

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

June 3 - June 9

Monday, 6/3	900 a.m.	Mercy de Guzman
Tuesday, 6/4	9:00 a.m.	Larry Kushner
Wednesday, 6/5	9:00 a.m.	Robert D. Ruiz
	7:30 p.m.	Christos Nicholson
Thursday, 6/6	9:00 a.m.	Elizabeth Cassidy Gilday
Friday, 6/7	9:00 a.m.	Barbara Lynn Beall
	7:30 p.m.	Guy Beaven
Saturday, 6/8	9:00 a.m.	Alexander O'Connor
	5:00 p.m.	Mike Sullivan
Sunday, 6/9	8:00 a.m.	Rosemary Liwaag
	9:30 a.m.	Catherine Alvy
	11:15 a.m.	RE Catechists & Families (L)
	5:00 p.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Peggy Layer, wife of Howard Layer.

Please pray for the sick... Tom Breece, Laura Deausen, Elizabeth & William Manyin, Doreen Dyer, Tanya Jefferson, 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 June 2, 2019

Sunday:	Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/ Eph 1:17-23/Lk 24:46-53
Monday:	Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/ Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/ Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [cf.7b]/ Jn 21:20-25
Sunday:	Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 /Jn 20:19-23

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

I have been thinking about Mental Health Conditions, particularly among our young people. This has been a particular worry or concern for me. Let me be more specific in what I mean when I talk about mental illness. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) states that a mental illness is a condition that affects a person's thinking, feeling, or mood. Such conditions may affect someone's ability to relate to others and function each day. Each person will have different experiences—even people with the same diagnosis. Recovery, including meaningful roles in social life, school, and work, is possible when you start treatment early and play a strong role in your own recovery process. According to NAMI, here are some sobering facts about mental health conditions.

- One in five teens lives with a mental health condition.
- 50% of mental health conditions emerge by age 14 and 75% by age 24.
- A high percentage of high school students living with mental conditions drop out of school.
- Suicide is the third leading cause of death for youth and young adults.
- Less than half of youth with mental health conditions receive treatment.

NAMI has also presented what they say are the ten most common warning signs of a mental health condition:

- Feeling very sad or withdrawn for more than two weeks (e.g., crying regularly, feeling fatigued, feeling unmotivated).
- Seriously trying to harm or kill oneself or making plans to do so.
- Severe out-of-control, risk-taking behaviors that can cause harm to self or others.
- Sudden overwhelming fear for no reason, sometimes with a racing heart, physical discomfort or fast breathing.
- Not eating, throwing up or using laxatives to lose weight; significant weight loss or weight gain.
- Severe mood swings that can cause problems in relationships.
- Repeated use of alcohol or drugs.
- Drastic changes in behavior, personality, or sleeping habits (e.g., waking up early and acting agitated).
- Extreme difficulty in concentrating on staying still that puts a person in physical danger or causes school failure.
- Intense worries or fears that get in the way of daily activities like hanging out with friends or going to classes.

NAMI gives the following advice to youth and young adults: "If you see these warning signs in yourself or a friend, take them seriously. Share your concerns with someone you trust and ask how you can help. Support is available and you are not alone."

Until next week,

Fr. John

Seventh Sunday of Easter

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Am I cognizant of Jesus' presence in those around me? Do I realize that others may encounter Jesus in me?



JUNE 2019 LUNCH – The St. Francis Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, June 5 at 12:00 Noon at Red Hot & Blue, 16811 Crabbs Branch Way, Rockville MD 20855, 301-301-948-7333. If you are planning to attend, please contact Mary Lou Habib and she will save a seat for you, (301) 417-0243.

PARISH MINISTRY FAIR PROMOTES ST. FRANCIS FAITH GROUPS

Are you ready to give back to Jesus Christ, but you're unsure of how you can serve? Come join us at the Parish Ministry Fair in the Gathering Space after all Masses the weekend of June 8/9. Nearly a dozen St. Francis ministries have signed up to staff tables about their ministries and talk to parishioners about how they live their faith in action. Ministries represented at the Ministry Fair will include:

- Parish Pastoral Council
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
- Spanish Ministry
- Money Counters
- Lectors
- Altar Guild
- Knights of Columbus
- High School Youth Group
- and many others!

Refreshments will be served amid a lot of parish fellowship. For more information about the Ministry Fair, please contact Daniel Kosciński at danielgkosciński@gmail.com.

