

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

September 23 - September 29

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| Monday, 9/23 | 90:0 a.m. | Alice Guild |
| Tuesday, 9/24 | 9:00 a.m. | Charles O'Connor |
| Wednesday, 9/25 | 9:00 a.m. | Dale R. Hauprich |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Christos Nicholson |
| Thursday, 9/26 | 9:00 a.m. | Sixto Antonio |
| Friday, 9/27 | 9:00 a.m. | Jose Yuson, Jr. |
| Saturday, 9/28 | 9:00 a.m. | Roberta Burr Giblin |
| | 5:00 p.m. | <i>Pro populo</i> |
| Sunday, 9/29 | 8:00 a.m. | William Farmer |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Catalino Banez, Jr. |
| | 11:15 a.m. | Perfecto & Ambrocia Cerbito |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Eva Breeden |

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Lucia McAnallen, mother of Linda Call, Theodore Bowers, father of Beverly Bowers, Deacon Aldredo Hidalgo, Archdiocese of Washington.

Please pray for the sick...Joan Lutz-Maltz, William Komlo, Eddie Lutheran, Patrick Ledger, Joseph Arbaizo, Margaret Weiss, 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 22, 2019

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| Sunday: | Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 [cf. 1a, 7b]/ 1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 |
| Monday: | Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/ Lk 8:16-18 |
| Tuesday: | Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 8:19-21 |
| Wednesday: | Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/ Lk 9:1-6 |
| Thursday: | Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/ Lk 9:7-9 |
| Friday: | Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22 |
| Saturday: | Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12a, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45 |
| Next Sunday: | Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/ 1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31 |

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

On September 13, 2019 Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and Bishop Joe S. Vásquez, Chair of the USCCB Committee on Migration, issued a statement in anticipation of the reported recommendation of Administration officials to the White House that the number of refugee admissions for the next year be fewer than 30,000 refugees. Here is what the statement said:

“Further reductions in the number of refugees allowed to seek freedom in the United States would be wholly counter to our values as a nation of immigrants. America welcomes refugees; that is who we are, that is what we do. Such reductions would undermine America’s leadership role as a global champion and protector of religious freedom and human rights. Beginning with European refugees in the aftermath of World War I, the Catholic Church in the United States has more than a century of experience resettling vulnerable populations to a safer life and one in which they have contributed to the greatness of America. The 3.4 million refugees that America has welcomed since 1975 have paid billions of dollars in taxes, founded companies, earned citizenship, and bought homes at notably high rates.”

“As the Catholic Church prepares to celebrate the World Day of Migrants and Refugees on September 29th, we are reminded of Pope Francis urging us all to work for a ‘globalization of solidarity’ with refugees, not a globalization of indifference’. In light of refugees’ extraordinary contributions to our country, and of the world’s struggle with the greatest forced displacement crisis on record and historic highs in religious persecution, we categorically oppose any further reductions in the refugee resettlement program.”

You may be surprised to know that the Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees since 1914. It is always an occasion to express concern for many different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for the challenges and increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers.

In 2019, the World Day will be celebrated on **September 29th**. Pope Francis has chosen the theme “It is not just about migrants” to show up our blind-spots and make sure no one remains excluded from society, whether a long-time resident or someone newly-arrived.

I want to close my column today by printing here the Prayer for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2019:

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What can I do to serve God over mammon?

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR THE FALL MINISTRY RETREAT ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Don't miss the Fall Ministry Retreat next Saturday, when Dr. Susan Timoney will speak from 9:45 am-12:45 pm on September 28 in the church on the topic of "Living as Missionary Disciples." All St. Francis parishioners who serve in a ministry or as a ministry leader are invited to attend. To RSVP, please contact Director of Adult Faith Formation and Social Concerns Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.

