ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD



June 4 - June 10

Monday: 6/4 9:00 a.m. Joan O'Connor **Tuesday,** 6/5 9:00 a.m. Robert D. Ruiz

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

7:30 p.m. Suzanne Daily Oakes

Thursday, 6/7 9:00 a.m. Bertille Christelle-Mbome Friday, 6/8 9:00 a.m. Nicole Tenke & Children (L) Saturday, 6/9 9:00 a.m. Alexander O'Connor

5:00 p.m. Mary Anne & Miller

McCreadie (L)

Sunday, 6/10 8:00 a.m. *Pro populo*

9:30 a.m. Richard McCormick 11:15 a.m. Margaret Lyons 5:00 p.m. Richard Hunt

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Elizabeth Marathon.

Please pray for the sick....Christopher Spano, Mike Goggin, Dennis Parnell, Maria Joseph, Dianne Palmer, Maria Patterson, Nick Powers, 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 3, 2018

Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/

Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7/Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16 [cf. 2b]/

Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and

16 [1]/Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3. 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef [1b]/

Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [4]/

Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/

Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22 [cf.

15ab]/Lk 2:41-51

Next Sunday: Gn 3:9-15/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7bc]/

2 Cor 4:13--5:1/Mk 3:20-35

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

Cardinal Wuerl promulgated a Pastoral Plan to implement Pope Francis' post-synodal apostolic exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia* (AL), on Sunday March 4, 2018. The fourth section of the Pastoral Plan stresses the importance of parish life.

Today I want to present some thoughts for accompanying families in special circumstances that are presented in this section of the pastoral plan.

We need to echo what Pope Francis says: "I thank God that many families, which are far from considering themselves perfect, live in love, fulfill their calling and keep moving forward, even if they fall many times along the way...there is no stereotype of the ideal family, but rather a challenging mosaic made up of many different realities with all their joys, hopes and problems "(AL, 57).

While every family faces challenges and hardships, many of our families have particular circumstances that without the support of prayer and accompaniment tear at the fabric of family life. Families who are separated due to military service, immigration restrictions, and marital strife experience particular challenges that call for specific forms of accompaniment. To families whose members are separated, the Church seeks to "stand in solidarity" with you (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Strangers No Longer*, 9). Parishes should be ready to help families access the proper resources to address legal, social and medical needs. Even amid challenging circumstances, our faith reminds us that God is always with us and we place our hope in him.

Below are listed a number of observations that come out of what we have learned in trying to be of pastoral service to families and individuals in special circumstances.

Ecumenical and interfaith marriages and families:

- Help each other be the best person of faith in your particular faith tradition;
- Continue to pray as a family;
- Do not put off raising your family in the faith until they can choose. Give your children the gift of faith in the Catholic tradition; and
- Teach your children an appreciation for other traditions and model for them how to be a loving family despite differences.

Single parents and families of divorce:

- Stay engaged in the larger parish family to share in the experiences of motherhood, fatherhood, and family life;
- Reach out to your pastor and pastoral staff to communicate your family situation and to ensure that you and your family have the support needed to participate fully in the life of the parish; and
- Ask your parish priests to assist you with the annulment process to determine if you can regularize your situation and be married in the Church. The process at the Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Washington is user-friendly and the staff is ready to assist you. There is no fee for the annulment process.

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The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Do I feel different after receiving the Body of Christ in the Eucharist? How can I take the Body and Blood of Christ that I receive in the Eucharist and make a difference in what I say and do? How can I help build up the kingdom of God in the world?

COOK POSITION OPEN AT ST. FRANCIS

There is a position open at our parish for a Cook. As Cook you would plan, shop and cook meals for our Pastor, our Parochial Vicar, and any pastoral staff residing at the Rectory. Hours are Monday-Friday, 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Applicants should be available to start work in June. Please submit your qualifications to Fr. John, jdillon@sfadw.org.



FATHER'S DAY MASS CARDS

Cards are available this weekend in the Gath-THER'S ering Space. This is a wonderful way to remember your Father, Father-in-law, Grandfather, Uncle or anyone special at all the Masses

on Father's Day. Please return your spiritual bouquet envelope to the rectory on or before Wednesday, June 13.

