

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

June 20 - June 26, 2022

Monday, 6/20	9:00 a.m.	Jack & Maureen Ferraro
Tuesday, 6/21	9:00 a.m.	William Flanery
Wednesday, 6/22	9:00 a.m.	Rev. James Isidore Dixon
	7:30 p.m.	Paul Dunn
Thursday, 6/23	9:00 a.m.	Anna Marie & Paul Kuzma
Friday, 6/24	9:00 a.m.	The Donohoe Family
Saturday, 6/25	5:00 p.m.	Patsy & Stella Battista
	8:00 a.m.	Marc Kawczynsky
Sunday, 6/26	9:30 a.m.	William Strassberger
	11:15 a.m.	Jackie Komlo
	5:00 p.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Richard Louis Giovanoni, Sr., father of Reverend Peter Giovanoni, Pastor of St. Michael's Ridge.

Please pray for the sick... Nicholas Lombardi, Debra Price, Barbara Schmidt, Mary Cutting, Angelica Santos, Allison Brauer, Frank Knorr, Allan Degen, Bob Jones, William Komlo, Sandra Kimball, Ed Dudenhoeffer, 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 19, 2022

Sunday:	Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17
Monday:	2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13/Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday:	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday:	2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40/Mt 7:15-20
Thursday:	Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17 Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
Friday:	Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7
Saturday:	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21/Lk 2:41-51
Next Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

Happy Father's Day to all the dads, granddads, step-dads out there who are reading this column. Some of you may be wondering how Father's Day came about. Many Catholic countries observe Father's Day on March 19th, the Solemnity of Saint Joseph.

Although Mother's Day had its origins in the peace and reconciliation efforts of the post-Civil War, the first Father's Day wasn't celebrated until 1908. On July 5, 1908, a church in West Virginia sponsored the first event explicitly in honor of fathers because 362 men died in the previous December's explosions at the Fairmont Coal Company in Monongah, West Virginia. This was thought of as a one-time event and not an annual commemoration.

How did an annual commemoration come about? In 1909, Sonora Smart Dodd, who lived in Spokane, Washington and was one of six children who was raised by a widower, tried to establish an official equivalent to Mother's Day for male parents. She went to local churches, the YMCA, shopkeepers, and government officials to obtain support for her idea. She was successful in her efforts. Washington State celebrated the first statewide Father's Day on June 19, 1910.

Slowly the idea of an annual commemoration for Fathers started to spread. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson honored the day by using telegraph signals to unfurl a flag in Spokane from the White House in Washington, DC. In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge urged state governments to observe Father's Day.

In the 1920s a movement developed to scrap Mother's Day altogether in favor of a single holiday: Parent's Day. Interestingly enough, the Great Depression derailed this effort to combine and decommercialize the holidays. Struggling merchants redoubled their efforts to make Father's Day a "second Christmas" for men, promoting such things as neckties, hats, socks, pipes and tobacco, golf clubs, other sporting items, and, of course, greeting cards.

When World War II began, advertisers began to argue that celebrating Father's Day was a way to honor American troops and support the war effort. By the end of 1945, Father's Day may not have been a federal holiday, but it was a national institution.

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**PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, JUNE 20TH IN OBSERVANCE
OF THE JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY.**

June 19, 2022

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

This week how will I share the abundance I know in the body of Christ with those in need?

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which is a way to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis with the funds to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brother and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, please visit www.obolodisanpietro.val/en.html.



Everyone have a safe summer!

QUO VADIS CAMP

This camp is for high school age young men, will be held at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary from Sunday, July 31, to Wednesday, August 3, 2022. For four days, high school age young men who desire to grow in holiness will have an opportunity for Mass, prayer, and Eucharistic Adoration, as well as time for recreation, sports, and fraternity. Quo Vadis Camp is run by priests and seminarians of the Archdiocese of Washington. Bus transportation will be available. Please register now at <https://dcpriest.org/quo-vadis-camp-2022>. If you have questions, please contact the Office of Priest Vocations at vocations@adw.org or call 202-636-9020.

