ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

39Mass Intentions

June 26 - July 2

Monday, 6/26 9:00 a.m. Isidra Solema

Tuesday, 6/27 9:00 a.m. Catherine Dillon Bullen Wednesday, 6/28 9:00 a.m. Reverend Thomas F. Kehoe

7:30 p.m. Martin Lv

Thursday, 6/29 9:00 a.m. Catherine Dillon Bullen

Friday, 6/30 9:00 a.m. Stephen Lim 9:00 a.m. Phyllis Foster Saturday, 7/1

5:00 p.m. Eugene Dudenhoeffer

Sunday, 7/2 8:00 a.m. Lissy Roy

> 9:30 a.m. Pro populo 11:15 a.m. Phyllis Foster 5:00 p.m. Phyllis Foster

Please pray for the sick....Nikola Edgar, Carolyn Speaks, Bark Trickett, George Schaffer, Fr. Berard M. Dudek OFMC, Katrina Schmidt, Tom Krafchik, Bienvenido Delrosario, Stephanie Black & her Baby Girl Savannah, Kathy Denchfield, Carla Cosman, Jackie Roebuck King, Bob Coyne, Jeni Stepanek, Ciprianna Preston, Rocky Fera, Jeanie Trickett, Debbie & Roger Petrocelli. (Names will remain on this list for four consecutive weeks, but can be repeated by calling the Office.)

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Gloria Branscum, sister of Rose Nodine.

Readings for the Week of June 25, 2017

Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35/Rom

5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22/Mt 7:1-5 Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-4, 5/Mt 7:6, 12-14 Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/Mt 7:15-20 Thursday:

Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/

Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-5/Mt 8:1-4 Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-50, 53-55/Mt 8:5-17 Saturday: Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-19/

Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

Scripture Corner

THE MISSIONARY DISCOOURSE

The gospel of Matthew contains five major discourses by Jesus. The first is the well-known Sermon on the Mount (5-7) Today's Gospel (Matthew 10:26-33) is part of the second important discourse, the missionary discourse. Here Jesus makes clear his intention to have a church that will reach out to all people. Knowing that his disciples would meet opposition, as he did, he encourages them, "Do not be afraid of them." (Matthew 10:26)

Christ goes on to say to his disciples, "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul." (Matthew 10:28) Our Lord adds, "Be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna." (Matthew 10:28) In the New Testament Gehennna (Valley of Hinnom) is a symbol of eternal punishment. In the Old Testament is was the site of terrible idolatrous practices. for example, "In the Valley of Ben-Ninnom they go on building the high places of Topheth to sacrifice their sons and daughters by fire, something I never commanded or considered."(Jeremiah 7:31) At the time of Jesus the valley was basically a place for refuse disposal with constantly burning fires.

To give his followers courage in the face of persecution, Christ assures his followers of the continuing love of the Father. In today's first reading (Jeremiah 20:10-13) there is a wonderful example of courage! "But the Lord is with me, like a mighty champion; my persecutors will stumble, they will not prevail." (Jeremiah 20:11) Christ reminds his apostles that the God who is concerned about the sparrows will be greatly concerned about those who love his Son.

At the end of the Gospel there is a warning and a promise. Our Lord says that he will deny those who deny him. "But everyone who acknowledges me before my heavenly Father, I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." (Matthew 10:33)

~ Fr. Ralph

Altar Servers Schedule

Please check the Ministry Schedule Program for the July 1 & 2 Mass Schedule.

It is the responsibility of the Altar Server to get a replacement if you cannot serve at your scheduled time

The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary time

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

If you were to give public witness to God's action in your life, what is the worst thing that could happen to you? Is it anything God can't or won't handle?

THE 4TH OF JULY WALL OF HONOR A place of Honor, Prayer and Support Honoring the military family members of our parishioners

Would you like to honor a member of your family serving in the military on American soil or deployed to a foreign land? Do you have a loved one in the military who you would like to raise in prayer?

At every Mass during our Prayer of the Faithful we pray for our military active duty service members "whose names appear in the Gathering Space."

