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July 10 - July 16

Monday, 7/10 9:00 a.m. Phyllis Foster Tuesday, 7/11 9:00 a.m. Lynn Krafchik

Wednesday, 7/12 9:00 a.m. Lacava & Jamgochian Families

7:30 p.m. Gabby Yaptinchay (L)

Thursday, 7/13 9:00 a.m. Catherine Dillon Bullen *Friday*, 7/14 9:00 a.m. Don Smith

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 Saturday, 7/15
 9:00 a.m. Manuel B. Roxas

5:00 p.m. Pro populo

Sunday, 7/16 8:00 a.m. Phyllis Foster

9:30 a.m. Kathryn W. Lewis 11:15 a.m. Ranaith Leitan 5:00 p.m. Brenda A. Peregoy

Please pray for the sick....Evelyn Haddad, Donna Ruffin, Carolyn Maltz, Mary Fiumara, Nikola Edgar, Carolyn Speaks, Bark Trickett, Katrina Schmidt, Bienvenido Delrosario, Kathy Denchfield, Carla Cosman, Jackie Roebuck King, Bob Coyne, Jeni Stepanek, 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 souls of Flor Martinez and Kathryn Putano.

Readings for the Week of July 9, 2017

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14/

Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

Monday: Gn 28:10-22/Ps 91:1-4, 14-15/Mt 9:18-26 **Tuesday:** Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7, 8b, 15/

Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11,

18-19/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-21/

Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28,

39-40/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-4, 6-7/

Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10-14/Rom 8:18-23/

Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Scrípture Corner GOOD NEWS

All three readings today provide especially GOOD NEWS for Christians. The prophet Zechariah in the first reading reaches out to all his fellow Jews. "Rejoice heartily, O Daughter Zion; shout for joy, O Daughter Jerusalem." (Zechariah 9:9) He immediately gives the reason for the joy, "See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he." (Zechariah 9:9) John uses some of these words when describing Christ's entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

In the second reading (Romans 8:9.11-13) Saint Paul gives all followers of Our Lord wonderful GOOD NEWS. "If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through the Spirit that dwells in you." (Romans 8:11) That promise was fulfilled for the church on Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit.

In today's Gospel (Matthew 11:25-30) Jesus discusses the special relations between the Father and himself, "No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him." (Matthew 11:27) Our Lord notes how God has revealed the mysteries to the childlike, but not to the wise and learned. Jesus sees the childlike as including the poor, his disciples, the tax collectors and the sinners. The "wise and learned" are the arrogant scribes and Pharisees.

Finally, Christ gives a wonderful invitation. "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:2) He does note the need to take up the yoke – this from the Old Testament means to follow the laws. The Mosaic Law was burdensome with its 613 precepts. The scribes and Pharisees added complicated interpretations and precepts. Jesus says of the scribes and Pharisees, "They tie up heavy burdens [hard to carry] and lay them on peoples' shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them." (Matthew 23:4)

Jesus reminds all, "I am meek and humble of heart." (Matthew 11:29) This continuing presence of Christ with his followers will give them the strength needed to follow the two basic commandments: love God and love neighbor.

Fr. Ralph

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary time

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What constitutes Jesus "yoke" in my life? How can I lighten the burden carried by someone I know?

CHAT WITH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT THEY DO

On July 15 and 16, members of the Pastoral Council will host a Meet and Greet at the Information Desk after all Masses to chat with parishioners interested in running for the Pastoral Council this fall. The Pastoral Council advises the pastor on various issues germane to the parish and serves as the voice of St. Francis' 1,500 registered families. The Pastoral Council is especially interested in recruiting parishioners in their late teens, 20s and 30s, so the advisory body can reflect the parish's young people, their perspectives and their interests.

If you are a parishioner who is 16 years and older, can commit to attending one meeting per month for 10 months of the year, and can serve a three-year term beginning January 1, 2018, then please stop by the Information Desk after Mass next weekend to learn about the Pastoral Council. Service on the Pastoral Council is a great resume builder and can impart valuable workplace skills, such as collaboration and small group leadership skills.

For more information, contact Pastoral Council Chairmen Alicia Church at alicia.church@collaborationcouncil.org or Miguel Welanetz at welawhat@msn.com.

PICK UP A FOOD BAG FOR THE SUMMER IN THE CITY FOOD DRIVE NEXT WEEKEND

Don't leave church next weekend without picking up a food bag to participate in the 4th annual Summer in the City Food Drive. The initiative of the John S. Mulholland Family Foundation and Catholic Charities collects canned goods for needy parish food pantries in inner city Washington DC – St. Thomas More, St. Francis Xavier, St. Luke and Holy Name. Parishioners are asked to pick up a bag, fill it with canned goods and return it to St. Francis the weekend of July 22-23.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

Combined resources allow our nation to reach further and help more. The human consequences of budget choices are clear to us as pastors, and it is important to be vocal when proposed funding cuts impact those whose voices are all too often missing from these debates. Therefore, the Catholic Bishops of the United States stand ready to work with leaders of both parties toward a federal budget that will not only reduce future deficits, but will also protect the poor and vulnerable while advancing peace and the common good of civil society.