ATTEND OR WATCH THE ARCHDIOCESAN MASS COMMEMORATING JUNETEENTH

On June 19, the Most Rev. Roy E. Campbell, Jr., Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, will celebrate the archdiocese's first Mass commemorating Juneteenth, the oldest known celebration marking the end of slavery in the United States. The Mass will be at 10 am Sunday, June 19, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 2020 St. Joseph's Drive, in Upper Marlboro, MD, 20774. If you are unable to attend the Mass in person, then please watch a live stream at <https://youtu.be/cZMvjKkLRAw>.

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 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).



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL FATHERS & GRANDFATHERS

*Thank you for all that you do for your family.
May God bless and keep you. Enjoy your day!*

A REMINDER FROM FR. JOHN ... If anyone is living in a marriage that has not been recognized by the Catholic Church, it would be wise to consult with a priest to see whether that situation might be rectified. It could be as simple as repeating your marriage vows quietly in front of a priest and receiving the Church's blessing. In that way, one would become eligible to receive the Sacraments of the Church, especially the Eucharist

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

In 1957, Senator Margaret Chase Smith (R-Maine) wrote a bill to establish Father's Day, making the observation that it was unfair to have a Mother's Day and not have a Father's Day. In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson issued a proclamation establishing Father's Day on the third Sunday of June. Finally, in 1972, President Richard Nixon signed a bill establishing Father's Day as a national holiday.

In the Book of Blessings, a Blessing for Father's Day is provided. This can be used as a Prayer over the People at the end of Mass. Let me present that Blessing for you:

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

Until next week,

Fr. John



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
PROGRAM NEWS
REGISTER FOR 2022-23 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
FOR CHILDREN
IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 8**

Our parish offers families a choice of two options for religious education:

Option 1: “Classroom model” offering in-person classes with modifications in place as needed to comply with covid safety protocols:

- **Elementary (Kindergarten-Grade 5) classes** offered at two session times: Sunday 9:20-10:35 am and Monday 4:45-6:00 pm. If smaller class sizes are needed for covid safety, students will attend in-person classes on alternating weeks and complete a lesson at-home between each in-person class.
- **Middle School (Grade 6, 7 & 8) classes** with students attending weekly. Two session times will be offered: Monday 6:45-8:00 pm and Tuesday 6:45-8:00 pm.
- **Classes for children and youth with special needs** meeting on Sunday afternoons 3:30-4:30 pm (in-person or online).

Option 2: “Home school model” offering parents the opportunity to teach their children at home with textbook resources and support provided by the parish, including online parent meetings and additional events (in-person and online) for students and families.

Registration fee: \$125.00 per child
(\$25 discount for registrations received by 8/15/2022)
If payment of registration fees poses a financial hardship,
please contact us and allow us to assist you.

Registration forms and additional information can be found on the parish website <https://sfadw.org/children-grades-pre-k-8>.

Completed forms can be mailed to the parish, dropped off in person at the Rectory Office (Monday-Friday, 8 am-4 pm), or returned as digital copies via email to sfareligioused@sfadw.org.

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**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 fun!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (continued)

Registering for Sacramental Preparation

Sacramental preparation for 1st Reconciliation, 1st Eucharist, Confirmation, and Christian Initiation for Children/Teens (CIC/CIT) is not grade specific and involves preparation in addition to grade level Religious Education classes. At minimum, children are expected to have participated in religious education in the year prior to preparing for a sacrament. ***Please note: students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will attend their grade-level Religious Education classes as well as monthly Confirmation sessions.***

Families requesting sacramental preparation for their child are asked to mark their registration form accordingly so that additional information can be provided. Please note that there is a separate materials fee for sacramental preparation programs. More details will be provided at the parent meetings next year.

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.

**MATTIE J. T. STEPANEK MEMORIAL MASS
JUNE 22, 2022**

Eighteen years after his death, Mattie J.T. Stepanek -- a well-respected poet and award-winning peace ambassador -- is well remembered around the world. He never reached his 14th birthday but believed his purpose was to be a 'messenger' -- shaping with words what God placed in his heart for the good of our world. The Mattie J.T. Stepanek Guild welcomes everyone to Mattie's Memorial Mass at 7 pm Wednesday, June 22, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Gaithersburg.

