

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

May 13 - May 19

Monday, 5/13	900 a.m.	Tom Krafcchik
Tuesday, 5/14	9:00 a.m.	Don Smith
Wednesday, 5/15	9:00 a.m.	Thomas Mikula
	7:30 p.m.	Verna Scrivens
Thursday, 5/16	9:00 a.m.	Christos Nicholson
Friday, 5/17	9:00 a.m.	Gerald Haley
Saturday, 5/18	9:00 a.m.	Sr. M. Agnese Mikolaj, R.S.M.
	5:00 p.m.	Bonnie De Mare`
Sunday, 5/19	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
	9:30 a.m.	Isabel Barry
	11:15 a.m.	Mani Fierro
	5:00 p.m.	Ruth & Robert Stout

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Bosco Padilla, father of Amanda Encarnacao, William Farmer, husband of Madge Farmer.

Please pray for the sick... Doreen Dyer, Tanya Jefferson, Rosa Jimenez, Helen Hapeman, 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 May 12, 2019

Sunday:	Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3, 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/ Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24--13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/ Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/ Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/ Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/ Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday:	Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 1]/ Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

Happy Mother's Day! Mother's Day was first observed soon after the turn of the twentieth century in the Methodist Church as a memorial service for those who had lost their mothers. The observance spread to other churches, and in 1914 became a civic holiday. Chapter 55 of the Book of Blessings offers intercessions and a special prayer over the People for this day.

Of course we should certainly think about Our Blessed Mother today. You may know that May has traditionally been called the Month of Mary. Let me explain how that came to be.

Celebrating mothers during the month of May spans many centuries and cultures with roots going all the back to Greece and Rome. The Ancient Greeks used to dedicate the month of May to Artemis, the goddess of fertility. In Ancient Rome May was dedicated to Flora, the goddess of blossoms. The Romans celebrated floral games at the end of April and asked the intercession of Flora for all that blooms.

In medieval times, similar customs continued with the idea of expelling winter because they considered May 1 to be the start of new growth. During this time frame the tradition of "Thirty-Day Devotion to Mary" came into being. This was celebrated from August 15 to May 14 (and is still observed in some areas). During the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, Mary's month and May were combined, making May the Month of Mary. Special devotions were organized on each day of the month. This custom became especially widespread during the nineteenth century and remains in practice even to the present time.

When I was growing up in Butler, PA, the May crowning was a very special event in the life of the parish and the school. It was held on the Sunday of May that was closest to May 13 in honor of Our Lady of Fatima. We would walk all though the school playground reciting the Rosary. When we finished we prayed the Litany of Loreto and then one of the girls had the privilege of crowing the statue of Our Lady of Fatima near the entrance of the school.

I was delighted to lead our Religious Education students in prayer last week during the 9:30 a.m. session. We taught the students in their gathering time to sing the hymn "Immaculate Mary," prayed a shortened version of the Litany of Loreto, and then watched as one of the students crowned the statue of the Blessed Mother. It is good to see customs like this passed down from one generation to the next. It was a great way to end the Religious Education year!

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Do I hear the voice of Jesus in the voices of those whom I encounter? Through whom is Jesus speaking to me?

WELCOME to the Family of Christ!

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

Jose & Lourdes Garcia
Jimmy & Courtney Martinez
Laura Nguyen
Elsa Ocampo
George & Melissa Parrish
Kim Savoy
Alvaro Saballos & Cynthis Velado

The following children/adults were Baptized during the month of April:

Georgiana Kadiatu Bangura
John Martin Bangura
Julia-Emma Mutombo
Anna Hazel Parrish
Matthew Perisin
Christopher Saballos

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Please stop by the St. Clare Room after Mass this weekend to have your blood pressure checked. (Saturday, 5:00 p.m., Sunday, 8:00, 9:30, 11:15 a.m. Masses)

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to all who supported the Annual St. Francis Plant Sale last weekend! Thank you also to the volunteers who braved the weather elements on Sunday!

You are the best!

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

Let me close this column by encouraging you to erect a prayer corner in your home. No matter how simple or fancy it is. This should be a place that is dedicated to God, and more specifically, for spending time with him. Just as you need proper atmosphere in order to sleep you also need proper atmosphere in order to pray. During May, give Mary a special spot in your prayer corner. It might be a picture or a statue - something that is a real tribute to her beauty and virtue.

