

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

October 21 - October 27

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| Monday, 10/21 | 90:0 a.m. | Joan Raffa |
| Tuesday, 10/22 | 9:00 a.m. | Joan Raffa |
| Wednesday, 10/23 | 9:00 a.m. | Don Smith |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Janus Sieradzinski |
| Thursday, 10/24 | 9:00 a.m. | Pat Hunt |
| Friday, 10/25 | 9:00 a.m. | Robert F. & Belen Ruiz |
| Saturday, 10/26 | 9:00 a.m. | Yvonne Marie Bening |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Karen Simmons |
| Sunday, 10/27 | 8:00 a.m. | Elizabeth Manyin |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Julia Erecitano |
| | 11:15 a.m. | Mary Hartman |
| | 5:00 p.m. | <i>Pro populo</i> |

Please pray for the sick... Sid Tracy, Helen Hillstrom, Barbara Latta, Adele Rita Powers, Zenaida Sierda Sarte, Mary Bowen, Joseph Tychinski, William Komlo, 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 October 20, 2019

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| Sunday: | Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 2]/ Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8 |
| Monday: | Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/ Lk 12:13-21 |
| Tuesday: | Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b- 9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Lk 12:35-38 |
| Wednesday: | Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/ Lk 12:39-48 |
| Thursday: | Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/ Lk 12:49-53 |
| Friday: | Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68b]/Lk 12:54-59 |
| Saturday: | Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/ Lk 13:1-9 |
| Next Sunday: | Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 [7a]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14 |

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

Last Sunday the Church celebrated World Mission Sunday. This celebration goes all the way back to 1926 when Pope Pius XI instituted this commemoration. The first worldwide Mission Sunday collection actually took place in October 1927. Often this collection has been taken up on the next to the last Sunday in October—but this year it was celebrated on the second Sunday of October. The day is celebrated in all local Catholic churches as the feast of catholicity and universal solidarity, so that Christians the world over will recognize their common responsibility with regard to the evangelization of the world.

Not only on World Mission Sunday, but during the whole month of October which has been designated an Extraordinary Missionary Month, we are called to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ and to offer our prayers and generous financial support through the Propagation of the Faith to continue the mission of Jesus. The monies collected during the special collection on World Mission Sunday support priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who are Christ's witnesses to a world in need of His healing, love, and peace. During this Extraordinary Missionary Month I think of our support of our sister parish in Haiti, particularly our support of the Bon Pasteur School there and the medical missions that we help to organize and fund each year there. I think of Fr. Bill Ryan and his work in his parish in Togo. These are missionary experiences with which we have a firsthand encounter.

As part of the celebrations of World Mission Sunday last week in Rome, Pope Francis canonized Blessed John Henry Newman along with that of Sister Mariam Thresia from India, Sister Giuseppina Vannini from Italy, Sister Dulce Lopes Pontes from Brazil, and Marguerite Bays from Switzerland. Here is a little bit about each of them according to a press release from Vatican News.

- Blessed John Henry Newman was one of the most prominent converts to Catholicism from Anglicanism of the 19th century. He was already an esteemed Anglican theologian when he founded the Oxford Movement to return the Church of England to its Anglican roots, before himself converting to the Catholic faith. He was renowned as a brilliant thinker and was made a cardinal by Pope Leo XIII. He died in Birmingham, England in 1890, aged 89, after founding the Birmingham Oratory.
- Sister Mariam Thresia was the founder of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family.
- Sister Giuseppina Vannini was the founder of the Daughters of Saint Camillus.
- Sister Dulce Lopes Pontes was a member of the Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of the Mother of God.
- Marguerite Bays was a Secular Franciscan.

I plan to write several columns over the coming weeks devoted to our most recently canonized saints. As we think about these newly canonized saints who were heroically dedicated to the mission of evangelization both in word and deed, I leave you with the following thought: *May the love for Church's mission, which is a passion for Jesus and a passion for his people "grow ever stronger?"*

Until next week,
Fr. John

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

*What can I do to carry out God's mission in my life?
Will I make time to pray persistently for guidance and support?*

THE BREW CREW WANTS TO SERVE YOU THIS WEEKEND!

The Brew Crew will be serving coffee, doughnuts and juice after the 9:30 am and 11:15 am Masses on Sunday, October 20 in the Gathering Space. Come for some food and fellowship!

