

## ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

# Mass Intentions

### October 4 - October 10

<b>Monday, 10/4</b>	9:00 a.m.	Deacon Wil Pinder
<b>Tuesday, 10/5</b>	9:00 a.m.	Alexander O'Connor
<b>Wednesday, 10/6</b>	9:00 a.m.	Sharon Barnard
	7:30 p.m.	Kay Arnaud
<b>Thursday, 10/7</b>	9:00 a.m.	Teresita Marchany Vda de Almodovar
<b>Friday, 10/8</b>	9:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving
<b>Saturday, 10/9</b>	5:00 p.m.	Anthony & Kathleen Peters
<b>Sunday, 10/10</b>	8:00 a.m.	Souls of All Aborted Babies
	9:30 a.m.	Souls of all Aborted Babies
	11:15 a.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	5:00 p.m.	Ma Francisca Nguty

**Mass Intentions will be prayed for in a private daily Mass said by Fr. John if not prayed for in a public Mass.**

### + In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Serge Triau, husband of Liz Triau.

**Please pray for the sick...** Jim Guidry, Karen Mason, Carol Polosky, Debra Price, Barbara Schmidt, Mary Cutting, Angelica Santos, Jackie Komlo, Allison Brauer, Frank Knorr, Allan Degen, Bob Jones, William Komlo, Sandra Kimball, 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 3, 2021

<b>Sunday:</b>	Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/ Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12
<b>Monday:</b>	Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/ Lk 10:38-42
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4
<b>Thursday:</b>	Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/ Lk 11:5-13
<b>Friday:</b>	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/ Lk 11:15-26
<b>Saturday:</b>	Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/ Lk 11:27-28
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/ Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-2

**A message from Fr. Bill Ryan:** Dear St. Francis Parishioners, Please accept my heartfelt thanks for the collection of over \$8,500 that St. Francis took up for the Togo Mission during my visit to your parish in August. St. Francis has provided wonderful support for our efforts in Togo over the past few years, and I'm very grateful. Be assured that I will personally see to it that the funds will be put to good use. Please pray for our mission, as we do for you. My parishioners are well aware that there are some great people back in the States who are keeping us going, and they are included in our petitions every Sunday. I hope you'll also take a look at our newly revamped website [togo.missionparish.org](http://togo.missionparish.org). **God bless and keep you all. Fr. Ryan**

### THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. I am going to devote both this week's and next week's column to presenting an overview of Domestic Violence that is based on an important statement entitled *When I Call for Help*. This statement was published several years ago now from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Domestic violence is any kind of behavior that a person uses to control an intimate partner through fear and intimidation. It includes physical, sexual, psychological, verbal, and economic abuse. Some examples of domestic abuse include battering, name-calling and insults, threats to kill or harm one's partner or children, destruction of property, marital rape, and forced sterilization or abortion.

Younger, unmarried women are at greatest risk for domestic violence. According to a U.S. government survey, 53 percent of victims were abused by a current or former girlfriend or boyfriend. One-third of all victims were abused by a spouse, while 14 percent said that the offender was an ex-spouse. Women ages 16 to 24 are nearly three times as vulnerable to attacks by intimate partners as those in other age groups; abuse victims between ages 35 and 49 run the highest risk of being killed.

While abuse cuts across all ethnic and economic backgrounds, some women face particular obstacles. Women of color may not view the criminal justice system as a source of help. Additionally, in some cultures women feel pressured to keep problems within the home and to keep the family together at all costs. Some fear that they will lose face in the community if they leave. Immigrant women often lack familiarity with the language and legal systems of this country. Their abusers may threaten them with deportation.

Women in rural communities may find themselves with fewer resources. The isolation imposed by distance and lack of transportation can aggravate their situation. Isolation can also be a factor for women who do not work outside the home. They may have less access to financial resources and to information about domestic violence. Women with disabilities and elderly women are also particularly vulnerable to violence.