During Mattie's brief life, he experienced many physical and financial challenges, yet he also wrote six bestselling books of poetry and one bestselling book on peacemaking. Mattie inspired tens of thousands around the world with his message that *"life is worthy, hope is real, peace is possible, and prayer is powerful."*

Guild materials and Guild Directors will be on hand after Mass to share Mattie's life story and the Guild's activities. If you are unable to join us for the Mass, please join the live stream at bit.ly/2022mattiemass. For more information, visit MattieMatters.org.

**TEACHERS/COUNSELOR 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)

Mother of God School is also recruiting a *part-time counselor* to serve at Mother of God School in Gaithersburg, MD. Ideal candidates will be licensed counselors or social workers, have patience with children of varying ages, are willing to work with teachers to employ social-emotional techniques in their classrooms, comfortable working with/teaching students in large groups about topics relating to mental health, comfortable working one on one or in small groups with students, knowledge of best practices, and a desire to cultivate the faith lives of our students

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

**MEET & GREET FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN TO BE
HELD JUNE 25**

The Council of Catholic Women-Archdiocese of Washington invites all Catholic women in St. Francis of Assisi Parish to its in-person Meet and Greet 2022 at the Franciscan Monastery in DC from 10 am to 2 pm Saturday, June 25. Seating for this free event, which includes brunch, is limited, so book your seat now at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/347904731417>.

PANEL DISCUSSION ON CURRENT TOPICS

St. Mary's Rockville Parish Pastoral Council has been focused bringing current topics to the forefront for discussion. On **Tuesday, June 21 at 7:00 pm** in the school building, St. Mary's Parish 600 Veirs Mill Rd. Rockville, MD 20852, will host a talk: *What is Implicit Bias? Let's Talk about it!* Panelists include: Montgomery County Police Chief, Marcus Jones; City of Rockville Police Chief, Victor Brito Montgomery County Branch NAACP Third Vice President, Cherri Branson; and Connelly School of the Holy Child Christian Service Coordinator Ogechi Akalegbere. A presentation will be offered by the panelists. Discussion and Q & A will follow the talks. Please RSVP your attendance: stmaryrockville@yahoo.com or 301-424-5550.

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
- 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.

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

ENCOURAGE MINISTRY

EnCourage is a ministry dedicated to the spiritual needs of parents, siblings, children, and other relatives and friends of persons who have same-sex attractions. Standing by the true teaching of the Catholic Church, EnCourage members support one another and their loved ones through discussion, prayer, and fellowship. Please contact Fr. John for more information at 301-840-1407 or email him at jdillon@sfadw.org.

TEAMS OF OUR LADY

Teams of Our Lady is a movement of Christian Marriage Spirituality that brings together couples united by the Sacrament of Matrimony and who wish, together, to deepen the graces of their Sacrament. It offers married couples a pathway toward love, happiness, and holiness. The movement's aim is to help couples live fully their Sacrament of Marriage. Interested in learning more, contact Fr. John at 301-840-1407 or email him at jdillon@sfadw.org.

THE JUSTICE THOUGHT

During Lent, the Ad Hoc Committee on Racism introduced you to Sr. Thea Bowman, our patron. Now we wish to share with you how Sr. Thea has helped guide the work of our committee.

When we formed as a committee in mid-2020, we were looking for a patron (living or deceased) who would support our work and guide us in our activities. Shortly after we convened - along came Sr. Thea. Each member of the committee felt a connection to Sr. Thea - her ministry and the way she lived her life. Our inquiry led us to the Sr. Thea Bowman prayer (below). We recite this prayer at the start of each committee meeting, prayerfully requesting Sr. Thea's guidance and intercession. One change we made was to **add this specific intention:** *'which is to help this Ad Hoc Committee on Racism accomplish its goals and touch the minds and hearts of St. Francis of Assisi parishioners to become more aware of the sin of racism and take action to make a more inclusive, welcoming parish to all.'*

Through the intercession of Sr. Thea, our parish has received several blessings; we will highlight two of them:

- 1) Made in God's Image:** Erection of *Made in God's* Imagbanner in front of St. Francis along with complimentary yard/window signs for parishioners to display in their own yards.
- 2) Parish wide discussion on racism:** Between December 2020 and January 2021, a diverse group of parishioners joined the committee virtually to read and discuss *Racial Justice and the Catholic Church* by Fr. Bryan N. Massingale. Participants were moved and freely shared their experiences with racism and expressed the same desire to learn more and do more to combat the sin of racism.

