

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

May 20 - May 26

Monday, 5/20	900 a.m.	Bishop William C. Newman
Tuesday, 5/21	9:00 a.m.	John Francis Stehle
Wednesday, 5/22	9:00 a.m.	Catherine Dillon Bullen
	7:30 p.m.	Catherine Dillon Bullen
Thursday, 5/23	9:00 a.m.	Reverend John J. Dillon (L) <i>21st Anniversary Ordination</i>
Friday, 5/24	9:00 a.m.	James Galvin
Saturday, 5/25	9:00 a.m.	Isabel Nichols
	5:00 p.m.	Mary Jane Kelley
Sunday, 5/26	8:00 a.m.	Frank Walsh & Sonia Arce
	9:30 a.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
	11:15 a.m.	George Berard
	5:00 p.m.	Reverend Derek Goerg

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Jo Mattes, wife of Charles Mattes, Krystyna Kazieczko-Kuszek, mother of Adam Kuszek.

Please pray for the sick... Elizabeth & William Manyin, Doreen Dyer, Tanya Jefferson, Sandra Kimball, Dennis Parnell, Ed Dudenhoeffer, Jackie Roebuck King, Jeni Stepanek. (*Names will remain on this list for four consecutive weeks, but can be repeated by calling the Office.*)

Readings for the Week of May 19, 2019

Sunday:	Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 1]/ Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
Monday:	Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/ Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/ Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/ Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/ Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/ Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 [2a]/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/ Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

Cardinal Séan O'Malley, OFM Cap., Archbishop of Boston, is also the President of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors. In his most recent blog Cardinal O'Malley issued a statement to mark the publication of *Vos estis lux mundi*, an Apostolic Letter by Pope Francis on May 7, 2019. After an international summit held in Rome earlier this year, Pope Francis promised that there would be "concrete measures" to respond to the clergy sexual abuse crisis in the Church. Pope Francis and others consider it one means of fulfilling that promise to establish specific mandatory protocols and reporting systems for matters concerning such abuse. I want to present Cardinal O'Malley's remarks posted on the Archdiocese of Boston website on May 10, 2019. There he welcomed the Apostolic Letter. I consider him a very important and trustworthy voice when he comments about the sad and painful issue facing the church in the United States and indeed over all the world.

Following the international summit in Rome this past February, Pope Francis pledged "concrete measures" to respond to the clergy sexual abuse crisis in the United States. *Vos estis lux mundi* is one means of fulfilling that pledge, establishing specific mandatory protocols and reporting mechanisms for matters concerning such abuse.

This document directly addresses needed improvements to the Church's response by requiring all dioceses in every country around the globe, within one year's time, to establish a public, accessible and reliable system for reporting crimes of clergy sexual abuse and any cover up of abuse. It also requires the establishment of new procedural norms for investigating crimes by bishops and supreme moderators of religious institutes, including both allegations of sexual abuse and any cover up by way of actions or omissions intended to conceal information or to interfere with investigations.

These new norms address the sexual abuse of minors and they also expand the definition of the "vulnerable persons" who suffer abuse. But it is also quite significant that *Vos estis lux mundi* includes adults who suffer offenses through violence or intimidation or the abuse of authority. People who suffer abuse from those in positions of authority can include, for example, seminarians and religious.

It is notable and of great importance that the new provisions require that information be given to the victim of an alleged offense regarding investigations and, further, that the Holy Father places particular emphasis on lay persons participating in the investigations.

During the past year it has become far more clear that the people of the Church and our wider society rightfully demand substantive action for disclosure, transparency, and accountability with regard to any occurrence of sexual abuse, or intimidation, or cover up in the life of the Church and that that all Church personnel, regardless of office, be subject to the same policies, procedures and sanctions. *Vos estis lux mundi* is an important and substantive response to that demand. I am grateful to the Holy Father for his recognition of the critical need for these new policies and his action to as best possible assure the protection of all the people we serve throughout the world.

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Am I willing to put others before myself? How can I show this love for my sisters and brothers?

