ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD



July 16 - July 22

Monday: 7/16 9:00 a.m. Kimberly McDonough

Tuesday, 7/17 9:00 a.m. Adela Canino

Wednesday, 7/18 9:00 a.m. Fr. Ivan Almodovar

7:30 p.m. Jack D'Aurora

Thursday, 719 9:00 a.m. Martin Almodovar Friday, 7/20 9:00 a.m. Jack D'Aurora Saturday, 7/21 9:00 a.m. Guy Beaven

5:00 p.m. Richard Younkins

Sunday, 7/22 8:00 a.m. *Pro populo*

9:30 a.m. Susie Oakes

11:15 a.m. Paul Popernack, Sr. 5:00 p.m. Ma. Violeta Yaptinchay

Please pray for the sick....Peg Smith, Alexandria Jordan, Marianne Bullen, Kevin Milsted, 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 July 15, 2018

Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/

Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/

Mt 10:34--11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 9d]/

Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15

[14a]/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15,

16-18, 19-21 [20b]/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16

[cf. 17b]/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 [12b]/

Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/

Mk 6:30-34

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

The issue of immigration certainly raises controversy on both the national and state level. It often spurs passionate debate that does not offer a lot of hope for reconciliation and resolution. In May 2017, the Roman Catholic Bishops of Maryland issued a statement entitled "Addressing Immigration in Maryland: A Call to Compassion, Prudence, and Cooperation from the Catholic Bishops of Maryland." Let's look today at some of the points they made just over a year ago as many of them are still very relevant to today's situation.

The Bishops urge that we be guided by the words of Pope Francis, who, in his historic address to the U. S. Congress, reminded us: "[I]f we want security, let us give security; if we want life, let us give life; if we want opportunities, let us give opportunities. The yardstick we use for others will be the yardstick which time will use for us."

The Bishops continue:

We urge state and local elected officials and lawmakers at the executive, legislative and judicial levels to enact and uphold immigration policies that:

- Respect the spirit of our country's Fourth Amendment protection against apprehension and searches of persons without probable cause, and against detention beyond normal criminal procedures, while at the same time respecting the necessary role of law enforcement to uphold laws and policies that keep communities safe.
- Give priority to ensuring the integrity of families and the ability of working parents to support and care for their children.
- Build that trust with our immigrant communities by establishing a clear division between local law enforcement and federal immigration agents so that immigrants feel safe reporting crimes and cooperating in police investigations.
- Create safe environments by enforcing clearly established consequences for criminal violations of the law.
- Reduce fear among our immigrant communities by protecting their ability to congregate and move freely at their churches, schools, and other community gathering places.

We urge Maryland's Catholics, other faith communities and all people of good will to:

- Respect differences of opinion on this issue in a spirit of listening and understanding rather than accusation and name-calling.
- Engage in the political process and communicate your opinions to your elected officials. We encourage you neither to shy away from the political arena, nor to allow partisan and hyperbolic factions to dominate the political debate on immigration.
- Seek to learn more about the root causes of immigration and the challenges immigrants face in navigating our country's complex immigration system.
- Develop personal relationships with immigrants in your communities and learn firsthand about their hopes and dreams, fears and sorrows.

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

When I feel ill-equipped for the journey, do I trust that God will provide for what I need?

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 18 IN THE CHURCH

St. Francis of Assisi Parish has some exciting news – starting Wednesday, July 18, our parish will offer Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30 a.m. to 7:15 p.m. on Wednesdays year-round in the church.

In its simplest form, Eucharistic Adoration is honoring the Eucharistic presence of Jesus Christ. In Eucharistic Adoration, we "watch and wait" in silence to open ourselves to the graces that flow from the Eucharist. As the summit of our faith, Jesus' presence in the Eucharist forms the bedrock principle of our Catholic faith.

Please take part in this worship of Christ's presence by signing up for 30 minute timeslots to accompany the Lord. The sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Space. The new Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays will be in addition to the First Friday Mass and Eucharistic Adoration that follows it.