"CORRECTION"

CONGRATULATIONS!

Zoe Ann Francisco received her First Holy Communion today (June 3) at the 9:30 a.m. Mass not on May 27 as reported in last week's bulletin. Sorry Zoe - God Bless You!



JUNE 2018 LUNCH - The St. Francis Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, June 6 at 12:00 Noon at the That's Amore Restaurant, 15201 Shady Grove Road, Rockville (240) 268-0682. If you are planning to attend, please contact Mary Lou Habib

and she will save a seat for you, (301) 417-0243.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

Families with loved one who identify with same-sex attraction:

- Maintain relationships with your loved ones or family members. Don't cut off relationship with them and also don't be afraid to communicate healthy boundaries.
- Help your loved ones to live inside the Catholic Church amid the faith struggles they may have; and
- Continue to seek guidance from your local priest and other ministry groups.

Until next week,

Fr. John Dillon

JOIN THE SFA AED TEAM

The St. Francis Automated External Defibrillator (AED) team has received training and been certified to use both cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the AED when a situation at St. Francis requires it. St. Francis of Assisi Parish is offering one more opportunity for people getting recertified or to learn these lifesaving skills.

Heartsaver CPR/AED Training

8:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon, Saturday, June 9, SFA Parish Center. Registration required: Call Betty Baklarz at (301) 412-1909 or email her at lbbaklarz@yahoo.com.

Already CPR certified?

To join the AED team, contact Chris Lee, AED Coordinator, at christin lee.7@comcast.net.

To enhance the safety of our parishioners, St. Francis is equipped with an AED in the Usher's Room like the ones used at airports and in other public facilities. An AED devise is used to determine and deliver, if necessary, an electric shock to a cardiac arrest victim. This, along with CPR, can and does save lives even before the arrival of emergency medical assistance.

WRITTEN COMMENTS FROM INDICATORS OF VITALITY SURVEY NOW BEING TABULATED

Thank you again to all St. Francis parishioners and others who completed the Indicators of Vitality Survey in April! At the Parish Pastoral Council meeting on May 17, Fr. John Dillon reported that people completed 325 surveys, with the majority filled out online.

Deborah McDonald of the Archdiocese of Washington has finished compiling the overall results of the survey, but is still tabulating the written responses, which she characterized as "polite and insightful." Once she has tabulated the data, McDonald plans to generate a report showing the major trends sand outlying information. These results should be made available in coming months.

If you have any questions about the Indicators of Vitality Survey, please contact Parish Pastoral Council Executive Committee Member Alicia Church at asktheppc@gmail.com.

June 3, 2018

LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING The Lamb of God Prayer Meeting will **NOT** meet on Tuesday, June 5. For additional information, 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.

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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.

JOHN WINSLOW SERVES ST. FRANCIS THIS SUMMER AS THE SEMINARIAN IN RESIDENCE

On May 17, Archdiocese of Washington seminarian John Winslow arrived at St. Francis of Assisi Church to begin his eightweek internship. A native of Hollywood, Maryland in St. Mary's County, John calls St. John Francis Regis his home parish, where his parochial vicar in his early formative years was Fr. John Dillon, serving his first assignment as a parish priest.

John, 21, grew up as the brother between two sisters – one who is about to graduate high school and the other who is a teacher. His parents run their family's water well drilling company, a business that has made John adept with hooking up water lines, plumbing, electrical and car mechanic work.

Having first discerned a calling to the priesthood in 2013 as a high school sophomore attending the Mount 2000 Retreat – the annual gathering sponsored by the seminarians at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg – John then spent the next two years trying to ignore the call. "I started to develop more of a prayer life," John said. "[Once I began to embrace the discernment,] it led to a place where I was able to accept it."

In August, John will begin his fourth year of seminary at the Theological College, the national diocesan seminary of The Catholic University of America in Washington DC., after spending two years at the Saint John Paul II Seminary. He will be entering his second year of The Theological College's Basselin Scholars Program, a three-year honors program in philosophy consisting of the junior and senior years of undergraduate study and one year of graduate work.

"Studying at The Theological College draws from across the country – it's interesting to see people from very different cultures and lifestyles," he said. "To see us all drawn together by one calling forms a deep bond – I love the fraternity."

