



Mass Intentions

October 29 - November 4

Monday, 10/29	9:00 a.m. Carol Toney
Tuesday, 10/30	9:00 a.m. Hugo Huaman
Wednesday, 10/31	9:00 a.m. Deacon Daniel Thompson 7:30 p.m. Cesar Q. Cabildo, Sr.
Thursday, 11/1	9:00 a.m. <i>Pro populo</i>
Holy Day	12:00 p.m. Robert Coyne 7:30 p.m. Jane & Rodger F. Ruiz (L)
Friday, 11/2	9:00 a.m. <i>All Souls</i> 7:30 p.m. <i>All Souls</i>
Saturday, 11/3	9:00 a.m. Robert Balkam 5:00 p.m. Rolando Sabalbaro
Sunday, 11/4	8:00 a.m. Robert Coyne 9:30 a.m. <i>Pro populo</i> 11:15 a.m. Ramon Meneses 5:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the Jane Ruiz Family

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Monsignor Thomas M. Duffy, Archdiocese of Washington.

Please pray for the sick... Cecilia Bussard, Ray Spieler, Margaret Weiss Behrus, Heidi Weiss Beedie, Kelly Holden, Grace O'Brien, Jeff Smith, 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 28, 2018

Sunday:	Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52
Monday:	Eph 4:32--5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Eph 5:1]/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday:	Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-32/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [1a]/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday:	Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday:	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Friday:	Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom 5:5-11
Saturday:	Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday:	Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The U.S. Department of Justice estimates that 1.3 million women and 835,000 men are victims of physical violence by a partner every year. Recently the Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Charities Domestic Violence Priest Advisory Committee guided the development of a new domestic violence pastoral resource packet. This will be a valuable tool to help priests, deacons, and parish staff in ministering to families living with domestic abuse. Today, drawing on material in this new resource, I want to present an overview of domestic violence.

Domestic violence is any kind of behavior that a person uses to control an intimate partner through fear and intimidation. It includes physical, sexual, psychological, verbal, and economic abuse. Some examples of domestic abuse include battering, name-calling and insults, threats to kill or harm one's partner or children, destruction of property, marital rape, and forced sterilization or abortion.

Younger, unmarried women are at greatest risk for domestic violence. According to a U.S. government survey, 53 percent of victims were abused by a current or former girlfriend or boyfriend. One-third of all victims were abused by a spouse, while 14 percent said that the offender was an ex-spouse. Women ages 16 to 24 are nearly three times as vulnerable to attacks by intimate partners as those in other age groups; abuse victims between ages 35 and 49 run the highest risk of being killed.

While abuse cuts across all ethnic and economic backgrounds, some women face particular obstacles. Women of color may not view the criminal justice system as a source of help. Additionally, in some cultures women feel pressured to keep problems within the home and to keep the family together at all costs. Some fear that they will lose face in the community if they leave. Immigrant women often lack familiarity with the language and legal systems of this country. Their abusers may threaten them with deportation.

Women in rural communities may find themselves with fewer resources. The isolation imposed by distance and lack of transportation can aggravate their situation. Isolation can also be a factor for women who do not work outside the home. They may have less access to financial resources and to information about domestic violence. Women with disabilities and elderly women are also particularly vulnerable to violence.

Some who suffer from domestic violence are also victims of stalking, which includes following a person, making harassing phone calls, and vandalizing property. Eight percent of women in the United States have been stalked at some time in their lives, and more than one million are stalked annually. Stalking is a unique crime because stalkers are obsessed with controlling their victims' actions and feelings. A victim can experience extreme stress, rage, depression, and an inability to trust anyone.

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How would you answer the question that Jesus has asked the last two weeks: "What do you want?"

2018 PARISH PICNIC

The Parish Picnic was held on Sunday, October 7. Although the weather was cloudy in the morning, the sun came out at noon, disappeared and St. Francis smiled down on the parish. It was a glorious day for a picnic. There were lots of fun activities for all ages including decorating pumpkins, sand art, face painting and balloon sculptures created by Buttons the Clown. Even the animals had a blessed time.

A big thank you to Alex and Doris Chung and Cesario and Maria Arias who grilled hamburgers and hotdogs to feed the 180+ people who came to feast. Along with the main course provided by the church, there were desserts and side dishes shared by the parishioners. **Thank you to all!**

A lot of hard work went into this event which illustrates the heart of the St. Francis Community. A special shout out to everyone who came Saturday morning to transform the Parish Center into a Fall Festival. I also want to recognize the parents who stepped up to supervise, monitor and run the crafts and ice cream station to ensure that our children were safe, happy and engaged. Thank you as well to the servers, cleanup crew and all the other volunteers who made this year's picnic extra special. See you all next year on the first Sunday in October -- Rain or Shine! ~ *Sylvia*

ALL SOULS MASS

During the month of November we will remember those who have died. All Souls envelopes will be placed on the altar for the month. The envelopes can be found at the doors to the Church. Also, on Friday, November 2, 7:30 p.m. there will be an All Souls Mass for those parishioners who have died within the past year. This Mass is also open to the parish.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

Domestic violence is often shrouded in silence. People outside the family hesitate to interfere, even when they suspect abuse is occurring. Many times even extended family denies that abuse exists, out of loyalty to the abuser and in order to protect the image of the family. Some people still argue—mistakenly—that intervention by outside sources endangers the sanctity of the home. Yet abuse and assault are no less serious when they occur within a family. Even when domestic violence is reported, sometimes there are failures to protect victims adequately or to punish perpetrators.

