

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

February 4 - February 10

Monday, 2/4	900 a.m. Adeline D. West
Tuesday, 2/5	9:00 a.m. Monica Raum
Wednesday, 2/6	9:00 a.m. Alexander O'Connor 7:30 p.m. Thomas & Agnes McCann
Thursday, 2/7	9:00 a.m. Roderic O'Connor & Fernando Silva
Friday, 2/8	9:00 a.m. James Galvin
Saturday, 2/9	9:00 a.m. James Bussard, Sr. 5:00 p.m. <i>Pro populo</i>
Sunday, 2/10	8:00 a.m. Jon Fox 9:30 a.m. Victor Silich 11:15 a.m. John T. Gallahan 5:00 p.m. Joseph Chaky

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Deacon Valentine Oguledo, Archdiocese of Washington.

Please pray for the sick... Jeff Smith, Jean Lea, Mary Lott, JoAnne Kirby, Helene Oliver, Dominic Marcuccilli, Kaycee Mentus, Stan Hummer, Fred Theurer, Trenton Faulkner, Donna Marchick, Dennis Parnell, Ed Dudenhoefter, 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 February 3, 2019

Sunday:	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Lk 4:21-30
Monday:	Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 23, 24 [25]/ Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32 [cf. 27b]/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/ Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/ Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday:	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 5:1-11

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

“For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greek, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.” This verse from last week’s Second Reading (1 Corinthians 12:12-30) has been on my mind owing to recent events on the news. I am thinking of a video of supposedly racist confrontation that happened in front of the Lincoln Memorial between a high school student and a Native American elder. The internet community immediately made the judgment that the boy was effectively taunting and belittling the elder. Other videos posted later from wider angles as well as testimony presented by the young man have raised lots of doubts about the original assessment. It is not for me to cast judgment on this situation. Rather, I want to follow the lead of Bishop Robert Barron and make some remarks on the deeply troubling—and indeed, morally outrageous—nature of the response to this occurrence. Bishop Barron would characterize this response as Satanic. Here is the link so that you can read Bishop Barron’s comments directly: <https://wordonfire.org/resources/article/the-internet-and-satans-game/6002/>.

When Bishop Barron became aware of the first video posted on line, it already had millions of views on Facebook and had been commented upon over 50,000 times. As Bishop Barron checked out the comments, he found them to be practically one hundred percent against the young man and marked by the cruelty that can be found in the comments section in social media. As he continued looking at the comments, he became concerned because dozens were demanding vengeful punishment of the young high school student. Dozens of other comments provided the addresses and email contacts of his parents, his school, and his diocese. Bishop Barron wondered if these people knew what they were doing—they were in effect destroying—even threatening—the life of this young man.

Bishop Barron reports that his thoughts then turned to the writing of René Girard, a well-known Franco-American philosopher and social commentator who is best known for his speculations on what Girard called the scapegoating mechanism. Girard maintains that most human communities, from the coffee klatch to the nation state are in some way based on this dysfunctional and deeply destructive instinct. Here is how it works. When tensions build in a group, people begin to look for a scapegoat, someone or some group to blame. Because it is deeply attractive, the scapegoating move rapidly draws a crowd which quickly becomes a mob. Filled with a self-righteous excitement, the mob then works to isolate and finally eliminate the scapegoat, since they have convinced themselves that this will restore order to their society which has been really stirred up. A great example of this action occurred in Germany in the 1930’s when Hitler working up a scapegoating frenzy in Germany of the 1930s to bring his country together in a truly evil way.

Girard had studied Shakespeare, Dostoevsky, and other literary figures carefully. But the most profound influence for his scapegoating speculations was the Bible where the problem was identified and a solution was presented. The story of the woman caught in adultery in the eighth chapter of John’s Gospel presents almost a case study of what Girard saw regarding sin and the solution.

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Can I see the face of Jesus in someone with whom I disagree? Can I respond with love? Can that love bear all things, believe all things, hope all things, and endure all things?

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

If your child is in the 5th Grade or up and is interested in becoming an altar server, Fr. Jack will have an altar server training on **February 9th from 10:30 a.m. until noon**. Please let him know if you will join us, or if you are interested but cannot make that time by email sfayouth@sfadw.org. Other times can be arranged if needed.

WELCOME to the Family of Christ!

