ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD



July 2 - July 8

Saturday, 7/7

Monday: 7/2 9:00 a.m. Eugene Dudenhoeffer Tuesday, 7/3 9:00 a.m. Clarence & Alma Lloyd Wednesday, 7/4 9:00 a.m. For Our Country

9:00 a.m. For Our Country NO 7:30 PM MASS

Thursday, 75 9:00 a.m. Anna Marie Kuzma Friday, 7/6 9:00 a.m. Barbara Lynn Beall 7:30 p.m. William Clymer

9:00 a.m. Alice Reising

5:00 p.m. Mike Sullivan

Sunday, 7/8 8:00 a.m. Louis Anthony Gervasio

9:30 a.m. John Loh 11:15 a.m. Joshua Scotto 5:00 p.m. *Pro populo*

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Patty Quinn, Rosie Ibarra, Deacon Richard J. Schopfer, Archdiocese of Washington.

Please pray for the sick... Kevin Milsted, Philipe Deroin, Carol Toney, 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 1, 2018

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

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21,

22-23 [22a]/Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/

Jn 20:24-29

Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13,

16bc-17 [23b]/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10cd]/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131

[Mt 4:4]/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14

[cf. 9b]/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-

10/Mk 6:1-6a

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

I want to continue a reflection on the three basic principles of Catholic Social Teaching on immigration. This is largely adapted on material found on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) website: www.usccb.org. Today I want to discuss the second basic principle: a country has a right to regulate its borders and to control immigration.

The second overriding principle of all Catholic social teaching is that individuals must make economic, political, and social decisions not out of short sided self-interest, but with a regard to the common good. This means that a moral person cannot consider only what is good for his or her own self or family, but must act with the good of all people as his or her guiding principle.

While individuals have the right to move in search of a safe and humane life, no country is bound to accept all those who wish to resettle there. By this principle the Church recognizes that most immigration is ultimately not something to celebrate. Ordinarily, people do not leave the security of their own land and culture just to seek adventure in a new place or merely to enhance their standard of living. Instead, they migrate because they are desperate and the opportunity for a safe and secure life does not exists in their own land. Immigrants and refugees endure many hardships and often long for the homes they left behind. As Americans we should cherish and celebrate the contributions of immigrants and their cultures; however, we should work to make it unnecessary for people to leave their own land.

Because there seems to be no end to poverty, war, and misery in the world, developed nations will continue to experience pressure from many peoples who desire to settle in their lands. Catholic social teaching is realistic: While people have the right to move, no country has the duty to receive so many immigrants that its social and economic life are jeopardized.

For this reason Catholics should not view the work of the federal government and its immigration control as negative or evil. Those who work to enforce our nation's immigration laws often do so out of a sense of loyalty to the common good and compassion for poor people seeking a better life. In an ideal world, there would be no need for immigration control. The Church recognizes that this ideal world has not yet been achieved.

Some people have asked if I could recommend places where people can be informed with facts and not with uniformed opinions or rumors without any basis. Here are some websites to check out for this:

- The Vatican's Migrant and Refugee Office
- The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Office of Migration and Refugee Services
- Jesuit Refugee Service/International
- Jesuit Refugee Service/ USA
- The Kino Border Initiative

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How does knowing that God is the God of life, not death, affect the way I live my life? Am I courageous enough to stand up to those who do not respect the basic human right to life?

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

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

First Friday Mass will be at 7:30 p.m., July 6, followed by adoration until 9:00 p.m. in the Church.

LAST OF SEMINARIAN'S TALKS TO TAKE PLACE JULY 2 & 7 ON TOPIC OF SELF-ABANDONMENT

If you missed Seminarian John Winslow's first two talks on "Holiness" and "Prayer," then you still have an opportunity to hear the topic most dear to his heart — "Self-Abandonment." Please join him at 10:00 am Monday, July 2, in the Youth Room to hear John discuss how his regular practice of relinquishing earthly comforts has deepened and strengthened his faith life. He will interweave both theologically- and Biblically-based sources, along with his personal life experiences, in sharing this topic with St. Francis of Assisi parishioners. John will repeat his talk at 10 am Saturday, July 7, in the Assisi Room, for those unable to make a weekday discussion. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407.

BABY SHOWER THANK YOU!

Thank you to the St. Francis parishioners who contributed to the virtual baby shower for the mother with a young child and infant, whose husband was killed in an accident. We will be sending a check for \$645 to St. Martin's Parish St. Vincent de Paul Society to help them. Your generosity is greatly appreciated........

Members of the SFA St. Vincent de Paul Society

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

Finally, some people have asked about contributing to organizations that are currently helping migrants. Here are some organizations that I could recommend for your consideration:

- Catholic Charities/USA
- Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley
- Kino Border Initiative (a Jesuit ministry)
- Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC).

