

## ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

### Mass Intentions

#### June 17 - June 23

<b>Monday, 6/17</b>	900 a.m.	Dominick D'Aurora
<b>Tuesday, 6/18</b>	9:00 a.m.	Judy Rea (L)
<b>Wednesday, 6/19</b>	9:00 a.m.	Elizabeth Gilday Cassidy
	7:30 p.m.	Lissy Roy
<b>Thursday, 6/20</b>	9:00 a.m.	Kelly Hartman
<b>Friday, 6/21</b>	9:00 a.m.	The Donohoe Family
<b>Saturday, 6/22</b>	9:00 a.m.	Marie Louise Akpan
	5:00 p.m.	Anna Marie & Paul Kuzma
<b>Sunday, 6/23</b>	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
	9:30 a.m.	Laurin & Robert Balkam
	11:15 a.m.	Carol Gianelli
	5:00 p.m.	Milagros Salamat

**Please pray for the sick...** Carol Carter, John Corkery, Tom Breece, Elizabeth & William Manyin, 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 16, 2019

<b>Sunday:</b>	Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]/Rom 5:1-5/ Jn 16:12-15
<b>Monday:</b>	2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/ Mt 5:38-42
<b>Tuesday:</b>	2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/ Mt 5:43-48
<b>Wednesday:</b>	2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
<b>Thursday:</b>	2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/ Mt 6:7-15
<b>Friday:</b>	2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt 6:19-23
<b>Saturday:</b>	2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/ Mt 6:24-34
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/1 Cor 11:23- 26/Lk 9:11b-17

#### THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

Today we celebrate Father's Day in the United States. Other countries, especially in Europe and Latin America, celebrate Father's Day on St. Joseph's Day (March 19). The first event sponsored in honor of Fathers occurred in 1908 in memory of 362 coal miners who died in explosions at the Fairmont Coal Company in Monagh, West Virginia in December, 1907. The next year, Sonora Smart Dodd, a resident of Spokane, Washington, who was one of six children raised by a widower who was also a veteran of the Civil War, tried to establish an official equivalent to Mother's Day for male parents. She was successful in her efforts. Washington State celebrated the first state-wide Father's Day on June 19, 1910, which was the third Sunday in June that year. Slowly the holiday spread. President Calvin Coolidge urged state governments to observe Father's Day in 1924. Father's Day finally became a national holiday, celebrated on the third Sunday in June in 1972. This was fifty-eight years after Mother's Day became an official national holiday.

I remember reading about a survey conducted in Switzerland in 1994 in which those who conducted the survey asked a question to determine whether a person's religion carried through to the next generation, and if so, why or why not. It seems that the one critical factor is the religious practice of the father. That is to say, it is the practice of the father of the family that above all, determines the future attendance at or absence from church of the children.

If both father and mother attend church regularly, 33% of their children will end up as regular church goers. 41% of their children will attend church irregularly. Only a quarter of their children will end up not practicing at all. If the father is irregular and mother regular, only 3% of the children will become regular in their church attendance, while 59% will become irregulars. Thirty-eight percent will be lost. I think that this is a very important thing for the dads in our midst to consider: how much influence you have on the future religious practice of your children simply by your own example. I think that this still holds true in spite of the devastation caused by the clergy sex abuse scandal and subsequent cover up by the hierarchy. I have just finished reading an advance copy of Bishop Robert Barron's latest book, *Letter to a Suffering Church: A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Coverage*, in which he speaks about this terrible scandal that has racked the church in the United States for many years now. I shall devote some columns to this book in the near future. But let me get back to the importance of the example of parents upon the religious formation of their children.

Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore who is also the Supreme Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus has published a meditation for the month of June in a book entitled *The Family Fully Alive: Building the Domestic Church. Prayers, Meditations, and Activities to Enrich Your Family Life*. This is published by the Knights of Columbus. I share it because I think it is very relevant for Father's Day.

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## The Most Holy Trinity

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

*Since the Lord of God has been poured into my heart through the Holy Spirit, what can I do to share that love with others? How can I challenge myself to be more selfless and generous?*

### THANK YOU NANCY HORRIGAN!

Nancy has been the Sunday Crossing Guard at St. Francis for over 20 years. She has been there in all kinds of weather, was hit by a car in front of the church, has always helped with traffic for the Holiday Bazaar and Yard Sale. She has always been there for St. Francis...whatever the need. Now she is going to retire. Please take a moment to wish Nancy well in her retirement. Her last Sunday as Crossing Guard here at St. Francis will be June 30th. **Thank you Nancy & God Bless!**

### THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

Parents have, or should have, unique relationship with their children. They have been called by God to love their child with the same faithful, self-giving love in which the child was conceived.... To be sure, the notion of "self-giving love" is not an idealistic or naïve concept dreamed up by theologians. It is demanding and sacrificial. Self-giving love has its source in the Trinity and is revealed most fully by Jesus on the Cross. It requires what Pope Francis calls "an exodus from self" so that we might focus on the needs of others, even when that causes disruption in our lives....

