

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

October 25- October 31

Monday, 10/25	9:00 a.m.	Msgr. Godfrey Mosley
Tuesday, 10/26	9:00 a.m.	Maureen Madden
Wednesday, 10/27	9:00 a.m.	Robert F. Ruiz
	7:30 p.m.	Jerry & Virginia Haley
Thursday, 10/28	9:00 a.m.	Msgr. Robert Cary Hill
Friday, 10/29	9:00 a.m.	Lillian Gordon
Saturday, 10/30	5:00 p.m.	Hugo Huaman
Sunday, 10/31	8:00 a.m.	Giovanni Pollard
	9:30 a.m.	<i>Pro Populous</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Helen Shirley
	5:00 p.m.	Jean Robinson

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 Reba Waple, mother of Laura Tseronis.

Please pray for the sick... Pam Kelley, Jim Guidry, Karen Mason, 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 24, 2021

Sunday:	Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/ Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52
Monday:	Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 [21a]/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday:	Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/ Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday:	Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday:	Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16
Friday:	Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Lk 14:1-6
Saturday:	Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14- 15, 17-18 [14a]/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday:	Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23- 28/Mk 12:28b-34

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. In support of this annual observance I am presenting in this column some material developed under the guidance of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. Catholic Charities Domestic Violence Priest Advisory Committee, of which I am a member. One message that our committee wants to communicate is this: ***You Don't Deserve to be Abused!***

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 seven of the forms domestic violence can take:

Isolation:

Making it hard for the victim to see friends and relatives;
Monitoring phone calls;
Reading mail;
Controlling where the victim goes;
Taking the victim's car keys;
Destroying the victim's passport.

Coercion:

Making the victim feel guilty;
Sulking;
Manipulating children & other family members;
Always insisting on being right;
Making up impossible "rules" and punishing the victim for breaking them.

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.

Harassment:

Following or stalking;
Embarrassing the victim in public;
Constantly checking up on the victim;
Refusing to leave, when asked.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What aspect of my life needs healing? What do I want Jesus to do for me?

VIRTUAL DISCUSSION ON FUTURE OF YOUTH MINISTRY TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 7

The parish will host a Zoom meeting on Sunday, November 7, to discuss the future of Youth Ministry at our church, targeted for parents whose children are high school-aged and are currently preparing for Confirmation. Among the items to be discussed will be how we can work toward a parish-wide message about the roles different members of the parish serve in building a community where youth are "noticed, named and known." Adult members of social justice, service and liturgical ministries will also be invited to this discussion. For more information, please contact Fr. John Dillon at (301) 840-1407.

BAZAAR VOLUNTEER SIGN-UPS

This weekend you can sign-up to help at our Annual Holiday Bazaar. Due to COVID the Bazaar will be different this year, no lunch being served, no coffee and donuts, monitored capacity. All this being said we hope to have a successful Bazaar. The Shabby Chic will be stocked and ready to sell, we will have religious items, some beautiful handcrafted items made by St. Francis parishioners. Also, we have almost 20 outside vendors who will be selling jewelry, crafts and other specialty items. It does take many hands for this Bazaar to be a success. Please stop by the sign up table in the Gathering space and volunteer. Even if you can only give one hour that will be great. You can also sign up to bring a store bought baked good for the cake wheel. If you have any question please contact the parish office (301) 840-1407.



THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR continued

Economic Control:

Not paying bills;
Refusing to give the victim money;
Not letting the victim work;
Interfering with the victim's job;
Prohibiting the victim from going to school;
Not allowing the victim to learn a job skill;
Refusing to work and support the family.

If you experience any form of abuse, please know that there is help. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline 1 (800) 799-7233. To learn more about domestic violence visit:

www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace

Until next week,

Fr. John

ALL SOULS MASS

During the month of November we will remember those who have died. All Souls envelopes will be placed on the altar for the month of November. The envelopes can be found at the doors to the Church. Also, on Tuesday, November 2, 7:30 p.m. there will be an All Souls Mass for those parishioners who have died within the past year. This Mass is also open to the parish.