Until next week,

Fr. John Dillon

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

Recently I read an interview on the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop (USCCB) with the Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of Venice, Florida who is also chair of the USCCB Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development. He was asked to comment on "A New Foundation for American Greatness," the recently released presidential budget proposal that would increase defense spending by \$54 billion and then offset that by stripping money from many agencies that serve millions of people, including the poor. In the interview Bishop Dewane emphasized the moral imperatives involved in such decisions and expressed concerns about their impact on the nation's poor and vulnerable. Here are the questions the USCCB interviewer asked Bishop Dewane:

Q. Why does the Catholic Church consider the budget a moral document?

The budget is a moral document because it highlights the collective spending priorities of our nation, which impact the good of real people. These decisions help determine how well we all, particularly the most vulnerable, will fare in society. As Christians, we also recall the words of Christ who said, "whatever you did for one of these least of mine, you did for Me" (Matthew 25). Budget decisions ought to be guided by the moral criteria that ensure protection of human life and dignity, give central importance to "the least of these," and promote the well-being of workers and families who struggle to live in dignity. We cannot balance the budget on the backs of the poor. The moral measure of the federal budget is how well it promotes the common good of all, especially the most vulnerable.

Q. What are some of your concerns with the proposed budget?

The proposed sharp increases in defense and immigration enforcement spending, coupled with severe reductions to non-defense spending for the poor, is profoundly disturbing. Such spending reductions would have an impact on the vulnerable in every state. Crucial programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which provides critical nutrition assistance to hungry people, would suffer from deep cuts, and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, which gives states and cities more flexibility in how they combat poverty, could be eliminated. When defense spending, which already exceeds that of the next eight nations combined, is receiving a large increase in funds, it is hard to reconcile the significant cuts that are being made to crucial services, such as health care, nutrition, income security and anti-poverty programs.

Q. How does the federal budget impact the Catholic Church in America?

The Catholic Community defends the unborn and the undocumented, feeds the hungry, shelters the homeless, educates the young, and cares for the sick both home and abroad. We help mothers facing challenging situations of pregnancy, poor families striving to rise above crushing poverty, refugees fleeing conflict and persecution, and communities devastated by wars, natural disasters and famines. In much of this work, Catholics are partners with the government.

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LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING The Lamb of God Prayer Meeting will **NOT** meet on Tuesday, July 11. For details, please call Louise, (301) 977-5217.

POOR BOX DONATION – The donations for next weekend will go to the UMAN (Upper Montgomery Assistance Network). *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.

LIVING YOUR FAITH THROUGH CARE FOR THE POOR:

THE CALL OF THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Do you sense a call to live out your faith through directly helping the poor and needy? This is the call of members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. It is challenging, but filled with rewards and blessings. Pope Francis writes that "The universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely. Hence, there is a mystical meaning to be found in . . . a poor person's face" (*Laudato Si*, para 233). We experience that. Come to one of our meetings to learn more. Our next meetings are **Thursday**, **July 13 and Thursday**, **July 27** in the Assisi Room at 7:00 p.m. For more information call Tony Bosnick, 301-840-1407, X 11.

YOUR OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTION

Just a reminder that we do not record loose checks from the weekly collection. In order for us to track your contribution and send you a statement at the end of the year, it is suggested that you sign up for envelopes or Faith Direct. To sign up for envelopes you can call the Parish Office, (301) 840-1407. To sign up for electronic contributions visit www.faithdirect.net. The code for St. Francis is MD110. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office.

BUILD UP OUR CHURCH

SIGN UP FOR FLOCKNOTE ON THE ST. FRANCIS WEB SITE

If you haven't yet signed up for Flocknote -- an e-mail and texting application that St. Francis joined this year -- then you can now do it directly from St. Francis' web site. Parishioners signed up for Flocknote receive weekly e-mails from Fr. John on various aspects of our parish life and his thoughts on our Catholic faith. You can also receive text messages reminding you about upcoming parish events and breaking news you need to know. Go to http://www.sfadw.org to sign up for Flocknote today.

For more information about our parish communications efforts, contact Communications Coordinator Melissa Egan at Melissa.egan74@verizon.net.

JOIN US - ST. FRANCIS MEN'S MINI-RETREAT "Putting First Things First"

Join us for a half-day retreat on the beautiful grounds of St. Anselm's Abbey in Washington, DC. We will discuss what we put before Christ and what we can do to put Him first again. There will be Mass, Reconciliation (available), Liturgy of the Hours with the monks, short talks, reflection time, fellowship, and relaxation.

