ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD



October 8 - October 14

Monday: 10/8 9:00 a.m. Rudi De Sua

Tuesday, 10/9 9:00 a.m. John Coady Dillon, Jr. *Wednesday, 10/10* 9:00 a.m. Alexander O'Connor

7:30 p.m. Christie Gagnet

Thursday, 10/11 9:00 a.m. Monsignor Ralph Kuehner **Friday**, 10/12 9:00 a.m. Geraldine Bess Mitchell

Saturday, 10/13 9:00 a.m. Carolyn Curtis

5:00 p.m. Richard Pierce 8:00 a.m. Jimmy Gierula

Sunday, 10/14 8:00 a.m. Jimmy Gierula 9:30 a.m. Don Smith

11:15 a.m. Alfred Douglas Carrion

5:00 p.m. Pro populo

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of John Gallahan, father of Nancy Currier, Yvonne Bening, daughter of Emily Hmung, Harold Lefevre, husband of Patricia Lefevre, Edward Lasko, uncle of Debra Crone.

Please pray for the sick...Jeff Smith, Laurin Balkam, Roberta Connors, Donna Ford, 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 7, 2018

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/

Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16

Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c [5]/

Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15

[24b]/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4 **Thursday:** Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [69]/

Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [5]/

Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/

Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/

Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30

PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, OCTOBER 8 IN OBSERVANCE OF COLUMBUS DAY

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

Last week I published a quiz that had been prepared by the United States Conference on Catholic Bishops (USCCB) on Faithful Citizenship. This week I am giving the answers for the first ten questions owing to space requirements. I'll give the answers to the last ten questions in next week's column. Are you ready? Here they are!

- How many unborn children have lost their lives to abortion since Roe v. Wade legalized abortion in 1973? Answer:
 C) 53 million. There is currently no requirement to report abortions, and state reporting requirements also vary from one state to another. The United States Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Guttmacher Institute (GI) use different methods of data collection. GI (originally founded as Planned Parenthood's research arm) obtains its numbers from direct surveys of abortion providers, while CDC surveys state health departments. GI's figures, the basis for this estimate, are considered more complete.
- How many successful treatments for "incurable" diseases have been developed using stem cells harvested from human embryos that were destroyed to obtain them? Answer:

 A) 0. While at least two companies have started early clinical trials using cells derived from embryonic stem cells, one trial was discontinued after disappointing early results, and no trial has shown benefits for patients in peer-reviewed medical or scientific literature.
- 3. How many successful treatments for "incurable" diseases have been developed using stem cells from adult tissue sources, causing no harm to the stem cell donor? Answer: D) 73.
- How many U.S. children live in a household that is "food insecure," which means it can't provide enough food for its members at some point during the year? Answer: D) 16.2 million. According to the USDA, over 16.2 million children lived in food insecure (low food security and very low security) households in 2010.
- 5. The official poverty rate in America is: Answer: C) 15.1%. The official poverty rate in America is 15.1%--the highest rate in 17 years. (United States Census Bureau ["Census"] annual report for 2010).
- 6. How long has the average jobless worker been unemployed? Answer: C) 10 months. Approximately 24 million people (23.8) are unemployed or underemployed—a real unemployment rate around 15 percent and the average jobless worker has been unemployed for forty weeks—10 months.
- 7. According to a 2009 survey by the Polling Company, Inc., what percentage of American adults believed it is important to make sure that health care professionals in America are not forced to participate in procedures and practices to which they have moral objections? Answer: D) 87%. In an April 2009 survey by The Polling Company, Inc., 87% of American adults believed it is important (and 65% saw it as very important) to "make sure that health care professionals in America are not forced to participate in procedures and practices to which they have moral objections."

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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Do my human relationships resemble the love that God has for humanity? Are there relationships that do not reflect the love that God has for us? Can I look at others in the same way that God looks at me?

OCTOBER EVENING PRAYER

Evening Prayer will be offered at 7:00 pm on the following Friday evenings: October 12, October 19 and 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.

WELCOME to the Family of Christ!

