

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

September 9 - September 15

Monday, 9/9	90:0 a.m.	Mark Peschiera
Tuesday, 9/10	9:00 a.m.	Reverend A. Seamus Kuebler
Wednesday, 9/11	9:00 a.m.	Peggy Layer
	7:30 p.m.	Dulce Lejarde
Thursday, 9/12	9:00 a.m.	Reverend Michael T. Jennings
Friday, 9/13	9:00 a.m.	Laura Ann Worley
Saturday, 9/14	9:00 a.m.	Don Smith
	5:00 p.m.	Richard Hunt
Sunday, 9/15	8:00 a.m.	Magdalena Heinrich
	9:30 a.m.	Bill Farmer
	11:15 a.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
	5:00 p.m.	Alexander O'Connor

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Sister Marcella Missar, SND, Barbara Cox, sister-in-law of Kathy Cornwell, Regina Carelli, sister of Timothy Moses.

Please pray for the sick... Joseph Michael Gardner, Tom Breece, 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 September 8, 2019

Sunday:	Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 [1]/ Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33
Monday:	Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/ Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab [9]/ Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/ Lk 6:27-38
Friday:	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Next Sunday:	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 [Lk 15:18]/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

On Wednesday, August 28, 2019, I received the sad news that Sr. Marcella Marie Missar, SND, who turned 92 on April 7, 2019, had died at the Notre Dame Health Center in Cincinnati, Ohio, on August 9, 2019. Sr. Marcella had been in religious life for seventy-six years. She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews in Philadelphia, Dover, Baltimore, and Colorado. Her obituary notice published on Philly.com on August 13, 2019 mentions that she taught Religion and was head of the Music Department at Notre Dame High School in Moylan, PA. The obituary notice also mentions that she was DRE at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Wilmington, DE and in St. Luke/St. Andrew Parish in Ocean City, MD. Because of a limited amount of space obituary notices often omit details about the life of the deceased. For our purposes, the obituary notice did not mention any of her service to the people of the Archdiocese of Washington. Sr. Marcella served for a time at Our Lady of the Visitation Parish in Darnestown, was DRE at St. Bartholomew Parish in Bethesda, MD, and was a Pastoral Assistant here at St. Francis of Assisi Parish for a number of years about twenty years ago.

I did not have the good fortune to work with Sr. Marcella as she had moved on by the time I became Pastor in 2013. I did have the occasion to mention her passing to a number of parishioners. Here are remarks that I received from various members of the parish.

One parishioner told me the following: "Given that I am not a cradle Catholic and came into the Church as an adult, Sr. Marcella was really my first introduction to nuns. After I came into the Church, I was on a couple of ministries with her, and I always enjoyed our interaction. She served to encourage me in my new Catholic faith and to be active."

Another person said this to me about her: "Everyone seems to regard Marcella similarly...kind and joyful. She was indeed a talented individual who loved many people and embraced the folks wherever she was ministering."

A Sister of Notre Dame with whom I worked in a previous parish told me that she first met Sr. Marcella in the early 1970s at Notre Dame High School in Moylan, PA. My friend told me that she was teaching Religion, General Science, Algebra, and Biology while Sr. Marcella was in charge of the 100 piece full orchestra for the school of 1,600 high school girls! Sr. Marcella also played the piano and the flute. My friend said that Sr. Marcella was an extremely talented musician. I learned from her that Sr. Marcella had a heart disease as a child and lived with this for most of her life. Sr. Marcella went to the Notre Dame Health Care Center with her good friend Sr. Marie-Louise Rossi. Long-time parishioners may also remember Sr. Marie-Louise, who was an Administrative Assistant in the Parish Office in 2003.

The Funeral Mass for Sr. Marcella took place in the chapel of the Notre Dame Health Center in Cincinnati. She was buried in the cemetery that the Notre Dame Sisters have there in Cincinnati. Well done, good and faithful servant! May you, dear Sr. Marcella, rest now from your labors! May you rest in peace!

Until next week,
Fr. John

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How do I need to transform myself to be a true disciple? Who is part of my family?

WELCOME to the Family of Christ!

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

Megan & Craig Campbell
Jennifer & Ramel Custodio
Dinesh & Harshini Fernando
Terrence James
Mary Hmung & Anselm Mang
Marco & Ghatsinne Ann Salcedo
Geoff & Lara Salyer
Matthew & Isabel Small
Thomas & Anna Sundy
M. Dolores Ustrell & Peter Zara

The following children were baptized during the month of August:

Emilia Judith Martinez
Mason Andrew Poinelli
Mateo Eli Sandoval

WELCOME & SERVE

OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS AT THE LORD'S TABLE SOUP KITCHEN

Beginning September 19, St. Francis parishioners are invited to help serve the less fortunate in our community at The Lord's Table soup kitchen, located at Epworth United Methodist Church in Gaithersburg, on the third Thursday of the month. People are needed to serve hot meals to guests, welcome them and make them feel comfortable. Volunteers may be 12 and older, but younger teens should be supervised onsite by an adult. Students who are fulfilling their school Student Service Learning hours are also welcome to minister at the soup kitchen. If you are interested in serving our brothers and sisters at The Lord's Table, please contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.

