#### ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD



#### June 25 - July 1

Monday: 6/25 9:00 a.m. Nicole Tenke & Children (L)

Tuesday, 6/26 9:00 a.m. Pari Ronda Davila

Wednesday, 6/27 9:00 a.m. Nicole Tenke & Children (L)

7:30 p.m. James Christopher Davern

Thursday, 6/28 9:00 a.m. Nicole Tenke & Children (L) Friday, 6/29 9:00 a.m. Nicole Tenke & Children (L) Saturday, 6/30 9:00 a.m. Nicole Tenke & Children (L)

5:00 p.m. Mary Jane Kelley

Sunday, 7/1 8:00 a.m. Haydee Gonzales

9:30 a.m. Angelina H. Aldaba 11:15 a.m. Victoria Jordan 5:00 p.m. *Pro populo* 

#### + In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Carolyn Curtis, wife of James Curtis, Reverend Arnold W. Porter, Archdiocese of Washington.

Please pray for the sick....Kevin Milsted, Philipe Deroin, Carol Toney, Christopher Spano, Mike Goggin, Ed Dudenhoeffer, Bob Coyne, 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 June 24, 2018

**Sunday:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/

Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13

[7b]/Mt 7:1-5

**Tuesday:** 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab,

3cd-4, 10-11 [cf. 9d]/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36,

37, 40 [33a]/Mt 7:15-20

**Thursday:** 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/

Mt 7:21-29

Friday: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5b]/

2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

**Saturday:** Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-

21 [19b]/Mt 8:5-17

*Next Sunday:* Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13

[2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43

#### THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

I want to begin my column today by quoting from a statement issued on June 13, 2018 by Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB):

"At its core, asylum is an instrument to preserve the right to life. The Attorney General's recent decision elicits deep concern because it potentially strips asylum from many women who lack adequate protection. These vulnerable women will now face return to the extreme dangers of domestic violence in their home country. This decision negates decades of precedents that have provided protection to women fleeing domestic violence. Unless overturned, the decision will erode the capacity of asylum to save lives, particularly in cases that involve asylum seekers who are persecuted by private actors. We urge courts and policy makers to respect and enhance, not erode, the potential of our asylum system to preserve and protect the right to life.

Additionally, I join Bishop Joe Vásquez, Chairman of USCCB's Committee on Migration, in condemning the continued use of family separation at the U.S./Mexico border as an implementation of the Administration's zero tolerance policy. Our government has the discretion in our laws to ensure that young children are not separated from their parents and exposed to irreparable harm and trauma. Families are the foundational element of our society and they must be able to stay together. While protecting our borders is important, we can and must do better as a government, and as a society, to find other ways to ensure that safety. Separating babies from their mothers is not the answer and is immoral."

I also want to begin today a reflection on the three basic principles of Catholic Social Teaching on immigration. This is available (like the statement by Cardinal DiNardo) on the USCCB website: www.usccb.org.

Although Catholic theology has always promoted human rights rooted in natural law and God's revelation, it was the encyclical *Rerum Novarum* (*On the Condition of Labor*) in 1891 that developed a systematic presentation of principles of the rights and responsibilities of people. *Rerum Novarum* commented on the situation of immigrants; in later discussions, popes and bishops' conferences have synthesized the Catholic theological tradition to articulate three basic principles on immigration.

# First Principle: People have the right to migrate to sustain their lives and the lives of their families.

At the end of the World War II, with the fall of the Nazi empire and the subsequent creation of the Soviet "Iron Curtain," Europe faced an unprecedented migration of millions of people seeking safety, food, and freedom. At that time, Pope Pius XII wrote Exsul Familia (The Émigré Family), placing the Church squarely on the side of those seeking a better life by fleeing their homes.

When there is a massive movement of people such as during a war, natural disaster, or famine, the lands that receive these displaced people may be threatened. The influx may make it impossible for the native population to live securely, as the land may not have enough resources to support both. Even in more orderly migrations, such as in the United States, citizens and residents of the land may fear that newcomers will take jobs, land, and resources, impoverishing the people already present.