THANK YOU FOR THE DONATIONS OF COATS & JACKETS FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES

Thank you for the outpouring of generosity that came from St. Francis parishioners who donated nearly 200 jackets and coats in early October so that Afghan refugees preparing to settle into U.S. communities would have a warm coat this winter. We are truly living the Gospel when we help our fellow brothers and sisters without expectation of favor returned. Thanks to the New Neighbors Interfaith Alliance Ministry for spearheading this effort.

DR. SUSAN TIMONEY KICKED OFF 50TH ANNIVERSARY SPEAKER SERIES ON OCTOBER 9

On October 9, Dr. Susan Timoney, associate professor of practice, Pastoral Studies Area at The Catholic University of America, addressed about 30 clergy members and parishioners during the parish Fall Ministry Retreat in the Parish Center. In her talk on "Living as Missionary Disciples," Dr. Timoney discussed how lay Catholics can grow into their roles as 'missionary disciples' through forming intentional relationships with one another in encounter, accompaniment, community and sending. She addressed how the work of several popes has laid out the 'New Evangelization' -- a way of living and demonstrating our faith that builds relationships, more than participating in programs. Watch Dr. Timoney's talk on our parish YouTube Channel at <https://www.sfadw.org/50th-anniversary-talks>.

Please save the date for our next two 50th Anniversary talks, also featuring professors from The Catholic University of America: Dr. Anastacia Wooden speaking at 7:30 pm Friday, November 5, and Dr. John Grabowski on Thursday, December 16. For more information, contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bo snick at abosnick@sfadw.org.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY/ PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

Today is World Mission Sunday. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's mission. Thank you for your generosity.



GROUP A ELEMENTARY CLASSES MEET OCTOBER 24
MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASSES MEET OCTOBER 25 & 26

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS UPDATE

Even though Religious Education classes have started, space is still available in most classes and children are welcome to begin 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.**

PROTECTING OUR FAMILIES: ANTI-PORNOGRAPHY TALK FOR PARENTS
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 7-8 PM

On Thursday, October 28, we will be hosting this presentation sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office of Family Life from 7-8 pm in the Parish Center. The talk will be held in-person, and also offered simultaneously on Zoom. Please use this link to register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/educational-talk-for-parents-anti-pornography-tickets-168639724957>

OPEN HOUSE AT THE ACADEMY OF THE HOLY CROSS

Prospective families are invited to attend Open House at The Academy of the Holy Cross on Sunday, November 7 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. 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.

Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School

We are...St. Jude

www.StJudeRockville.org

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

Instagram: [stjuderockville](https://www.instagram.com/stjuderockville)

Twitter: [@StJudeRCS](https://twitter.com/StJudeRCS)

Apply for tuition assistance from the Archdiocese of Washington for the 2022 – 2023 school year, follow the links from www.stjuderockville.org - **Admissions tab- Archdiocese Tuition Assistance** or <https://adwcatholicsschools.org/tuition-assistance/archdiocesan-tuition-assistance-program/>. The Deadline to apply is in December. The Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program is available for students in grades PreK-12 who are applying to or currently enrolled in Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Washington. All tuition assistance obtained through the Archdiocese is based on financial need. Families must apply each year to receive tuition assistance. Once you've completed the application it will roll over to St. Jude Regional Catholic School Tuition Assistance Program. One application and 2 opportunities to receive financial aid.

Join us for our annual St. Jude Regional Catholic School Halloween Parade

Wednesday, October 27th at 10:30AM

***Picture Make-up Day has been moved to Tuesday, October 26th.**

SUPPORT THE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN, EITHER VIRTUALLY OR IN PERSON

Take part in the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center's Baby Bottle Campaign, which offers both an in-person and online component for those who would like to give. 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. Use this link to give online: <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. Thank you!

