

Mass Intentions

October 22 - October 28

Monday, 10/22	9:00 a.m.	Marguerite & Tim Heidenberg (L)
Tuesday, 10/23	9:00 a.m.	Don Smith
Wednesday, 10/24	9:00 a.m.	Cecelia Tyson
	7:30 p.m.	Bob Coyne
Thursday, 10/25	9:00 a.m.	Robert F. & Belen Ruiz
Friday, 10/26	9:00 a.m.	Pari Ronda Davila
Saturday, 10/27	9:00 a.m.	Bob Coyne
	5:00 p.m.	Alice Kumkumian
Sunday, 10/28	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
	9:30 a.m.	Kimberly McDonough
	11:15 a.m.	Richard Hunt
	5:00 p.m.	Bernadine Hubschman

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Edward Kuehner, brother of Monsignor Ralph Kuehner.

Please pray for the sick... Kelly Holden, Grace O'Brien, Jeff Smith, Roberta Connors, Bernard Kohan, Sr., Dennis Parnell, 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 October 21, 2018

Sunday:	Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/ Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45
Monday:	Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5 [3b]/ Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday:	Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9]/ Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday:	Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [cf. 3]/ Lk 12:39-48
Thursday:	Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 [5b]/ Lk 12:49-53
Friday:	Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/ Lk 12:54-59
Saturday:	Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/ Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday:	Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/ Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

On Sunday, October 14, 2018 Pope Francis canonized Blessed Paul VI, Blessed Oscar Romero, Blessed Vincent Romano, Blessed Francesco Spinelli, Blessed Nunzio Sulprizio, Blessed Nazaria Ignacia March Mesa, and Blessed Maria Katharina Kasper. In this column I want to focus on Saint Paul VI.

John Allen, writing in *Crux* on October 12, 2018, states that there are three lessons from the life of Paul VI that are being taught in his canonization. First, he had a great passion for humanity. This came out very clearly near the end of his life when the Italian Prime Minister Aldo Moro was executed by a left-wing Italian terrorist movement called the "Red Brigade." Moro was a very close friend of Paul VI, who made great efforts to save the life of his friend. He was devastated when Moro was killed. Three days after the murder, Paul VI addressed himself to God in the Basilica of Saint John Lateran, "You did not grant the plea for the safety of Aldo Moro, of this good and gentle man, wise and innocent---who was my friend." The question he left hanging was "Why didn't you help." Paul VI showed the world not only that Popes wrestle with doubt but also holiness and heartbreak go hand in hand.

Second, you can see in Paul VI a great deal of balance. One way that this is illustrated is in the fact that the Second Vatican Council is the only ecumenical council in the history of the Church that wasn't followed immediately by a schism. In our polarized and angry times, balance and patience are characteristics of Paul VI of which we are in great need! Third, in the life of Paul VI, you can see a great deal of courage. This was evident in 1967 when he issued *Populorum Progressio*, his encyclical on development. Paul realized that he was in for criticism for seeming to bless socialist, liberationist, and anti-colonial movements across the Third World. If that encyclical brought him criticism from conservative commentators, the next year brought lots of criticism from liberal circles when he issued *Humanae Vitae* where he reaffirmed traditional Catholic opposition to artificial birth control. In that encyclical Paul VI presented a compelling treatment of both the unitive and procreative ends of marriage. It took a great deal of courage to hold to that position as the sexual revolution was getting under way in full force!

St. Paul VI also had a profound devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. In fact, he named Mary the Mother of Church during the Second Vatican Council. During this month of the Holy Rosary, I want to mention that St. Paul wrote a beautiful Apostolic Exhortation on the Blessed Mother entitled *Marialis Cultus* (For the Right Ordering and Development of Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary), which was issued on February 2, 1974. In that document St. Paul VI encouraged the recitation of the Family Rosary. This has been a time-honored practice of Catholic families in times past. Venerable Father Patrick Peyton, CSC, founder of the Family Rosary Crusade has famously said, "The family that prays together, stays together." St. Paul VI would certainly agree with that sentiment. This is how he put it, "If this element of common prayer were missing, the family would lack its very character as a domestic Church" (paragraph 52).