You can even crown Mary. You can give her an actual crown or a spiritual bouquet of a decade of the rosary, five decades of the rosary, or even your favorite prayer in honor of Our Lady. The meaning is more important than the action. I can think of no better way to honor the Mother of us all.

Until next week,
Fr. John



*Happy Mother's Day!
Thank you for all you
do and have done for
your families.*

INSTALLATION MASS FOR ARCHBISHOP GREGORY SET ON TUESDAY, MAY 21

On Tuesday, May 21, Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory will be installed as the seventh Archbishop of Washington during an Installation Mass held at 2 pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC. The Liturgical Procession will begin at 1:30 pm.

There will be sections of the Basilica open to be the public, but these will fill up quickly. Live video of the Installation Mass will also be made available to the parishes, and access to that video link will be disseminated through Facebook and Flocknote. For more information on Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory, please see <https://adw.org/about-us/who-we-are/archbishop-gregory/>.

PLAN TO ATTEND THE PARISH MINISTRY FAIR ON JUNE 8/9

Please mark your calendars for the Parish Ministry Fair, scheduled to be held after all Masses the weekend of June 8/9. The Ministry Fair provides an opportunity for St. Francis parishioners to learn about some of the many ministries doing God's work at St. Francis in the areas of liturgy, faith formation, social justice, community building and administration. Tables will be set up in the Gathering Space and in the church's front lawn, weather permitting. Refreshments will also be served! Plan to join us after one of the Masses to find out more about the many opportunities for ministry work at St. Francis. For more information, please contact Parish Pastoral Council Member Daniel Kosciński at danielgkosciński@gmail.com.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY MASS ALL SOULS CEMETERY

Monday, May 27 at 10:00 a.m. Celebrant will be Bishop Mario E. Dorsonville. In case of inclement weather (rain), Mass will be held under a tent at All Souls Cemetery.

Altar Servers Schedule

Saturday, May 18

8:00 p.m. A. Potter

Sunday, May 19

8:00 a.m. E. Mikula, J. Mikula
9:30 a.m. Z. Marquez, B. Martin
11:15 a.m. M. Cannetti, K. Phillips
5:00 p.m. C. Carroll, F. Deausen

*It is the responsibility of the Altar Server to get a replacement
if you cannot serve at your scheduled time*

May 12, 2019

LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING The Lamb of God Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday, May 14. For additional information, please call Louise, (301) 977-5217.

POOR BOX DONATION – The donations for next weekend will go to the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center. *Thank you for your generosity.*

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

ROSARY FOR PRIESTS

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

HOLY HOUR FOR THE DYING

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

ROSARY CENACLE OF OUR LADY, QUEEN OF PEACE

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - COUNCIL 2323

The Knights of Columbus are 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 gtdbpalmer@verizon.net).

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA - MAY 13

The Archdiocese of Washington Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima invites you to participate in Mass and Rosary in honor of Our Lady of Fatima at the Basilica of the National Shrine on Monday, May 13th, at 1:00 pm in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel. Blessings of articles after Mass. Msgr. Mariano Balbago celebrating.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

In the Archdiocese of Washington, the observance of the Ascension of the Lord is transferred to Sunday, June 2, Thursday, May 30, 2019 is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

This week, we take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection to help Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support to struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

ST. FRANCIS TO HOST 15TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL MASS & RECEPTION FOR MATTIE STEPANEK ON JUNE 22

Join in celebrating the life and achievements of Mattie Stepanek, and you will likely be inspired. On June 22, 2004, Matthew "Mattie" Stepanek, a 13-year-old Rockville resident whose family belonged to St. Francis of Assisi Parish, died after leaving behind a rich legacy of poetry, peacemaking and philosophy. On the 15th anniversary of Mattie's death, plans are being made for a Mattie J.T. Stepanek Symposium on Friday, June 21, in Washington DC. The symposium will include lectures by EWTN's Raymond Arroyo, president and founder of the Mattie J.T. Stepanek Guild, and Jeni Stepanek, Ph.D, CEO of the Mattie J.T. Stepanek Foundation.