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## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# **QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

How can I prepare the way for Jesus in my corner of the world? Can I recognize a desert somewhere in my world that is without the Jesus' message of hope and comfort?

### MEALS NEEDED FOR FR. JOHN, FR. JACK & OUR SUMMER SEMINARIAN

We are in the process of hiring a new Cook to replace Margaret who will be moving out of the area with her family.

In the meantime, we are asking for volunteers to make meals for Fr. John, Fr. Jack and John, our Seminarian for the Summer. Meals are requested for Monday - Wednesday - Friday through Friday, July 27. Meals should be delivered no later than 5:00 p.m. You can also drop off meals during Parish Office hours, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Please call the Parish Office if you would like to sign-up to cook. *Thank you!* 

#### PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

### THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

Because of the belief that newcomers compete for scarce resources, immigrants and refugees are at times driven away, resented, or despised. Nevertheless, the first principle of Catholic social teaching regarding immigrants is that people have the right to migrate to sustain their lives and the lives of their families. This is based on biblical and ancient Christian teaching that the goods of the earth belong to all people. While the right to private property is defended in Catholic social teaching, individuals do not have the right to use private property without regard to the common good.

Every person has an equal right to receive from the earth what is necessary for life—food, clothing, shelter. Moreover, every person has the right to education, medical care, religion, and the expression of one's culture. In many places, people live in fear, danger, or dehumanizing poverty. Clearly, it is not God's will that some of his children live in luxury while others have nothing. In Luke's Gospel, the rich man condemned for living well while the poor man starved at his doorstep (Luke 16:19-31).

The native does not have superior rights over the immigrant. Before God all are equal; the earth was given by God to all. When a person cannot achieve a meaningful life in his or her own land, that person has a right to move.

Next week we shall look at the second principle of Catholic Social Teaching on Immigration: A country has the right to regulate its borders and to control immigration.

Until next week,

Fr. John

# **JULY CALENDAR CHANGES**

Please note the following changes for Wednesday, July 4th:

NO 7:30 P.M. EVENING MASS

BAPTISM PREP CLASS WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

### REGISTERED VOTERS CAN HELP NARROW DOWN MAJOR PARTY CANDIDATES DURING THE PRIMARY ELECTION

With the Maryland Primary Election in just two days, registered voters can check out the 2018 Primary Election Center on the parish web site to help them decide which candidates running for federal, state and county offices support policies aligned with Catholic Social Teaching.

The Election Center – which can be viewed at <a href="http://www.sfadw.org">http://www.sfadw.org</a> – provides a one-stop shop to find out in which federal, state legislative and councilmanic districts you live and learn more about the candidates. It also links to Candidate Survey Results, which can help voters see how candidates responded when asked about issues important to Catholics, such as abortion restriction funding and K-12 funding.

Please vote in Tuesday's election, which will determine the major party candidates for many federal, state and county races, including U.S. Congress, Maryland governor, the Maryland General Assembly, Montgomery County Executive and the County Council. If you have any questions, please contact St. Francis Social Concerns Ministry Coordinator Tony Bosnick, 301-840-1407 Ext. 11 or abosnick@sfadw.org.

### EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF MOST REVEREND MICHAEL W. FISHER AS AUXILIARY BISHOP OF WASHINGTON

His Eminence Donald Cardinal Wuerl cordially invites the faithful of the Archdiocese of Washington to attend the Episcopal Ordination of Most Reverend Michael W. Fisher, as Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, on Friday, June 29, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. A reception will follow immediately after at the Basilica.

#### June 24, 2018

**LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING** Join the Lamb of God Prayer Group for worship and the study of Scripture on Tuesday, June 26, 7:30 p.m., St. Clare's Chapel in the Rectory. For details, please call Louise, (301) 977-5217.