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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What services can I provide for others, be it in my family, in my community, and in the world? Am I willing to suffer for others?

LEARN MORE ABOUT CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING AT THIS WEEKEND'S BROWN BAG CONVERSATION

Have you wanted to learn more about Catholic Social Teaching, but never had the opportunity to do so? Bring your lunch and join us at 1 pm Sunday, October 21, as Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick leads a Brown Bag Conversation on "Catholic Social Teaching" in the Rectory's Assisi Room.

The discussion will provide an overview of the Catholic Church's social teachings, which encapsulate the importance of building a just society and living lives of holiness amid the challenges of modern society. It is the first of a two-part conversation on the Church's social justice teachings; the second Brown Bag Conversation at 1 pm Sunday, October 28, will focus on the book, "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States" and its application, as we approach the Nov. 6 General Election. For more information, contact Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.

TOGO MISSION

Thank you to everyone who donated to the TOGO Mission. The total donation from St. Francis was \$6,429. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the Mission.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

Paul VI recognized that the changed conditions of contemporary family life in the early 1970s did not make family gatherings easy, and even when such a gathering is possible many circumstances make it difficult to turn it into an occasion of prayer. Even in recognizing this obstacle, he gently challenged families that want to live in full measure the vocation and spirituality proper to the Christian family must devote their energies to overcoming the pressures that hinder family gatherings and prayer in common. I think that this gentle challenge is still relevant today!

During this month of October Pope Francis is asking us to pray a Rosary daily that the Virgin Mary protect the Church in these times of crisis and to pray the prayer to St. Michael the Archangel that he may defend the Church from the attacks of the devil. The Holy Father would also like us to add the following special prayer to Mary: *"We fly to your patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O ever glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen."* I am following this recommendation and hope that you and your family will do likewise!

Until next week,

Fr. John

OCTOBER EVENING PRAYER

Evening Prayer will be offered at 7:00 pm on Friday evening, October 26. During this time of prayer, we shall pray one of two prayers for the victims and survivors of sexual abuse prepared by the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors.

INCREASED OFFERTORY PROGRAM TO KICK OFF NEXT MONTH

Over the next few weeks, St. Francis parishioners will be hearing about the upcoming Increased Offertory Program at our church. This program, "Responding to God's Call to Love and Serve," will help ensure we can continue living out our mission as a church:

- Enlivened by God's grace, we live the good news*
- *Joyfully sharing God's love with all,*
 - *Being instruments of peace for the poor and vulnerable, and*
 - *Continually building up our diverse church community.*

Our parish family has changed many lives in our local and global community, as we have served God's people. To continue supporting our mission and ministries, we encourage all parishioners to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family reflecting on the needs of the parish and your current giving level. We look forward to seeing all parishioners at Mass, especially during Commitment Weekend on November 18. If you have any questions about the Increased Offertory Program, please call the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407.

NOVEMBER BROWN BAG CONVERSATION FOCUSES ON GRIEF

Grief is sometimes described as the thoughts and feelings we have on the inside when someone we love dies. Mourning is the outward expression of those thoughts and feelings. On Sunday, November 4, Montgomery Hospice Bereavement Counselor Bunny O'Dell will provide an introductory workshop on the process of grief and how it differs from mourning during a Brown Bag Conversation at 1:00 pm in the Rectory's Assisi Room. During the discussion, O'Dell will address typical grief reactions and responses; the grief cycle and styles; and how to care for people who are grieving and self-care while grieving. Please bring a lunch and join us for this important conversation. For more information, contact Health Ministry Coordinator Betty Baklarz at lbbaklarz@yahoo.com.

LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING Join the Lamb of God Prayer Group for worship and the study of Scripture on Tuesday, October 23, 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 week-end will go to the Prison Ministry Outreach Program. 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's 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.