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

Kevin & Jennifer Fosko
Francis & Onyinyechi Ozoji

The following children were baptized during the month of January:

Joseph Alexander Artega
Marco Emilio Palmeiro

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

One of the principal names for the devil in the New Testament is *ho Satanias*, which can be translated into English from the Greek as “the accuser.” Girard thinks that it is very significant that *ho Satanias* offers all the kingdoms of the world to Jesus, implying that all human kingdoms are tainted to a large degree by the satanic game of accusing, blaming, and scapegoating.

Bishop Barron then wants to apply the insights of René Girard to the incident in Washington and the truly nasty reaction to it on the internet. Bishop Barron has used the internet in a very positive manner in his work of evangelization for a long time. For that reason he does not agree with those who want to issue a blanket condemnation of the internet. On the other hand there is something about social media that can make it a destructive breeding ground for scapegoating. Perhaps it is because it is anonymous. Perhaps it is because of the ease in which comments can be posted. Perhaps it is because of the prospect of finding a large audience with little effort. But, Bishop Barron contends, these forums are more and more fever swamps in which hatred and accusation breed. The Bishop goes on to say that if you want to look for the influence of the Satanic in our culture, it is a waste of time to look at special effects made popular by all of the exorcism movies. You should look instead at your computer and the twisted “communities” that it makes possible and the victims that it regularly casts out.

Bishop Barron ends his remarks by making a pastoral pronouncement to all those who use social media. When you are about to make a comment, ask yourself a very simple question: “Am I doing this out of love, out of sincere wish for the good of the person or persons whom I am addressing? If not, shut up. If it becomes clear that your comment is simply spleen-venting, scapegoating, or virtue-signaling, shut up.” The internet can be a marvelous tool or it can be used as a weapon for Satanic purposes. When you apply the test of love, this can effectively undermine the scapegoating mechanism and drive the devil out.

Until next week
Fr. John

IT'S NEARLY TIME FOR THE ANNUAL APPEAL!
In a few short weeks, the Annual Appeal (formerly, the Cardinal's Appeal) will call Catholics to support ministries offered by the Archdiocese of Washington. With the announcement weekend falling on February 16/17, St. Francis parishioners will be asked to support some of the following areas:

- **Faith:** The Appeal funds support the St. John Paul II Seminary, where young men discern whether they are called to live a lifetime of serving Christ, and The Office of Consecrated Life, which serves sisters and brothers in religious orders all around the world.
- **Hope:** The Appeal funds the Office of Catechesis, which oversees and assists the religious education programs in Catholic schools and public schools; Catholic schools and campus ministries at local universities.
- **Mission:** The Appeal funds the Youth Rally and Mass, the Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach and the Department of Special Needs Ministry.

The Commitment Weekend for the Annual Appeal will be February 23/24, with a follow-up weekend on March 2/3. For more information, please call the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407.

FOR ONCE, YOU CAN TURN ON YOUR CELL PHONE

Please bring your Smart phones to Mass the weekend of February 9/10. You might be using them. Stay tuned!

SAVE THE DATE PANCAKE SUPPER Tuesday, March 5 Parish Center

Watch the bulletin for more details and volunteer opportunities.

February 3, 2019

LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING Join the Lamb of God Prayer Group for worship and the study of Scripture on Tuesday, February 5, 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 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 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 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 gtbpalmer@verizon.net).

JOIN MONTGOMERY COUNCIL 2323 FOR A SPAGHETTI DINNER

Spaghetti and meatballs! No better way to enjoy food and fellowship than with family and friends. On Sunday, February 10th, the Knights of Columbus' chefs will be serving a fresh garden salad, Spaghetti & Meatballs, garlic bread, wine, beer and soft drinks. Dinner will be served from 3:00 to 7:00 pm at the Father Cuddy Hall, 17001 Overhill Road in Derwood. Tickets are available after all Masses today at \$10 for adults (ages 14 & above); \$7 for children (ages 7 to 13); free for children 6 & under; or, \$35 for a family; or by contacting Mike Thomas in advance at (301) 330-5970 or cinnabarmike@verizon.net. *Proceeds will support St. Francis' Medical Mission to Haiti.*

NAVIGATING YOUR FINANCES GOD'S WAY SMALL GROUPS ARE A GOOD SPRINGBOARD TO DISCUSS SPENDING PLANS, DEBT ELIMINATION

With the four Navigating Your Finances God's Way Small Groups having met four times since early January, the participants have a strong understanding of God owning everything in our human lives and are developing their foundation of a spending plan.