Most fundamentally, teaching children the "art of living" involves lessons of faith and character. Parents teach children their first prayers, bring them to Mass on Sunday, and help them develop a basic sense of right and wrong coupled with a sense of responsibility. They also teach gratitude and generosity by helping their children learn to take care of their possessions; to not always expect to have the latest and best of everything; and to grow in the habit of sharing what they have with others. Moreover, parents help their children learn to handle life's inevitable disappointments, including the invidious comparisons that part of the highly competitive and materialistic culture in which we live. Such lessons are best learned at home, in an atmosphere of respect and love....

As Pope Francis said, "Parents are called ... not only to bring their children into the world but also to bring them to God" (*Lumen Fidei*, 43).

Archbishop Lori concludes his meditation by posing three questions, which are great questions to Father's Day:

1. What do we learn from our family? Have we learned "the art of living"? If so, of what does this "art of living" consist?
2. What is self-giving love?
3. How have we learned about self-giving love from our family?

Until next week,

**Fr. John**

### PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

On the weekend of June 22-23, the Archdiocese of Washington will take up the Peter's Pence second collection. Gifts to this annual collection help the Holy Father support victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others most in need of assistance. In responding to those who are suffering, Our Lord teaches us, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40). Our participation in this collection gives us an opportunity to be a witness of Our Lord's love and mercy for the vulnerable and suffering around the world. Please give generously as you are able.

### WALL OF HONOR

A Place of Honor, Prayer and Support

On display July 4

Gathering Space

*Recognizing the Active Duty Military Family Members  
of Our Parishioners*

Would you like to honor a member of your family serving in the military on American soil or deployed to a foreign land? Do you have a loved one in the military who you would like to raise in prayer?

At every Mass during our Prayers of the Faithful, we pray for our military active duty service members "whose names appear in the Gathering Space." An initiative of the St. Francis Health Ministry, the Wall of Honor serves to connect those names in the Gathering Space with a face by displaying pictures of your active duty military family members with information about their service to our country. The intention is to make your family member more present to the parish and avail them to the prayer support of our entire parish family. By honoring our service members, we also recognize your sacrifice as a family member and extend to you our prayerful support.

To have your loved one remembered in prayer and featured on our Fourth of July Wall of Honor, please e-mail the Wall of Honor Information Form with a photo of your active duty family member to Betty Baklarz at [lbbaklarz@yahoo.com](mailto:lbbaklarz@yahoo.com) by June 25. Wall of Honor Information Forms are available at the Information Desk in the Gathering Space.

### LAST COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS THIS WEEKEND UNTIL THE FALL

On Sunday, June 16, please join us for coffee, juice and doughnuts after the 9:30 am and 11:15 am Masses in the Gathering Space. This is the last coffee and doughnuts offered by the Brew Crew this spring; the ministry will resume the service in September. **Have a wonderful summer!**

**June 16, 2019**

**LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING** Join the Lamb of God Prayer Group for worship and the study of Scripture on Tuesday, June 18, 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 Prison Ministry Outreach Program. *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)).

#### **SHRIMP FEAST**

Montgomery Council #2323 of the Knights of Columbus will be holding a Shrimp Feast on Saturday, June 22nd from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The feast will be held at Father Cuddy Hall, 17001 Overhill Road in Derwood, and proceeds will benefit the Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage. The cost is \$20.00/Adult; \$15.00 for over 65; and \$10.00 for children 10 and under. It includes spiced shrimp, grilled chicken, corn on the cob, french fries, coleslaw, beer, wine, and soft drinks. For reservations/information, call Mike Thomas at (301) 330-5970 or [cinnabarmike@verizon.net](mailto:cinnabarmike@verizon.net).

**CELEBRATE COMMUNITY TO BENEFIT PAX CHRISTI**  
A Celebration of CommUnity in Song, featuring Marty Haugen, ValLimar Jansen and Msgr. Ray East will be held at 7:30 pm Sunday, July 7, at St. Camillus Parish in Silver Spring. Advance tickets are \$25/adult, \$10 for people ages 12-18 and free for children under 12; \$50 maximum per family. Purchase tickets at <https://bit.ly/2Kg3JZ1>. Please support this fundraiser for Pax Christi International and Pax Christi USA. For more information, contact Bob Cooke at [cookeh1251@gmail.com](mailto:cookeh1251@gmail.com).