This summer, John will be engaged in the liturgical work of the parish, serving Mass, going on calls for the sick and visiting people to bring the Holy Eucharist. He hopes to get involved with the St. Francis youth group, sharing with them the path of his formation and the notion that seminarians aren't unlike them.

He is particularly interested in seeing the relationship between the St. Francis clergy and their parishioners, since his first internship was in a much smaller parish where the pastor had close relationships with most of the families in his flock. During his time at St. Francis, he hopes to learn how to help parishioners fall in love with Christ.

"In the time I've been here, parishioners have told me it's a loving parish," John said. "I'm excited to see Fr. John and Fr. Jack turn that natural human love into a supernatural love for Christ."

John will minister at St. Francis until early July, when he will then serve at the Quo Vadis Camp for high school-aged young men and go on vacation with his family before returning to seminary.

Welcome John - we are happy you are here!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS/EVENTS

CATECHIST MEETING: TUESDAY, JUNE 5

There will be a Catechist Meeting on Tuesday, June 5, at 7 pm in the Youth Room to review the results of this year's Faith Knowledge Assessment. Please join us for this important discussion.

CATECHESIS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Our parish offers monthly catechetical sessions specifically designed for children and youth with special needs and their families. Our next session will be on Sunday, June 10, from 3:30-4:30 pm in the St. Clare Room. If you would like to learn more about these sessions, or if you are interested in serving as a catechist or aide for children with special needs, please call Susan Anderson, Director of Religious Education, at 301-258-9193.

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 the curriculum of the Religious Education Program is designed to be taught in sequence and each year builds on the content presented in previous years, families should plan for their children to participate in Religious Education classes each year.

Registration forms were mailed home to families with children currently attending RE classes. For those new to our program, and if additional forms are needed, blank forms will be available on the parish web site (www.sfadw.org), in the Gathering Space of the Church, and in the Parish Offices. Completed forms can returned to RE classes this week, sent in by mail, or dropped off in person at the Rectory Office (Monday-Friday, 8 am-4 pm). Classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Please complete and return the registration forms as soon as possible!

REGISTERING FOR SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Sacramental preparation for 1st Reconciliation, 1st Eucharist, Confirmation, and Christian Initiation for Children/Teens (CIC/CIT) is not grade specific and involves preparation in addition 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS/EVENTS

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY Upcoming Events

FRED

JUNE

Aloha Party

JULY

Youth Appreciation Event

8-13 Encounter Work Camp

15-18 Quo Vadis 27-29 Fiat Days

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SJRCS CLASS OF 2018

Join us for the 8th grade graduation at 1:00 pm on Friday, June 8, 2018 in the Shrine of St. Jude. Please keep our graduates in your prayers as they continue on their journey to high school.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS GAME ON SUNDAY, JUNE 10TH AT 4:05 PM

The Nationals are excited to welcome St. Jude's Regional Catholic School for a Night at Nats Park. Join us as our Washington Nationals take on the San Francisco Giants! Enjoy a special discounted ticket for \$22 that includes an \$8 concession credit. For tickets go to $\frac{\text{https://groupmatics.events/event/Stjude2018}}{\text{Purchase deadline is June 7}^{\text{th}}}.$

CATCH OUR SPIRIT! REGISTER NOW FOR FALL 2018!

Spaces are filling up quickly so register now! Applications for fall enrollment are being accepted on a first come basis for our 3 year old Pre-K Program to 7th grade (limited spaces are available). For information on the curriculum, admissions policies and registration, contact Ellen Donnelly in the school office at 301-946-7888 or register your student online at www.stJudeRockville.org

MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR CHRISTIANS IN SYRIA

The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington, DC is part of the Franciscan Custody (province) that has served the people and shrines in the Holy Land for 800 years. Please keep the Franciscan friars and parishioners in Syria in your prayers as they struggle to keep our Catholic faith alive in the midst of the war that has engulfed this second cradle of Christianity, the place of St. Paul's conversion. Learn more at myfranciscan.org/Syria or call 202-526-6800, x895.

Teen volunteer positions are filled! Thank you for your support. Camper spots are filling quickly!