BROWN BAG CONVERSATION TOPIC: THE HOLINESS OF JOB

Join us at 1 pm Sunday, June 2, in the Rectory's Youth Room for a Brown Bag Conversation on "The Holiness of Job," led by Fr. John Dillon. Job is typical man who is beset by misfortune, trials, suffering and emotional pain. Let's explore the outstanding example of steadfast faith and enduring love in the way he handled severe trials. Doors open at 12:30 pm for the brown bag lunch and fellowship. For more information, please contact Adult Faith Formation Team Member Medy DeAusen at medy-deausen@comcast.net.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING SOUGHT FOR FAMILY FROM SIERRA LEONE

The St. Francis Pax Christi ministry is working with a single mother from Sierra Leone with three small children who is looking for an affordable housing arrangement, possibly sharing a home with others. If you or someone you know may be able to help, please contact Chris King at (240) 205-4242 or caking_home@gmail.com.



FATHER'S DAY MASS CARDS

Cards are available this weekend in the Gathering Space. This is a wonderful way to remember your Father, Father-in-law, Grandfather, Uncle or anyone special at all the Masses on Father's Day. Please return your envelope to the rectory on or before Thursday, June 13.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Next Sunday, June 8/9 after the Saturday 5 p.m. and Sunday morning Masses. Stop by the St. Clare Room to have your blood pressure checked after Mass.

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

Please make note that the offices will be closed on Wednesday, June 12th to allow the Clergy and Staff to attend an off-site retreat. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

15TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL MASS FOR 13 YEAR OLD POET TAKES PLACE ON JUNE 22

On Saturday, June 22, St. Francis of Assisi Parish will host a 15th Anniversary Memorial Mass at 11 am celebrating the life of Mattie J.T. Stepanek, a young poet, philosopher and peacemaker who died on June 22, 2004, from a rare neuromuscular disease. Fifteen years after his death, the 13-year-old boy is remembered for writing seven best-selling books of poetry and peace essays and serving as the National Goodwill Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. All are welcome to attend the Mass, which will be interpreted in American Sign Language. Msgr. Charles Pope will offer the Homily. For more information, please contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.

June 2, 2019

LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING Join the Lamb of God Prayer Group for worship and the study of Scripture on Tuesday, June 4, 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 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).

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 Adoration (June 7) will begin in the Church following the 7:30 p.m. Mass.

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM (CLP) FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Our parish is a "family of families." According to Vatican II, "each family is a domestic church, a small cell of the larger universal Church. This summer, the Couples for Christ Ministry will conduct a **Christian Life Program** for married couples to renew and strengthen Christian family life. Our own parishioners will deliver the talks, facilitate the group discussion and share their witnessing. The talks include content about the basic truths about Christianity, the authentic Christian life; and living a spirit-filled Christian life.

The program is free but registration is required. On **Sunday, June 2**, visit the Information Desk and register onsite after the Sunday Masses. You can also send an e-mail to SFACLP@comcast.net with the name of the husband and wife and a telephone number at which the couple can be reached.

The Christian Life Program -- listed as one of the Catholic family movements in the Archdiocese Pastoral Plan for *Amoris Letitia* -- starts on Saturday, June 29, 2019. The remaining five sessions will be held on a *Friday* evening **from 6:30 – 9 pm** in the St. Francis Rectory, Youth Room. A light meal will be served each night. The session dates are June 29; July 5; July 12; July 19; July 26; Aug. 2. *Organized by: Couples for Christ (CFC) at St Francis*

UCR WALK-A-THON RAISES FUND FOR PROGRAMS BENEFITTING ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

With three weeks to go before the Upcounty Community Resources 5K Walk and Roll-a-thon, more than 20 St. Francis of Assisi parishioners have so far registered to take part at 4 pm Saturday, June 22 at Bohrer Park in Gaithersburg – **won't you join them?**

Founded by parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Church and St. Patrick's Catholic Church, UCR is a private, nonprofit organization that promotes the full inclusion of persons with developmental and intellectual differences into every aspect of community life. As the major fundraiser for UCR, the 5K Walk and Roll-a-thon supports the many social, therapeutic, exercise, skills development and respite programs that serve adults primarily in upper Montgomery County.