BIBLE STUDY ON HOW OUR CATHOLIC FAITH RELATES TO OUR FINANCES

The *Navigating Your Finances God's Way* Bible Study Groups will begin meeting in early November for nine weeks, offering participants God's perspective about money and possessions. The group study consists of reading and answering questions about Bible verses and discussing how these relate to money management in our lives. Participants also do personal financial exercises, which helps them implement Biblical principles in their daily lives.

An orientation session during which members of the two groups will get to know one another and receive their materials is scheduled at 7 pm Tuesday, October 29, for English speakers and 7 pm Friday, November 1, for Spanish speakers; the locations for these meetings will be communicated to participants by Terry Davis and Mario Alvarenga, the two Bible Study Group facilitators. For more information or to sign up, please contact Deacon Dan Finn at deacondanfinn@gmail.com or Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.

2019 FEAST DAY PARISH PICNIC

The Parish Picnic was held on Sunday, October 6. It was a glorious day for a picnic. There were lots of fun activities for all ages including decorating pumpkins, sand art, face painting and balloon sculptures created by Buttons the Clown. Even the animals had a blessed time.

A big thank you to Chris Gonzales, Mike Thomas and Anthony D'Sousa who grilled hamburgers and hotdogs to feed the 300+ people who came to feast. Along with the main course provided by the church, there were desserts and side dishes shared by the parishioners. Thank you to all.

A lot of hard work went into this event which illustrates the heart of the St. Francis Community. A special shout out to Eileen Daleus, Marianne Moore, Rose Hudecheck, Rob and Doreen Dyer, Sharon Koscinski and Mary Polissedjian who came Saturday morning to transform the Parish Center into a Fall Festival. Kudos to Sarah Seyed-Ali and the St. Francis Youth Group who were on station to keep the various games and activities running smoothly. A special thank you goes to Dan Huff who created three games run by the Knights of Columbus to keep the many children amused with money filled balloons, baseball pitching and flying monkeys.

Thank you as well to the servers, cleanup crew and all the other volunteers who made this year's picnic extra special. See you all next year on the first Sunday in October -- **Rain or Shine!**

PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED RACISM SOUGHT TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES

In the November 2018 pastoral letter against racism, *Open Wide Our Hearts*, the Catholic bishops of the United States urge all Catholics to acknowledge "the scourge of racism" that still exists in our hearts, words, actions and institutions. We, at St. Francis, will take up their challenge to understand how we may knowingly, or unknowingly, contribute to this tragic violation of the plan of God for His children. Both the Archdiocese of Baltimore and the Diocese of Richmond are conducting similar sessions on the topic of racism.

We are developing a series of education sessions based on the programs developed by the US Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB), including expert talks and panel discussions by individuals sharing their personal experiences of racism in their lives. The first of these sessions will be the talk by Fr. Robert Boxie III at 9:45 am Saturday, Oct. 26, in the Parish Center; Fr. Boxie will address parishioners on the topic, "Love One Another as I Have Loved You: Reflections on Race and Ethnicity." Subsequent sessions will be in 2020.

We are looking for parishioners who have experienced racism due to their race or ethnicity, either overtly or subtly, and are willing to share their experiences in a future session so we may all learn from their experiences. If you are interested in sharing in a future session, please contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org. For more information about the racism education series, please contact parishioner and Parish Pastoral Council Member Chris King at caking.home@gmail.com.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY/ PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH:

Thank you for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. You may stay connected year-round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of the World Mission Sunday, by visiting MISSIO.org.

FR. RALPH'S TREE

Fr. Ralph's tree has been planted on the side of the church across from the Rectory. It is a Deodar Cedar Tree - also known as a "Living Christmas Tree" which we thought very appropriate given Fr. Ralph's love of Christmas. **Thank you to everyone who donated to the tree.**

October 20, 2019

LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING Lamb of God Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday, October 22 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 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).

SOCK-TOBER

So Others Might Eat (SOME) needs adult socks (new or gently used)!! Please place your donations in the "Sock" Box in the Gathering Space during the month of October.

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.

