

## ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

### Mass Intentions

#### January 21 - January 27

<b>Monday, 1/21</b>	900 a.m. Fred Ghioto
<b>Tuesday, 1/22</b>	9:00 a.m. Catherine Dillon Bullen
<b>Wednesday, 1/23</b>	9:00 a.m. Lourdes Fernan 7:30 p.m. Al Procopio
<b>Thursday, 1/24</b>	9:00 a.m. Margaret Raum Ricketts
<b>Friday, 1/25</b>	9:00 a.m. Roberta Connors
<b>Saturday, 1/26</b>	9:00 a.m. Pari Ronda Davila 5:00 p.m. Bob Coyne
<b>Sunday, 1/27</b>	8:00 a.m. Co Chui 9:30 a.m. Bob Coyne 11:15 a.m. <i>Pro populo</i> 5:00 p.m. Fritz Mitchell

#### + In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Reverend Henry J. Januszkiewicz, Archdiocese of Washington.

***Please pray for the sick...*** Kaycee Mentus, Stan Hummer, Chris Vadala, Fred Theurer, Pat Hunt, Trenton Faulkner, Donna Marchick, Sandra Kimball, Dennis Parnell, Ed Dudenhoeffer, Jackie Roebuck King, Jeni Stepanek. (*Names will remain on this list for four consecutive weeks, but can be repeated by calling the Office.*)

#### Readings for the Week of January 20, 2019

<b>Sunday:</b>	Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/ 1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
<b>Monday:</b>	Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/ Mk 2:23-28
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/ Mk 3:1-6
<b>Thursday:</b>	Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12
<b>Friday:</b>	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
<b>Saturday:</b>	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:20-21
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/1 Cor 12:12-30/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

### *THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR*

On Sunday, October 14, 2018 Pope Francis canonized Blessed Paul VI, Blessed Oscar Romero, Blessed Vincent Romano, Blessed Francesco Spinelli, Blessed Nunzio Sulprizio, Blessed Nazaria Ignacia March Mesa, and Blessed Maria Katharina Kasper. Today I am writing about Saint Óscar Romero. I am going to base my remarks about him on the short biography published in the English edition of *Osservatore Romano* on October 19, 2018.

The Canonization of Archbishop Óscar Arnulfo Romero Galdámez is an extraordinary gift for the entire Catholic Church in this millennium. It is for all Christians as well, as shown by the attention of the Anglican Church which, in 2002, placed a statue of Archbishop Romero next to those of Martin Luther King and Dietrich Bonhoeffer. It is also a gift to human society, as shown by the decision of the United Nations to declare March 24—the date of his assassination—the International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims.

Pope Francis wanted Blessed Paul VI and Blessed Óscar Romero to be united in a celebration of Canonization. They are two great witnesses of the twentieth century: two Saints of the Second Vatican Council. One, because he brought it to conclusion. The other, because he lived its spirit to the very end.

Archbishop Romero met Pope Paul VI just after being appointed Archbishop of San Salvador (the capital and most populous city of El Salvador). The accusations against Archbishop Romero and his pastoral work, which had reached as far as Rome, were very cumbersome. The Archbishop presented to Paul VI photographs of the Jesuit Father Rutilio Grande, who had been assassinated along with two farmers. Paul VI blessed them and said to Archbishop Romero: “Take courage, you are the Archbishop, you are in charge. Lead your people.”

The world has changed a great deal since 1980 when, to silence his voice, Archbishop Romero was murdered at the altar. Now *monseñor*—as the common folk called him—speaks in an even loftier and more powerful way. This Canonization, under the Pontificate of the first Latin American Pope, imparts particular strength to Archbishop Romero’s witness: for his country, El Salvador, that it might defeat the violence of the *maras* (A *mara* is a form of gang that originated in the United States and spread to El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala); for all of Latin America, that it may find a path of new development; for the entire world, that it may fill the chasm between the many poor and the few rich.

