

## ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

# Mass Intentions

**June 6 - June 12, 2022**

<b>Monday, 6/6</b>	9:00 a.m.	Jackie Komlo
<b>Tuesday, 6/7</b>	9:00 a.m.	William Flanery
<b>Wednesday, 6/8</b>	9:00 a.m.	Kathleen Herrington
	7:30 p.m.	Zenaida Raymundo
<b>Thursday, 6/9</b>	9:00 a.m.	Zachariah John
<b>Friday, 6/10</b>	9:00 a.m.	Maureen Ferraro
<b>Saturday, 6/11</b>	5:00 p.m.	Esther Aguilar
<b>Sunday, 6/12</b>	8:00 a.m.	Armando Laygo
	9:30 a.m.	Jose Relunia, Sr.
	11:15 a.m.	RE Catechists & Families (L)
	5:00 p.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>

**Please pray for the sick...**Debra Price, Barbara Schmidt, Mary Cutting, Angelica Santos, 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 June 5, 2022**

<b>Sunday:</b>	Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/ Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26
<b>Monday:</b>	Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 6, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Kgs 17:7-16/Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 5:13-16
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11/ Mt 5:17-19
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Kgs 18:41-46/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13/Mt 5:20-26
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/ Mt 5:27-32
<b>Saturday:</b>	Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mt 5:33-37
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]/Rom 5:1-5/ Jn 16:12-15

### **THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR**

On May 25, 1972, Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle, then Archbishop of Washington, decreed the building of a new Parish: St. Francis of Assisi in Derwood, MD. The church was then officially born on June 1, 1972, its boundaries drawing parishioners from St. Peter's in Olney, St. Martin's in Gaithersburg, and St. Patrick's and St. Mary's in Rockville. The first mass was celebrated on June 4, 1972 with Father John Stack presiding in the Redland Middle School gym.

Three years later the present church building was dedicated by His Eminence William Cardinal Baum, Archbishop of Washington. Here is a copy of the letter, dated October 4, 1975, which Archbishop William Baum sent to the Reverend John P. Stack on that occasion.

*Dear Father Stack:*

*Please accept my sincere congratulations as you and your parish Family dedicate your new parish Church. It is a truly beautiful sign of God's greater gift to us, which is our Faith. I join with you in thanking God for his great goodness in causing Faith to live in our hearts, and for granting us the blessing of this new Church building.*

*It is a source of great joy to be able to join with you and the people of the parish in dedicating our new Church on the very Feast of Saint Francis. Today we keep the memory of one who devoted himself entirely to love for God who has first loved us. Through the intercession of Saint Francis, who is still with us in the communion of saints, may we grow in our ability to love God as He has first loved us. Through Saint Francis' intercession may we learn to love our fellow men as Christ would have us do.*

*May the virtues of generous love and service exemplified by Saint Francis be manifested in our lives. May your love be as visible to the many people among you whom you live as is our new Church. Through you, may God draw many more to Faith, Hope, and Charity.*

*Asking a remembrance in your prayers, and with a promise of daily prayer for all of Saint Francis' Parish, I am*

*Devotedly in our Lord,  
+William W. Baum  
Archbishop of Washington*

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June 5, 2022

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

*Can I change the words I use or the language I use to communicate effectively God's "mighty acts," God's good news, and God's love and forgiveness to others?*

### WELCOME to the Family of Christ!

The following individuals and their families recently joined our St. Francis faith community during the months of April & May

Timothy & Samantha Banks  
Dian & Brian Bash  
Shannon & Tony Nguy  
Elizabeth & Jose Merino  
Patrick Tarectecan & Carmela Sangalang

The following children was baptized during the months of April & May:

Leah Ivy Cava  
Luca Zander De Clement  
Kaiden Nicolas De Leon  
Ian Patrick Driver  
Lana Gianna Maratas Orpia  
Cyril Lino Maratas Orpia  
Victoria Elizabeth F. Palmeiro  
William Henry Wilson

### CONGRATULATIONS!

After more than 30 years of service at St. Francis both as a volunteer and employee Marie Yeast retired on Thursday, June 2nd. We wish Marie well in her retirement and thank her for her many years of service and support to the parish and its' parishioners. **Thank you & God Bless You!**

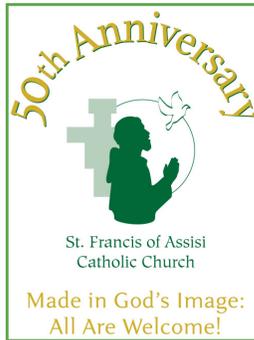
### THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

Under the guidance of Fathers Stack, André Bouchard, Donald P. Worch, Lee Fangmeyer, David W. Beaubien and presently John J. Dillon, St. Francis of Assisi has thrived and grown to a membership of over 1,400 families, all sharing the basic mission of sharing Christ's love, living the Word of God and creating a living and vibrant community in Christ.

