATIONAL GATHERING ON BECOMING CATHOLIC

Are you ready to become a full member of our Catholic family? The RCIA Ministry will be hosting an informational gathering for those interested in exploring the Catholic faith at 2 pm Sunday, August 25, in the Rectory. Beginning in mid-September, the RCIA team will host weekly discussions for those interested in delving further into the Catholic faith and possibly becoming Catholic. For more information, please e-mail Director of Social Concerns & Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

In 1964, in the midst of Congressional debate on the Civil Rights Bill, Archbishop O'Boyle chaired the Interreligious Convocation on Civil Rights at Georgetown University. I want to close my column today by quoting three excerpts from his invocation at that event as his words then are still very relevant today:

Lord Almighty, Creator and Ruler of the universe, infinite in power and majesty, Supreme Arbiter of history, you are nonetheless a God of love and mercy. We call you Father and we are your children. Yes, all are your children; every people in every nation—those who revere your Name and those who in the blindness of their hearts refuse to hear your voice.

You have made man in your image. You have made him sacred, because the soul of man is as a spark enkindled by your Holy Spirit. There is in every man a priceless dignity which is your heritage. From this dignity flows the rights of man, and the duty in justice that all must respect and honor these rights...

Guide also the people of this Nation to be responsive to your will. May they face the moral crisis of these days with high principle, seeking to heal, not to wound; to unite, not to divide; to build, not to destroy. Make us one people in spirit, as we are one under your Fatherhood. May we be worthy to be called your children. Forgive us the wrongs we have inflicted on our brothers. Unworthy as we are, we ask that in your mercy you will bless this Nation and its elected leaders and give us your peace, peace within our borders and in our cities, and peace in our dealings with all nations of the world, to the honor of your Holy Name. Amen.

Until next week,
Fr. John

ACCOMPANY JESUS CHRIST DURING EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ON WEDNESDAYS

Every week, St. Francis of Assisi parishioners have the opportunity to meet Jesus Christ anew in Eucharistic Adoration. Please join us in praying with Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament from 9:45 am-7:15 pm every Wednesday in the St. Clare Chapel of the Rectory. In the words of Pope John Paul II during his three-day visit to Ireland in 1979: *"The visit to the Blessed Sacrament is a great treasure of the Catholic faith. It nourishes social love and gives us opportunities for adoration and thanksgiving, for reparation and supplication."*

Prayerful volunteers are called to accompany the Blessed Sacrament for an hour during Eucharistic Adoration. If you would like to sign up to wait with Jesus Christ in the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, please sign up outside the Rectory's St. Clare Chapel on Wednesdays. For more information, call the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407.

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

The Spanish Ministry invites everyone to pray the Rosary in Spanish at 6:30 pm Tuesday, Aug. 20, in the church. Anyone is welcome to come practice your Spanish and learn this universal prayer of our church in Spanish. We hope to see you! For more information, please contact Deacon Will and Lourdes Garcia at wagarcia@comcast.net or legarcia@comcast.net.

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.

August 18, 2019

LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING Lamb of God Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday, August 20 in the St. Clare Chapel.. For details, please call Louise, (301) 977-5217.

POOR BOX DONATION – The donations for next week-end will go to the Prison Ministry Outreach Program. *Thank you for your generosity.*

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



ST. FRANCIS PARISH PICNIC
BLESSING OF ANIMALS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

Mark your calendar and
watch the bulletin for additional details.



BREW CREW

The Café Assisi Brew Crew is still on vacation for the month of August. Look for them to return on September 22. If you are interested in joining the Brew Crew, please contact Sylvia Jones, 301-762-6564 for additional details on how you can help at either the 9:30 or 11:15 a.m. Masses.