The following individuals and their families recently joined our St. Francis faith community during the month of September:

> Xavier & Tracy Joseph John & Claudia Ward Kelsee Zyzak

The following children were baptized during the month of September:

Emilia Grace Parnell Josephine Harper Parnell Alexandre Rouil Emilie Rouil

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

- 8. How many patients who are hospitalized in the United States are cared for in a Catholic hospital? **Answer: B) 1 in 6.**Catholic hospitals care for 1 in 6 patients in the United States each year, and provide the full continuum of health care through more than 2,000 sponsors, systems, facilities, and related organizations, employing 725,000 individuals.
- 9. According to a study released in the September 2011 issues of Obstetrics & Gynecology, what percentage of practicing ob/gyns perform abortions? Answer: A) 14%. According to a study released in the September 2011 issues of Obstetrics and Gynecology, journal of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, only 14% of practicing ob/gyns perform abortions.
- 10. Children raised in intact married families are less likely to:
 Answer: D) All of the above (be physically and sexually abused, use drugs or alcohol, and become pregnant or impregnate someone as a teenager). Social science research continues to affirm the benefits children receive by being raised by their own father and mother, each of whom brings unique gifts to the shared task of parenting, that is, fathering and mothering. For an overview of pertinent research and more background on the Church's teaching about the importance of fathers and mothers, see this link: http://www.marriageuniqueforareason.org/children-faq/#q7.

Until next week, Fr. John

PARISH PICNIC THIS WEEKEND - RAIN OR SHINE!

Please join us this weekend for the Parish Picnic to be held from 12:30-4:30 pm, Sunday, October 7, on the church grounds. Volunteers will be serving hot dogs and hamburgers in the Parish Center, with parishioners providing the side dishes and desserts. Kids can carve pumpkins, make ice cream sundaes, craft and enjoy a Moon bounce, weather permitting. The Blessing of Animals will be 3 pm. Hope to see you there!

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR THE MINISTRY RETREAT ON OCTOBER 13

Calling all ministry volunteers – please join us from 9:45 am-12:30 pm Saturday, October 13 in the Parish Center for the Parish Ministry Retreat. Through presentations, prayer and meditations, ministry volunteers will learn more about their God-given gifts and how these can be better shared through parish ministries. To do such important and valuable work requires that each of us be strengthened in our own resolve and understand more deeply the gifts we are privileged to share. Tom Stehle, the pastoral associate for liturgy and director of music at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington DC, will lead the retreat for all attendees. For more information, contact Director of Social Concerns/Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org

NEW SPANISH MINISTRY FORMS AT ST. FRANCIS

St. Francis is starting a new Spanish Ministry for all Spanish speakers and those with an interest in practicing their Spanish! As its first offering, the Spanish Ministry will be starting a Rosary in Spanish that will be prayed the first and third Tuesday of every month in the church. This Rosary in Spanish began October 2 to celebrate October as the Month of the Rosary. If you are interested in joining the Spanish Ministry, then please contact parishioners Will and Lourdes Garcia, respectively, at wagarcia@comcast.net or legarcia@comcast.net.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY/ PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH:

Reminding us of Our Lord's commission to spread the Gospel to all nations, this second collection supports Church missions in more than 1,150 dioceses throughout Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. Your generosity makes it possible for local priests and religious in desperate need, to bring the light of Christ to families and children living in the darkest of circum-stances. This national collection will be taken on the weekend of October 13/14. Please be generous according to your means.

October 7, 2018

LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING The Lamb of God Prayer group will **NOT** meet on Tuesday, October 9 & 16. For details, please call Louise, (301) 977-5217.

POOR BOX DONATION – The donations for next weekend will go to the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center. 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.

MUSIC NOTES - The hymn text "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" was written by the 18th Century poet and hymn writer, Charles Wesley. It is estimated that Wesley wrote some 9000 poems in his lifetime, and around 6000 of these poems were hymns. He often wrote texts that were based solidly on Scripture. The opening line of this hymn was a play on a poem titled "Fairest Isle, All Isles Excelling" written by the 17th Century poet John Dryden. The tune, Hyfrydol, which means "cheerful," was written by Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1878) when he was about twenty years old. Prichard spent his days working the looms in a factory at the Welsh Manufacturing Company. This tune was originally published in a collection of children's songs.

NEXT BROWN BAG CONVERSATIONS FOCUS ON CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS AND GRIEF

If you enjoy topical faith and spiritually-based conversation over lunch, then please join us for the Brown Bag Conversations scheduled for October and November. Brown Bag Conversations invite parishioners to bring lunch to the Rectory's Assisi Room and discuss timely issues related to our Catholic faith and spirituality in a small group setting. Topics are as follows:

- Sunday, October 21 and 28: <u>Catholic Social Teaching.</u> Please join St. Director of Social Concerns/Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick and parishioner Marie Barry, as they discuss the Catholic principles that form the framework for how Catholics can live and navigate today's world. The two-part conversation will provide an overview of the principles encapsulating the importance of building a just society and living lives of holiness and touch on the book, "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States." For more information, contact Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.
- Sunday, November 4: Grief 101

Join Montgomery Hospice Bereavement Counselor Bunny O'Dell, as she offers an introductory workshop on the process of grief and how it differs from mourning. During the discussion, O'Dell will cover normal 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.