Some who suffer from domestic violence are also victims of stalking, which includes following a person, making harassing phone calls, and vandalizing property. Eight percent of women in the United States have been stalked at some time in their lives, and more than one million are stalked annually. Stalking is a unique crime because stalkers are obsessed with controlling their victims' actions and feelings. A victim can experience extreme stress, rage, depression, and an inability to trust anyone.

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### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

*What can I do to put the needs of those I love, of those who depend on me, above my own needs this week?*

### GIVE TO THE VIRTUAL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN, BENEFITTING THE SHADY GROVE PREGNANCY CENTER

The Shady Grove Pregnancy Center is kicking off its virtual Baby Bottle Campaign, and it needs your help. By filling a “virtual bottle,” we help the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center save the lives of precious babies. Desperate women who otherwise might have aborted their baby can come to the center and make a life-affirming choice instead, thanks to your support. To give virtually, use the link to get to your church’s unique giving page:

<https://donate.givedirect.org/?cid=15047&n=19002>

To give by phone: text “GIVE” in the message section, and in the number section, type in the number 4848BOTTLE and “send”. Once you receive a text back with a link, click on it and scroll down until you see our church and tap on it. Then scroll down to fill out your donation information and then click “submit.”

You can also pick up a baby bottle from the Gathering Space and fill it with coins, currency, or a check made out to Shady Grove Pregnancy Center. Put “St. Francis BBC” in the memo. Please return all bottles by October 31, 2021.

### PARISH LIAISON WITH OUR SISTER PARISH IN HAITI TO VISIT ST. FRANCIS THIS WEEKEND

This weekend, Jean Luijuin Honore, our parish’s main liaison with our sister parish of Conversion of St. Paul’s Church in Léon, Haiti, will be visiting St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church to sell Just Haiti Coffee after all Masses and visit with our parishioners. Please stop by the Just Haiti Coffee stand in front of the church after all Masses on October 2 and 3 to say hello to Honore. While you are there, please browse the display for the Haitian Student Sponsorship Drive, which allows you to sponsor one of the children attending the Bon Pasteur School in Haiti. For more information, please contact Haiti Ministry Coordinator Dan Cardile at [dancardile@yahoo.com](mailto:dancardile@yahoo.com).

### THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR *continued*

Domestic violence is often shrouded in silence. People outside the family hesitate to interfere, even when they suspect abuse is occurring. Many times even extended family denies that abuse exists, out of loyalty to the abuser and in order to protect the image of the family. Some people still argue—mistakenly—that intervention by outside sources endangers the sanctity of the home. Yet abuse and assault are no less serious when they occur within a family. Even when domestic violence is reported, sometimes there are failures to protect victims adequately or to punish perpetrators.

To be continued next week,  
**Fr. John**

### THE CANTICLE OF CREATION

O Most High, all-powerful, good Lord God,  
to you belong praise, glory,  
honour and all blessing.  
Be praised, my Lord, for all your creation  
and especially for our **Brother Sun**,  
who brings us the day and the light;  
he is strong and shines magnificently.  
O Lord, we think of you when we look at him.  
Be praised, my Lord, for **Sister Moon**,  
and for the stars  
which you have set shining and lovely  
in the heavens.  
Be praised, my Lord,  
for our **Brothers Wind and Air**  
and every kind of weather  
by which you, Lord,  
uphold life in all your creatures.  
Be praised, my Lord, for **Sister Water**,  
who is very useful to us,  
and humble and precious and pure.  
Be praised, my Lord, for **Brother Fire**,  
through whom you give us light in the darkness:  
he is bright and lively and strong.  
Be praised, my Lord,  
for **Sister Earth**, our Mother,  
who nourishes us and sustains us,  
bringing forth  
fruits and vegetables of many kinds  
and flowers of many colours.  
Be praised, my Lord,  
for those who forgive for love of you;  
and for those  
who bear sickness and weakness  
in peace and patience  
- you will grant them a crown.  
Be praised, my Lord, for our **Sister Death**,  
whom we must all face.  
I praise and bless you, Lord,  
and I give thanks to you,  
and I will serve you in all humility.  
-- *St. Francis of Assisi*

### HAPPY FEAST DAY OCTOBER 4



St. Francis of Assisi  
Catholic Church



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWS

### NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES NEXT WEEK, OCTOBER 3, 4 AND 5

There will be no Religious Education classes on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, October 3, 4 and 5. In lieu of class, we hope that all RE families will plan to attend the Parish Picnic on Sunday, October 3.

### CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE & PARENT MEETING: OCTOBER 6

For those who have registered for this year's Confirmation Program, there will be a meeting for students and parents on Wednesday, October 6, from 6:45-8:30 pm in the Parish Center. Letters with additional information are being mailed to families with children registered for Confirmation this year. If you have any questions about this meeting or our Confirmation program, please call Susan Anderson 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
- Substitute Catechist
- Support for Service Projects
- Support for Art Projects (at home preparation)
- Help with Sacramental Celebrations & Special Events

Please consider supporting our Religious Education program as a volunteer! To learn more, please call 301-258-9193.

**Registering for Sacramental Preparation** Sacramental preparation for 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School

We are...St. Jude

[www.StJudeRockville.org](http://www.StJudeRockville.org)

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

### Congratulation to Mrs. Donatelli and Mrs. Balog

At mass on Wednesday, it was officially announced that our own Mrs. Jeanne Donatelli has accepted the permanent position of principal at St Jude Regional Catholic School. We are also excited to welcome Mrs. Katharine Balog as our official Assistant Principal. We in the St Jude community are overjoyed to have such competent, kind, and Godly women at our helm! Please join us in congratulating Mrs. Donatelli and Mrs. Balog for securing these well-earned and well-deserved positions! We'd also like to extend a huge thank you to Gemelli's for providing the teachers with a delicious lunch!

### St. Ann's Center

#### for Children, Youth and Families Collection

We participate in many community service projects and reach out to those in need. We are collecting and donating baby items to the St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families. "St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families strengthens and supports families on their journey toward stability." We are hoping you will join us in this school wide community outreach project which has been a huge success in past years.

We are collecting the following items until October 14<sup>th</sup>: Baby Socks, Teething Rings or Small Toys/Rattles, Pacifiers, Baby Bottles, Bibs, Wash Cloths Unscented Baby Wipes, Baby Spoons and/or Bowls, Baby Shampoo and/or Body Wash, Baby Lotion and/or Powder, Baby Undershirts (Onesies), Diapers

Please feel free to send your student's item to school with him/her. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

### SJRCs OPEN HOUSE

October 19<sup>th</sup>

6:30 – 8:30 PM

*St. Jude Regional Catholic School is dedicated to the development of the whole child within a Catholic community of faith and academic excellence.*

*Tour the school!*

*Meet the Principal!*

*Ask Questions!*

*Learn about our Programs!*

### HEAR HOW WE CAN LIVE AS MISSIONARY DISCIPLES ON OCTOBER 9

All members of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church are invited to hear a talk by Dr. Susan Timoney, an associate professor of practice pastoral studies at The Catholic University of America, from 10 am to 12 pm, Saturday, October 9. Dr. Timoney will introduce the U.S. Bishops document, "Living as Missionary Disciples," focusing on how the bishops call us to circles of intentional relationships. Depending on the state of the coronavirus pandemic, this event may be in-person, virtual or hybrid. To register, please sign up at <https://sfaderwood.flocknote.com/signup/67575> or e-mail Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at [abosnick@sfadw.org](mailto:abosnick@sfadw.org). Registrants will be contacted, as to where the talk will take place.

## WITNESS FOR THE UNBORN DURING THE 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

Are you willing to stand for the unborn alongside your fellow Catholics? St. Francis parishioners can witness for the unborn during the 40 Days for Life Campaign, held September 21-October 31, during which there are 24-hour vigils at local abortion facilities. Register to witness anytime during this timeframe at [www.40DaysforLife.com/Rockville](http://www.40DaysforLife.com/Rockville) or join St. Francis parishioners from 9 am-6 pm Saturday, October 16, when we will pray and stand in the presence of women who may be seeking an abortion at the abortion facility located at Jackson Place, off Route 355 near Montgomery College, in Rockville. Sign up for an hour-long slot during St. Francis Day at <https://sfaderwood.flocknote.com/signup/67591>. For more information, contact Right to Life Ministry Coordinator Lita Silva at [litasilva4@gmail.com](mailto:litasilva4@gmail.com).