Our SFA Wall of honor is an initiative of the SFA Health Ministry. The purpose is to connect those names in the Gathering Space with a face by displaying pictures of your active duty military family members with information about their service to our country. The intention is to make your family member more present to the parish and avail them to the prayer support of our entire parish family. By honoring our service members, we also recognize your sacrifice as a family member and likewise extend our prayerful support. To have your loved one remembered in prayer and featured on our SFA Wall of Honor, please email the Wall of Honor Information (with a photo of your active duty family member to Betty Baklarz at lbbaklarz@yahoo.com. by June 28. Wall of Honor Information Forms available at the Information Desk in the Gathering Space.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

This weekend, the Archdiocese of Washington will take up the Peter's Pence second collection. Gifts to this annual collection help the Holy Father support victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others most in need of assistance. In responding to those who are suffering, Our Lord teaches us, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40). In his 2016 *Urbi et Orbi* address, Pope Francis declared, "The Lord . . . enables us to see with his eyes of love and compassion those who hunger and thirst, strangers and prisoners, the marginalized and the outcast, the victims of oppression and violence." Our participation in this collection gives us an opportunity to be a witness of Our Lord's love and mercy for the vulnerable and suffering around the world. Please give generously as you are able.

Montgomery County Fair

August 11 - 19 Food Booth 37

Volunteers are still needed for a few days, August 11-19. Students 14 and older can earn Student Service Learning Hours by volunteering. Students must be 16 to work in the kitchen. Students 14-15 can help with busing tables, delivering orders. If you have any questions, please contact Sylvia Jones (301) 762-6564 or the Parish Office.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

One of the things that really grieves me as a pastor is when I need to talk with families where a young adult is in the throes of drug addiction. I really empathize with parents who suffer so and feel so very helpless when they see their adult children in crisis. I am also very sad when I have to preside at the funeral of a young person who has died as the result of a drug overdose. In 2015, more than 52,000 people were killed by drug overdoses, more than the number of people who died in car crashes or gunshot violence, according to information released in 2016 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This represents an 11% increase over the number of overdose deaths recorded in 2014, which was itself a record number.

This came with significant increases in overdoses on opioids, a class of drugs that includes heroin, synthetic drugs like fentanyl, and prescription painkillers such as OxyContin and Vicodin. Heroin deaths were up 23%, to 12,989. Prescription opioid deaths rose 4%, to 17,536. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 91 people in the United States die every day from drug overdoses.

In an article published in *Our Sunday Visitor* in 2014, Fr. John Mahoney, Director of Clinical Services for Catholic Charities of New Hampshire, said that they noticed that addicted individuals were not coming to Catholic Charities for direct-care services (even though they had them available) because there was so much shame and guilt associated with substance abuse disorder, and individuals were embarrassed to come to the Catholic Church for help. Fr. Mahoney also made a very valid point when he said that it was even more important for the Church to treat the epidemic as a public health problem and treat substance use disorder as a disease, not a sin

I would like any family who is suffering because they have a son or daughter or a niece or nephew in a substance abuse crisis to know that they could come and talk with me about this. As a church we need to help each other in the good times and the bad times. Another resource that is available through Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington is their Substance Abuse Education and Services department. Catholic Charities Outreach Department has a licensed Substance Abuse Prevention Professional who is available to work with parishes, schools and community groups through education, training. Darryl Colbert is in charge of this outreach. He is also a resource toward recovery options. Here is his contact information for anyone who wishes to get in touch with him. His phone number is (202) 561-4014 x105. His email address is Darryl.Colbert@CatholicCharitiesDC.org.

Until next week,

Fr. John Dillon

LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING Join the Lamb of God Prayer Group for worship and the study of Scripture on Tuesday, June 27, 7:30 p.m., St. Clare's Chapel in the Rectory. For details, please call Louise, (301) 977-5217.

POOR BOX DONATION – The donations for next weekend will go to Gaithersburg Help. *Thank you for your generosity*.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRAYER CHAIN If you have a prayer request, please contact Marianne Bullen, (301) 963-3420 or mariannebu@comcast.net with your requests.

ROSARY FOR PRIESTS

Every Wednesday evening at 6:45 p.m. we pray the rosary for our priests before the 7:30 p.m. Mass.