SOCK-TOBER

So Others Might Eat (SOME) needs adult socks (new or gently used)!! Please place your donations in the "Sock" Box in the Gathering Space during the month of October.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT DONATIONS NEEDED

The Holiday Bazaar Crafting Committee needs donations for a special Christmas craft:

- **"Brand New"** Christmas or Autumn themed dishtowels, flat potholders and washcloth sets or separates. These can be found inexpensively at any Dollar Store. They will be making angels out of them.
- Christmas greenery and holiday colored flowers.
- Holiday colored extra wide ribbon.

Please place your generous donations in the marked box in the Gathering Space.

RETIRED PRIEST COLLECTION 2018

The second collection for November 3 and 4, 2018 is for the Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Washington. Archdiocese of Washington priests have selflessly served the faithful and the community to continue Christ's mission for decades. Let's join together to help to provide care and housing for our retired priests so they can live in dignity. Please use the envelopes that have been mailed to your homes from the Archdiocese and/or the special collection envelopes that will be placed in the pews for the weekend of November 3 and 4. *New this year, you can also give through your smart phone by texting "Priest" to (301) 231-1816.* A link will be sent back to you to complete your generous gift for this important collection.

ST. FRANCIS ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR & FLEA MARKET Saturday, November 10

VENDORS NEEDED

We are looking for vendors to sell their goods at the Bazaar. If you are interested in having a booth at the bazaar, please contact the Parish Office, (301) 840-1407.

JEWELRY DONATIONS

Please drop jewelry donations off at the parish office or leave your treasured items in the mailbox on the Rectory porch if the office is closed.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

We are looking for silent auction items such as Time Shares, Sports Tickets, Theater Passes, etc. for our Fall Bazaar (November 10). Items donated are a tax write-off! For more information or to make arrangements to donate, please call the Parish Office, Donna, (301) 840-1407.

THEME BASKETS FOR SILENT AUCTION

If you would like to make up a theme basket for the Silent Auction, please call the Parish Office to let us know you are donating a special basket. Theme Baskets are always a big hit!

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UPS

Volunteer sign-up sheets for the Holiday Bazaar will be in the Gathering Space the weekends of October 27/28 and November 3/4. You can also call the Parish Office 301-840-1407 or e-mail dzezzo@sfadw.org to sign-up. Lot of hands are needed to make this annual fundraiser a success.

FLEA MARKET ITEMS

Start saving those treasures. First drop-off day is Monday, 9:00 a.m., November 5th in the Youth Room of the Rectory.

FREE LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Sunday, October 28 – December 9, 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Experience the Holy Spirit in a more intimate and powerful way: deeper intimacy with God; new power to change; greater desire for the sacraments; new joy and hope. Adults 18+ are welcome. Register at <https://life-in-the-spirit-fall-2018.eventbrite.com> or contact Mother of God Community, Gaithersburg, 301-990-2081. www.motherofgod.org We hope to see you there!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS/EVENTS



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS UPDATE

Even though Religious Education classes have started, space is still available in most classes and children are welcome to begin classes once registration is received and processed. Registration forms can be found in the Gathering Space, the Parish Offices, and also on the parish website. Please call the Religious Education Office if need more information: 301-258-9193. **Children must be registered before they can begin classes.**

CATECHISTS AND AIDES NEEDED

Additional volunteers are still needed in our Monday afternoon Elementary program and Monday evening middle school program. Please consider whether you can serve as a catechist or classroom aide for our children and young people. We need your help to keep our class sizes small. If you would like to learn more about this important ministry, please contact Susan Anderson, Director of Religious Education, at 301-258-9193.

NET RETREAT FOR GRADES 6, 7 & 8 ON OCTOBER 30

Students in 6th, 7th, & 8th grade Religious Education classes will participate in the NET Retreat on Tuesday, October 30, from 5:00-8:00 pm in the Parish Center. The NET Retreat takes the place of RE classes on October 29 and 30 for 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students (i.e., there are no Monday 6:45 RE classes on October 29. These students, and all students who attend the 6:45 Tuesday classes, are expected to attend the NET Retreat instead.) If you have questions, please call the Religious Education Office, 301-258-9193.