LAST WEEK FOR PARISHIONERS TO PRAY AND STAND VIGIL AT THE AT THE ROCKVILLE ABORTION FACILITY

Through October 31, St. Francis parishioners are invited to make a stand for life during the 40 Days for Life campaign held on the sidewalk in front of the Potomac Family Planning Center, at Jackson Place, 932 Hungerford Drive, in Rockville. Local Catholics walk along the sidewalk on Route 355 praying for the unborn and their mothers during the campaign, as an expression of their love for God. Won't you sign up to become a prayer warrior? Sign up at www.40DaysforLife.com/Rockville. For more information, contact Respect Life Ministry Coordinator Lita Silva at litasilva4@gmail.com.

PAX CHRISTI PEACE CORNER

Excerpts from Encyclical Letter Fratelli Tutti, On Fraternity and Social Friendship, The Following is from – Chapter 7

#261 Every war leaves our world worse than it was before. War is a failure of politics and of humanity, a shameful capitulation, a stinging defeat before the forces of evil. Let us not remain mired in theoretical discussions, but touch the wounded flesh of the victims. Let us look once more at all those civilians whose killing was considered “collateral damage”. Let us ask the victims themselves. Let us think of the refugees and displaced, those who suffered the effects of atomic radiation or chemical attacks, the mothers who lost their children, and the boys and girls maimed or deprived of their childhood. Let us hear the true stories of these victims of violence, look at reality through their eyes and listen with an open heart to the stories they tell. In this way, we will be able to grasp the abyss of evil at the heart of war. Nor will it trouble us to be deemed naïve for choosing peace.

ST. FRANCIS ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR “ITEMS NEEDED”

**Saturday, November 13
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

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 13). For more information or to make arrangements to donate, please call the Deby Dicello, 240-599-6503 or the Parish Office.

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

No Flea Market this year. Please save your items for our Annual Spring Yard Sale - April 2022.

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.

PRAYING WITH THE HEART OF A MAN

NOVEMBER 3RD: LIVING THE SABBATH WELL

Join us on Nov. 3 for this month's Reflection for Men, highlighting everyday tips for transforming your relationship with God and your Family. The evening includes: Mass, dinner, directed meditation, a practical talk, and time for personal reflection, plus the opportunity for Confession. Cost is \$20 per person. Advance Registration is required. \$20 per person Visit our website to register www.ourladyofbethesda.org. Hosted by the Men of Regnum Christi. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

ST. FRANCIS ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Saturday, November 13

HOLIDAY BAZAAR CRAFTERS

We are making crafts for the 2021 Holiday Bazaar on **Wednesday October 27** 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 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).

ONLINE GIVING THROUGH FAITH DIRECT

Ten reasons to make your Offertory gift through Faith Direct:

1. No more checks to write or envelopes to find
2. 52 Weeks of predictable income for your parish
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5. Online control of your offertory giving – including special collections
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10. Father John does!

Join the parishioners who use *Faith Direct* for their parish giving. Visit faith.direct/MD110, or call 1-866-507-8757 (toll-free) for more information.

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. For additional information or to learn more about domestic violence, please visit www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace.

THE JUSTICE THOUGHT
SYSTEMIC RACISM IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

Timeline

1820: Thomas Jefferson: "I know safe depository of the ultimate powers of society but the people themselves...if we think them not enlighten(ed) enough..., the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion by education."

Source: (<https://www.educationviews.org/thomas-jefferson-american-education/>)

1848: Horace Mann, the father of the common school: "education is the great equalizer of the conditions of men...". Education is the bedrock of society, and it should be "...universal, nonsectarian, free, and its aims should be social efficiency, civic virtue and charter...". Source: (<https://dissertationexperts.com/education/what-does-education-is-the-great-equalizer-mean.html>)

July 28, 1868, U.S government ratified the 14th amendment of the United States Constitution which:

1. Defined citizenship
2. Extended the rights and liberties guaranteed in the Bill of Rights to the former slaves

Source: (<https://www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?flash=false&doc=43>)

1896: *Plessy v. Ferguson* - The U.S. Supreme Court rules that racial segregation laws do not violate the U.S. Constitution if the facilities for each race are equal in quality. Thus, the term "separate but equal." This decision by the U.S. Supreme Court legitimized the many state laws re-establishing racial segregation -- laws justifying the separation of education facilities by race (<https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/163/537/>).