We thank the Lord that we have reached this milestone. May the Lord grant us many more years as a parish family!

**Happy Anniversary!**

Until next week.  
**Fr. John Dillon**  
Pastor



### OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY IS HERE!

It is here at last – our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass at 11:15 am Sunday, June 5, when we celebrate half a century as an archdiocesan parish. Over 50 years, St. Francis of Assisi Parish has grown into a diverse faith community that welcomes all of God's children and seeks to live out its

love of Jesus Christ by serving others. With a strong appreciation of Catholic social teaching, parishioners live their faith in respecting the dignity of human life, placing preferential option for the poor and vulnerable and caring for God's creation. Through a faithful devotion to prayer, ongoing faith formation, and ministry work, we remain a joyful, hopeful people.

If you RSVP'd, please join us for lunch at the Parish Festival following the 11:15 Mass on Sunday, June 5, on the church grounds. Stay for games provided by the Knights of Columbus, Council 2323; a deejay; a clown making balloon animals and doing body paint; and an ice cream cart. The drawing for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Raffle will be held on June 5. And the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Christmas ornament will be on sale at the festival, as well.

We hope to see you at the parish's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration! May God bless St. Francis of Assisi Parish over the next 50 years.

### 50TH ANNIVERSARY PRAYER CARDS

Thank you to the Religious Education students who helped design our St. Francis 50th Anniversary Prayer Cards. They will be available at both 50th celebration masses (May 29th with Cardinal Gregory and June 5th during our Parish Celebration):

#### Kindergarten

Matthew Federico	Clare Robine
Catherine Huon	Christopher Saballos
Khloe Massis	

#### Grade 1

Andrea Mae Gacuma	Audrey Stein
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#### Grade 2

Abby Lopez

#### Grade 3

Bethany Stein

#### Grade 4

Joaquin Ancheta	Sahana Theodore
Gianni Blanco	Marina Zara
Leo Jimenez	



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWS

### REGISTRATION FOR 2022-23

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES IS OPEN!

Registration forms and additional information can be found on the parish website at: <https://sfadw.org/children-grades-pre-k-8>. Save \$25 on registration fees by returning your registration forms by Aug. 15. We look forward to the continuing participation of all of our families in our parish religious education program!

As we look ahead to next year's Religious Education program, please consider whether you can serve as a catechist for our children and young people. If you would like to learn more about this important ministry, please contact Susan Anderson, Director of Religious Education, at 301-258-9193.

### TEACHERS NEEDED

#### AT MOTHER OF GOD SCHOOL

Mother of God School is an Independent Catholic School, affiliated with the Archdiocese of Washington and is located in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Mother of God is Authentically Catholic and Academically Excellent! For the 2022-2023 school year, Mother of God is looking to fill several positions:

- First Grade Teacher
- Second Grade Teacher
- Middle School Science and Math
- Para-educators (part-time options)
- Aftercare employees (part-time)

For more information, please call the school or email the principal Melissa Sloan at [principal@mogschool.com](mailto:principal@mogschool.com) (301) 990-2088 ext. 30.

### FORMED

#### THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND

The best Catholic content. All in one place. It's EASY and FREE to Register!

- 1) Go to [sfadw.formed.org](https://sfadw.formed.org)
- 2) Click "Register" and enter your name, email address, and desired password
- 3) You're all ready to access the inspiring and Engaging content on FORMED!
- 4) Enjoy and share with others in our local community!

FORMED is available 24/7 for you to grow in your faith. St. Francis has purchased this gift for parish use.



## Vacation Bible Camp 2022

St. Francis of Assisi Church

Vacation Bible Camp: June 27-July 1, 2022  
for children age 4 through those who are completing 5th grade in June 2022

*This summer's program will be offered in-person, 9 am-12:15 pm daily, with covid safety protocols in place as needed.*

*VBC Family Program & Social at 7 pm on Thursday, June 30.*

**Parents of registered campers and accepted teen volunteers:**

**Watch your email for additional information and updates as we prepare for VBC!**

*Registration is now closed.*

*Please pray for our campers and volunteers as we share this week of faith and*

### LENTEN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSING DANTE'S "INFERNO" WRAPS UP DISCUSSION

The Lenten Small Group that tackled Dante Alighieri's "Inferno" has wrapped up its nine-week discussion of the book. "We joined Dante in his journey to understand how to reach the beatific vision of God. He had to go through Hell first, then Purgatory, to reach Paradise. These comprise the three sections of Dante's "Divine Comedy." The study of this literary and spiritual masterpiece was well worth the effort," said parishioner John Rosiak, who led the Lenten small group, along with Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick. "Inferno" vividly captures the author's journey through Hell with Virgil as his guide. Working through "Inferno," comprised of 34 cantos or sections, the seven to eight members of the group met weekly to discuss three or four cantos and share their insights and reflections on the poem. They discovered it was challenging reading and much better understood with small group members offering their interpretations and research of the material. All told, Rosiak said he believed the discussions went well. "People came in with open minds and open spirits," he said. "People were seeing things of value in it and enjoying themselves, even though it was challenging reading."