Pope Francis’ pastoral work firmly ties Romero’s work to today’s Church and her mission to the world. In a report sent to Rome Archbishop Romero was charged with the following accusation: “Romero chose the people and the people chose Romero.” A charge that in truth was the most beautiful commendation for a shepherd. Archbishop Romero had the “odor of sheep” and the sheep recognized it and followed him. It is moving to see that today farmers still speak with him while kneeling at his tomb.

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## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

*How am I challenged to live my life differently? Can I recognize the Spirit when I am challenged to change?*

### THANK YOU

#### FROM THE SHADY GROVE PREGNANCY CENTER

When your church raises \$2,452.16 through your Baby Bottle Campaign, here is what you are doing through the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center:

- Providing women the hope they need to choose life for their babies
- Supporting them as families, and
- Helping to demonstrate the love of Christ

Over the years:

- We have touched the lives of over 37,000 women and their families, equivalent to half the population of Gaithersburg.
- We can fill the entire city of Kensington with all the lives saved.

St. Francis of Assisi Church's Baby Bottle Campaign and involvement with the Center helps to make the above possible. There is no way we could be the hands and feet of Jesus, without you! Thank you for a successful campaign.

~ Mary Ann Nichols, Baby Bottle Coordinator

~ Jacqueline Stippich, LCSW-C, Executive Director

### THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

In a certain sense, today, Archbishop Romero leads the long line of new twentieth century martyrs (including Blessed Stanley Rother). Indeed he understood the entire teaching of Vatican II from the perspective of a martyr. Archbishop Romero would often state the Council asks today's Christians to be martyrs. He explained in his homily for one of his priests killed by the death squads:

*Not everyone, the Second Vatican Council affirms, will have the honor of giving their physical blood, of being killed for their faith. But God asks of all who believe in him the spirit of martyrdom, that is, that we all must be willing to die for our faith, even if the Lord does not grant us this honor; yes, let us be willing, so that, when the time comes for our accounting, we can say: "Lord, I was willing to give my life to you. And I gave it." Because giving your life does not only mean being killed; giving your life, having the spirit of martyrdom is giving in duty, in silence, in prayer, in the honest fulfillment of duty; in that silence of everyday life; giving your life little by little. As it is given by a mother, who fearlessly, with the simplicity of maternal martyrdom, gives birth, nurses, raises and looks after her child with affection. This is giving your life...*

Until next week,

**Fr. John**

**PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED,  
MONDAY, JANUARY 21  
IN OBSERVANCE OF THE  
MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY**

### VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DANCE ON FEBRUARY 2

#### TO CELEBRATE "1950S DINER-STYLE"

Take out your bobby socks, saddle shoes, hair gel and poodle skirts – the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Pastoral Council will celebrate the parish's volunteers with a "1950s Diner" theme at 6:30 pm Saturday, February 2, in the Parish Center.

All St. Francis parishioners who have volunteered in any St. Francis ministry over the past year are invited to attend. The program for the evening will be as follows:

6:30-7 pm: *Hors d'oeuvres*

7-8 pm: *Dinner*

8-8:30 pm: *Dessert*

8-10 pm: *Dancing*

To RSVP, please fill out a form in the Gathering Space and leave it in the basket on the table; respond to the Flocknote RSVP that arrived in your inbox on Wednesday, Jan. 16; or call the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407. The snow date for the event will be Saturday, February 9. We hope to see you there! For more information or to volunteer to help, contact Special Events Ministry Coordinator Sylvia Jones at [decaffqueen@gmail.com](mailto:decaffqueen@gmail.com).

### COME JOIN A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND!

**St. Francis of Assisi Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**

**Holy Land and Jordan - June 3-13, 2019**

*Consider joining us on the pilgrimage. More than a vacation—a life-changing event!*

On June 3-13, St. Francis of Assisi parishioners are invited to go on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan sponsored by the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land of Washington, DC. The pilgrimage will be led by Franciscan priests and local guides from the Holy Land. This tour is their most popular, visiting holy sites central in the life of Jesus and Moses. The trip to Petra in Jordan includes one of the wonders of the ancient world. Visit the web-sites below for details of the trip.

<https://holylandpilgrimages.org/>

<https://holylandpilgrimages.org/holy-land-and-jordan-june-3-13-2019/> For more information, contact Director of Social Concerns & Adult Faith Formation, Tony Bosnick, [abosnick@sfadw.org](mailto:abosnick@sfadw.org).

**LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING** Join the Lamb of God Prayer Group for worship and the study of Scripture on Tuesday, January 22, 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 week-end will go to Prison Ministry Outreach. *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](mailto: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 looking for new, transferring or readmitted members to share in their Charity, Fraternity, Unity and Patriotism activities. Council 2323 supports many St. Francis activities and has many social events. The KofC offers life and long term care insurance opportunities as well as annuities. A new opportunity: join as an Online Member for \$30 per year; go to [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) and click on "Join Us". If you wish you can join the Council later. If interested in learning more, contact Gary Palmer (301-948-6494 or email [gtdbpalmer@verizon.net](mailto:gtdbpalmer@verizon.net)).

### **THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE EAGLE SCOUT LANDSCAPE PROJECT**

The Potter Family would like to say thank you to our parish for all of the help and support extended to our son, Zachary Potter, during his fundraising efforts and completion of his Eagle Scout Planter Box Project on the parish grounds near the Rectory. Your support was very generous. The leftover funds have been designated to the Parish Landscaping Committee to assist them in keeping the Parish grounds beautiful. *Thank you!*

### **PLEASE WELCOME ROBERT STAMPER, NEW 270CATHOLIC REGIONAL COORDINATOR**

If you've seen a new face around the Parish Rectory over the past month, then you may have glimpsed Robert Stamper, the Archdiocese of Washington's new 270Catholic Regional Coordinator, who is based at St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

Rob is the first paid staff member of the archdiocesan ministry for young adults, which connects young people age 18-35 in Catholic churches along the I-270 corridor and helps them build a deeper relationship with God. A registered parishioner at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Gaithersburg, Rob served as a catechist helping eighth graders prepare for Confirmation and assisted with the church's Youth Ministry before taking on his current role. "The natural next step seemed to be working with young adults," said Rob, a native of Montana. "I could create and help create something firmer for people transitioning into young adulthood."

After serving a five-year term in the Marine Corps directly out of high school, Rob and his wife moved to Maryland in July 2016 to be closer to his mother-in-law. They found a solid faith home at St. Rose of Lima, where Rob joined the Knights of Columbus, an organization that has grounded and sustained Rob's adult faith formation along the various stops in his life. While he continues getting acclimated to his new job, Rob is also completing his final semester at the Montgomery College-Germantown campus, where he is studying secondary education.

Currently, six Catholic churches in Montgomery County – St. Francis of Assisi in Derwood; St. Rose of Lima in Gaithersburg; St. Mary's, St. Patrick's and Shrine of St. Jude in Rockville; and Mother Seton in Germantown are seeking 270Catholic's assistance in helping cultivate their young adults into disciples of Christ. On a monthly basis, those churches convene 40-100 young adults at group events. Rob believes he can help continue building the faith of young adults through developing more small groups, small communities and larger community outreach.

Given the myriad distractions competing for young people's attention, Rob recognizes that reaching young adults will be an ongoing challenge. "You have to find something that pierces through the busyness," said Rob, 26. "You have to freeze someone [in their place] so they can have a moment of reflection."

He will also continue to rely on the existing 270Catholic volunteer team of staff members and small group leaders to help the group realize its goals. He also places a lot of faith in the individual, who he feels can be inspired by others living their faith openly and authentically.

"The only way to reach someone is to show them that the faith of a practicing Catholic is different than what society sees," Rob said. "If life is a river, then being Catholic is the rock that stops the flow of water in the river." To contact Rob, e-mail him at [270Catholic@gmail.com](mailto:270Catholic@gmail.com).

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS/EVENTS



### RE CLASS SCHEDULE REMINDERS

Please note that Religious Education classes will not meet this week, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, January 20, 21 and 22, in honor of the Martin Luther King Day holiday.

### CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE SESSION: TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

Confirmation candidates will meet on Tuesday, January 22, for Confirmation class from 6:45-8:30 pm in the Parish Center.

### 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 next Sunday, January 27 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.