Enjoy a fun summer night out, with food and beverages provided by Mayorga Coffee, Corn Beef King and Rita's Ice. Attendees can enjoy music by HOT 99.5 and buy chances for a 50/50 Raffle. Register for the walk or make a donation at <https://www.ucresources.org/5k-walk--roll-a-thon.html>; be sure to indicate you are from St. Francis. For more information, please contact Deacon Dan Finn at deacondanfinn@gmail.com.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS/EVENTS



CATECHIST MEETING: TUESDAY, JUNE 4

There will be a Catechist Meeting on Tuesday, June 4, at 7 pm in the Youth Room to review the results of this year's Faith Knowledge Assessment. Please join us for this important discussion.

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 on Sunday, June 9, 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 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.

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!

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YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS/EVENTS

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 2

END OF YEAR ALOHA PARTY FOR ALL TEENS!



JUNE MOVIE NIGHTS

6:00 pm in the Youth Room
June 9 & 30

GET SOCIAL

Follow us on Instagram & Twitter @ SFADWYOUTH.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (*continued*)

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.

MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

All families are welcome as we celebrate a teaching Mass with Healing Prayers for Children and Families at St. Andrew Apostle in Silver Spring on Friday, June 7 at 6:30 pm. Following a teaching mass for children, families will be invited forward to kneel together before Our Lord in adoration, and the children will receive healing prayers through the priesthood. Confession will also be available throughout the evening. Please visit <https://standrewapostle.org/worship/masses-with-healing-prayers/> for more information.

THE SUNDAY TV MASS

Do you know someone who can't get to Mass? Since 1952, the Archdiocese of Washington has produced a weekly televised Mass for those who are homebound, broadcast from the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. It is a wonderful ministry for those members of our Catholic family who are unable to be physically present with a local worshipping community for the Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy.

The Mass airs every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. on WDCW-50:

- No cable; Dish or DIRECTV subscribers: Ch. 50
- Comcast: Ch. 23 in Washington, DC and Montgomery County;
- Ch. 3 in Prince George's County and Southern Maryland
- RCN: Ch 15
- Verizon: Ch. 3

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

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. (June 23-29 or July 7-13) 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.lighttheworldcu.org/>.

EVENINGS WITH MERCIFUL JESUS

On the 22nd of every month from 7-10 pm, the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, DC (3900 Harewood Rd., NE) hosts a gathering for young adults and the young at heart, featuring a talk, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with praise and worship music, Confession, refreshments, and a time for fellowship. Please contact events@jp2shrine.org or visit jp2shrine.org for more information

RENTING IN MARYLAND?

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR A STATE TAX CREDIT

The state of Maryland has a program that helps low-income renters struggling with rising rent payments, particularly those who are over 60 years old, permanently disabled, or have a dependent under age 18. To learn if you qualify for up to \$1,000 in financial assistance, contact the Housing Partnership Initiative (hiphomes.org) at 301-916-5946 or ccastro@hiphomes.org. Or visit MarylandTaxCredit.com.

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 our Home Page to 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

KAYLEIGH ANNE BOWMAN MEMORIAL GUARDIAN ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to Isabella Grijalba winner of this years Kayleigh Anne Bowman Memorial Guardian Angel Scholarship. This scholarship provides financial assistance, based on need, annually to a St. Jude student who has displayed academic promise and the values that are learned through a Catholic education.

WAY TO GO!

Shout out to our Girls on the Run and HeartandSole teams for competing in the Montgomery County 5K . Your hard work and commitment paid off, and it showed. Until next season!

CATCH OUR SPIRIT! REGISTER NOW FOR FALL 2019!

Spaces are filling up quickly so register now! Applications for fall enrollment are being accepted on a first come basis for our 3 year old Pre-K to 7th grade (limited spaces are available). For information on the curriculum, admissions policies and registration, contact Ellen Donnelly in the school office at 301-946-7888 or register your student online at www.StJudeRockville.org

ORDER YOUR 2019 SCHOOL SUPPLIES NOW!

Order securely online until June 16 (late orders from June 17-July7). For more information, contact Hazel Gitau at hzglitau@yahoo.com. <https://www.educationalproducts.com/ShopPacks/>

QUO VADIS CAMP

The Office of Priest Vocations annual Quo Vadis Camp for high school aged young men will be held at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary July 28-31, 2019. For four days, high school aged young men who desire to grow in holiness will have an opportunity for Mass, prayer, and Eucharistic adoration, as well time for fraternity, sports, and reflection. Bus transportation is available. More information is available and registration is open at www.DCpriest.org. Please contact the Office of Priest Vocations (vocations@adw.org or 202-636-9020) with any questions.

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.