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

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 www.faithdirect.net. The code for St. Francis is MD110. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

They close their statement by offering a word of hope to our immigrant brothers and sisters who have come to Maryland in search of a better life. Our bishops hope that immigrants will find in our parishes and in other communities places of welcome, fellowship, and support. The bishops also pledge through the Catholic parishes and institutions in Maryland to minister to our immigrant brothers and sisters as they learn a new language; as they seek employment, shelter, food, clothing and healthcare; and they celebrate their faith in a loving God. The bishops thank our immigrant sisters and brothers for their inspiring example of fortitude, industriousness, and strong family values, and for their contribution to the qualities of life that truly define the greatness of America. The bishops end the statement by invoking God's blessing on our immigrant brothers and sisters and ask God to bless our work together to build communities of peace, prosperity, and friendship.

Until next week, *Fr. John*

WELCOME to the Family of Christ!

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

Thomas & Megan Cleveland Jason Voit

The following children were baptized during the month of June:

Alice Mae Clemm Noah Nicholas Rwaga

SUMMER IN THE CITY FOOD DRIVE RETURNS TO ST FRANCIS THIS MONTH

St. Francis of Assisi is pleased to support the John S. Mulholland Family Foundation, the primary provider of food supplying food pantries in Washington DC's poorest parishes: St. Thomas More, St. Luke, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Francis Xavier and Holy Name. With the 5th Annual Summer in the City food drive happening the weekend of July 28/29, parishioners are invited to pick up a shopping bag after Mass the weekend of July 21/22, buy some of the suggested food items and return the grocery bag to church the following weekend. If you forget to bring your bag to Mass, monetary donations -- which purchase fresh produce, milk and eggs, meat and poultry -- are accepted. Please make a check payable to the John S. Mulholland Family Foundation, put it in an envelope marked "Summer in the City" and drop it in the collection basket. Thank you for your generous faith in action!

PAX CHRISTI MEETINGS

The regular monthly meeting of St. Francis Pax Christi for July has been cancelled and we will have a joint meeting with St. Rose of Lima (11701 Clopper Road) on Wednesday, July 18th, at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph's Room (church basement). Pax Christi of St. Francis will resume our regular monthly meetings on the 2nd Monday of the month, August 13th at 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Room in the parish/rectory basement. *ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND BOTH MEETINGS*.

A REMINDER FROM FR. JOHN ... If anyone is living in a marriage that has not been recognized by the Catholic Church, it would be wise to consult with a priest to see whether that situation might be rectified. It could be as simple as repeating your marriage vows quietly in front of a priest and receiving the Church's blessing. In that way, one would become eligible to receive the Sacraments of the Church, especially the Eucharist

July 15, 2018

LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING Join the Lamb of God Prayer Group for worship and the study of Scripture on Tuesday, July 17, 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 the Prison Ministry Outreach Program . *Thank you for your generosity*.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRAYER CHAIN If you have a prayer request, please contact Marianne Bullen, (301) 963-3420 or mariannebu@comcast.net with your requests.

ROSARY FOR PRIESTS

Every Wednesday evening at 6:45 p.m. we pray the rosary for our priests before the 7:30 p.m. Mass.

HOLY HOUR FOR THE DYING

On Thursday evenings in the St. Clare's Chapel in the Rectory, a prayer group meets at 7:00 p.m. to pray for the dying. This is a Holy Hour Devotion for the Dying. As a central work of our Catholic faith, we are called to pray for the dying, especially for those who may die suddenly, unprepared to face God. For additional information, please call the Parish Office, (301) 840-1407.

ROSARY CENACLE OF OUR LADY, QUEEN OF PEACE

Cenacle of Our Lady, Queen of Peace to pray for priests and vocations, 2:00 p.m. in the St. Clare's Chapel (Rectory) every Sunday. Please join us.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - COUNCIL 2323

The Knights of Columbus are actively pursuing new members. Our council incorporates members from St. Francis, St. Mary's and St. Martin's. Though best known for our many charitable projects, we also have a lot of fun with dinners, fund raisers, family nights, and many other fraternal social occasions. If interested in learning more, please contact Gary Palmer, (301) 948-6494 or e-mail gtdbpalmer@verizon.net.

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FORMED is available 24/7 for you to grow in your faith. St. Francis has purchased this gift for parish use.

DONATE YOUR USED CLOTHING If you are sorting through gently used clothing to give away, remember that there is a St. Vincent de Paul clothing collection bin in the lower parking lot. Donations of clean clothing in good repair is greatly appreciated. Please put clothing in a plastic bag and deposit in the slot at the top of the bin. Collections are made weekly and will be a great blessing to those in need in the region.