### FIRST EUCHARIST PARENT MEETING

A reminder to families of children preparing to celebrate First Eucharist this year: there will be a First Eucharist Parent Meeting next Wednesday, January 30 from 7:30-8:45 pm in the Parish Center. If you have questions, please call the Religious Education Office, 301-258-9193.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SNOW CANCELLATION POLICY

If Montgomery County Public Schools are closed, and if schools are dismissed early, Religious Education classes, including Youth Group are also cancelled. This applies to Sunday classes as well if Montgomery County Public Schools announces cancellation of weekend school activities. Cancellation announcements will be recorded on the Religious Education Office phone (301-258-9193) and posted on the St. Francis Parish website and Facebook page ("St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church"). Whenever in doubt, please use your own judgment about local weather and driving conditions, and err on the side of safety when making decisions about bringing your child to class.

### 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](http://www.faithdirect.net). The code for St. Francis is MD110. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office.

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS/EVENTS

### ST. FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### JANUARY

20 Youth Group  
27 Youth Group

#### FEBRUARY

3 Youth Group  
9-10 Bake Sale  
10 Youth Group  
15 Family Bingo  
24 Youth Group

#### MARCH

2 ADW High School Youth Rally @ CUA

### GET SOCIAL

Follow us on Instagram & Twitter @ SFADWYOUTH.

### YOUTH GROUP LOOKING FOR YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEERS

The Youth Group is looking for a few new volunteers to assist at the Sunday Gatherings. We are looking for either young adults or young couples who would like to help mentor the teens through difficult years and situations. The time commitment is flexible, but we meet on Sunday evenings from 6 until 8 p.m. and plan on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. If you are interested in helping out please email Fr. Jack at [sfayouth@sfadw.org](mailto:sfayouth@sfadw.org) or call the parish office 301-840-1407.

### BROWN BAG CONVERSATION ON FEBRUARY 3

*The Gift: Your Call to Greatness* by Christopher West

Sunday, February 3 from 1-2:30 pm in the Rectory's Assisi Room  
Doors open at 12:45 pm for Brown Bag lunch and fellowship.

*"The human body includes right from the beginning... the capacity of expressing love, that love in which the person becomes a gift – and by means of this gift – fulfills the meaning of his being and existence." -*

--St. John Paul II

In *Your Call to Greatness*, author and theologian Christopher West unfolds God's amazing plan for our life. This DVD teaching addresses some of the most fundamental and universal questions of human existence, including:

- What is our "call to greatness" and what is the key to unlocking it?
- What will bring the happiness we all long for?
- What is the "gift" that God desires to give us?
- What does it mean to be "made male and female in the image and likeness of God?"
- How can I live my life in a way that brings true happiness and fulfillment?

After the teaching, enjoy open, honest conversation with fellow parishioners. For more information, contact Adult Faith Formation Team Member Medy DeAusen at [medydeausen@comcast.net](mailto:medydeausen@comcast.net).

**TOWARDS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING  
OF ANNULMENTS  
COME AND GET THE FACTS**

A presentation on the teachings of the Catholic Church on annulments will be given by Rev. Msgr. Kevin Hart, from the Archdiocese of Washington, Office of the Tribunal, on:

**Sunday, January 27, 2019  
(Snow Date: February 10, 2019)  
2 :00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Shepherd's Room  
St. Peter's Parish  
2900 Olney Sandy Spring Road  
Olney MD 20832**

Do you have a friend or relative who has suffered the sorrow of divorce but has not yet experienced the healing process of an annulment? Please come to this informative event and get the FACTS!. You can help your friend or relative (or even yourself) grasp the differences between a civil marriage and a sacramental marriage and how an annulment can foster healing and restoration. For more information, please contact the Office of Adult Faith Formation at 301-774-0162

**SAVE THE DATE FOR CATHOLICS  
IN ANNAPOLIS ON FEBRUARY 21!**

Join Catholics from across Maryland at Catholics in Annapolis on Thursday, Feb. 21, to stand up for life, justice and human rights. Catholics in Annapolis is your chance to get inspired and meet face-to-face with your legislators to share with them the Church's position on important issues.