St. Francis has more than 50 people participating in the Navigating Your Finances God's Way Small Groups, which meet on Monday night, Tuesday night and Friday night. The groups' facilitators report that many of those participating in a Small Group did not know one another beforehand, but that they are quickly getting along.

"The group is highly motivated and everyone wants to bring their own experience and enrich their conversations," said Mario Alverenga, who is facilitating the Spanish speaking Small Group on Friday nights.

Facilitator Jeanne Kavinski reported that the Small Groups have provided a good opportunity to look at individuals' financial status. And, lastly, Deacon Dan, said the Small Groups have had a big impact on the participants' prayer lives.

"We are seeing prayers answered, as we have list of prayers each person has requested each week," Deacon Dan said. For more information about Navigating Your Finance's God's Way Small Groups, contact Deacon Dan Finn at deacondanfinn@gmail.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level competition for the 2019 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The competition will be held on February 9, 2019 from 11:30am to 1:30 pm at Mother of God School gym in Gaithersburg. Registration closes at 12:30 pm. This is a free event and all contestants are recognized for their participation. For entry forms or additional information contact Terry Waters at 301-216-1941 or terry.waters@ccbcc.com.



FEBRUARY 2018 LUNCH – The St. Francis Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, February 6 at 12:00 Noon at Mamma Lucia's Restaurant (next to Krispy Kreme Donut Shop-Fallsgrove Shopping center), 14921 Shady Grove Road, 301-762-8805.

If you are planning to attend, please contact Mary Lou Habib and she will save a seat for you, (301) 417-0243.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS/EVENTS



SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE CAMP!

St. Francis of Assisi Church invites children from age 4 to those who will complete the 5th Grade in June 2019 to join us at Vacation Bible Camp, June 24-28 from 9:00 am to 12:15 pm. Look for camper registration information, as well as information about volunteer opportunities for adults and teens, in the Spring!

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, February 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.

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.

ON MARCH 8, FRANCISCAN PRIEST TALKS ABOUT LENTEN SEASON, UPCOMING PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

On Friday, March 8, start off the Lenten season by coming to hear Fr. Greg Friedman, OFM, speak on the topic, "Walk with Jesus during Lent" in the church after the Stations of the Cross. Fr. Friedman is a Franciscan communicator, who contributes blog posts and news stories on U.S.-based Franciscans. During his hour-long talk at St. Francis of Assisi Church, he will discuss the Lenten season, the Good Friday Collection and a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan from June 3-13. The Franciscan Monastery to the Holy Land of DC is sponsoring the pilgrimage, which is their most popular tour and trip. For more information about Fr. Friedman's talk, please contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS/EVENTS

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 or call the parish office 301-840-1407.

DINO-MITE BOOK FAIR & FAMILY READING NIGHT ARE COMING TO SJRCS

The Scholastic Book Fair will bring to St. Jude's the books kids want to read! We will have a great selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please join us! All proceeds go to purchase books for our school library.

Book Fair dates: March 19-21

Shopping hours: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Family Reading Night – March 19 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Book Fair will be open during Family Reading Night

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

As in previous years, we are collecting Box Tops to earn cash for the school. You may submit Box Tops using the mailbox outside of the School Office. For more information go to <https://www.boxtops4education.com>.

THE 6TH ANNUAL ESPA JOB FAIR

Teachers, teaching assistants, counselors, office staff, nurses, join us for

The 6th Annual ESPA

JOB FAIR

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2019

9:00AM – 12:00PM

THE ACADEMY OF THE HOLY CROSS

4920 Strathmore Avenue, Kensington, MD

DISCOVER THE DIFFERENCE!

Bring resumes and meet with representatives from elementary schools throughout the Archdiocese of Washington.

MUSIC NOTES - FEBRUARY 3

The hymn "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" has an ancient text, yet modern tune. The text is a translation of a 7th or 8th century Latin hymn. The translation was written by John Mason Neale, who also translated other hymn texts such as "All Glory, Laud and Honor" and "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." Neale, a 19th century Anglican clergyman happily passed hours in his study with old, musty Latin documents, creating for us a rich treasury of hymnody. The tune we sing today was written in the 20th century by Dale Wood, an American composer and organist.