For more information about Brown Bag Conversations or to suggest topics, please contact Adult Faith Formation Team Member Medy DeAusen at medydeausen@comcast.net.

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.

BAZAAR CRAFTERS

We have started making crafts for the 2018 Holiday Bazaar on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. If you enjoy being creative and socializing with fellow parishioners, please plan on attending. Also, projects can be taken home to work on.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS/EVENTS



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes have started and we are looking forward to a wonderful year! Space is still available in most classes and children are welcome to start 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.

Reminders about 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 fall parent meetings. If you have any questions, please call the Religious Education Office at 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.

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES NEXT WEEK, OCTOBER 7, 8 & 9

There will be NO Religious Education classes on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, October 7, 8 and 9. In lieu of class, we hope that all RE families will plan to attend the Parish Picnic on Sunday, October 7.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE & PARENT MEETING: OCTOBER 10

A reminder to those who have registered for this year's Confirmation Program: There will be a meeting for students and parents on Wednesday, October 10, from 6:45-8:30 pm in the Parish Center. Letters with additional information are being mailed to families with children registered for Confirmation this year. If you have any questions about this meeting or our Confirmation program, please call Susan Anderson at 301-258-9193.

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YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS/EVENTS

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY UPCOMING EVENTS

October

7 No Youth Group - Parish Picnic

13/14 Bake Sale after all Masses

14 Youth Group

21 Youth Group

25 Fundraiser at Ledo's in Derwood

28 Youth Group

GET SOCIAL

Follow us on Instagram & Twitter @ SFADWYOUTH.

HELP HOUSE NET MISSIONARIES

St. Francis is hosting NET missionaries (<u>netusa.org</u>) on October 30th and 31st to lead a Middle School retreat! These young people travel the country spreading the love of Jesus and rely on the generosity of parishioners to house them for 2 nights. Past parishioners have thoroughly enjoyed hosting them, but we always need more help. If you would be willing to host 2-4 missionaries for these two nights, please email Fr. Jack at <u>sfayouth@sfadw.org</u>

Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School We are...St. Jude www.StJudeRockville.org

4th Annual Oktoberfest - October 19 (rain or shine). \$25 before October 1 or \$35 after October 1. \$45 at the door. Traditional German food and "beverages."

Archdiocese Tuition Assistance Program

Applications for the 2019-2020 Archdiocese of Washington Tuition Assistance Program are now being accepted online at https://adwcatholicschools.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. Questions:o tuitionassistanceprogram@adw.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PARENT MEETINGS ABOUT SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING: OCTOBER 12 AND 14

Parents of students enrolled in our parish Religious Education Program are invited to attend one of the following two meetings to learn more about the *Circle of Grace* safe environment training lessons that will be presented during Religious Education classes in October.:

- Friday, October 12, at 7:15 pm in the Parish Center. The discussion will begin immediately following the Evening Prayers for victims and survivors of clergy abuse at 7 pm in the church.
- Sunday, October 14 at 1 pm in Room 6 of the Parish Center

Information about this program was sent to all parents by e-mail this past week. If you have any questions about these lessons or about the implementation of the Archdiocesan Child Protection Policy in our parish, please call Director of Religious Education Susan Anderson at (301)258-9193.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

- The Voices from the Holy Land film series continues at 2:30 pm Sunday, October 7, with a screening of "Roadmap to Apartheid" at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 9801 Centerway Road, Gaithersburg. The next screening of the free film series will be "Disturbing the Peace," shown at 2:30 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church. For more information, see www.voicesfromtheholyland.org or Facebook.com/voicesholyland.
- All parishioners are invited to attend the 9th Annual White Mass at 11:30 am Sunday, October 28, at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, 1725 Rhode Island Ave., NW, Washington, DC. Celebrated by Cardinal Donald Wuerl, the annual Mass celebrates the gifts of persons with disabilities and the Deaf community. It is customary for participants to wear white to symbolize the dignity shared by all who have baptized into Christ's Body. For more information, contact the archdiocesan Office of Special Needs at specialneedsminis-try@adw.org.
- The Centro Tepayac Women's Center will host its 28th Anniversary Gala at 7 pm, Saturday, Nov. 3, at Catholic University. This pro-life center counsels women facing challenging pregnancies and provides sonograms to women with its new mobile clinic. The guest speaker will be Mary Hamm, the former executive director of Centro Tepayac and a current board member. To register, please call the organization at (301) 587-9516 or e-mail volunteer@centrotepeyac.org.