MOVIE FROM THE VOICES FROM THE HOLY LAND FILM SERIES SCREENS OCTOBER 21 AT ST. FRANCIS

St. Francis parishioners are invited to join members of the Pax Christi Ministry for the last two films in the Voices from the Holy Land Film Series, which continues this weekend in the Parish Center. At 2:30 pm Sunday, October 21, the Pax Christi Ministry will screen "Disturbing the Peace," a 90-minute documentary depicting former Palestinian militants and Israeli soldiers who discover what they have in common and how to move toward peace. A panel discussion with Q&A will follow the free showing in Room 6 of the Parish Center.

The last films of the series, "Gaza: A Gaping Wound," and "Gaza in Context" will be shown at 2:30 pm Sunday, October 28, in the library of the Islamic Center of Maryland, 19411 Woodfield Road, Gaithersburg. "Gaza: A Gaping Wound" tells the stories of survivors of the 2014 Israeli military offensive in Gaza, which persisted for 51 days, claiming the lives of 2,200, injuring 11,000 more, and leaving 100,000 homeless. The second short, "Gaza in Context" provides essential facts necessary for understanding the conflict. A moderated discussion will follow the free showing. For more information about this film series in Montgomery County, visit voicesfromtheholylnd.org. Questions? Call Bob Cooke at (301) 661-0449.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS/EVENTS

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

- 21 Youth Group
- 25 Fundraiser at Ledo's in Derwood
- 28 Youth Group

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Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School

We are...St. Jude

www.StJudeRockville.org

OPEN HOUSE Looking for an outstanding education in a Catholic Christian community? Visit our Open House on Wednesday, November 14th from 9:00-11:30 am.

JOIN SILVER KNIGHTS ENRICHMENT FOR TWO AFTERSCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES — CHESS AND LEGO ROBOTICS! REGISTRATION: Visit

www.skenrichment.com To request financial aid or apply for a scholarship, please visit our website Questions? Email: Info@skenrichment.com or call: 703.574.2070

Chess Club Mondays, 3:30 to 4:30 pm Starts on 10/22 Skip 10/29, 11/12 End on 12/17 7 meetings, \$102. Playing chess is a great way to develop a child's critical thinking skills, sportsmanship, and patience — all while having fun!

Lego Robotics Tuesdays, 3:30 to 4:30 pm Starts on 10/23 End on 12/11 8 meetings, \$176. Make LEGO® WeDo 2.0 SpaceBots in this session of Robotics Club! Each week, students build and code a different space-themed robot using LEGO® gears, pulleys, axles, motors and sensors.

BULLDOG BOLT 5K RACE & FUN RUN On November 3, 2018, St. Jude will host our 6th annual Bulldog Bolt 5K and Fun Run, followed by an HSA sponsored post-race celebration! All proceeds from the race will be used to purchase athletic equipment and enhance the school facility. For more information go to <https://www.stjuderockville.org/giving/bulldog-bolt-5k-race-fun-run>

TRUNK OR TREAT AND HALLOWEEN FEST

Join in the Halloween fun on Friday, November 2nd from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Treats, crafts, food and DJ! Fun for the whole family!

CHILDREN'S HOLY HOUR

All children and their families are invited to join St. Peter's Parish (Olney), Friday, October 26 from 4:00-5:00 pm in the Chapel for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration with songs and stories, opportunities for confession and a snack social immediately following.

THE ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Save the date of Sunday, November 18, for the annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service to be held at 7:00 pm at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 17740 Muncaster Road, Derwood. The homilist will be Rev. Mark Adams, pastor of Redland Baptist Church. St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church will participate in the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, along with four other churches. The other participating congregations are Redland Baptist Church, St. Luke Lutheran Church, and Mill Creek Parish United Methodist Church. In addition, any financial donations brought to the service will benefit Our House in Brookeville, MD. Thank you!