**CONGRATULATIONS FR. JOHN
ON THE 21ST ANNIVERSARY
OF YOUR ORDINATION!
MAY 23, 2019**

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

You can access the text of Cardinal's Séan's blot at: <http://www.cardinalseansblog.com>. You want to look for the May 10, 2019 entry "Celebrating confirmations." The Archdiocese of Washington has prepared a fact sheet of questions and answers regarding Pope Francis's *Motu Proprio Vos estis lux mundi*. I list a couple of the questions and answers in the remainder of this column. I'll go over the rest of the questions in next week's column.

- 1) **What does the new *Motu Proprio* do?** The new *Motu Proprio Vos estis lux mundi* is a significant move forward for the universal Church, one that echoes many of the practices established in the Essential Norms and the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People that have been in force in the United States since 2002. For example it affirms the existing:
 - *Commitment* to provide for the spiritual and emotional well-being of victims/survivors and their families;
 - *Duty* to comply with all applicable civil laws with respect to the reporting of allegations and sexual abuse of minors to civil authorities;
 - *Right* of any person to report such crimes;
 - *Guarantee* of a prompt and objective investigation;
 - *Assurance* of lay involvement.
- 2) The *Motu Proprio* also continues to focus on victims by significantly building upon existing local practices, for example by expanding:
 - The scope of case to include:
 - The sexual abuse of a new classification of "vulnerable persons,"
 - The use of violence or other abuse of power to perform or submit to sexual acts,
 - Any cover up of such conduct by others;
 - Those who are to be reported for such cases, namely, cardinals, bishops, other clerics, religious superiors, and other members of institutes of consecrated life or societies of apostolic life;
 - Reporting obligations to include mandatory, internal reporting;
 - Safeguards against retaliation or discrimination by mandating "whistle-blower" protection.

Until next week,
Fr. John

INSTALLATION MASS FOR ARCHBISHOP GREGORY SET ON TUESDAY, MAY 21

On Tuesday, May 21, Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory will be installed as the seventh Archbishop of Washington during an Installation Mass held at 2 pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC. The Liturgical Procession will begin at 1:30 pm.

There will be sections of the Basilica open to be the public, but these will fill up quickly. Live video of the Installation Mass will also be made available to the parishes, and access to that video link will be disseminated through Facebook and Flocknote. For more information on Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory, please see <https://adw.org/about-us/who-we-are/archbishop-gregory/>.

★ Thank You! ★
THANK YOU!

We would like to thank everyone who came out Saturday to help with the Yard Sale. Whether you donated treasures or volunteered, we could never do it without you. It was a great success and a lot of fun because of YOU! Thank you! *The Yard Sale Committee*

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping Jesus in disguise. Your contributions make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.



BREW CREW SCHEDULE

No coffee and donuts for the month of May (Confirmation Day - May 19). The crew will return on June 16th for the last coffee and donuts until September. They will be taking the summer off for a well-deserved rest.

May 19, 2019

LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING The Lamb of God Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday, May 21. For additional information, please call Louise, (301) 977-5217.

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

PARISHIONERS REHABILITATE A HOME IN ROCKVILLE, PARISH GROUNDS AS PART OF REBUILDING TOGETHER

On April 27, two dozen St. Francis of Assisi parishioners and friends took part in their 16th annual Rebuilding Together National Project Day, helping to rehabilitate a home in Rockville and clean up the parish grounds. Approximately 15 veteran volunteers worked at the home, repairing and repainting the exterior foundation of the house; installing a water drainage system from the gutters; repairing a fence around the yard; repairing and re-hanging sagging kitchen cabinets; repairing bathroom walls and ceiling; caulking and painting bathroom fixtures; cutting and trimming tree limbs; and cleaning the deck, outside table and chairs. An additional nine volunteers lent their talents at the parish grounds, restoring a broken staircase to better-than-new condition; grooming, reconditioning and mulching the Stations of the Cross area; clearing walkways of fallen limbs and hazardous debris; and raking and cleaning up other areas that needed attention. Mike Rogewitz, who has served as the Rebuilding Together House Captain for the past five years, said "When this work is done, it's obvious we are improving the lives of the recipients. The recipients are grateful to the point of tears and it's very gratifying to see what a difference we're making."