BROWN BAG CONVERSATIONS START AGAIN JULY 22

Next weekend, the first of two Brown Bag Conversations in July will take place in the Assisi Room of the Rectory. Come join Parochial Vicar Fr. Jack Berard, as he leads the casual lunch-and-learn adult faith formation sessions starting at 1 pm on Sunday, July 22, and Sunday, July 29. Doors will open at 12:45 pm so you can enjoy lunch and friendly conversation before the hour-long conversation begins.

Topics for the Brown Bag Conversations are as follows:

July 22: "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 -- "Armor of God"

This conversation will focus on the tools available to help us combat the evil spirits and temptation. The discussion will focus on the need to prepare ourselves rather than to simply react. Take your stand!

SHAPE UP SATURDAY CLASSES ALLOW FOR EXERCISE OF THE BODY, MIND & SPIRIT

The Shape Up Saturday exercise class kicked off in the Gathering Space at 7:00 a.m. on July 14 – won't you come join us for the second one on July 21? The cardio-focused class is designed to engage one's whole body, mind and spirit and is targeted to adult men and women of all fitness levels. Come check it out and see what the class can offer you! *Bring a towel or mat, a water bottle and a friend!* For more information, contact Health Ministry Coordinator Betty Baklarz at lbbaklarz@yahoo.com.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS RCIA - THE PROCESS BY WHICH ADULTS BECOME CATHOLIC

Can you answer "Yes" to any of these questions?

- Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?
- Are you unbaptized but recognize a need for spirituality in your life?
- Were you baptized Catholic or baptized into another denomination but never received any formal religious education?
- Are you married to a Catholic and attend Mass, but just don't know what the next step is to become one of the Catholic faithful?

RCIA is the place for you. Every year adults are welcomed into the Catholic Community through RCIA. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings you to Jesus Christ who is our Lord and Savior.

Classes will begin in mid-September. For more information, we invite you to call or e-mail Terry Davis (301-774-0783, e-mail davistj23@gmail.com) or Sara Dean (301-977-6373, e-mail sgdean129@gmail.com). There is no obligation, just information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS/EVENTS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR 2018-2019 PLEASE REGISTER BY AUGUST 1

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.

Registration are available on the parish web site (www.sfadw.org), in the Gathering Space of the Church, and in the Parish Offices. Completed forms can BE 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 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

JULY

15-18 Quo Vadis 27-29 Fiat Days

AUGUST

13-15 Middle School Service Camp

GET SOCIAL
Follow us on
Instagram & Twitter @ SFADWYOUTH.

Vacation Bible Camp 2018 -- SHIPWRECKED: Rescued by Jesus! Connecting Kids to Justice Report

At our 2018 Vacation Bible Camp, campers learned that Jesus is there for us when we need his help. They also learned that they are called by Jesus to do good work and help others. One way that campers and families answered Jesus' call was through their participation in our *Connecting Kids to Justice* outreach project, which taught themes of Catholic Social Teaching and focused on the theme of *Food For All*. Throughout the week of VBC, campers, families and volunteers were invited to bring in monetary donations to support the work of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) around the world. A total of \$357.49 was collected and will be sent to CRS to support their efforts to buy seeds and help families learn how to grow good food. Thank you to all of our VBC participants who contributed to our outreach project!

In addition, our 5th and 6th grade campers engaged in three service projects during the week of VBC and demonstrated their growing understanding of Catholic Social Teaching. Their projects included:

- *A*) Addressing hunger needs locally by participating in the "Cup of Joe" project, making 200 "breakfast to go" bags that will be shared with men and women staying at shelters operated by Catholic Charities;
- **B)** Working outdoors on parish grounds to garden as a way to learn about and demonstrate Care for God's Creation;
- C) Learning about the needs at our Sister Parish in Haiti and demonstrating Solidarity by making bracelets to support fundraising efforts for a Student Sponsorship drive to be held this Fall.

We are impressed and inspired by the efforts of all who shared in this year's VBC to live their faith and make the world a better place!

MOVING/CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR E-MAIL

Please notify the parish office (301) 840-1407 or via e-mail sfaparishoffice@sfadw.org, of any changes in your address, phone number of e-mail. Thank You!