MUSIC NOTE - The hymn "Seek Ye First" was written by the American singer/songwriter Karen Lafferty in 1971. At the time, Lafferty was a young woman who had recently given up her job as a singer at nightclubs, in order to follow Jesus. In the midst of financial woes, she knew that she should turn to the Lord, so she went to church one evening. There she heard a discussion of Matthew: 6. She went home later that evening and set the scripture text to the simple melody we sing today. This simple song has been included in almost every hymnal published in North America since 1980.

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. It can include isolation. Isolation makes it hard for the victim to see friends and family, her/his mail is read, phone-calls and texts are monitored, car keys are taken away, etc.

OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH: Pray at 3:00 pm each day for family peace. Catholics believe that God loves and cares for everyone, and that God knows their pain and concerns. Catholics for Family Peace (based at Catholic University) invites you to join them in a moment of prayer at 3 pm, wherever you are, for those suffering from violence and abuse and those who use violence to control others. We pray for them and for all who work to end domestic violence. Would you set an alarm to join them each day to pray at 3:00 pm? Please visit www.catholicsforfamilypeace.org for additional information.

CATHOLIC WOMEN: TREASURES OF THE ROSARY

On Saturday, October 27, the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, in collaboration with the archdiocesan Office of Family Life, will present a one-day conference: **Treasures of the Rosary: Discover the dignity of your soul to help you live a faith-filled life in your daily walk with God.** It will be held at the Franciscan Monastery in Washington, DC (1400 Quincy St., NE) from 7:45am-3pm. Mass starts at 8:15 am. Breakfast and lunch provided. Cost: \$30. Online registration: adw.org/event/treasures-of-rosary, or email for paper registration at ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com. Contact: Carol Monaco, Spirituality Commission Chair.

American Red Cross Blood Donation Drive

Sunday 28 October 2018

@ St Patrick Parish Center (GYM)

4101 Norbeck Rd at Muncaster Mill Rd

Hours: 9:00 AM through 3:00 PM

HELP HURRICANE VICTIMS.

Please arrange **appointment** with parish rep

Mary Beiter RN at mtbrhb@verizon.net

or **301-460-3971**. Please mark your calendar.

Walk-ins can be accommodated, but may cause delay for all during the limited 6-hour period.

Prefer to **SET SPECIFIC TIME.**

SCHEDULE your life-saving DONATION today.

ADULTS, SAVE THE DATE FOR A CHURCH SERVICE TRIP THIS SPRING

If you are interested in a mission trip associated with a Catholic church, then the St. Francis Builds trip organized by St. Camillus Church in Silver Spring may be for you. The mission of St. Francis Builds is to grow in our Catholic faith, strengthen personal relationships and community within the parish and engage culturally with underserved communities in the United States and in other countries. The trip will take place to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota from March 17-24, the same week as the University of Maryland's spring break. For additional information about the St. Francis Builds trip, visit <https://stcamilluschurch.org/st-francis-builds>. Interested individuals can also contact Beth Hood at bhood134@gmail.com for more information.

89TH ANNUAL HAM & TURKEY DINNER

St. Mary in Barnesville cordially invites all to join in their Annual Ham & Turkey Dinner on Saturday, October 27, 12:00 Noon-6:30 pm. Full course dinners served inside are \$16 for adults, children 10 and under are free. Carryout is \$16 for all ages. There will also be a craft table, baked goods, cake wheel, Christmas Shop, hay rides, pumpkins and more! St. Mary's is located at 18230 Barnesville Road, Barnesville. Credit cards accepted.

NINTH ANNUAL WHITE MASS

All are welcome to the 9th Annual White Mass, celebrating the gifts of persons with disabilities and the Deaf community. This Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, October 28 at 11:30 am at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle (1725 Rhode Island Ave., NW, Washington, DC). It is customary to wear white to this Mass to symbolize the dignity shared by all who have been baptized into Christ's body. For more information, contact the Department of Special Needs Ministries at 301-853-4560 or 301-200-5430 (VP). Contact by email at specialneedsministry@adw.org.