## **AUTISTIC MAN BEGINS VOLUNTEERING AT THE PARISH**

Starting in late May, the parish's Social Concerns Ministry began welcoming an autistic man receiving services through Community Support Services to volunteer at the parish. The man is a nonspeaking autistic person, meaning he does not communicate by talking; we are ascertaining what his receptive and expressive skills are and whether he can communicate through alternative means, such as writing or typing. The man will be accompanied by a supervisor/coach and will help Social Concerns Minister Tony Bosnick with various jobs around the parish. Please pray for the success of this partnership, as we open the life of our parish community to all God's children. For more information, please contact Tony Bosnick at (301) 840-1407.

## **GABRIEL PROJECT**

The Gabriel Project Cluster of Montgomery County serves mothers and their families in crisis pregnancies. **Please help us provide spring and summer clothing for our client families.** New or gently used clothing is greatly appreciated, or go to our website, [www.gpmoco.org](http://www.gpmoco.org). Click on our Amazon wish-list and choose from any number of spring and summer items. We also need women volunteers to serve as Angel Friends. *Please pray about joining our team of over 70 Angel Friends.* We especially need bi-lingual Angel Friends. If you have any questions, please contact Natalie Ray at [natalieanneray@gmail.com](mailto:natalieanneray@gmail.com).

## **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](http://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace).

## **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 is 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, Give, Give Now** and start shopping!

## **MOVING/CHANGE OF ADDRESS/E-MAIL**

Please notify our Parish Office, 301-840-1407 or [sfparishoffice@sfadw.org](mailto:sfparishoffice@sfadw.org), of any changes in your address, phone number or e-mail address. Thank you for helping to keep our database up-to-date.

## **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 between now and June 30, 2022 and receive a year free Online Membership; go to [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) and click on "Join Us". If you wish you can join the Council later for only \$15. If interested in learning more, contact Gary Palmer (301-948-6494 or email [gtdbpalmer@verizon.net](mailto:gtdbpalmer@verizon.net)).

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTGOMERY COUNCIL, 2323**

Cuddy Hall 17001 Overhill Rd. Derwood MD. 20855

### **Live Auction and Fun & Games, June 18<sup>th</sup> 12:00 – 3:00 PM**

**Open to All!**

Visit Father Cuddy Hall for Live Auction, an Afternoon of Fun, Games, Food and Beverages

All Proceeds Benefit

**Tunnels to Towers Honoring America's First Responders,  
Veterans and their Families**

Food and Beverages available

Admission \$8.00, 5 and under free

Brother Joe Forsha event director

## **MESSAGE FROM CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES ON SUPPORT FOR THE RICE BOWL PROJECT**

One hundred fifty-nine million people in 100 countries. That's how many people you have supported this past Lenten season through your prayers, fasting and almsgiving. Your #CRSRiceBowl support CRS' humanitarian programs around the world through agriculture projects that help farmers improve harvests, projects that bring clean water to communities, mother and child services and so much more. **THE TOTAL OF THE RICE BOWL DONATIONS FROM ST. FRANCIS WAS \$1,218!**

From all of us at CRS, thank you for living out our call to support the "least of these," and thank you for sharing your bounty with our sisters and brothers around the world. We look forward to sharing the stories of new faces and places with you next year, but do not hesitate to come back and use our [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) resources all year. Donate your Easter almsgiving for CRS Rice Bowl here: <http://support.crs.org/donate/change-life-lent-0>.

## OUR LADY OF BETHESDA RETREAT CENTER UPCOMING PROGRAMS

### Take a Personal "Retreat" Day this Summer!

**Jul 1 / Aug 12 / Sep 16**

Are your days overcrowded, jam-packed, and busy, busy, busy? Take a break this summer and enjoy your very own personal retreat at Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center. During your personal retreat, from 8:30am-4pm, an experienced retreat director will guide you to a place of rest with Christ. The retreat schedule allows for one-on-one spiritual direction (optional), quiet reflection, Mass, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration, plus continental breakfast and lunch, so you will be nourished and cared for while Our Lord speaks to your soul about the depths of His love for you. Cost is \$120 per person. Advance Registration is required, and registrations will be limited to facilitate appropriate social distancing. Visit our website to register and to find more dates [ourladyofbethesda.org](http://ourladyofbethesda.org). Or call 301-365-0612. We also have monthly Mini-Retreats for women and Evenings of Reflection for men. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