## NATURAL DISASTER SPECIAL COLLECTION OCTOBER 2-3

As you know, in recent months there have been natural disasters, such as the earthquake in Haiti, the flash floods in Middle Tennessee, and most recently, Hurricane Ida, which caused devastation in Louisiana, Mississippi and the East Coast of the United States. These, and many other areas, suffered great loss of life and the work of rebuilding communities will last years.

The faithful of our Church of Washington have many ties to these areas affected by the recent devastation and have always been generous to those in need, particularly when there have been natural disasters as have occurred recently. The Pastoral Center, at the request of Cardinal Gregory, has already sent financial support to Haiti through CRS and to the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux in Louisiana.

In response to the continued enormous need, parishes have been asked to support relief efforts for these recent Natural Disasters by taking up a special collection during this weekend.

## ATTEND "DEATH WITH DIGNITY" WEBINAR ON OCTOBER 5 TO LEARN HOW TO ORGANIZE AGAINST IT

During the next Maryland General Assembly legislative session, proponents of physician-assisted suicide will likely return to lobby for a bill that failed by the narrowest of margins during the last in-person session. Learn more about the issue of physician-assisted suicide and how to organize against 'death with dignity' in Maryland at a webinar at 7 pm Tuesday, October 5, at [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_RlmFPynVSmiASvbAm-Bxhg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RlmFPynVSmiASvbAm-Bxhg). For more information, contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at [abosnick@sfadw.org](mailto:abosnick@sfadw.org).

## ST. FRANCIS ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Saturday, November 13

### HOLIDAY BAZAAR CRAFTERS

We are making crafts for the 2021 Holiday Bazaar on **Wednesday October 20** 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.

### 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](http://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](mailto:gtdbpalmer@verizon.net)).

### INFANT MEMORIAL SERVICE TO BE HELD OCTOBER 16

St. Francis parishioners who have experienced an infant loss are invited to attend an interdenominational Infant Memorial Service to be held at 7 pm Saturday, October 16, at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22030. This in-person event will also be live streamed for those who wish to participate but cannot do so in person. Types of infant loss include miscarriage, abortion, ectopic pregnancy, deceased embryos from fertility procedures, still-birth, fatal perinatal diagnosis, death of a premature baby and infant death. Please register for the event, whether you plan to participate in person or virtually, at [memorialservice@tepeyacobgyn.com](mailto:memorialservice@tepeyacobgyn.com). If you can RSVP by October 11, the sponsoring organizations will recognize your baby with a special gift.

### RECEIVE GOD'S MERCY AFTER AN ABORTION THROUGH A DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING

Have you or someone close to you experienced an abortion about which you still have unresolved feelings? Experience God's mercy by taking part in an in-person *Entering Canaan* Day of Prayer and Healing next month. This day-long retreat will feature someone giving a witness talk on her healing journey, time for retreatants to share their story with others who have had the same experience, Eucharistic Adoration and an opportunity to go to Confession. There will be a day of prayer of healing in Spanish on October 9, 2021, and on April 2, 2022 and two in English on October 23, 2021, and on April 23, 2022. For more information, contact the Project Rachel Ministry at (301) 982-2008 or e-mail [hope@adw.org](mailto:hope@adw.org). There is a suggested donation of \$40 for each attendee, but financial assistance is available.

## THE JUSTICE THOUGHT 9: STRUCTURAL RACISM & GUN VIOLENCE

Did you know that firearm violence in the United States is exceptional, compared to any other country? Yearly it costs U.S. taxpayers billions of dollars equal to approximately 1 percent of the Gross Domestic Product and has claimed more lives in the past decade than we have lost in any war in our history.