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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

SPRING MINISTRY RETREAT INVITED SHARING ON HOW TO DEEPEN ONE'S SPIRITUAL LIFE

Eighteen St. Francis of Assisi ministry leaders gathered May 4 in the Parish Center to discuss ways they could deepen their daily spiritual lives, both as ministry coordinators and as lay Catholics. Tom Stehle, pastoral associate for liturgy and director of music at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, led the discussion which had three goals: to discover ways to enrich participants' spiritual lives, to learn what motivates us in our desire to serve the Body of Christ; and to find ways to share our love of Christ and commitment to spread the good news to others.

The participants shared throughout the session, particularly in discussing the Lectio Divina, a practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase one's knowledge of God's word, and The Daily Examen, a technique of prayerfully reflecting on the day's events to detect God's presence and to discern his direction for us.

Mark your calendars for the Fall Ministry Retreat, which will be held Oct. 12, 2019. Dr. Susan Timoney of Catholic University will reflect with us on Pope Francis' call to evangelization using the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' document, "Living as Missionary Disciples." For more information, contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.

COME TO THE ST. FRANCIS MINISTRY FAIR ON JUNE 8/9!

Have you wanted to get involved in a St. Francis ministry but you're unsure of what's available and what you'd like to do? Join us at the Parish Ministry Fair to be held after all Masses the weekend of June 8/9 in the Gathering Space and church front lawn to find out about the many ministry opportunities in the parish. Some of the ministries that may be represented at the Ministry Fair include:

- Worship ministries, such as the Altar Guild, Altar Servers, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Joyful Greeters and the Liturgy Committee.
- Community Building ministries, such as the Lunch Bunch, the Brew Crew, Family Programs, Neighbor-to-Neighbor Team, Information Desk and Special Events.
- Faith Formation ministries, such as Religious Education, CORE Team and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.
- Social Justice ministries, such as the Spirit Giving Tree, St. Martin's Food Pantry, St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Haiti Committee.
- Administration and Fundraising ministries, such as Clerical and Office Support, Money Counters, Garden Care, Communications and Holiday Bazaar.

Come and see how you can live out your faith in action! Refreshments will be served and families are welcome! For more information, please contact Daniel Koscinski at danielgkoscinski@gmail.com.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS/EVENTS



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We look forward to welcoming Bishop Roy E. Campbell, Jr. for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation today, Sunday, May 19. The Confirmation Mass will begin at 1:30 pm. Please join us in praying for these young people as they are united more firmly with Christ and the Church through the outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR 2019-2020

Register now for next year's Religious Education Program! Our program offerings for children and youth include:

- Pre-school and Kindergarten classes on Sunday mornings, 11:10-12:15 pm (*Preschool classes are for children age 3 or 4 by September 1*)
- Grade 1-5 classes offered at two session times:
Sunday mornings, 9:20-10:35 am
Monday afternoons, 4:45-6:00 pm
- Grade 6, 7, and 8 classes offered at two session times:
Monday evenings, 6:45-8:00 pm
Tuesday evenings, 6:45-8:00 pm
- Grades 9-12 (Youth Group) meet Sunday evenings 6:00-8:00 pm (following the 5 pm Youth Mass)

Since the curriculum of the Religious Education Program is designed to be taught in sequence and each year builds on the content presented in previous years, families should plan for their children to participate in Religious Education classes each year.

Registration forms were mailed home to families with children currently attending RE classes. For those new to our program, and if additional forms are needed, blank forms will be available on the parish web site (www.sfadw.org), in the Gathering Space of the Church, and in the Parish Offices. Completed forms can be returned to RE classes this week, sent in by mail, or dropped off in person at the Rectory Office (Monday-Friday, 8 am-4 pm). Classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Please complete and return the registration forms as soon as possible!