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

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRAYER CHAIN** If you have a prayer request, please contact Marianne Bullen, (301) 963-3420 or <a href="mariannebu@comcast.net">mariannebu@comcast.net</a> 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.

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# SUMMER SHAPE UP SATURDAYS JULY 14-AUGUST 18 7:00-8:00 A.M.

As Christians, we are called to seek wholeness, wellness and holiness in the totality of our lives -- heart, soul, strength and mind. The St. Francis Health Ministry is offering a new exercise class that engages that totality of our being to build strength and resilience in body, mind and spirit. As a faith-based wellness ministry, the class provides physical training and helps to build a vibrant and engaged community.

Although it is a new offering at St. Francis, the class is a practical return to our roots as Christians. The Church is the original "wellness center." The word wholeness comes from the same root as holy and holiness.

- **Vision** That every parishioner lives more fully the abundant life God intends for us.
- Mission To grow a community that knows, loves and serves one another and Christ. To help parishioners make friends, make disciples and make a positive difference for themselves and others.
- **Purpose** To improve the health and well-being of the participants. Designed for all fitness levels.
- Goal Each participant will develop healthy habits that respect and care for the bodies God has given them.

For more information, contact Health Ministry Coordinator Betty Baklarz at <a href="mailto:lbbaklarz@yahoo.com">lbbaklarz@yahoo.com</a>.

### GOLF EVENT HOSTED BY K of C - July 13, 2018

Council 2323 is sponsoring a golf event/scramble on Friday July 13, 2018 at Laytonsville Golf Course to support seminarians in our Archdiocese. We invite members of the parish to join us and enjoy a recreation day with the parishioners of St. Francis, St. Mary and St. Martin and other local K of C Councils. Registration will be after 7:30 AM and four person scramble play will start at 8:30 AM. Prizes will be awarded at an after-play lunch. We welcome anyone from singles to groups of four, both ladies and men. To register, call or e-mail Gary Palmer not later than July 5.at 301-948-6494 or <a href="mailto:gtdbpalmer@verizon.net">gtdbpalmer@verizon.net</a>. Cost per person is \$125; non-player sponsorships are available for \$50. Payment can be made ahead by credit card or PayPal at the Council 6793 web site: <a href="www.kofc6793.org">www.kofc6793.org</a>. Payment the day of the event will be by check or cash. This is a fun event, not a PGA championship, and all players are welcome.

# PLEASE DONATE ITMS TO THE ST. MARTIN FOOD PANTRY

This summer, as you go shopping at the grocery store, please pick up a few extra items to donate to the St. Martin Food Pantry right here at our parish.

With the pantry organizers reporting that food donations have dropped in the past few months, St. Francis parishioners are asked to pick up a few non-perishable food items, such as fruit, soup, and jars of baby food. These items can be deposited in the St. Francis food pantry bin in the Gathering Space.

For more information, contact St. Martin Food Pantry Ministry Coordinator Carolyn Brauer at <a href="mailto:carolyn\_brauer@yahoo.com">carolyn\_brauer@yahoo.com</a> or Co-Coordinator Christine Young at <a href="mailto:youngbody-work@hotmail.com">youngbody-work@hotmail.com</a>.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS/EVENTS**

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR 2018-2019

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 pm (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 am Monday afternoons, 4:45-6:00 pm
- Grade 6, 7, and 8 classes offered at two session times: Monday evenings, 6:45-8:00 pm Tuesday evenings, 6:45-8:00 pm
- Grades 9-12 (Youth Group) meet Sunday evenings 6:00-8:00
   pm (following the 5 pm Youth Mass)

Since our curriculum 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.

Registrations are available at (<a href="www.sfadw.org">www.sfadw.org</a>), 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 by August 1 to avoid late fees!

As we look ahead to next year's Religious Education program, please consider whether you can serve as a catechist for our children and young people. If you would like to learn more about this important ministry, please contact Susan Anderson, Director of Religious Education, at 301-258-9193.