GAITHERSBURG MEALS ON WHEELS

Volunteer Drivers Needed: Gaithersburg Meals on Wheels has an urgent need for drivers to deliver hot and cold meals at lunch-time to the elderly and shut-ins in the Gaithersburg area. Meals are prepared at Asbury Methodist Village, 333 Russell Avenue, Gaithersburg and picked up by drivers between 10:30 and 11:15 a.m. Monday-Friday. Containers are provided for carrying the meals, and delivery takes about one hour, with 8-12 clients on each route. Volunteers are asked to drive either once a week, or once every other week. Children are welcome to accompany parents. Training is provided. Please call 301-216-4200 or contact Lisa Koenig at either 301-869-0190 or lisamkoenig1@gmail.com.

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.faidirect.net. The code for St. Francis is MD110. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office.

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.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS/EVENTS

REGISTER NOW FOR 2019-2020 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Religious Education staff will be in the Gathering Space after Masses next Sunday, August 25, to assist with registration and answer questions about classes and opportunities to volunteer. Please stop by!

Return registration forms by September 1 so that we can be ready to welcome your child to class on the first day! 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.

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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 OUR 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 1,000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on August 30th - September 1st, 2019, please visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.com, call (443) 400-7017, or email: 3015@retrouvaille.org

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.

AUGUST @ ST. FRANCIS

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

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!

MUSIC MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Have you ever considered joining a music group, but never took the leap? Come join the **Contemporary Ensemble** and praise the Lord with us in song! Singers and instrumentalists are welcome.

The Contemporary Folk Group leads music at the 11:15 a.m. Mass and practices at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. We are an intergenerational group and welcome people of all ages. Any children interested in joining should be nine years old and older. For more information, e-mail Sue Madison at musikal76@msn.com or call her at (301) 977-6854. You can also contact John Ryan at (301) 977-2690.

Established and interested musicians of all ages are also invited to participate in some of these other music opportunities available at St. Francis:

* **Traditional Choir:** The Traditional Choir sings at the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass beginning in September and rehearses on Thursday evenings. Any one high school age and older is welcome. The ability to read music is *not* a requirement – only a pleasant singing voice and a willingness to learn.

* **Children's Choir:** The Children's Choir rehearse on Tuesdays beginning in October. Children in second grade and up are welcome to participate.

* **Instrumentalists:** Students middle school-aged or older who are actively studying an instrument and would like to occasionally play at Mass are invited to join our group of musicians.

If you are interested in joining the St. Francis Music Ministry in any of these roles, then please contact St. Francis Director of Music Janet Pate at sfadwmusic@gmail.com or at (443) 812-5585.

SAVE THE DATE ST. FRANCIS ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR & FLEA MARKET Saturday, November 9

HOLIDAY BAZAAR CRAFTERS

We will begin making crafts for the 2017 Holiday Bazaar on **Wednesday September 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.** If you enjoy being creative and socializing with fellow parishioners, please plan on attending. Also, projects can be taken home to work on. For additional information, please call the Parish Office, (301) 840-1407.

VENDORS NEEDED

We are looking for vendors to sell their goods at the Bazaar. If you are interested in having a booth at the bazaar, please contact the Parish Office, (301) 840-1407.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

We are looking for silent auction items such as Time Shares, Sports Tickets, Theater Passes, etc. for our Fall Bazaar (November 9). Items donated are a tax write-off! For more information or to make arrangements to donate, please call the Parish Office, Donna, (301) 840-1407.

PLAN A VISIT TO THE FRANCISCAN MONASTERY OF THE HOLY LAND IN DC

The Monastery of the Holy Land invites St. Francis of Assisi parishioners to visit us. We offer daily tours of our church and catacombs and Holy Land shrines. We have beautiful outdoor gardens with replicas of holy sites, including the Lourdes' Grotto. Guided tours of the gardens are available on Saturdays. Self-guided tours are available all other days, weather permitting. We have gardens, wide-open spaces as well as quiet places for prayer. Conference rooms are also available with a donation. We invite you to come experience the Monastery of the Holy Land! The Monastery is open Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Sundays 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The gift shop is open every day but Monday. Confessions are heard Monday – Saturday 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. The Monastery is located at 1400 Quincy Street, Washington DC. Reservations are required for groups larger than 6 and can be made online or by calling 202-526-6800. Please note that there is no required charge for tours. Donations are appreciated.

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.

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.