Register NOW for Vacation Bible Camp 2018 "SHIPWRECKED: Rescued by Jesus"

Who: Children age 4 by 6/24/2018 through those who are

completing 5th grade June 2018

Where: St. Francis of Assisi Church Parish Center **When:** June 25th – 29th, 2018 from 9:00am – 12:30pm

Cost: \$50 per child

How: Complete the Registration Form found in the Church Gathering Space and on our parish website (<u>sfadw.org/vbc</u>) and return by mail or in person to the Parish Office during business hours (Mon-Fri; 8am – 4pm) with the Registration Fee via Check or Faith Direct. (For Faith Direct information contact the Parish Office, 301-840-1407 for details.)

St. Francis of Assisi Church Religious Education Office – VBC 6701 Muncaster Mill Road Derwood, MD 20855

5K WALK & ROLL-A-THON TO BENEFIT PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DIFFERENCES

In just two weeks, Upcounty Community Resources (UCR) will host the 3rd Annual 5K Walk and Roll-a-thon from 4-7 pm Saturday, June 16, at Bohrer Park next to Gaithersburg High School. Please join this family-friendly event as a walker, runner, sponsor or donor!

Our own Deacon Dan Finn will emcee the event, along with NBC 4's Meteorologist Amelia Draper. UCR was founded by members of St. Francis of Assisi and offers innovative programs, events, and social opportunities for adults with developmental and intellectual differences. These opportunities promote healthy lifestyles, friendships, self-awareness and personal development.

The Walk and Roll-a-thon is a major UCR fundraiser and a great festival to celebrate all members of our community. Please join us as a walker, roller, runner or donor or sponsor a participant -- our own Meghan Jones is leading the way in sponsorships. Go to www.ucresources.org for more information and to register or donate.

GIVE THE GIFT OF SERVICE

Catholic Charities DC encourages you to give back by taking advantage of a variety of volunteer opportunities available in Washington, DC and southern Maryland. For more information on volunteering with Catholic Charities, or to register to volunteer, visit catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer.

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. If you experience any form of abuse, please know that there is help. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233. To learn more about domestic violence, please visit www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace.

THE SUNDAY TV MASS

Do you know someone who can't get to Mass? Since 1952, the Archdiocese of Washington has produced a weekly televised Mass for those who are homebound, broadcast from the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. It is a wonderful ministry for those members of our Catholic family who are unable to be physically present with a local worshiping community for the Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy.

The Mass airs every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. on WDCW-50:

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- Ch. 3 in Prince George's County and Southern Maryland
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Would you like to be on TV? Join the congregation at a taping of the TV Mass! Your presence at the TV Mass is a wonderful way to bring the Mass to those who are homebound. Two Masses are taped on the same evening, from 7:30-8:45 p.m. in the Crypt Church of the Basilica at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at 400 Michigan Ave., NE in Washington, DC. Come for one Mass or stay for both! Upcoming Thursday taping dates are June 7 and June 21. To receive the free *Celebrate!* TV Mass newsletter, please email communications@adw.org with your mailing address.

SUPPORT THE AIM GET OUT THE VOTE CAMPAIGN

St. Francis parishioners are invited to sign a voter pledge card in advance of Montgomery County's primary election on June 26. The pledge card was developed by Action in Montgomery (AIM)— a non-partisan, multi-faith, multi-racial organization that advocates for affordable housing, accessible transportation and quality education for all — and challenges signees to vote for candidates who support its platform. The pledge is part of the organization's Get Out the Vote Campaign, which aims to increase the numbers of voters who cast a ballot in the primary election. This month's contest will determine the major party candidates for the Montgomery County Executive race and many Maryland General Assembly Districts.

Print out the pledge card at http://actioninmontgomery.org/campaign/aim-vote-champions/, sign it and return it to the Information Desk in the Gathering Space or the Parish Office during business hours.

St. Francis of Assisi Church is a member of AIM, with parishioners Rosemary Hudechek and Marianne Moore serving as parish liaisons for the organization. On May 30, parishioner Meghan Jones also represented the parish at an AIM meeting, while speaking on the issue of affordable housing and the importance of its proximity to accessible, mass transportation. Read more about AIM at http://actioninmontgomery.org/.