We are so encouraged by what we see happening at St. Francis; we pray that, as a faith community, we continue to speak out against the sin of racism and take action to make a more inclusive, welcoming parish for all.

Please consider:

- 1) Adding the Sr. Thea Bowman prayer to your own prayer routine** – may we, as a faith community, continue to be aware of the sin of racism and take action to make a more inclusive, welcoming parish for all.
- 2) Joining the Ad Hoc Committee on Racism** - we meet from 6-7 pm one Wednesday each month.

Sr. Thea Bowman prayer (with the specific intention from the Ad Hoc Committee on Racism) *Ever loving God, by your infinite goodness you inflamed the heart of your servant and religious, Sister Thea Bowman with an ardent love for you and the People of God; a love expressed through her indomitable spirit, deep and abiding faith, dedicated teaching, exuberant singing, and unwavering witnessing of the joy of the Gospel.*

Her prophetic witness continues to inspire us to share the Good News with those whom we encounter; most especially the poor, oppressed, and marginalized. May Sister Thea's life and legacy compel us to walk together, to pray together, and to remain together as missionary disciples ushering in the new evangelization for the Church we love.

Gracious God imbue us with the grace and perseverance that you gave your servant, Sister Thea. For in turbulent times of racial injustice, she sought equity, peace, and reconciliation. In times of intolerance and ignorance, she brought wisdom, awareness, unity, and charity.

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Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School

We are...St. Jude

www.StJudeRockville.org

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SJRCS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

The Naughton Family Scholarship Winners

The Naughton family awarded 6 scholarships to St. Jude students. The scholarships were set up in memory of Mary Ellen Naughton (SJ'73) and Patricia Naughton (SJ'77). Congratulation to **Mariana Tellez Leon** and **Esteban Grijalba** who are the essay scholarship winners!

To be eligible for the essay scholarship, the students had to meet the following requirements:

- Student from sixth or seventh grade who will attend St Jude's School in 2022-2023,
- Student who are actively practicing their Catholic Faith and who are members of families also actively practicing their Faith,
- Student with outstanding academic achievement, leadership qualities and who complete their work and projects expeditiously.
- Student who wrote an essay on "Why Everyone Should Be Pro-life Life."

Four additional scholarships were awarded to students who showed leadership, a love of God, financial need, and strong academics. The four winners were **Silvia Gonzalez Villatoro**, **Felipe Munoz-Solis**, **Angelina Santoro**, and **Vedica Bhanot**.

Ann N. MacDonald Memorial Scholarship - Nicholas Sabados is the winner of this year's Ann N. MacDonald Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship in memory of Ann MacDonald, a long time St. Jude Parishioner who died of breast cancer, is presented annually to a student who has overcome personal hardship while maintaining a strong academic record.

Bujuno Family Scholarship- Congratulations to **Domini Whitney**, winner of the 1st annual Bujuno Family Scholarship! This scholarship was awarded for legacy, doing what is right without recognition, love of God, and strong academics.

St. Martin de Porres Humanitarian Scholarship - Congratulations to **Viviana Cortez** who won the 1st annual St. Martin de Porres Humanitarian Scholarship established by Father Lee. Vivian was the student who most closely exemplified the humanitarian teachings of St. Martin de Porres.

THE JUSTICE THOUGHT (continued)

In times of pain, sickness, and suffering, she taught us how to live fully until called home to the land of promise.

If it be your Will, O God, glorify our beloved Sister Thea, by granting the favor we now request through her intercession, *which is to help this Ad Hoc committee on Racism accomplish its goals and touch the minds and hearts of Saint Francis of Assisi parishioners to become more aware of the sin of racism and take action to make a more inclusive, welcoming parish to all.*

We make this request so that all may know of her goodness and holiness and may imitate her love for You and Your Church. We ask this through Your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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