TASTE OF HAITI FESTIVAL

The Sister Parish Committee of St. John the Baptist would like to extend to you a special invitation to attend our annual Taste of Haiti Festival on Saturday, October 13, after the 5 pm Mass, in our school gym, 12319 New Hampshire Ave, Silver Spring MD 20904. There will be delicious food, music and activities, and best of all, it will give you a chance to enjoy a delicious Haitian meal. There will also be a raffle for a Haitian painting and a guitar. In addition, you can learn about our most recent trip to Baradères and the current status of our sister parish, St. Pierre in Baraderes Haiti. For more information, please contact Cynthia Norris at socialconcerns@sjbcatholicchurch.com.

CANONIZATION OF POPE PAUL VI AND ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ROMERO: The Archdiocese of Washington invites you to a Mass commemorating the canonization of six new saints, including Pope Paul VI and Archbishop Oscar Romero. This Mass will be held on Sunday, October 14 at 12:00 Noon at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Bishop Mario E. Dorsonville, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, will give special remarks. For more information, contact culturaldiversity@adw.org.

ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY

Join your fellow parishioners in praying a rosary for our country this *Saturday*, *October 13th* - we are joining American Catholics across the country as part of the America Needs Fatima campaign (www.anf.org). We will start at 10:00 a.m. in the Gathering space. Hope to see you there!

SMALL GROUPS SIGN-UP STARTS TODAY

Sign up for Small Groups begins this weekend! If you are interested in deepening your Catholic faith alongside parishioners also seeking to grow spiritually, then Small Groups may be for you. There will be two times and dates available for each of the new Small Groups, while people interested in joining an existing Small Group are invited to gather on the established day. Register for one of these Small Groups in the Gathering Space today:

- Dining Disciples (NEW): Typically gathering monthly, members of this Small Group share a meal and conversation on a relevant faith topic. Spending social and faith time in a casual environment of a home develops close friendships while deepening our faith. For more information, contact Deacon Dan Finn at deacondan-finn@gmail.com.
- Gospel of Luke (NEW): Small Groups will gather to study and discuss the Gospel of Luke, a well-known Gospel narrative about the life of Jesus of Nazareth. Members will use a resource, which incorporates a study guide, commentary and video and audio lectures. Participants will also gain a greater insight into this synoptic Gospel, which will be the Gospel readings beginning in the Advent season. For more information, contact Director of Social Concerns/Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.
- Mary/Martha Women's Group: This group of women come together to share faith, fellowship and discussion on spiritual books and sometimes Catholic-themed films. Books are selected by the group. The women also enjoy occasional activities together, such as weekend retreats, helping with the Jewelry Room at the Bazaar, or visiting a Catholic site. Women of all ages are welcome! For more information, please contact Carolyn Brauer at carolyn_brauer@yahoo.com.
- Men of Emmaus: The group, whose members include teenagers to recent retirees, focuses on reading and discussing Sacred Scripture, but has also tackled spiritual materials, such as books by C.S. Lewis, and spiritual development materials. If you enjoy food and fellowship and want to experience a greater understanding of God's call in your life, then please join. For more information, contact Wendel Hall, wendel@halllawoffice.net.
- Saturday Spiritual Reading Group: This diverse group, including cradle Catholics, converts, people of varied careers and cultural backgrounds and ages, studies and discusses book selections. The books are suggested by parish priests and group members, with members choosing by consensus. The group will begin a new book the weekend of October 13 called "Saint Mary Magdalene Prophetess of the Eucharist" by Fr. Sean Davidson. For more information, contact Trish Olin at (301) 840-9692.
- Sunday Mass Preparation Group: This group meets weekly to discuss the prospective week's Sunday Readings and talk about observations and applications in daily life. Young children are welcome, as this Small Group is largely made of mothers with children under 10 years of age. For more information, contact Melissa Egan at Melissa.egan74@verizon.net.

Sign-ups will continue October 13/14 & 20/21. If you are interested in hosting or facilitating a Small Group, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet or contact Director of Social Concerns/Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.