#### **Registering for Sacramental Preparation**

Sacramental preparation for 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation, 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist, Confirmation, and Christian Initiation for Children/Teens (CIC/CIT) is not grade specific and involves preparation <u>in addition</u> to grade level Religious Education classes. At minimum, children are expected to have participated in religious education in the year prior to preparing for a sacrament. *Please note: students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will attend their grade-level Religious Education classes as well as monthly Confirmation sessions.* Families requesting sacramental preparation for their child are asked to mark their registration form accordingly so that additional information can be provided. Please note that there is a separate materials fee for sacramental preparation programs. More details will be provided at the parent meetings next year.

If you have any questions, please call the Religious Education Office at 301-258-9193.



Please pray for the success of our Vacation Bible Camp 2018

#### SHIPWRECKED: Rescued by Jesus!

June 25-29 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

All are welcome to join us for our Family Program, Open House and Italian Ice Social on Thursday, June 28, 7 pm

#### YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS/EVENTS

# ST. FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY Upcoming Events

### <u>FRED</u>

#### JULY

Youth Appreciation Event (See Info Below)

8-13 Encounter Work Camp

15-18 Quo Vadis 27-29 Fiat Days

#### **GET SOCIAL**

Follow us on Instagram & Twitter @ SFAFRED.

# CALLING ALL YOUTH VOLUNTEERS FOR AN END-OF-THE-YEAR APPRECIATION PARTY

To say thank you to all our youth volunteers throughout the year, St. Francis is hosting a party from 5-8 pm Monday, July 2, at Dave & Busters in Silver Spring. Food, drinks, and a Game card are included. To attend, you must RSVP to Fr. Jack before Wednesday, June 27 at <a href="mailto:sfayouth@sfadw.org">sfayouth@sfadw.org</a> to get a permission slip and additional details. Adults, please let Fr. Jack know if you are willing to chaperone the event! Thanks! Fr. Jack

### ST. FRANCIS RETIRES NAME "FRED" BUT CONTINUES ITS RICH HISTORY OF YOUTH MINISTRY

After 17 years as Francis Religious EDucation, St. Francis' FRED youth ministry program is rebranding itself as the St. Francis Youth Group once again. Former St. Francis Youth Minister Ginny Dauses coined the term FRED when she arrived in 2001, a marketing strategy used by many radio stations at the time that used folksy names to brand themselves, according to former St. Francis Youth Minister Mike Goggin, who held the position from 1994-2001. The name stuck and remained over four youth ministers – Ginny, Stephen Sanchez, Sue Lea and Fr. Jack Berard – and many St. Francis youth.

Fr. Jack Berard decided to bring back the original name, so that new members of the ministry will be able to identify and associate with the group without needing knowledge of its program history. St. Francis of Assisi Parish respectfully retires the name FRED but continues its long legacy of bringing youth closer to Christ through the Youth Mass, weekly gatherings, summer service camps, the CORE leadership team and retreats. For more information about the St. Francis Youth Group, please contact Fr. Jack Berard at <a href="mailto:sfayouth@sfadw.org">sfayouth@sfadw.org</a>.

#### MOTHER OF GOD SCHOOL

Looking for a good Catholic education for your children, or know someone who is? Consider **Mother of God School**, 20501 Goshen Road, Gaithersburg. We have the **largest Catholic Pre-K program** (3's & 4's) in the area, with before and after care available year-round. Check out our **rigorous academic programs for K-8th grade** as well. For more information, or to schedule a tour any time, call the school at (301) 990-2088 or e-mail mmoriarty@mogschool.com, or visit www.mogschool.com.

# Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School Catch our Spirit

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

Dear St. Francis Community,

Thank you for another wonderful year! We could not have done it without your support. Our children are our future and St. Jude Regional Catholic School continues to work hard to prepare all of them. Our graduates are off to their respective high schools, and they will certainly continue the long legacy of outstanding St. Jude alumni. Our graduates earned a total of \$534,010 in scholarships to Catholic High schools, a prime example of our school's continued excellence. With your continued support, SJRCS will thrive and continue its mission of providing an outstanding Catholic education to all who enter our doors. If you wish to visit us during the summer, our hours are 9-1 Monday through Thursday. Once again, thank you.