AMAZONSMILE ENABLES ST. FRANCIS TO INCREASE FUNDRAISING THROUGH ONLINE SHOPPING

St. Francis parishioners can support our church whenever they're shopping online at Amazon.com. St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church recently became a recipient of AmazonSmile, which enables the church to receive 0.5 percent of the price of eligible AmazonSmile purchases you make. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7174107> and start shopping! For more information, please contact Fr. Jack Berard, jberard@sfadw.org.

PARISH IMMIGRATION INFORMATION FORUM TO GIVE PARISHIONERS IDEAS, RESOURCES ON HELPING IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES

If you are interested in finding out more about how to help immigrants while working within the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic community, then come attend the Parish Immigration Information Forum to be held 9:30 am-12:30 pm Saturday, February 9, in the Woodlands Room of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 11701 Clopper Road, in Gaithersburg. Sponsored by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington, the forum will provide an overview of the difficult immigration issues facing this group and what steps parishes can take to be supportive of them. Catholic Charities and parishes nationwide are organizing to help create more supportive communities for immigrants, advocate for fair reforms and accompany undocumented families and unaccompanied children as they seek to legalize their status. This educational workshop will offer testimonies of immigrants' journeys, information on how one Montgomery County parish is serving the immigrant population and suggestions on how parishes can assist further. To RSVP for the workshop, please e-mail parishevents@cc-dc.org. For more information about social concerns issues in general, please contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.

WINTER BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Have you lost a parent, child, spouse, or close friend and think you might benefit from group support as you grieve? St. Patrick's Parish, Rockville, will offer a winter grief support group. The group will be small in size and will provide a safe, compassionate and prayerful environment for you to discuss your loss with others who share your experiences. The group will meet for 7 weeks starting Thursday, February 21, 2019, from 10:00 am - 11:30 am in the Parish Center. There is no fee, but registration is required. For more information and to register, please call Diane Salem at 301-924-4958.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS NURTURING FELLOWSHIP & FAITH:

- **Friday, February 15:** *Family Bingo at 6 pm in the Parish Center.* Join the Youth Ministry in enjoying pizza, drinks and 10 fun rounds of Bingo. Winners of each game can pick out prizes. For more information, contact sfayouth@sfadw.org.
- **Saturday March 23:** *Hoops for Haiti at the Our Lady of Good Counsel High School Gymnasium in Olney.* Organize a ministry basketball team and join the 3-on-3 basketball tournament that kicks off the event. Then, enjoy food, face painting and activities for the kids before the main basketball game between the Ol' Saints and the Swole Saints in the evening. For more information, contact Haiti Ministry Coordinator Dan Cardile at dancardile@yahoo.com.
- **Saturday, April 13:** *Lenten Day of Reflection at 1 pm in the church.* With a theme of "Rejoice and Be Glad: Our Call to Holiness and Happiness," the second annual Lenten Day of Reflection will focus on the Beatitudes. Join us for Praise and Worship, singing, Eucharistic Adoration, learning from short talks, listening to personal witness and individual reflection time. Fr. John Dillon and Fr. Jack Berard will both speak, and young adults from Singles for Christ will witness their faith. The day's two-and-a-half hour program will be followed by Confession from 3:30-4:30 and the Saturday Vigil Mass at 5 pm. For more information, contact Adult Faith Formation Team Member Medy DeAusen at medy-deausen@comcast.net.
- **Saturday, April 27:** *Rebuilding Together project.* In partnership with Rebuilding Together, St. Francis parishioners will help do small repairs, general maintenance and lawn work at an assigned home in Montgomery County. Volunteers will also do maintenance work at the St. Francis Rectory and on the parish grounds. For more information, contact Ministry Coordinator Mike Rogewitz at rogewitm@gmail.com or Rebuilding Together volunteer John Vilgos at john.vilgos@gmail.com.

TELEPHONE ROSARY FOR HEALING - The Washington Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (WACCW) is hosting a telephone Rosary call from now until September 4, with the special intention of healing for all hurt by individuals within the Church. All are welcome to join the call at 8pm EST, Mondays-Saturdays, at 605-468-8016, code 357090#. For more information, contact Sharon O'Brien, WACCW President, at ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com, and follow on Facebook at [Facebook.com/WashACCW](https://www.facebook.com/WashACCW).

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.