YOU DON'T DESERVE TO BE ABUSED

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Domestic violence can take different forms, but its purpose is always the same: Abusers want to control their domestic partners through fear. They do this by abusing them physically, sexually, psychologically, verbally and economically. Here are just three of the forms domestic violence can take:

Threats and Intimidation:

- Threatening to harm the victim, the children, family members and pets
- Using physical size to intimidate
- Keeping weapons and threatening to use them
- Shouting

Emotional Withholding:

- Not expressing feelings
- Not giving compliments
- Not paying attention
- Not respecting the victim's feelings, rights and opinions
- Not taking the victim's concerns seriously

Destruction of Property:

- Destroying furniture
- Punching walls
- Throwing or breaking things
- Abusing pets

If you experience any form of abuse, please know that there is help. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline (800) 799-7233. To learn more about domestic violence visit: www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace. If you would like to speak with someone confidentially, please call Fr. John or one of the deacons at (301) 840-1407.

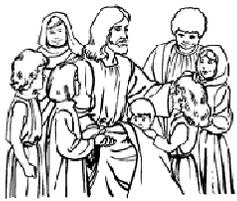
RCIA TEAM SEEKS PARISHIONERS TO BE SPONSORS OF CANDIDATES

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a parish wide commitment to help people wanting to walk with Jesus Christ as Catholics on their journey of faith. RCIA is not intended to be just the work of a few people, but of the whole parish.

We need parishioners to step up and join in this ministry of love. It is God's work, and as such, the Holy Spirit will give you the courage and words to be part of this ministry. As we move into the next phase of RCIA in December, we need parishioners to be sponsors of the Candidates. This involves meeting with the Candidates just about every week (currently) on Thursday evening and to greet them at Mass. It calls us to share our time and talents. Those who have answered the call have found it to be a time of great blessing for them, as well.

Please pray and listen to see if God is asking you to serve Him in this way. If you have questions, contact Tony Bosnick, who is coordinating RCIA this year, or Fr. John. You can reach Tony at (301) 840-1407 or at abosnick@sfadw.org. Contact Fr. John at the same phone number or please speak with him after Mass. *Thank you!*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS/EVENTS



Religious Education classes have started 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.**

NET RETREAT FOR GRADES 6, 7 & 8 OCTOBER 28

Students in 6th, 7th, & 8th grade Religious Education classes will participate in the NET Retreat on Monday, October 28, from 5:00-8:00 pm in the Parish Center. The NET Retreat takes the place of RE classes on October 28 and 29 for 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students (i.e., there are no Tuesday 6:45 RE classes on October 29. These students, and all students who attend the 6:45 Monday classes, are expected to attend the NET Retreat instead.) If you have questions, please call the Religious Education Office, 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

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN, COME TO OUR FIRST PLAYDATE, MASS & PIZZA EVENT

The Families with Young Children Ministry will be meeting for their first social event, “Play date, Mass and Pizza” at 4:15 pm Sunday, October 20, at the playground next to the Parish Center. Families are invited to bring their children under five and their older siblings to play, attend the 5 pm Youth Mass and then gather in Room 6 of the Parish Center for a pizza dinner. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Ministry Coordinators Matt and Casey Perisin at mattperisin@gmail.com or casey.perisin@gmail.com. *Hope to see you there!*

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE ST. FRANCIS YOUTH GROUP

The High School Youth Group meets on selected Sunday nights from 6:15-8 pm, convening in the Gathering Space. Please join us this fall as we learn from Mary, the Mother of God, on how to live the Christian life. All teens who want more are invited to attend a mini course on the Gospel of Mark, which began last Tuesday. Please see below for the dates for this as well as for the following upcoming events:

- Sunday, Oct. 20, from 11 am-6 pm: National Evangelization Team (NET) Retreat (NO Youth Group)
- Tuesday, Oct. 22, from 6:45-8 pm: Mini Course on the Gospel of Mark (Meet in the Gathering Space)
- Sunday, Oct. 27, from 6:15-8 pm: Youth Group Meeting (Meet in the Gathering Space)
- Tuesday, Oct. 29, from 6:45-8 pm: Mini Course on the Gospel of Mark (Meet in the Gathering Space)
- Saturday, Nov. 9: St. Francis of Assisi Fall Bazaar- SSL Opportunity
- November 22-24: Fall Retreat - Location to be announced.