HOLY HOUR FOR THE DYING

On Thursday evenings in the St. Clare Chapel in the Rectory a prayer group meets at 7:00 p.m. to pray for the dying. This is a Holy Hour Devotion for the Dying. As a central work of our Catholic faith, we are called to pray for the dying, especially for those who may die suddenly, unprepared to face God. For additional information, please call the Parish Office, (301) 840-1407.

ROSARY CENACLE OF OUR LADY, QUEEN OF PEACE Cenacle of Our Lady, Queen of Peace to pray for priests and vocations, 2:00 p.m. in the St. Clare's Chapel (Rectory) every Sunday. Please join us.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - COUNCIL 2323

The Knights of Columbus are actively pursuing new members. Our council incorporates members from St. Francis, St. Mary's and St. Martin's. Though best known for our many charitable projects, we also have a lot of fun with dinners, fund raisers, family nights and many other fraternal social occasions. If interested in learning more, please contact Gary Palmer, (301) 948-6494 or e-mail gtdbpalmer@verizon.net.



JULY 2017 LUNCH – The St. Francis Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, July 5, at Sol Azteca, Olney Town Center, 18129 Town Center Drive, Olney MD, (301) 260-1650. If you are planning to attend, please contact Mary Lou Habib, (301) 417-

0243 and she will reserve a seat. for you and answer any questions.



45TH ANNIVERSARY

Our parish celebrates it's 45th anniversary this year! We will be planning a celebration on the day of our Annual Parish Picnic, *Sunday, October 8th*. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend to make this a special day for our parish! Watch the bulletin for more details.

BUILD UP OUR CHURCH

Last 1 p.m. Mass on Sundays Will Be Celebrated This Weekend

The last 1 p.m. Mass on Sunday will be celebrated June 25, as the parish moves to a five-Mass schedule. Starting next weekend, Masses at St. Francis of Assisi will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday and at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday.

Fr. John and the parish staff invite all parishioners who typically celebrate Mass with us at 1 p.m. Sunday to continue celebrating Mass with us at another time that is conducive to your schedule and lifestyle. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407.

Syrian Family Still in Need of Housing, Jobs, Green Card Application Assistance

The Pax Christi Ministry is grateful for St. Francis parishioners' continued support of the Alhumayer family, a Syrian family that recently resettled to Maryland from a Jordanian refugee camp. The last call for assistance within our parish family yielded a \$500 donation from a parishioner and an offer to help tutor family members.

The ministry is still seeking assistance with a number of resources that would help bring stability and financial security to the family's lives. These include:

- Affordable three-bedroom housing for the family.
- A full- or part-time job, preferably in a restaurant for 19-year-old Yamen (his English is fair).
- A part-time job close to public transportation for 17-year old Maher (his English is good).
- Expertise in filling out Green Card applications for permanent residency.
- Financial donations for health and living expenses.

To offer assistance, either financial or time, please contact parishioners Chris King at caking.home@gmail.com or Mary Kate Ryner at rynoslp@msn.com. Thank you!

Take the Communications Survey to Weigh In on Communications Vehicles, New Features

This weekend, parishioners will have the opportunity to fill out a Communications Survey during Mass, providing their opinions on the parish's current communications vehicles and how parish communications can be improved. Please fill out a survey in the pews and drop it off in the receptacles near the doors of the church or at the Information Desk. Thank you in advance for taking the survey.

For more information, contact Communications Coordinator Melissa Egan at Melissa.egan74@verizon.net.

RCIA... An Invitation

An invitation is extended to any adult who would like to become a member of the Catholic Church to consider following the process of inquiry, instruction and formation called RCIA or Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Joining this course of inquiry does not mean that participants are ready to commit themselves to joining the Catholic Church, but only that they are interested.