In addition, a 15th Anniversary Memorial Mass and Reception will be held at 11 am Saturday, June 22, at St. Francis of Assisi Church. All are welcome to attend this special liturgy, where Msgr. Charles Pope will offer the Homily. American Sign Language interpretation will also be provided.

For more information, please contact Director of Social Concerns and Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfdw.org.

HOOPS FOR HAITI 2019

The St. Francis of Assisi Youth Ministry and CORE Team planned a memorable Hoops for Haiti basketball fundraiser that took place March 23 at the Our Lady of Good Counsel High School Gymnasium in Olney. In its seventh year, the fundraiser raised \$3,522 that will help leverage funds to rebuild and renovate the church at Conversion of St. Paul's Parish in Leon, Haiti. Several St. Francis ministries, including the Contemporary Ensemble and Singles for Christ, took part in the 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament preceding the main event, when the St. Francis Swole Saints (youth and young adults) challenged the St. Francis Ol' Saints (adults) in a lively game of basketball. Although the score remained tight for much of the game, the Ol' Saints prevailed again with a final score of 62-55. Special thanks go to everyone who contributed in large ways and small to make this event a success! For more information about the Hoops for Haiti or the Haiti Ministry, please contact Haiti Ministry Coordinator Dan Cardile at dancardile@yahoo.com.



BREW CREW SCHEDULE

No coffee and donuts for the month of May (Confirmation Day - May 19). The crew will return on June 16th for the last coffee and donuts until September. They will be taking the summer off for a well-deserved rest.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS/EVENTS



Thank you to our catechists and volunteers who have helped to make this a successful year for our Religious Education Program. Our parish is blessed to have so many wonderful catechists who volunteer their time each week to teach and share the faith. We pray that God will continue to bless each of them with his gifts of joy and peace!

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.

END OF THE YEAR CATECHIST CELEBRATION

All catechists are invited to this End of the Religious Education Year Celebration on Tuesday, May 14 from 6:30-9:30 pm in the Parish Center. And we invite you to bring guests who may be interested in teaching next year! Please RSVP by calling the RE Office phone, 301-258-9193, or email SFareligious@sfadw.org.

REMINDERS FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Our Confirmation program continues as follows:

- Confirmation Candidate Session: Mon., May 13, 6:45-8:30 pm
- Rehearsal with Sponsor: Fri., May 17, 6:45-8:30 pm
- Confirmation: Sun., May 19, 1:30 pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR 2019-2020

Register now for next year's Religious Education Program! Our program offerings for children and youth include:

- Pre-school and Kindergarten classes on Sunday mornings, 11:10-12:15 pm (*Preschool classes are for children age 3 or 4 by September 1*)
- Grade 1-5 classes offered at two session times:
Sunday mornings, 9:20-10:35 am
Monday afternoons, 4:45-6:00 pm
- Grade 6, 7, and 8 classes offered at two session times:
Monday evenings, 6:45-8:00 pm
Tuesday evenings, 6:45-8:00 pm
- Grades 9-12 (Youth Group) meet Sunday evenings 6:00-8:00 pm (following the 5 pm Youth Mass)

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

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YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS/EVENTS

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY p

- 12 NO YOUTH GROUP
- 19 MOVIE NIGHT - (YOUTH ROOM)
- 26 NO YOUTH GROUP



JUNE 2 END OF YEAR ALOHA PARTY FOR ALL TEENS!

GET SOCIAL

Follow us on Instagram & Twitter @ SFADWYOUTH.

LIGHT THE WORLD - is a summer program for high school students, where they are given the opportunity to see how faith and culture interact with each other. Each day, our participants hear from Catholic U professors on the day's topic, and then we go into the city and hear from professionals who are living their faith while working in that field of study (such as Business, Science, Sports, Service, Politics, and Art). Learn more here: <http://www.lighttheworldcua.org/>.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (*continued*)

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

Registering for Sacramental Preparation Sacramental preparation for 1st Reconciliation, 1st Eucharist, Confirmation, and Christian Initiation for Children/Teens (CIC/CIT) is not grade specific and involves preparation in addition to grade level Religious Education classes. At minimum, children are expected to have participated in religious education in the year prior to preparing for a sacrament. *Please note: students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will attend their grade-level Religious Education classes as well as monthly Confirmation sessions.*

Families requesting sacramental preparation for their child are asked to mark their registration form accordingly so that additional information can be provided. Please note that there is a separate materials fee for sacramental preparation programs. More details will be provided at the parent meetings next year. If you have any questions, please call the Religious Education Office at 301-258-9193.