Finally, our service to the wider community during Respect Life Month is to collect donations of baby diapers! If you would like to participate, please start shopping. Thank you for your support of the High School Youth Group! I am looking forward to serving you this fall!

*May God bless you,
Youth Minister Sarah Seyed-Ali*

ACADEMY OF THE HOLY CROSS

Prospective families are invited to attend Open House at The Academy of the Holy Cross on Sunday, November 3 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Mass will be offered at 9:00 am. School tours will be available as well as opportunities to speak with faculty, administration, coaches, board members, parents and alumnae. Information about Financial Aid, Scholarships will be available in addition to our signature programs. Holy Cross is located at 4920 Strathmore Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895. Visit our website at www.academyoftheholycross.org.

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.faithdirect.net. The code for St. Francis is MD110 or text the word ENROLL to 301-804-2584. 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.

ST. FRANCIS ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR & FLEA MARKET

Saturday, November 9

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.

THEME BASKETS FOR SILENT AUCTION

If you would like to make up a theme basket for the Silent Auction, please call the Parish Office to let us know you are donating a special basket. Theme Baskets are always a big hit!

FLEA MARKET

Starting Monday, November 4th you can start dropping off your *Flea Market & Shabby Chic* items in the Youth Room located in the Rectory. You can drop off your items until 7:00 p.m. each evening. **THERE WILL BE NO DROP OFFS TAKEN ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH**. We are looking for household items, toys, pictures, seasonal decorations, CD's, DVD's. **No clothing, shoes, luggage, videotapes or furniture please.** If you have items that you feel belong in Shabby Chic, please indicate so on what you drop off.

GIFT CARDS OR GIFT CERTIFICATES

If you have unused gift cards or gift certificates that you received but know you'll never use, please consider donating them to the Silent Auction. You can drop them off at the Parish Office or put them in the collection basket in an envelope.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteer sign-up sheets will be in the Gathering Space starting next weekend, October 26/27 and the weekend of November 2/3. Any amount of time you can give will be greatly appreciated!

GET YOUR CHAINSAWS READY FOR THE PARISH CHRISTMAS TREE SALE!

Before you know it, our annual Christmas Tree Sale will be here! Volunteers are needed to help sell Christmas trees during the month-long sale that begins the day after Thanksgiving on November 29. Signup sheets will be available in the Gathering Space next month. Teens are also welcomed to volunteer as a way to earn Student Service Learning (SSL) hours! For more information, please contact Ministry Coordinator Brian Pettit at brian-pettit@pettitcompanies.com.

Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School

We are...St. Jude

www.StJudeRockville.org

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

OPEN HOUSE AT ST. JUDE'S - Visit our great school and see how we develop the whole child within a Catholic community of faith and academic excellence, Wednesday, November 13, 9:00 - 11:30 am.

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

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!

90th ANNUAL HAM & TURKEY DINNER

St. Mary's in Barnesville invites all to join in their 90th Annual Ham and Turkey Dinner on Saturday, October 26, 12:00 Noon - 6:30 p.m. Full course dinners served inside are \$16 adults, children 10 and under are free. Carryout is \$16 for all ages. Activities include a craft table, baked goods, cake wheel, Christmas Shop, hay rides, pumpkins, cider and much more. St Mary's is located at 18230 Barnesville Road. For more information call 301-972-8660.

POLKA DINNER-DANCE

Saturday, October 26m, 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., Polish Mass at 4:00 p.m., Resurrection of Our Lord Church, 8402 Brock Bridge Road, Laurel MD. Two Polka Bands, Good Polish Food, Door Prizes, Raffles and more. \$20 per person in advance, \$25 at the door. Email Mark Manak, mmanak@yahoo.com to reserve tickets or for more information. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, Resurrection of Our Lord Council 14099.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

FREE Life in the Spirit seminar Sundays, October 20 – November 24, 6 to 8 pm, Mother of God Community, 20501 Goshen Rd, Gaithersburg. Experience the Holy Spirit in a more intimate and powerful way: deeper intimacy with God; new power to change; greater desire for the sacraments; new joy and hope. Adults 18+ are welcome.

Please register at <https://lifeinthespirit2019.eventbrite.com>, visit www.motherofgod.org or call 301-990-2081. We hope to see you there!