RCIA BEGINS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

COME AND SEE!

If you or a loved one is interested in exploring Catholicism through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, then please attend the first meeting of the RCIA process to be held Thursday, September 12, in the **Gathering Space**. The discussions will be led by both clergy and lay leaders, serving to answer questions about our faith and helping participants discern whether following Jesus Christ in the Catholic tradition is right for them. There is no obligation – just information. To learn more, contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org or explore <https://www.sfadw.org/explore-our-faith>.

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

HOLIDAY BAZAAR CRAFTERS

We have started making crafts for the 2019 Holiday Bazaar on Wednesdays 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.

FLEA MARKET

Start saving your "stuff". Watch the bulletin for items we will be accepting and drop off dates in early November.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY COLLECTION

This Archdiocesan collection will be taken this weekend. CUA provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students every year. More than 4,000 students, including many from our archdiocese, receive scholarship aid directly from this collection. Please give according to your means.

September 8, 2019

LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING Lamb of God Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday, September 10 in the St. Clare Chapel. For details, please call Pat, (301) 963-9196.

POOR BOX DONATION – The donations for next weekend will go to the Upper Montgomery Assistance Network (UMAN). *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).

KOC CAR RAFFLE

Next weekend, representatives from Montgomery Council 2323 of the Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets for the Maryland State Council's 50th Annual Car Raffle after all Masses. The Grand Prize is a 2020 Ford Mustang or \$18,000 cash option. The tickets are \$1.00 each. Montgomery Council 2323 receives \$.60 for each ticket sold, and the entire proceeds will benefit the Pope John Paul II Seminarians.

TALK ABOUT YOUR FEELINGS AFTER AN ABORTION

Are you emotionally in pain following the experience of an abortion? The archdiocesan Project Rachel Ministry is forming a support group for women who have experienced an abortion. Join *An Experience of Hope* Support Group, which will meet on Tuesday evenings beginning September 17. For more information, please contact Sr. Priscilla at the Project Rachel Ministry at (301) 982-2008 or at ProjectRachel@adw.org. Because of the personal nature of this experience, all contacts are confidential.

SAVE THE DATE!

Fall Ministry Retreat

9:45 am-12:45 pm, Saturday, September 28, in the church. All ministry volunteers are invited to attend a talk on "Living as Missionary Disciples" by Dr. Susan Timoney, associate professor of practice pastoral studies area, at The Catholic University of America. For more information, contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.

St. Francis Feast Day and Parish Picnic

12:30-4:30 pm, Sunday, October 6, in the Parish Center and on the church grounds. Join us in celebrating St. Francis of Assisi's feast day with a potluck lunch, Moon Bounces, outdoor games, balloons, face painting, crafts, ice cream sundae making and the blessing of the animals! For more information, please contact the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407.

Talk on Racism

9:45 am-12:45 pm, Saturday, October 26, in the Parish Center. Former Parochial Vicar Fr. Robert Boxie will return to St. Francis to discuss the topic of racism in contemporary times. The talk marks the second time Fr. Boxie has addressed this societal ill in our country and world at our parish. For more information, contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.

FREE ADULT DENTAL CLINIC

September 12-14, 2019

First Come First Served

Doors open at 7:00 a.m.

UMD Xfinity Center

2001 Paint Branch Drive

College Park MD 20740

Do you have a tooth, gum, or jaw problem, but can't afford a visit to the dentist? Come to the free adult dental clinic to receive state-of-the-art dental care at NO COST! Care will be provided to all adults over the age of 18 on a first come first served basis. Patient dental services include: cleanings, X-rays, restorative fillings and extractions. All dental services are provided by licensed dentists and hygienists. Sponsored by Mid-Maryland Mission of Mercy Partners. For additional information please visit www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/mom.

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- 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

A welcome letter and calendar was mailed to all who have registered and we are looking forward to a great start to this new year!

It's not too late to register! Space is still available in most classes and children are welcome to start classes once registration is received and processed. 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).

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.

Catechesis for Children and Youth with Special Needs

Our parish offers catechetical sessions specifically designed for children and youth with special needs and their families. Our first class meets Sunday, September 22 from 3:30-4:30 pm in the Church Gathering Space. If you would like to learn more about these sessions, or if you are interested in serving as a catechist or aide for children with special needs, please call Susan Anderson, Director of Religious Education, at 301-258-9193.

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

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH, WE NEED YOU!