FIAT CAMP FOR YOUNG WOMEN

"Fiat" is Latin for "Let it be done." This was Mary's response to the angel Gabriel when she was asked to become the mother of Jesus. Mary was called to live courageously and to give her whole life, and because of her response, she changed the world. At Fiat Camp, young women will be challenged to become fully who they are – to embrace the unique gifts given to them by God and to discover the great dignity of their vocation as a woman. For this year's camp for young women who are rising 9th-12th Graders, the Archdiocese of Washington is partnering with the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The camp will be held from July 27-29 at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD, and it includes prayer, talks, discussions with religious sisters, games, and sports. Fee is \$150 (sibling discounts & scholarships available). Details and registration at www.quovadisfiat.org

RETROUVAILLE HELP FOR MARRIAGES IN TROUBLE

4 Stages of Marriage – The 4 stages of marriage are: (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first 3 Stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th Stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the 4th Stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from Disillusionment or Misery please contact Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i). Our next weekend is September 14 - 16, 2018. All calls and inquiries are confidential. To register or obtain more information visit our website at: www.HelpOurMarriage.com, call (443) 400-7017, or

DOMESTIC CHURCH DAY WITH THE VISIT OF SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON

Join fellow Catholic couples and families for a Domestic Church Day on July 21 from 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. This half-day family retreat will include engaging catechesis for parents, teens, and children, an ice cream sundae bar, and the opportunity to pray together as a family. The keynote speaker for married and engaged couples is Fr. Larry Swink who will be giving a talk titled, "God's Plan for Marriage – Not Your Plan." The day will also include a special visit by Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton as part of our *Visit of the Saints* children's series that brings the saints to life in a fun, dramatic, and interactive way. The cost of attendance is \$20 per family and \$10 per couple. The visit of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton is Free but parents not attending Domestic Church Day must remain with their children. Parking is free. To register please visit domesticchurchday.eventbrite.com.



BREW CREW

The Café Assisi Brew Crew is taking vacation this summer...July & August. Look for them to return on September 16. Have a great summer!

SUMMER VACATION MASS TIMES

While traveling this summer, don't forget to visit www.masstimes.org for Mass times and locations across the country.

PUT YOUR PRO-LIFE BELIEFS INTO ACTION

The Gabriel Project assists pregnant women in a crisis. Diapers and wipes are needed (especially Size 1 and 3). Women volunteers (especially bilingual women) are needed to stay in touch with client mothers. Men are also needed to pick up donations once or twice per month. E-mail and prayer calendar supporters are also needed. For more information, please e-mail Karina Gallegos at kaliggalle@hotmail.com or call or text Toni Wohleber at (240) 882-9893.

Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School Catch our Spirit

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LOOKING FOR A FABULOUS PRESCHOOL FOR YOUR

CHILD? St. Jude Preschool promotes independent, confident, lifelong learners. St. Jude Preschool offers exciting age-appropriate play-based and theme-based curriculum. Curriculum provides numerous opportunities for positive interaction with other children and adults.

Class plans are flexible and differentiated and expose students to a wide range of experiences such as circle time, small group instruction, free play, music, art, library and physical education. For more information please contact Ellen Donnelly in the school office, 301-946-7888 or apply online at www.stjuderockville.org.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS AT ST. JUDE SCHOOL

If you wish to visit the school during the summer, our hours are 9-1 Monday through Thursday. Please be mindful of the parking lot paving project.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND & GERMANY

Join Msgr. Jack Macfarlane, Fr. Kevin O'Reilly and Kathy Swartz for their 23rd international excursion – this time to explore Krakow, Poland and Berlin, Germany. May 13-22, 2019, only one hotel in each city, and day trips to the surrounding areas. We'll visit the birthplace of Saint John Paul II, and other sites associated with his childhood, and we'll see the Black Madonna in Jasna Gora. In Berlin we'll visit Nicholai Viertel, Gendarmenmarkt and the French and German Cathedrals. We'll also see the Reichstag Building, the Brandenburg Gate, and other historic areas of this historic city. Contact Kathy (k2000swartz@hotmail.com) for complete information and a registration brochure.

MARRIAGE HELP

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the September program beginning with a weekend on September 14 - 16, 2018 call (443) 400-7017, or email: 3015@retrouvaille.org or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

RIGHT TO LIFE OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

This year, Right to Life of Montgomery County will again have a pro-life booth at the Montgomery County Fair, August 10-18. If you are interested in helping out at the booth please call Tharpa Roberts, (301) 962-5611 or rtl-mc@verizon.net. If you volunteered last year, Tharpa will be calling you to see if you can help again this year. Your help is greatly appreciated.