VOLUNTEER TO HELP OUT AT THE PARISH PICNIC SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

There are only two more weeks until the Parish Picnic! Volunteers are needed to help out in the kitchen, assist with outdoor games and staff one of the tables of kids' activities. For more information, contact Special Events Coordinator Sylvia Jones at decaffqueen@gmail.com. Special note to our parish teens: The Youth Group will be organizing some games at the Parish Picnic! Come and serve the parish community with us. Please sign up at our youth group meetings for this Student Service Learning accredited event!

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

Prayer for the World Day of Migrants & Refugees 2019

Lord Jesus, you call us to welcome the members of God's family who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence, and war. Like your disciples, we too are filled with fear and doubt and even suspicion. We build barriers in our hearts and in our minds. Lord Jesus, help us by your grace,

- To banish fear from our hearts, that we may embrace each of your children as our brother and sister;
- To welcome migrants and refugees with joy and generosity, while responding to their needs;
- To realize that you call all people to your holy mountain to learn the ways of peace and justice;
- To share of our abundance as you spread a banquet before us;
- To give witness to your love for all people, as we celebrate the many gifts they bring.

We pray that you protect migrants on their journey, and that [you] give them your divine protection and shield them from evil. We ask that you open our hearts so that we may provide hospitality for those who come in search of refuge, so that we might welcome them as one of our own.

We pray this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. *Amen.*

Until next week,

Fr. John

PASTORAL COUNCIL CANDIDATES NEEDED

If you would like to shape the future of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in a strategic way, then consider running for the Pastoral Council this fall. This all-volunteer body advises Fr. John Dillon, the pastor of our church, on many issues affecting the parish, including facilities, growth plans, and provision of services. Currently, there are six vacancies on the Pastoral Council for the term that starts January 1, 2020. If you are a registered parishioner of St. Francis of Assisi who is 16 years or older, can commit to attend eight to 10 monthly meetings, and are committed to making decisions for the good of the parish, then you are qualified to be a candidate. The Pastoral Council is particularly interested in having young people in their 20s and 30s serve, so they can reflect the interests of young adults and young families in our parish.

The deadline to express interest in running for the Pastoral Council is October 15, 2019. Please contact Pastoral Council Co-Chairman Alicia Church if you are interested in submitting your name as a candidate, at alicia.church@collaborationcouncil.org or churcham@hotmail.com. Interested persons can also call Parish Secretary Donna Zezzo at (301) 840-1407. Elections will take place in November 2019 if we have enough interested candidates.

SAVE THE DATE FOR FR. BOXIE'S TALK ON OCTOBER 26

Former St. Francis of Assisi Parochial Vicar Fr. Robert Boxie will return to St. Francis on Saturday, Oct. 26, to discuss the topic of racism. Join us in the Parish Center for the discussion, which is a follow-up from his inaugural talk on this topic last November. As we hear Fr. Boxie's message on the enduring call to love, we invite parishioners to read the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' pastoral letter on racism, "Open Wide Our Hearts," at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/racism/upload/open-wide-our-hearts.pdf>. For more information about Fr. Boxie's talk, please contact Director of Adult Faith Formation and Social Concerns Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.

LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING Lamb of God Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday, September 24 in the St. Clare Chapel. For details, please call Pat, (301) 963-9196.

POOR BOX DONATION – The donations for next week-end will go to Olney Help. *Thank you for your generosity.*

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

ROSARY FOR PRIESTS

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

HOLY HOUR FOR THE DYING

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

ROSARY CENACLE OF OUR LADY, QUEEN OF PEACE

Cenacle of Our Lady, Queen of Peace to pray for priests and vocations, 2:00 p.m. in the St. Clare’s Chapel (Rectory) every Sunday. Please join us.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - COUNCIL 2323

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

TEXT TO GIVE THROUGH FAITH DIRECT

Make giving easier and bless your church! Simply text “ENROLL” to (301) 804-2584 and follow the link to sign up for recurring giving to St. Francis of Assisi. No more dealing with envelopes or writing checks and a consistent money flow helping to further the ministry of our church. It’s a win-win!"

**PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS
INQUIRING ABOUT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH**

The 10-week Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Inquiry period is underway. Please keep our nine candidates and RCIA team in prayer. For this week’s RCIA topic, “Living the Catholic Life,” Communications Coordinator Melissa Egan will join RCIA Coordinator Tony Bosnick for the presentation. We still need additional team members, so please consider joining us. Contact Tony for more information at abosnick@sfadw.org or call him at (301) 840-1407.

FOLLOWING CHRIST COURSE IS HERE!

Jesus said: "*Come follow me.*" If you have completed the *Discovering Christ* course and want to grow as a Catholic disciple, please register now for the *Following Christ* course. This is your opportunity to build upon what you learned in *Discovering Christ* and prepare yourself to become a missionary disciple. Sessions will begin Friday, October 4, from 7-9 pm in the Rectory. Learn through video presentations, small group discussions, and reconnect with other *Discovering Christ* graduates. Below are the topics and schedule:

2019 Following Christ Topics & Schedule

| Date | Topic |
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| October 4 | Daily Personal Prayer Time |
| October 18 | Hearing God in Scripture |
| November 1 | The Power of the Sacraments |
| November 15 | Forgiving One Another |
| November 22 | The Spirit-Empowered Life |
| November 30 | All-day Retreat |
| December 6 | The Heart of a Disciple & Going on with the Lord |

Registrations will be conducted in the Gathering Space this week-end (Sept.22) after all Sunday Masses. You can also register by sending an e-mail to SFADCHRIST@COMCAST.NET no later than *Wednesday, September 25.*

SMALL GROUP SIGN-UPS START THIS WEEKEND

If you are interested in joining a Small Group at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, please sign up in the Gathering Space today for one of the many opportunities we have to meet friends, grow in our Catholic faith and become disciples of Jesus Christ. St. Francis of Assisi Parish offers a wide-ranging number of small groups that meet at church and in people’s homes to enjoy fellowship, study Scripture and spiritual books, and discuss what the topics mean in our lives as Catholics. Sign-up sheets will be available for small groups, including:

- Gospel of Matthew Small Groups
- Saturday Morning Spiritual Reading Group
- Men of Emmaus
- Martha Mary Group

If you’d like to volunteer as a host or a facilitator for one of the Gospel of Matthew Small Groups, then please contact Director of Adult Faith Formation and Social Concerns Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org or all him at (301) 840-1407. All are welcome

ROSARY PRAYED IN SPANISH IN THE CHURCH

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS/EVENTS



Religious Education classes started last week and we are looking forward to a wonderful year! Space is still available in most classes and children are welcome to start classes once registration is received and processed. Registration forms can be found in the Gathering Space, the Parish Offices, and also on the parish website. Please call the Religious Education Office if need more information: 301-258-9193. **Children must be registered before they can begin classes.**

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 class meets today 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.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS/EVENTS

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth group will meet on the following Sundays following the 5 pm Youth Mass:

SEPTEMBER

22 & 29

OCTOBER

13, 20 & 27

For additional information about Youth Group, please contact Youth Minister, Sarah Seyed-Ali, SFAYOUTH@sfadw.org or 301-948-9167.

Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School

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www.StJudeRockville.org

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

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)

OKTOBERFEST - October 12, 6:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars now and plan to be at St. Jude's for a fun-filled autumn party! Food! Drinks! Games! Football! Remember, Oktoberfest is FOR ADULTS ONLY, so start lining up your sitter. <http://www.stjuderockville.org/Giving/Oktoberfest>.