Until next week

Fr. John Dillon

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Times

Vigil Mass - October 31 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 1

9:00 a.m. 12:00 Noon 7:30 p.m.

PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

**SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 4
2:00 A.M.**



NOVEMBER 2018 LUNCH – The St. Francis Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, November 7 at 12:00 Noon at I-HOP, 775 Rockville Pike (next to Wooten Parkway), Rockville, (301) 738-1894. If you are planning to attend, please contact Mary Lou Habib and she will save a seat for you, (301) 417-0243.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

All are welcome! Join the Ministry of Eucharistic Adoration and assist with adoration in the following manner:

- *Become a regular attendee at adoration in the Parish.*
- *Pray that Eucharistic Adoration will increase.*
- *Foster Eucharistic Adoration in our parish by evangelizing His Eucharistic Presence.*
- *Deepen your personal relationship with Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament.*

PLEASE NOTE SCHEDULE CHANGE

First Friday Adoration will begin at 3:00 p.m. and end at 7:00 p.m. First Friday Adoration will now be held in the St. Clare Chapel in the Rectory.

LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING Join the Lamb of God Prayer Group for worship and the study of Scripture on Tuesday, October 30, 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 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'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

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



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.

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.

CATECHIST MEETING: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

There will be a Catechist Meeting for all RE catechists on Sunday, November 4 from 1:00-2:30 pm in Room 6 of the Parish Center. Please join us as we share ideas for enriching our faith formation classes!

JOIN AIM MEMBERS IN EARLY VOTING ON OCTOBER 28

Come join members of Action in Montgomery, who will participate in an Early Voting Action at 2 pm Sunday, October 28, at the County Executive Office building (behind the ground floor cafeteria), 101 Monroe St., Rockville. The gathering will be short, featuring statements from candidates running for County Executive and AIM leaders. Afterward, all participants can go upstairs and vote. The St. Francis AIM group is hoping to have at least 10 participants and would love to have more. For more information, contact St. Francis AIM coordinators Marianne Moore at marianne.moore1017@gmail.com or Rosemary Hudecheck at rosemaryhudecheck@yahoo.com.

LAST FILMS OF THE VOICES FROM THE HOLY LAND FILM SERIES SHOW THIS WEEKEND

The last two short films of the 2nd Annual Voices from the Holy Land Film Series will screen 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

28 Youth Group
30 NET Retreat

NOVEMBER

17-18 Youth Fall Retreat

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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.

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

Friday, November 2nd: Decorate your car and pass out treats. Prize for best decorated car! Also, play spooktacular games, complete a craft and dance the night away at Halloween Fest hosted by the SGA! Pizza and snacks will be sold to support the SGA.

ARCHDIOCESE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Applications for the 2019-2020 Archdiocese of Washington Tuition Assistance Program are now being accepted online at <https://adwcatholicsschools.org/tuition-assistance/>. Families of students currently enrolled in a Catholic school in the Archdiocese of Washington the application deadline for tuition assistance is December 7, 2018. Families enrolling their children for the first time in a Catholic school in the Archdiocese of Washington the application deadline is February 4, 2019. Email questions to tuitionassistanceprogram@adw.org.

REJOICE IN COMMON CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS AT THE ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE ON NOVEMBER 18

On Sunday, November 18, St. Francis will celebrate a longstanding tradition when it participates in the annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service to be held at 7 pm at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 17740 Muncaster Road, Derwood, MD. The homilist will be Rev. Mark Adams, pastor of Redland Baptist Church. The participating congregations are St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Redland Baptist Church, St. Luke Lutheran Church, and Mill Creek Parish United Methodist Church. Any financial donations brought to the service will benefit Our House in Brookeville, MD.

MUSIC NOTE - The 9:30 choir today sings “Ain-a That Good News,” an African-American spiritual. The setting was written by William L. Dawson (1899-1990), who is famous for his choral settings of spirituals that are sometimes of a vigorous nature, highlighting the unique rhythms of this style of music. Dawson achieved many accomplishments as a musician, directing a 100 voice choir at Carnegie Hall and the White House, at a time when segregation and racism was unfortunately present. He is also famous for his work entitled *Negro Folk Symphony*, in which the melody and rhythm of spirituals can be heard. This work was premiered by the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra, with Leopold Stokowski as conductor, in 1934.