We are....St. Jude!

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

#### LET'S HAVE A BROWN BAG CONVERSATION

The Rectory's Assisi Room is the place to go this summer for discussions on our faith. Doors open for the next two Brown Bag Conversations on Sunday, July 22, and Sunday, July 29, at 12:30 pm. Please enjoy your lunch and friendly conversation before the hour-long sessions begin at 1 pm. Parochial Vicar Fr. Jack Berard will lead the July sessions and walk-ins are welcome!

- July 22: Topic: "Spiritual Warfare" This conversation is a primer on the spiritual battle that goes on around us. It is a reminder of the basics of the role of spirits, both good and bad in our life. Open my eyes, Lord!
- July 29 -- Topic: "Armor of God" This conversation will focus on the tools available to us to help combat the evil spirits and temptation. The discussion will focus on the need to prepare ourselves rather than to simply react. Take your stand!

#### **SAVING LIVES ~ SUPPORTING FAMILIES.**

Want to be involved in pro-life work? Consider volunteering at the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center as a volunteer counselor. We will train you! Training consist of 8 classes held Mon./Thurs. from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Dates: July 19, 23, 26, 30<sup>th</sup>, Aug. 2, 6, 9, 13<sup>th</sup>. For details, call Jackie Stippich, 301-963-6223.

#### FREEDOM FROM SMOKING

Quitting smoking is hard. Freedom From Smoking, America's gold standard smoking cessation program for over 25 years, is a step-by-step plan where you will gain the skills and techniques needed to take control of your behavior. The Freedom from Smoking Program has helped many people quit smoking - and it can help you too! Tuesdays, June 26-August 7 & Thursday, July 19 at the Blue Mash Golf course, Laytonsville. 7-8:30 p,m./7 weeks - 8 sessions/FREE! Register at events.suburbanhospital.org or call 301-896-2334 to reserve your seat.

# SEMINARIAN JOHN WINSLOW TO GIVE TALKS ON LIVING ORDINARY LIVES OF FAITH

Come hear our seminarian-in-residence John Winslow give a series of talks on "Everyday Holiness: Living Ordinary Lives of Faith," in the St. Francis of Assisi Rectory.

His talks will be delivered twice beginning at 10 am in the Assisi Room, unless otherwise indicated. The schedule of talks is as follows:

#### ""Prayer"

- 10 am Wednesday, June 27.
- 10 am, Saturday, June 30.

#### "Self-Abandonment"

- 10 am, Monday, July 2, in the Youth Room.
- 10 am, Saturday, July 7.

Please come hear John speak about his journey in learning to live a life of faith. For more information, contact the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407.

# CHANGES TO THE CHURCH'S LITURGICAL CELEBRATION THIS SUMMER

This summer, there are a few changes to the Church's liturgical celebration that will stay in effect through Labor Day weekend.

- The Adult Choir which sings during the 9:30 am Sunday Mass is on hiatus through Labor Day.
- There will be no Children's Liturgy from Sunday, June 24, to Sunday, Sept. 2.
- New Mass parts will be taught to Mass goers each week for a few weeks.
- Café Assisi the ministry which serves coffee and doughnuts monthly after the 9:30 am and 11:15 am Masses – goes on hiatus in July and August.

For more information, contact the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407.

#### WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"My God is no my strength!" Let God be the strength of your marriage by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on August 3-5, 2018 in Hanover MD or November 2-4, 2018 in Gaithersburg MD. Go to moments4marriage.org to signup or call 301-541-7007. It's not too early to sign-up! Early registration is highly recommended. For more information please visit moments4marriage.org.

#### 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 <a href="www.faithdirect.net">www.faithdirect.net</a>. The code for St. Francis is MD110. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office.