7TH ANNUAL BULLDOG BOLT

Join us November 9th for our 7th annual Bulldog Bolt--a 5K race or 1K fun run! Registration is now open and sponsorships are available at <https://www.stjuderockville.org/giving/bulldog-bolt-5k-race-fun-run>

Registration fee:

5K \$35 before 10/12, \$40 after 10/12, \$45 onsite

1K Fun Run \$25 before 10/12, \$30 after 10/12, \$35 onsite

THE ACADEMY OF THE HOLY CROSS

There will be a High School Information night for 8th grade parents/guardians on Tuesday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the theater. Useful information will be provided along with the application process, financial aid and scholarships. A Spanish interpreter will be available. The Academy is located at 4920 Strathmore Avenue, Kensington. For additional information please call 301-929-6442.

ST. FRANCIS ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR & FLEA MARKET

Saturday, November 9

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.

JEWELRY DONATIONS

Please drop the jewelry off at the parish office or leave your treasured items in the mailbox on the Rectory porch if the office is closed.

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). For more information or to make arrangements to donate, please call the Parish Office, Donna, (301) 840-1407.

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.

FLEA MARKET

Please start saving your "stuff" and watch the bulletin for drop off days in November and the items we will be accepting.

HELP WITH SEWING PROJECT NEEDED

Do you like to sew? We are in need of someone to sew a one-time project for the Bazaar. We have all the material, etc., we just need someone who can sew. This project can be taken home and brought back before the Bazaar, November 9th. If you are interested in helping, please call Anne Culver, 301-774-6426 or email gaculverfam@msn.com.

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!

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS ARE HERE FOR YOU AFTER A CHILD'S DEATH

If you have suffered the death of a child and need some compassionate support from others who have stood in your shoes, please attend the monthly Compassionate Friends meeting to be held at 7 pm Tuesday, October 1, at Potomac Presbyterian Church, 10301 River Road, Potomac, MD, 20854. If you prefer not to attend a meeting but would like to speak with trusted individuals who share in your pain, then please contact parishioners George and Barbara Beall, who lost their daughter 15 years ago; they are available to listen to you and help you navigate your way through a bewildering experience for which no one can be prepared. Please contact them at (301) 253-8740 or learn more at www.tcfpotomacmd.com.

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40 HOURS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION OCTOBER 6/7/8

St. Patrick's Church, 4101 Norbeck Road, Rockville will begin the 40 hours on Sunday, October 6th with a public procession with the Blessed Sacrament at Manor Country Club at 2:00 p.m. to St. Patrick's (.7 miles from the starting point to St. Patrick's). Adoration/Prayers of Reparation/Healing/Benediction will begin at 2:45 p.m. followed by Evening Prayer/Benediction at 7:30 p.m. On October 7 and 8 there will be all day Adoration following the 9:10 a.m. Mass. Each day will close with Evening Prayer/Benediction at 7:30 p.m. For more information please call 301-924-2284.

BECOME A U.S. CITIZEN CITIZENSHIP APPLICATION WORKSHOP

Free consultation with immigration attorney and assistance with naturalization/citizenship applications. Saturday, October 5, 11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the Gaithersburg Regional Library, 18330 Montgomery Village Avenue, Gaithersburg. Call to register 202-393-3572. All nationalities are welcome!

THE WAY RETREATS FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

As the Church continues to minister to all survivors of abuse, the Archdiocese of Washington is sponsoring a retreat for survivors. The Archdiocese will offer a men's retreat October 11-13, 2019 and a women's retreat November 15-17 and April 3-5, 2020. This retreat is an occasion for survivors to reflect on God's plan for their lives and healing through prayer and the sacraments. For more information go to <https://adw.org/the-way-retreat>. To register email mcdonald@adw.org or call Deborah McDonald, 301-853-4466.

EVER AFTER RETREAT

Ever After is a day retreat for Catholic couples hosted by St. Mary's Catholic Church in Rockville on October 19th, 10-2:30pm. This event is part of an ongoing series committed to the support of dating, engaged, and married couples through spiritual enrichment and community. *Ever After* offers a venue of dynamic speakers, prayer, and the opportunity to connect with Catholic married couples. If you would like to preview the schedule or would like to register please visit CatholicEverAfter.eventbrite.com.