RCIA will begin in mid-September. For more information or if you would like to suggest someone to be invited personally, please, contact Terry Davis (301-774-0783, or e-mail davistj23@gmail.com) or Sara Dean (301-977-6373, e-mail sgdean129@gmail.com). There is no obligation, just information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS/EVENTS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR 2017-2018

We are now accepting registration for next year's Religious Education Program! Our program offerings for children and youth include:

- Pre-school and Kindergarten classes on Sunday mornings, 11:10-12:15 p.m. (Preschool classes are for children age 3 or 4 by September 1)
- Grade 1-5 classes offered at two session times: Sunday mornings, 9:20-10:35 a.m. Monday afternoons, 4:45-6:00 p.m.
- Grade 6, 7, and 8 classes offered at two session times: Monday evenings, 6:45-8:00 p.m.

 Tuesday evenings, 6:45-8:00 p.m.
- Grades 9-12 (FRED) meet Sunday evenings 6:00-8:00 p.m. (following the 5:00 p.m. Youth Mass)

Since the curriculum of the Religious Education Program is designed to be taught in sequence and each year builds on the content presented in previous years, families should plan for their children to participate in Religious Education classes each year.

Registration forms were mailed home to families with children currently attending RE classes. For those new to our program, and if additional forms are needed, blank forms will be available on the parish web site (www.sfadw.org), in the Gathering Space of the Church, and in the Parish Offices. Completed forms can returned to RE classes this week, sent in by mail, or dropped off in person at the Rectory Office (Monday-Friday, 8 am-4 pm). Classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Please complete and return the registration forms as soon as possible!

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 <u>in addition</u> 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.



Please pray for the success of our Vacation Bible Camp 2017 - Maker Fun Factory VBC: Created by God, Built for a Purpose.

June 26-30, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Music Show, Open House & Italian Ice Social Thursday, June 29th, 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the church Open House & Social in the Parish Center, 8:00-8:45 p.m.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS/EVENTS

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY

Upcoming Events FRED

JUNE

29-July 2 FIAT Days Camp

JULY

July 9-14 Encounter Work Camp

FRED JR.

JULY

July 9-14 Encounter Work Camp - open to rising 9th through 12th grade

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*Instagram "SFASusie"

"FRED - SFA Youth Ministry" Page on Facebook

"St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church" page on Facebook Twitter @SusanFREDLea

WYD UNITE - SATURDAY, JULY 22

A festival of prayer, reflection and fellowship, sponsored jointly the by the Saint John Paul II National Shrine and the Knights of Columbus and held during the off years of the international World Youth Day. The day begins at 1:00 p.m. and ends at 10:00 p.m. and will be filled with inspiring talks, amazing worship, a unity walk with Mary, dinner and entertainment (Audrey Assad & Tony Melendez) and an incredible experience of Eucharistic Adoration. For more information visit www.wydunite.com.

9th ANNUAL QUO VADIS CAMP FOR HIGH SCHOOL MEN

This event for young men in high school will be held on July 16-19 at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. The four-day camp includes daily Mass, prayer, talks, sports, and much more. Bus transportation is available. For information and registration, visit www.dcpriest.org. Questions? Contact the Office of Priest Vocations at 202-636-9020 or wocations@adw.org.

SHADY GROVE PREGNANCY CENTER

Saving Lives - Supporting Families

The Shady Grove Pregnancy Center is in need of volunteers with a heart for women experiencing crisis pregnancies. Looking to train daytime volunteers who want to become pregnancy counselors. Training consists of classes held Monday & Thursday, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Dates: July 27, 31, August 3,7,10,14,17,21. For details call Jackie Stippich, Executive Director, (301) 963-6223.

SUMMER VACATION MASS TIMES

While traveling this summer, don't forget to visit www.masstimes.org for Mass times and locations across the country.

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

CHRIST IN THE CITY HOLY HOUR

Tuesday, June 27th 7:30-8:30 pm; dinner to follow St Mary's Historic Chapel (520 Veirs Mill Rd, Rockville) Join us for praise and worship, adoration, scripture reflection, silent meditation and the option of confession.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Thursday, July 13th, 6-8pm The Barking Dog, Bethesda

270Catholic presents Theology on Tap at The Barking Dog in Bethesda (4723 Elm Street, Bethesda, MD 20814). All young adults (20s and 30s) are invited for Happy Hour from 6-7pm with a dynamic talk and Q/A to follow from 7-8pm.

MONTHLY REFLECTIONS FOR MEN & WOMEN: "ALL THINGS NEW - JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING!"

Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center

7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda

Reflections for Men: Please check back for the next session! Reflections for Women: Jun 28 / 7:00-9:30pm; Jun 29 / 9:45 am -12:30 pm

Each session includes: Mass, guided meditations related to the theme for the year, opportunity for confession and a delicious meal. No reservations required to attend. Suggested donations: \$10 per person. For more information please visit our website (www.ourladyofbethesda.org) or call 301-365-0612.

SS. CATHERINE & LWARENCE SOCIETIES EPIC BBQ

Friday, June 30th, 6pm-10pm Our Lady of Lourdes, Bethesda The same group that brought you the world famous Epiphany Party now brings you the annual BBQ cookout at Our Lady of Lourdes in Bethesda, MD! There will be lots of food, beer and wine. There's a soccer field and basketball courts for games as well as music. Admission is only \$10! You can prepay at: http://slsociety.org/epic-bbq-payment/ Last year we had 100+ in attendance so don't miss out! Feel free to invite friends!

REQUEST FROM GABRIEL PROJECT

The Gabriel Project assists women in a crisis pregnancy. Items such as new and gently used clothing for infants through teens, diaper bags and receiving blankets are provided to mothers and their families in need. Donations are greatly appreciated. Bilingual Angel Friends are very helpful and appreciated. Men are needed to deliver and haul items. E-mail and daily prayer supporters are also needed. For more information please contact Natalie Ray at natalieanneray@gmail.com or 240-374-3297, or Diane Reinke 301-946-4815.

CARMELITE WEEKEND RETREAT

Please come to the weekend silent retreat organized by the Secular Carmelite communities of Frederick and Westminster for all who want to experience a peaceful holy time for reflection, recollection and meditation. Program includes daily Mass, spiritual conferences with a Carmelite friar, liturgy of the hours, exposition, rosary, chaplet and other devotions with time for personal prayer. Held in the seminary at Mt. St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, Friday evening to Sunday midday on July 7-9, cost is \$195 includes accommodation and meals on Saturday and Sunday. To register contact Dawn Walsh (dwalsh33@gmail.com) or Ken Vaughan (ken@vaughanventures.com) Space is limited.

Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School Catch our Spirit

<u>www.StJudeRockville.org</u> http://www.facebook.com/stjuderockvillemd

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Francis Community,

Thank you for another wonderful year! We could not have done it without your support. Our children are our future and St. Jude Regional Catholic School continues to work hard to prepare all of them. Our graduates are off to their respective high schools, and they will certainly continue the long legacy of outstanding St. Jude alumni. Our graduates earned a total of \$626,000 in scholarships to Catholic High schools, a prime example of our school's continued excellence. With your continued support, SJRCS will thrive and continue its mission of providing an outstanding Catholic education to all who enter our doors. If you wish to visit us during the summer, our hours are 9-1 Monday through Thursday. Once again, thank you.

We are....St. Jude!

Sincerely,
Glenn J Benjamin
Principal
St. Jude Regional Catholic
School

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CATCH OUR SPIRIT! REGISTER NOW FOR FALL 2017!

Spaces are filling up quickly so register now! Applications for fall enrollment are being accepted on a first come basis for our 3 year old Pre-K Program to 7th grade (limited spaces are available). For information on the curriculum, admissions policies and registration, contact Ellen Donnelly in the school office at 301-946-7888 or register your student online at www.StJudeRockville.org and click on Online Student Registration. If you wish to visit us during the summer, our hours are 9-1 Monday through Thursday.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known." Experience increased trust and intimacy in your marriage by working through a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on October 27-29, 2017 in Gaithersburg. For more information and to apply online visit wellowematrimony.org, or call 301-541-7007, or email applications@wellowematrimony.org.

MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Mother of God Catholic School has openings preK3 through 6th grade- Attend our Pre-K Open House on Saturday, June 3, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 20501 Goshen Road, Gaithersburg. For more info or to schedule a tour any time call (301) 990-2088, Ext. 12 or e-mail mmoriarty@mogschool.com or visit www.mogschool.com. Mother of God School has the largest Catholic Pre-K program in the area including 3's and 4's, with before and after care available year-round.