December, 1953: "*Bolling v Sharpe*" - Arguments began that school segregation in the District of Columbia (D.C.) is illegal, because the segregation of the public schools is a violation of the "due process of law" of the 5th amendment when life and liberty are denied to a citizen of the United States (<https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/347/497/>).

May 17, 1954 - *Brown v. Board of Education* - The U.S. Supreme Court announces that *Plessy v. Ferguson* violated the equal protection clause in the 14th amendment which guaranteed that the rights and liberties of the Bill of Rights applied to blacks and separate education was not equal education.

Note: *Parishioner Vincent Price, co-chair of the Parish Pastoral Council's Ad-Hoc Committee on Racism, wrote the following account of his educational experiences in D.C. Public Schools during the 1950s.*

I turned five years old on January 17, 1954. My parents, District of Columbia (D.C.) residents, knew that I should enter kindergarten in September. They also knew that the U.S. Supreme Court was deliberating cases that related to the integration of public schools. Many school districts were using "separate but equal" to justify segregated school systems; D.C. had a segregated school system.

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Both of my parents graduated from D.C.'s Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, a racially segregated high school that counted among its graduates visual and performing artists, professional athletes, government officials, military officers, and educators. Even if Dunbar was one of the best high schools in the U.S, my parents were equally concerned about the quality of the education that I would get at Dunbar.

Exactly four months to the day after my fifth birthday, the Supreme Court announced its ruling in *Brown v. Board of Education*. My parents were also aware of the pending *Bolling v. Sharpe* case. When my parents tried to enroll me in the nearest kindergarten to our home, William B. Powell Elementary School, I was denied enrollment. The reason given was that my birthday was two days after the five-year-old cut-off date of January 15th, 1954. The law must have been flexible because Powell told my parents they could enroll me in the "colored school," Park View Elementary School. My parents had trained us to be very independent, and that included getting to and from school. My parents could have capitulated and sent me to Park View, but they held their ground, because they were not going to send me to a school that required a 5-year-old to cross four major rush-hour streets -- not when there was a school three blocks away with no busy streets to cross.

Washington Archbishop (and future Cardinal) Patrick O'Boyle had been outspoken in support of integration measures since the start of his tenure in 1948 when the archdiocese was created. His experiments prior to the passage of the first Civil Rights Act in 1954 are credited with contributing significantly to the bill becoming effective (<https://eric.ed.gov/?id=ED020218>). This gave my parents three choices: (1) enroll me in Park View, (2) enroll me in St. Gabriel's Catholic School, or (3) educate me themselves until the next school year, when compulsory attendance laws kicked in. Well, my parents made choice three and kept me at home. I entered the kindergarten as a six year old, and I was in the kindergarten class with my five year old sister, whose birthday was four days before the cut-off date. In 1955, Powell was really integrated; there were four blacks in the school. Our tenure at Powell lasted one year. In 1956, Powell's southern boundary was drawn down the middle of our street. For the next school year my sister and I had to cross a rush-hour street to get to Raymond Elementary School - which was halfway between Powell and Park View.

It's amazing the lengths that were taken to ensure that the need for education that Jefferson and Mann had espoused could not be applied to all "citizens." Education gives the citizens the opportunity to understand their rights. If those rights are not understood, the controllers of education can subjugate the uneducated. Institutional and systematic racism prevented many citizens from exercising their full constitutional rights. Things are better today, but there are threats to the right to an equal education. Today there are groups, including legislatures, that are under funding public schools (<https://tcf.org/content/about-tcf/tcf-study-finds-u-s-schools-underfunded-nearly-150-billion-annually/?session=1>). Since many public schools today enroll minorities, (<https://www.publicschoolreview.com/average-diversity-minority-stats/national-data>) we are in a new era of institutional and systematic racism.