The American College of Surgeons has repeatedly stated that firearm violence is a public health crisis, and that the role of *structural violence* is a risk factor for such violence. It is the consensus of 45 medical and injury prevention organizations that a national public health approach to firearm violence is needed. Only recently is firearm violence beginning to be recognized as a public health problem, with a disproportionate effect on African Americans.

*Structural violence* occurs when social structures themselves create, propagate, and increase the frequency of injury, illness, and death in a population. *Structural racism* is a form of structural violence that contributes to violence in populations along racial lines and serves to maintain long-standing racial inequities.

The unwillingness of states to enact responsible gun legislation stands as the primary obstacle to implementing a public health solution that would help reduce *structural violence and structural racism*. The U.S. has a patchwork of state and local laws that do little to prevent deaths. According to an analysis from the University of Pennsylvania examining 462,000 firearm deaths, while firearm homicides disproportionately affect African American men, most firearm legislation to date has yielded little results in protecting this population. A 2015 National Task Force on “Stand Your Ground” laws commissioned by the American Bar Association suggested these laws increased racial disparities in the criminal justice system. The laws were found to be unevenly applied by race, with African Americans as the disproportionate victims.

From the best available data, the Harris Institute concluded that firearms serve no protective benefit and worsen public health. Vulnerable populations -- and particularly African Americans -- suffer disproportionately from firearm homicide. The laws, both historically and presently, which maintain this disparity are structurally racist and serve only to reinforce racial inequality. Evidence suggests that industry is motivated to protect the trafficking of firearms into black markets for their profit margins.\*

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) addressed gun violence and the initiatives the Catholic Church supports, noting “...as a Church we should concentrate on specifically Catholic approaches to address this problem, in ways that reflect our Spirituality and Social Teaching. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church notes, human life is sacred, (ccc 2258) and we need to address the threat to life posed by gun violence with the full strength of our tradition.”\*\*

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## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL DISCUSSES ALTERNATE WAYS FOR PARISHIONERS TO GIVE

During the Parish Pastoral Council meeting on September 16, Fr. John Dillon discussed alternate ways parishioners of all ages could financially contribute to the church, including the option of using QR codes to make giving easier. Council members also heard reports from several ministries and entities, including Religious Education, Communications and St. Jude Regional Catholic School. Fr. John also reported that weekend Mass attendance is back at about 57 percent of our attendance from one year ago, according to ushers' counts during Mass. To read past minutes from the Parish Pastoral Council, please visit <https://www.sfadw.org/pastoral-council-meeting-minutes>. To send a question to the Parish Pastoral Council, please e-mail [asktheppc@gmail.com](mailto:asktheppc@gmail.com).

## ST. FRANCIS BULLETIN AD SPACE AVAILABLE PRINT & DIGITAL SPACES

The support of your business is greatly appreciated. Church bulletin advertising is a cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show support for your local community. In turn parishioners will support you and your business. If you are interested in advertising in our bulletin please contact Alden Berry, [achambers-berry@4lpi.com](mailto:achambers-berry@4lpi.com) for availability and pricing. Reference St. Francis 03-0021.

## NIGHTLY ROSARY

The Council of Catholic Women for the Archdiocese of Washington (CCW-ADW) invites all, who would like to unite in prayer at this time of uncertainty, to join in our nightly Rosary at 8 p.m., 7 days a week. We offer this prayer for the healing of the Church and for our currently health - challenged world. To join us, call 605-468-8016, ID 357090# at 8 p.m. seven days a week. If you have any questions, please email us at [archdiocesecw@gmail.com](mailto:archdiocesecw@gmail.com). For other prayer resources please see our website <https://www.councilofcatholicwomen-adw.com/> See the tab: Coronavirus Prayer Resources, which lists many opportunities for daily Mass and meditations.

## JUSTICE THOUGHT 9 (continued)

### References:

\* “Structural Racism and Gun Violence” by Mark H. Hoofnagle, MD, PhD, Trauma and Acute Care Surgeon Washington School of Medicine Barnes-Jewish Hospital and the Harris Institute, June 18, 2020.

\*\* Bishop Frank J. Dewane of Venice, FL, Chairman of the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, USCCB Annual Meeting Proceedings November 2019.