Your help is needed this year to stop a proposed pro-abortion constitutional amendment, to help secure scholarships for students with low incomes, to stop the legalization of assisted suicide and to protect human rights. We need your voice in 2019!

We will kick off the evening by praying the Rosary for our elected officials, led by Maryland's bishops. After that, you will hear from inspiring speakers on several key issues before heading into your legislators' offices to meet face-to-face and share the Church's position. The evening will end with a reception of beer, wine, and food from Light House Bistro Catering – a social enterprise of the Light House Homeless Prevention Support Center, an Annapolis nonprofit that provides shelter, employment and opportunities to individuals experiencing homelessness.

Catholics in Annapolis is free, but registration is required. Visit [www.catholicsinannapolis.org](http://www.catholicsinannapolis.org) to register or call the Maryland Catholic Conference at (410) 269-1155 for more information. For local information on our parish's involvement, please contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at [abosnick@sfdw.org](mailto:abosnick@sfdw.org).

**Need a ride to Catholics in Annapolis?** Be sure to sign up for the bus nearest you. Buses will depart from regions across the state. Visit [www.catholicsinannapolis.org/buses](http://www.catholicsinannapolis.org/buses) for more information and to reserve your seat on a bus!

**Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School**  
[www.StJudeRockville.org](http://www.StJudeRockville.org)

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK (CSW):  
LEARN. SERVE. LEAD. SUCCEED.**

CSW is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. SJRCS will observe CSW week with Masses, open house and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, we focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to Church, local communities and the nation.

**Catholic Schools Week Schedule\***

- January 26 5:00pm - Opening Mass at Shrine of St. Jude
- January 27 9:30am –Opening Mass at St. Francis of Assisi
- January 28 8:30am - Volunteer coffee
- January 29 Service day
- January 30 Open house 9-11:30am /6-8pm
- January 31 Family lunch
- February 1 9:00am closing Mass/International Day/12:00 dismissal-teacher appreciation day

**OPEN HOUSE**

**We would love to share the story of our school with you.** Attend St. Jude Regional Catholic School Open House to see our wonderful teachers in action and experience our welcoming community first-hand. SJRCS will be hosting an Open House on: Wednesday, January 30, 2019, 9:00-11:30am and 6:00-8:00pm. Applications for enrollment for the 2019 school year are being accepted. Do not delay as we already have waiting lists in several classes. Visit [www.stjuderockville.org](http://www.stjuderockville.org). Go to Admission, then Apply Online, then Enrollment: [TADS: Online Registration and Enrollment](#).

**4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SJRCS INTERNATIONAL DAY!**

We invite you to travel...All Over the World!

**Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am**

We would love Parishioners to share their cultural heritage with the students. We are asking volunteers to set up a booth that represents your country of origin. The booth will contain different artifacts from your country (flags, posters, photographs, art, etc.) We are also asking that you bring samples of food from your country for the students to try at International Day (small appetizers, small desserts, etc.). This will be a fun community event for the parents and kids! Please email Mrs. Balog at: [Katharine.Balog@stjuderockville.org](mailto:Katharine.Balog@stjuderockville.org) to let her know what country you would like to represent, and how you would like to help.

**HOOPS FOR HAITI IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER**

Before you know it, that annual St. Francis basketball extravaganza will be upon us – Hoops for Haiti, scheduled for Saturday, March 23, at Our Lady of Good Counsel High School in Olney!

The St. Francis Youth Ministry and the Haiti Ministry are busy organizing the 2019 event, which will feature the second annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament and the main matchup between the Ol' Saints and the Swole Saints. Families and individuals alike can also anticipate delicious food for purchase, face painting for kids, Bible trivia and, possibly, a screen streaming the NCAA basketball tournament games. Once again, St. Francis ministries are invited to suit up to play in the 3-on-3 basketball tournament, which features half-court play between two teams of three people trying to score 12 points first. For more information about sign up for the 3-on-3 tournament, please contact Haiti Ministry Coordinator at [dancardile@yahoo.com](mailto:dancardile@yahoo.com). All proceeds from Hoops for Haiti will benefit St. Francis' Haiti Ministry.