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

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! As a parish, we collected \$1,741. Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give, visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on the "How to Give" link.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE NEXT TWO BROWN BAG CONVERSATIONS

Please join us for the next two Brown Bag Conversations, which will take place Sunday, July 22 and 29 at 1:00 pm in the Rectory's Assisi Room. Doors will open at 12:45 pm so that people can enjoy their brown bag lunches and some conversation before the hour-long session begins. Parochial Vicar Fr. Jack Berard will lead the next two discussions on the following topics:

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. It is a reminder to us that we should prepare ourselves rather than simply react. It is a call to be proactive in the fight rather than just reactive. Take your stand!



OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED WEDNESDAY, JULY 4th FOR THE INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY

July 1, 2018

LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING Join the Lamb of God Prayer Group for worship and the study of Scripture on Tuesday, July 3, 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 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.

A NOTE FROM THE GARDEN CARE MINISTRY

The St. Francis Garden Care Ministry is testing several varieties of plants in the circle at the entrance to the parish grounds. These plants need to be resistant to deer and rabbits, heat from the pavement, and fumes from the road. Regarding the perennials, deer have eaten the Black Eyed Susans (and come back for more). The Aromatic Asters are thriving. We recently supplemented them with three varieties of annuals, so that the circle wouldn't look as forlorn. It is too early to see how they will do, but keep an eye on them. The beauty of nature is a window to the beauty of God. If you are interested in nurturing this beauty through the Garden Care ministry, contact Ministry Coordinator Maria Dunn at mkdunn@gmail.com.

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.

ENGAGE YOUR TOTAL BEING TO BUILD STRENGTH & RESILIENCE IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT

Please join us for Summer Shape Up Saturdays July 14-August 18 7:00 am-8:00 am SFA Gathering Space

For Christians, we are called to seek wholeness, wellness and holiness in the totality of our lives -- heart, soul, strength and mind. This class engages that totality of our being to build strength and resilience in body, mind and spirit. This exercise class for adult men and women is a faith-based wellness ministry that provides physical training and helps to build a vibrant and engaged community. Although it is a new offering at St. Francis, it is a practical return to our roots as Christians. The Church is the original "wellness center."

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 lbbaklarz@yahoo.com.

ST. FRANCIS DIRECTOR OF MUSIC, DEIRDRE SWEET, TO STEP DOWN ON JULY 8

On Sunday, July 8, Deirdre Sweet will step down from her position as St. Francis' Director of Music, a position she has held for nearly six years. Having started at St. Francis in July 2008 as a part-time organist, Sweet succeeded former Director of Music Verena Anders, who had already established a solid liturgical music foundation at the church.

"My aspiration was to continue that and ensure that the Adult Choir [at 9:30 am Mass] had a place here," Sweet said. "I also wanted to have good musicians and find things a volunteer choir could do and be challenged by."

Deirdre expressed her thanks to Fr. John Dillon, who has been a strong supporter of musicians, Fr. Jack Berard, the rest of the clergy, and to her colleagues on the parish staff. She also wished a huge thank you to parishioners, especially for their support of the Music Ministry and its many projects.

"I'm proud to work in a parish that has such an interest, regard for and passion for social justice and for its outreach to kids with disabilities and their families," Sweet said. "People have been very supportive of the music and that support is important to the choir, cantors and musicians."

Deirdre looks forward to retiring and spending more time with her family and "less time on 495," said the Arlington, VA, resident. She requested no gifts but said she would appreciate any donations made to the St. Francis Music Ministry.

St. Francis also welcomes Janet Pate as the new Director of Music, effective Monday, July 9. Pate began working as a part-time organist at St. Francis in the summer of 2013 and has a degree in organ performance. *Welcome Janet!*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS/EVENTS

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 (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 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 <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.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS/EVENTS

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY Upcoming Events

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Youth Appreciation Event
8-13 Encounter Work Camp

15-18 Quo Vadis 27-29 Fiat Days

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other children and adults.

THANK YOU TO OUR VBC VOLUNTEERS!

What a terrific week we had at the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Vacation Bible Camp 2018, "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus," held June 25-

29! Look for our campers and volunteers at Mass today . . . they've been invited to wear their t-shirts to share a bit of the VBC experience with our parish community. We extend our gratitude to the many volunteers, over 60 (!) teens and adults, who gave generously of their time in preparing and leading the efforts to make this a wonderful, faith-filled week for all of our campers! And an extra special word of thanks to Melisa Biedron, Marie Yeast, Nadine Edwards, Kevin Alexander and to all of the parish staff for their support and assistance! All came away from our time at VBC having discovered that Jesus is with us always, and rescues us through life's storms!

Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School Catch our Spirit

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http://www.facebook.com/stjuderockvillemd

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

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.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Looking for some summer fun that's also spiritually nourishing? Then, join the Young Adult Summer Bible Study on #CatholicAdulting. We meet on Wednesdays from 7:00PM - 9:00 pm at alternating homes. Please email Alisa Zacharia at azacharia18@gmail.com for more details."

HELP RESTOCK SUPPLIES AT ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY

When you're at the grocery store this summer, please pick up a few non-perishable food items to help fill the St. Martin's Food Pantry bin in the Gathering Space. The food supply at the St. Martin's Food Pantry has dwindled in recent months, and coordinators are asking for help in restocking specific items. Food items that are particularly in demand include:

- Canned fruits
- Soup
- Packaged sliced bread
- Boxes of cereal
- Jars of baby food

These and other foods can be placed in the St. Martin's Food Pantry Bin in the Gathering Space. According to the food pantry's latest report, an average of 177 families are visiting the Gaithersburg-based food pantry for food assistance. Please help us live our ministry as a servant church! For more information, please contact St. Martin's Food Pantry Co-Coordinators Carolyn Brauer at carolyn_brauer@yahoo.com or Christine Young at youngbody-work@hotmail.com.

HOLY LAND FESTIVAL

On Saturday, July 14, the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land (1400 Quincy St., NE, Washington, DC) will host the Holy Land Festival from 11:00 am-5:00 pm. Experience the Holy Land in DC with Middle Eastern food and authentic Holy Land vendors. Enjoy a musical performance by the Magnificat School from Jerusalem. Take part in guided tours of the historic church, catacombs, and lush gardens. Great for adults and children alike with presentations by National Geographic, Bethlehem University, Holy Family Hospital, and a special talk by the Franciscan friars on the Franciscans' 800 years in the Holy Land, along with Arabic writing, face painting, and much more. End the day with the celebration of Mass at 5:00 pm. For more information, call 202-526-6800.

VOLUNTEERING AT THE NATIONAL SHRINE

Are you looking for an opportunity to grow in your faith and extend that gift to others through your personal witness and service to the Church? The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception invites you to become a Docent (Tour Guide) or Tour Desk Receptionist. Hours and days are flexible and training will be provided. Anyone interested should please contact Dee Steel, Director of Visitor Services, at 202-526-8300, x111 or dsteel@bnsic.org. Thank you for your interest in this special volunteer ministry.

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.

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, 30th, Aug. 2, 6, 9, 13th. For details, call Jackie Stippich, 301-963-6223.

INITIAL FINDINGS OF THE INDICATORS OF VITALITY SURVEY

On June 21, the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Pastoral Council learned high-level results from the Indicators of Vitality Survey that was administered last spring, confirming that the parish is fundamentally strong in several key areas. Member Christine King outlined some initial findings from the survey, which identified both significant strengths and opportunities for growth. These included:

Strengths:

- Welcoming and vibrant community, with a sense of diversity and inclusion.
- Caring clergy and strong parish staff.
- Good, quality music.
- Service orientation especially, the Haiti Ministry.
- Strong Religious Education program and Director of Religious Education.
- Small (sharing) Groups.
- Well-run parish, clean and well-maintained.
- Noticeable improvement in communications.

Opportunities for growth:

- Increase connections to life experience and lived faith in the Homily.
- Children's Liturgy and teaching Masses.
- Parking issues and flow of traffic, parking lot lighting.
- Increase reverence during Mass.
- Increase opportunities to support families with small children.
- Greater diversity in music and soloists.
- Increase opportunities for young adult engagement.
- Ministry recruitment and volunteer opportunities.
- Increase financial donations.

King reported that Deborah McDonald, the newly promoted archdiocesan Assistant Secretary of Pastoral Ministry and Social Concerns, will present comprehensive results of the survey to the Parish Pastoral Council in the fall. McDonald will also work with the Parish Pastoral Council in the fall to develop a strategic plan to act on priority areas that are identified.

In other business, Fr. John Dillon also read aloud a Flocknote message regarding his thoughts on the recent allegation of sexual abuse of a minor brought against former Archbishop of Washington Cardinal Theodore McCarrick; the allegations stem from events that reportedly occurred 47 years ago when Cardinal McCarrick served as a priest in the Archdiocese of New York. Fr. John answered several questions council members had about the allegation and the ensuing process and asked the council to pray for all those parties involved.

Please read past minutes of the Parish Pastoral Council at https://www.sfadw.org/pastoral-council-meeting-minutes. The Pastoral Council will now break for the summer and reconvene in September. For more information about the Pastoral Parish Council, contact Executive Committee member Alicia Church vis e-mail at asktheppc@gmail.com.

SUMMER VACATION MASS TIMES

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