YOU DON'T DESERVE TO BE ABUSED

Domestic violence can take different forms, but its purpose is always the same: Abusers want to control their domestic partners through fear. They do this by abusing them physically, sexually, psychologically, verbally and economically. Here are just three of the forms domestic violence can take:

Threats & Intimidations

- Threatening harm to the victim, the children, family members, and pets.
- Using physical size to intimidate
- Keeping weapons and threatening to use them
- Shouting

Emotional Withholding

- Not expressing feelings
- Not giving compliments
- Not paying attention
- Not respecting the victim's feelings, rights, and opinions
- Not taking the victim's concerns seriously

Destruction of Property

- Destroying furniture
- Punching walls
- Throwing or breaking things
- Abusing pets

If you experience any form of abuse, please know that there is help. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline (800) 799-7233. For additional information or to learn more about domestic violence visit: www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace.

MONTHLY TELEPHONE ROSARY

On the 4th and 13th of each month at 8:00 p.m., join the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women for a Rosary by telephone. On the 4th, call 605-468-8016 and insert code 357090#. On the 13th, call 515-739-1261 and insert code 703993#. Participants pray for an increase in faith, hope, and love, and any personal intentions that callers would like to add. For additional details or questions, please contact Sharon O'Brien at 301-651-8190 or e-mail archdioceseCCW@gmail.com.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter has all the tools you need for a great marriage. Sign up today to renew, rekindle and refresh your marriage at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on November 2-4, 2018 in Gaithersburg, MD or February 8-10, 2019 or October 25-27, 2019 also in Gaithersburg, MD. Go to moments4marriage.org to sign-up or call 301-541-7007. It's not too early to sign-up! Early registration is highly recommended.

UPCOMING BROWN BAG CONVERSATIONS ADDRESS CHURCH'S SOCIAL TEACHINGS, GRIEF

If you've enjoyed the Brown Bag Conversations at St. Francis of Assisi Church over the past few months, then the October and November topics are particularly timely ones. During Brown Bag Conversations, parishioners are invited to bring a bag lunch to participate in a lunchtime discussion at 1:00 pm some Sundays in the Rectory's Assisi Room. Topics cover a broad arc of issues addressing faith and spirituality, including:

• Sunday, October 28: "Catholic Social Teaching."

Join St. Francis of Assisi Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick, as he continues the second part of a two-part discussion on the Church's social teachings. Bosnick will focus his discussion on the book, "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship," and talk about its application as we look to the Maryland General Election on Tuesday, November 6. Marie Barry will be a co-presenter at this session.

• Sunday, November 4: "Grief 101."

Montgomery Hospice Bereavement Counselor Bunny O'Dell will lead an introductory workshop to discuss the process of grief and how it differs from mourning. During the discussion, O'Dell will address typical grief reactions and responses; the grief cycle and styles; how to care for people who are grieving and self-care while grieving. For more information, contact Health Ministry Coordinator Betty Baklarz at lbbaklarz@yahoo.com.

At each Brown Bag Conversation, doors will open at 12:45 pm to give people time to eat before the discussion begins. For more information about Brown Bag Conversations or to suggest a topic, please contact Adult Faith Formation Team Member Medy

40 HOURS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

REPARATION TO OUR LORD/

PRAYERS FOR HEALING - NOVEMBER 4, 5 & 6

Sunday, November 4: Public Procession with the Blessed Sacrament. Meet at Manor Country Club 1:00-2:00 pm. Procession begins at 2:00 pm. The walk is .7 miles from Manor Country Club to St. Patrick's, Rockville. Adoration/Prayers of Reparation/Healing/Benediction 2:45 pm. Evening Prayer/Benediction 7:30 pm.

Monday, November 5: Adoration all day following 9:10 a.m. Mass, Evening Prayer/Benediction 7:30 pm.

Tuesday, November 6: Adoration all day following 9:10 a.m. Mass, Evening Prayer/Benediction 7:30 pm. For additional information visit www.stpatricksmd.org.

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHOIR BENEFIT CONCERT FOR GAITHERSBURG HELP

The National Christian Choir will perform a benefit concert for Gaithersburg HELP on Saturday, November 3, 2018, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The concert will be held at Pathways Baptist Church, 200 W Diamond Ave., Gaithersburg. Doors open at 5:30 pm. All tickets sold in advance are \$15; no variations for seniors or children. Tickets at the door will be \$20. We accept cash or checks (payable to "Gaithersburg HELP"). Tickets can be purchased online by visiting www.gaithersburghelp.org. Tickets purchased online will **not** be mailed. Online purchasers will need to bring their printed receipt to pick up their tickets at Will Call on the night of the event. This is Gaithersburg HELP's major fundraiser for 2018. Even if you cannot attend, please consider purchasing a ticket to directly support Gaithersburg HELP's needy families.