When: July 22, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Where: St. Anselm's Abbey, 4501 South Dakota

Avenue, N.W. Washington DC

Cost: Free Will (\$15 suggested); brown bag lunch,

 $coffee,\,donuts\,\,and\,\,light\,\,snacks\,\,provided.$

RSVP (appreciated) and questions:

Wendel Hall – wendel@halllawoffice.net (202) 744-3250

HOLY LAND FESTIVAL

(cosponsored with the Archdiocese of Washington)

Experience the culture and life of Christians in the Holy Land at the 4th Annual Holy Land Festival, Saturday, July 15, 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America, 1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC 20017. Enjoy authentic Arabic food, dancing, exhibits, vendors, speakers and free tours of the monastery shrines and gardens. The sponsors are the Archdiocese of Washington, Franciscan Monastery, Bethlehem University Foundation, Holy Family Hospital Foundation and Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation. Admission and parking are free; Brookland/CUA Metro or H6 bus. Learn more: myfranciscan.org/holylandfestival or 202-526-6800.

Montgomery County Fair

August 11 - 19 Food Booth 37

If you missed signing up to volunteer at the Fair, you can still volunteer by calling Sylvia Jones, (301) 762-6564 or the Parish Office to sign-up. 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. *Volunteer assignments will be posted in the Gathering Space the weekend of July 22/23*.

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.

SUMMER VACATION MASS TIMES

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

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS/EVENTS

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY

Upcoming Events FRED

JULY

July 9-14 Encounter Work Camp 16 FRED Summer Nights 23 FRED Summer Nights

AUGUST

6 FRED Summer Nights
8 Youth Appreciation Day
12 Bowie Baysocks Game
13 Fred Summer Nights
21-25 Middle School Service Camp
26 Faith Night at the Nats Game
27 FRED Summer Nights

GET SOCIAL

*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 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.

YOUNG ADULT EVENT 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.

PAINT EVENT AT MUSE PAINTBAR

Enjoy painting with a purpose to raise funds for our choir pilgrimage next year. Join St. Patrick's Choir for a unique and fun experience at Muse Paintbar, 217 Boardwalk Pl #225, Gaithersburg, MD 20878, on Saturday, July 29, at 12:00 Noon to 2:30 p.m.. Purchase tickets by July 16. Create your own masterpiece which you will get to take home. No experience is required and you will work with real artists. Tickets available at www.goo.gl/eDilB5. Contact Terry Robinson at choirpaints@gmail.com or call 240-342-6021 for more information.

JULY @ ST. FRANCIS		
9-14	Encounter Work Camp (Mon thru Fri)	
10	Pax Christi Mtg (YR)	7:30 pm
12	Welcome Fr. Jack!	_
	Martha & Mary Women's Group (YR) 7:30pm	
13	St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (AR)	7:00 pm
	Alanon Mtg (Lib)	7:00 pm
14	CL Mtg (AR)	8:00 pm
16	New Parishioner Welcome (Rectory) 2:30 pm	
	FRED Summer Nights (YR)	6:00 pm
20	Alanon Mtg (Lib)	7:00 pm
21	CL Mtg (AR)	8:00 pm
22-23	Mulholland Food Collection	•
	FRED Summer Nights (YR)	6:00 pm
26	Martha & Mary Women's Group (YR) 7:30pm	
27	St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (AR)	7:00 pm
	Alanon Mtg (Lib)	7:00 pm
28	CL Mtg (AR)	8:00 pm

MARRIAGE HELP

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the September program beginning with a weekend on September 15 - 17, 2017 call (443) 400-7017, or email: 3015@retrouvaille.org or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS RCIA - THE PROCESS BY WHICH ADULTS BECOME CATHOLIC

Can you answer "Yes" to any of these questions?

- Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?
- Are you unbaptized but recognize a need for spirituality in your life?
- Were you baptized Catholic or baptized into another denomination but never received any formal religious education?
- Are you married to a Catholic and attend Mass, but just don't know what the next step is to become one of the Catholic faithful?

RCIA is the place for you. Every year adults are welcomed into the Catholic Community through RCIA. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings you to Jesus Christ who is our Lord and Savior.

Classes will begin in mid-September. For more information, we invite you to call or e-mail Terry Davis (301-774-0783, e-mail davistj23@gmail.com) or Sara Dean (301-977-6373, e-mail sgdean129@gmail.com). There is no obligation, just information.

Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School Catch our Spirit

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

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.

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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"... and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." Find out how Love and communication can ease your burdens by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next weekend is on October 27-29, 2017 in Gaithersburg, MD. For more information and to apply online visit welovematrimony.org, or call 301-541-7007, or email at applications@welovematrimony.org.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Do you desire to grow in friendship and faith with other young Catholics? Calling all young adults! St. Patrick's, Rockville, is hosting a summer bible study on Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m. centered around the topic of marriage and family. Topics are as follows:

7/12 - Building family

7/19 - Spirits and Spirits

7/26 - Discernment of Spirits

8/2 - "Beauty will Save the World"

8/9 - An Unexpected Story

For additional information, please contact Alisa Zacharia, azachari@terpmail.umd.edu. All are welcome! We hope to see you there.

RIGHT TO LIFE OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

This year, Right to Life of Montgomery County will again have a pro-life booth at the Montgomery County Fair, August 11-19. If you are interested in helping out at the booth please call Tharpa Roberts, (301) 962-5611 or rtl-mc@verizon.net. If you volunteered last year, Tharpa will be calling you to see if you can help again this year. Your help is greatly appreciated.