**Register NOW for
Vacation Bible Camp 2019 —
ROAR! Life is wild * God is good.**

Who: Children age 4 by 6/23/2019 through those who are completing 5th grade June 2019

Where: St. Francis of Assisi Church Parish Center

When: June 24 – 28, 2019 from 9:00 am – 12:15 pm

Cost: \$50 per child

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

Be sure to return your registration form and payment as soon as possible to secure your child's place at VBC. Registrations will be processed in the order received. To allow time to order t-shirts and supplies, registration will close on June 1, 2019.

Please share information about VBC with friends and neighbors.

All are welcome!

**UCR 5K WALK & ROLL-A-THON
COMING UP IN ONE MONTH**

If you are looking for a good way to mark the start of summer, then come join us for a community fundraiser with strong St. Francis of Assisi ties!

The Upcounty Community Resources 5K Walk and Roll-a-thon will take place at 4 pm Saturday, June 22, at Bohrer Park in Gaithersburg. Founded by parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Church and St. Patrick's Catholic Church, UCR is a private non-profit organization that promotes the full inclusion of persons with developmental and intellectual differences into every aspect of community life. The 5K Walk and Roll-a-thon serves as the major fundraiser for UCR, supporting the many social, therapeutic, exercise, skills development, and respite programs that serve adults primarily in upper Montgomery County.

St. Francis ministries, families and young adults are particularly welcome to register for the walk or donate at <https://www.ucresources.org/5k-walk--roll-a-thon.html>; be sure to indicate you are from St. Francis. Businesses and firms are also encouraged to donate to this worthy cause!

Attendees will have the opportunity to purchase food from Mayorga Coffee, Corn Beef King and Rita's Ice and buy chances for a 50/50 Raffle. Music will also be provided by HOT 99.5. For more information, please contact Deacon Dan Finn at deacondan-

**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.

**Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School
We are...St. Jude
www.StJudeRockville.org**

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

The faculty and staff wish all the mothers a very beautiful and blessed Mother's Day. May God bless you and fill you with joy and happiness.

SPRING ART SHOW & CHOIR AND BAND CONCERT

May 13th at 7:00 pm the SJRCS Choir and the Beginning and Advanced Bands will perform a spring concert. Artwork created by students in grades Pre-K to 8th grade will be on display throughout the school. Come and listen to our talented performers. See the creative artwork in the hallways.

**GIRLS ON THE RUN OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY
SPRING 5K**

Please support our SJRCS Girls on the Run. The GOTR MoCo 5K, an untimed event, will be held on Sunday, May 19th at Westfield Montgomery Mall (8:00am-arrival time / 9:00am-5k start time). Web site: <https://www.girlsontherunofmoco.org/5K-Detail#reg-details>

2018-2019 YEARBOOKS

Purchase your yearbooks now! Send in \$18 cash or check (made out to "St. Jude Regional Catholic School") to the Main Office in an envelope with your child's name on it to get your yearbook.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 6 4:00 pm - 8th Grade Graduation

PUT YOUR PRO-LIFE BELIEFTS INTO ACTION

The Gabriel Project assists needy women and women in crisis pregnancies in Montgomery County. Women volunteers (**especially bilingual Spanish speaking women**) are needed to stay in touch with client mothers. This includes keeping in touch with them via phone or email during their pregnancy, bringing them needed items such as diapers, baby clothes, etc. that are provided by the Gabriel Project, and praying for them. The average time commitment would be approximately 1 - 4 hours per month (or less). Men are also needed to pick up donations once or twice per month. Daily prayer supporters are also needed. Donations of diapers, formula, and baby clothes are also appreciated. For more information, please call Diane Reinke at 301-946-4815, or e-mail Carmen Rojas at gccthompson@juno.com.