### Experience the Week-Long Spiritual Exercises this Summer!

*For Women: July 11-18*

*For Men: July 24-31*

*For Priests: Aug 21-26*

The Week-Long Spiritual Exercises are for those well familiar with mental prayer, silence, and the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises. This longer format permits more personal prayer time. With longer periods of silence, you are challenged to stretch your soul, thus engaging deeper intimacy with God. The retreat master and other spiritual directors will be available for the daily colloquy to help you detect and understand the movements of the Holy Spirit. Find more details on our website [www.ourladyofbethesda.org](http://www.ourladyofbethesda.org) or call 301-365-0612. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Registration is required so that we can properly prepare.

### Silent Retreat Weekends This Summer!

**For Women: Aug 5-7**

**For Men: Aug 19-21**

We encourage you to spend a summer weekend growing in your faith and become spiritually stronger. Explore your mission in life and experience His Presence in the silence! These retreats are based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Registration is required. Cost: \$250 per person. Find more information and links to register on the website [www.ourladyofbethesda.org](http://www.ourladyofbethesda.org). Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, A Place to Encounter Christ! 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Plan your next retreat today!

### Evening Reflection for Couples

**Wednesday, August 17, 2022**

Married and Engaged couples are invited to an Evening of Reflection especially for you! Plan to join us for a holy date night that will help you prepare your marriage for Lent and beyond. The evening will begin with mass and include a delicious dinner, talk, time for quiet reflection and the opportunity for confession. \$60 per couple. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Registration is required so that we can properly prepare. We also have monthly Mini-Retreats for women and Evenings of Reflection for men. Visit us at [www.ourladyofbethesda.org](http://www.ourladyofbethesda.org) or call 301-365-0612.

## 2022 PILGRIMAGE & RETREAT TO THE HOLY LAND DECEMBER 4-15

Saint Patrick's, Rockville is sponsoring this pilgrimage and retreat. All-inclusive trip includes: All lodging and meals. Visits to the places associated with the Mysteries of Jesus' Life, Death and Resurrection, with local tour guide. Led retreat, using the Gospel passages in the actual locations they describe, with daily Mass and Meditations. Cost \$2,860 per person (double occupancy) includes: airfare and lodging in Israel, all fees, taxes, all meals, transport, and most tips. \$700 deposit required at registration, balance due October 4, 2022. Registration deadline: August 4, 2022. Contact Melanie Baker for registration info ([Melanie.Baker@stpatrikadw.org](mailto:Melanie.Baker@stpatrikadw.org))

### VOLUNTEER LAWYERS SOUGHT TO PROVIDE PRO-BONO WORK

Catholic Charities Legal Network counsels and provides legal representation to low-income and poor residents throughout the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. and relies heavily on volunteer lawyers to fulfill its mission. If you are a lawyer in active status who wants to make a real difference in the lives of families and individuals struggling in our community, please reach out to Dan Collopy at (301) 615-0949 or [daniel.collopy@cc-dc.org](mailto:daniel.collopy@cc-dc.org) to discuss how you can help. The Legal Network handles most civil practice areas and criminal expungements.

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA

In honor of Our Lady of Fatima's second apparition, June 13, 1917, The World Apostolate of Fatima, Archdiocese of Washington Division "*The Blue Army*" Invites you to Rosary, Mass, Confession, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Blessing with St. Rafael Healing Oil on Monday, June 13 at 1:00 pm in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel, Basilica of the National Shrine, Michigan Ave, DC. For more information call 301-595-1770

### MEALS FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

St. Mary's Church has partnered with *The Outreach Program* to provide 30,000 (or more!) nonperishable meal packets for Ukrainian Refugees. The meal packets consisting of rice, beans, soy and dried vegetable seasoning will be assembled on **Saturday, June 25, 11 am to 3 pm** in the school building. **This effort requires 100 volunteers and \$10,000 to be raised in donations. What can you do to help?**

- 1) **Volunteer Saturday, June 25** <https://bit.ly/3NICMRc> or email [Mary.e.mccormick22@gmail.com](mailto:Mary.e.mccormick22@gmail.com)
- 2) **Donate via Paypal for purchasing food supplies** <https://bit.ly/3wwl4n1> All donations are tax deductible. The Paypal link is for The Outreach Program/Bobby Polito Account.
- 3) Spread the word on social media.
- 4) Pray for the people of Ukraine and all those supporting them in neighboring countries.

Questions: Mary McCormick,  
[Mary.e.mccormick22@gmail.com](mailto:Mary.e.mccormick22@gmail.com).

Checks payable to The Outreach Program may also be sent to St. Mary's Church 520 Veirs Mill Rd. Rockville, MD 20852.