Registering for Sacramental Preparation Sacramental preparation for 1st Reconciliation, 1st Eucharist, Confirmation, and Christian Initiation for Children/Teens (CIC/CIT) is not grade specific and involves preparation in addition to grade level Religious Education classes. At minimum, children are expected to have participated in religious education in the year prior to preparing for a sacrament. *Please note: students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will attend their grade-level Religious Education classes as well as monthly Confirmation sessions.*

Families requesting sacramental preparation for their child are asked to mark their registration form accordingly so that additional information can be provided. Please note that there is a separate materials fee for sacramental preparation programs. More details will be provided at the parent meetings next year. If you have any questions, please call the Religious Education Office at 301-258-9193.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS/EVENTS

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

19 MOVIE NIGHT - (YOUTH ROOM)
26 NO YOUTH GROUP



JUNE 2 END OF YEAR ALOHA PARTY FOR ALL TEENS!

GET SOCIAL

Follow us on Instagram & Twitter @ SFADWYOUTH.

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

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

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

Who: Children age 4 by 6/23/2019 through those who are completing 5th grade June 2019

Where: St. Francis of Assisi Church Parish Center

When: June 24 – 28, 2019 from 9:00 am – 12:15 pm

Cost: \$50 per child

How: Complete the Registration Form found in the Church Gathering Space and on our parish website (sfadw.org/vbc). Return by mail or in person to the Parish Office during business hours (Mon-Fri; 8am – 4pm) with the Registration Fee via Check (or Faith Direct, contact the Parish Office, 301-840-1407 for details.)

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

Please share information about VBC with friends and neighbors.

All are welcome!

YOUNG BLOOD NEEDED FOR UCR 5K WALK & ROLL-A-THON ON JUNE 22

Young adults and young families, are you looking to burn some energy with your friends and loved ones and support a great cause? If so, then join "Team St. Francis" during the Upcounty Community Resources 5K Walk and Roll-a-thon at 4 pm Saturday, June 22, at Bohrer Park in Gaithersburg. Join fellow parishioners Deacon Dan and Georgana Finn, Sylvia and Megan Jones, Maureen and Brent Hanson, Melissa Egan and family, and others in walking for a wonderful cause.

Founded by parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Church and St. Patrick's Catholic Church, UCR is a private, nonprofit organization that promotes the full inclusion of persons with developmental and intellectual differences into every aspect of community life. As the major fundraiser for UCR, the 5K Walk and Roll-a-thon supports the many social, therapeutic, exercise, skills development and respite programs that serve adults primarily in upper Montgomery

If your firm or practice would like to donate to this worthy cause, please consider it. You can register for the walk or make a donation at <https://www.ucresources.org/5k-walk--roll-a-thon.html>; be sure to indicate you are from St. Francis.

Carol Maloney of MASN Sports will be the guest starter. Food trucks, such as Mayorga Coffee, Corn Beef King, and Rita's Ice, will be onsite, as well as chances for a 50/50 raffle. Music will be provided by HOT 99.5. For more information, please contact Deacon Dan Finn at deacondanfinn@gmail.com.

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

ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY MASS ALL SOULS CEMETERY

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

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

AMAZONSMILE ENABLES ST. FRANCIS TO INCREASE FUNDRAISING THROUGH ONLINE SHOPPING

St. Francis parishioners can support our church whenever they're shopping online at Amazon.com. St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church recently became a recipient of AmazonSmile, which enables the church to receive 0.5 percent of the price of eligible AmazonSmile purchases you make. Go to our Home Page to start shopping! For more information, please contact Fr. Jack Berard, jberard@sfadw.org.

Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School *We are...St. Jude* www.StJudeRockville.org

GIRLS ON THE RUN OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY SPRING 5K

Please support our SJRCS Girls on the Run. The GOTR MoCo 5K, an untimed event, will be held on Sunday, May 19th at Westfield Montgomery Mall (8:00am-arrival time / 9:00am-5k start time). Web site: <https://www.girlsontherunofmoco.org/5K-Detail#reg-details>

2018-2019 YEARBOOKS

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

CATCH OUR SPIRIT! REGISTER NOW FOR FALL 2019!

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

UPCOMING EVENT:

June 6 4:00 pm - 8th Grade Graduation

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY 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.

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.