It's time for the St. Francis Youth Group to meet again! Join Fr. Joe Cwik from 6-8 pm Sunday, September 8, in the Parish Center, for a pizza dinner and discussion on plans for the St. Francis Youth Group in the coming year. For more information, please contact Fr. Joe at jcwik@adw.org.

Catechist Meetings this Week

All meetings will be in the Parish Center:

- **Pre-K/K Catechists:** Sunday, September 8, 11:10-12:15 pm
- **Grade 1-5 Catechists:**
Sunday Session: September 8, 9:20-10:35 am
Monday Session: September 9, 4:45-6:00 pm
- **Grade 6-8 Catechists:**
Monday Session: September 9, 6:45-8:00 pm
Tuesday Session: September 10, 6:45-8:00 pm

Catechetical Sunday Blessing of Catechists at all Masses Saturday, September 14 and Sunday, September 15

Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

When you attend Mass next weekend, all parish catechists and Catholic school teachers will be invited to present themselves for a blessing as part of the Prayer of the Faithful. Please pray for our catechists, our students and all families as together we teach and share the faith this year!

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.

**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!

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

Mother of God School, a vibrant private Catholic school located in Gaithersburg, MD, is in need of substitute teachers for grades PreK – 8. For further information, please contact Alice Garvey at agarvey@mogschool.com or call 301-990-2088 ext. 11.

Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School
We are...St. Jude

www.StJudeRockville.org

<http://www.facebook.com/stjuderockvillemd>

**PLEASE JOIN US IN HONORING ALL THE MILITARY
(ACTIVE/RETIRED AND LIVING/DEAD)**

St. Jude Regional Catholic School
Mass of Celebration
in honor of Fr. Emil Kapaun
Outdoor mass in school parking lot
September 20, 2019 ~ 10:00 am
Rev. Paul D. Lee, STD
Information about Fr. Kapaun:

<https://catholicdioceseofwichita.org/father-kapaun/>

CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL

Saturday, October 19th from 11:00am-1:00pm in the Thaddeus Room. All children ages 2 - 7 are welcome to join us with their parents for free games, activities, prizes and food.

GIRLS ON THE RUN (GRADES 3-5) AND HEART & SOLE (GRADES 6-8) We inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. Season begins: September 24, 2019

St. Jude Regional Catholic School

Meeting days and times: Tuesday & Thursday (3:30pm - 4:45pm)

Registration is opened on the Girls on the Run website at

<http://girlsontherunofmoco.org>

Registration Fee \$160 – Scholarships Available

For more information contact:

Victoria.meredith@stjuderockville.org (Girls on the Run)

barish@mindspring.com (Heart & Sole)

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.

STRONGER MEN'S RETREAT

All men are welcome and encouraged to come to the Saint John Paul II National Shrine for a retreat on Saturday, September 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Stronger is a men's retreat inspired by Saint John Paul II that features rotating topics focused on masculine spirituality. Explore how God calls you to lead as a man of faith, husband, son, and father. Lunch is included with registration. RSVP at strongerretreat.eventbrite.com.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
AT CATHOLIC CEMETERIES**

As part of the Archdiocese of Washington, Catholic cemeteries and family counselors consider it a privileged ministry to assist families in a respectful, professional and ethical way. In his Apostolic Exhortation **Gaudete et Exultate**, Pope Francis writes of the beatitude of those who "*are unafraid to share in the suffering*" and "*know how to mourn with others.*" If you or someone you know in the parish is interested in the work of the Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington, visit the employment opportunities section of the CCAW website: http://ccaw.org/about_employment.html.

**ROSARY & MASS IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF
FATIMA'S APPARITION TO THE CHILDREN**

The World Apostolate of Fatima-Archdiocese of Washington Division invites you to participate in Rosary and Mass celebrated by Msgr. Balbago in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in honor of Our Lady of Fatima's apparition to the children, Friday, September 13 at 1:00pm, 400 Michigan Ave, NE, DC.

NATIONAL TELEPHONE ROSARY

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

EVENINGS WITH MERCIFUL JESUS

On the 22nd of every month from 7-10 pm, the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, DC (3900 Harewood Rd., NE) hosts a gathering for young adults and the young at heart, featuring a talk, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with praise and worship music, Confession, refreshments, and a time for fellowship. Please contact events@jp2shrine.org or visit jp2shrine.org for more information.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
AT THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE
OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Are you looking for an opportunity to grow in your faith and extend that gift to others through your personal witness and service to the Church? We invite you to become a **Docent (Tour Guide) or Tour Desk Receptionist** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Northeast Washington D.C. Hours and days are flexible and training will be provided. Anyone interested should please contact Dee Steel (Director of Visitor Services) via telephone at (202) 526-8300, ext.111, or via email (dsteel@bnsic.org). Thank you for your interest in this special volunteer ministry.