#### **MEMORIAL MASS FOR POET & PHILOSOPHER MATTIE J. T. STEPANEK TO BE HELD JUNE 22**

Are you looking for a contemporary youth role model about whom your children and grandchildren can learn? On Saturday, June 22, St. Francis of Assisi Parish will host a 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memorial Mass and Reception to remember the life of Mattie J.T. Stepanek, a 13-year-old poet, philosopher and peacemaker who died in 2004. The Mass will take place at 11 am, with Msgr. Charles Pope giving the Homily. It will be interpreted in American Sign Language.

At an age when children are learning to navigate the world, Mattie called for peace in the world. He lived with dysautonomic mitochondrial myopathy, a rare disorder from which his three older siblings died. During his brief time on Earth, he wrote several books on peace, including the best-selling *Heartstrings*, met former President Jimmy Carter and served as the Muscular Dystrophy Association's national goodwill ambassador.

All are invited to attend the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memorial Mass, with a brief reception to follow in the Gathering Space. For more information about the memorial Mass, please contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at [abosnick@sfadw.org](mailto:abosnick@sfadw.org).

**DONATE YOUR USED CLOTHING** If you are sorting through gently used clothing to give away, remember that there is a St. Vincent de Paul clothing collection bin in the lower parking lot. Donations of clean clothing in good repair is greatly appreciated. Please put clothing in a plastic bag and deposit in the slot at the top of the bin. Collections are made weekly and will be a great blessing to those in need in the region.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS/EVENTS



### REGISTER NOW FOR 2019-2020 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Return your completed form by August 1 to receive \$25 discount off total registration.

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 are available on the parish web site ([www.sfadw.org](http://www.sfadw.org)), in the Gathering Space of the Church, and in the Parish Offices. Completed forms can be 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.

As we prepare for next year's Religious Education program, please consider whether you can serve as a catechist for our children and young people. If you would like to learn more about this important ministry, please contact Susan Anderson, Director of Religious Education, at 301-258-9193.

**Registering for Sacramental Preparation** Sacramental preparation for 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS/EVENTS

### ST. FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

### JUNE 30 GAME NIGHT (Youth Room)

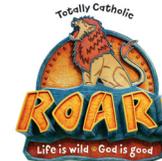
6:00 pm

#### GET SOCIAL

Follow us on Instagram & Twitter @ SFADWYOUTH.

### THE UCR 5K WALK & ROLL-A-THON HAPPENING IN ONE WEEK

Only one more week until the Upcounty Community Resources 5K Walk- and Roll-a-Thon on Saturday, June 22! Come join two dozen parishioners from St. Francis of Assisi from 4-7 pm at Bohrer Park in Gaithersburg to support this 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](mailto:deacondanfinn@gmail.com).



Please pray for the success of our  
Vacation Bible Camp 2019 –

### **ROAR! Life is wild \* God is good.**

June 24-28 from 9:00 am to 12:15 pm

All are welcome to join us for our Family Program,  
Open House and Italian Ice Social on  
Thursday, June 27, 7 pm

### FAITH DIRECT - ONLINE GIVING

Did you know that June 21--the first day of summer--is National eGiving Day? St. Francis of Assisi can take particular joy in this celebration, as the response to eGiving in our church has been wonderful.

To build on this success, I am challenging you to put envelopes on a permanent summer vacation and set up an eGiving account with Faith Direct today. eGiving is especially important in the summer months, when many families may be out of town some weekends and St. Francis of Assisi does not receive their envelopes. It's easy for people to forget to catch up once they're back, and our weekly offertory can fluctuate as a result--making it harder to predict how much we will have to sustain our year-round ministries.

The more families who welcome the beginning of summer by taking this National eGiving Day Challenge, the more consistent and predictable our offertory will be month after month--and this will help us do even more to spread Christ's love throughout the community.

Being part of this challenge is simple. Visit [faith.direct/MD110](http://faith.direct/MD110). Thank you for your continued support of our parish family with your time and talents as well as treasure!

**God Bless You,  
Fr. John Dillon**

### IMMACULATE HEART PRAYER CENACLE

St. Martin of Tours, 201 S. Frederick Ave., Gaithersburg, is starting a Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart Prayer Cenacle on June 22nd. It will be held in the music room of the school after the 9 am Mass. Prayers will begin between 10 + 10:15, and all are invited to join. For those who have not yet heard about the Flame of Love, I encourage you to visit the website and learn what the Holy Mother needs from us to stifle Satan once and for all. Come pray with us June 22nd. For more information visit <https://www.theflameoflove.org/>.

### SPIRITUAL RETREAT - MOUNT ST. MARY'S

Please come to a Spiritual Retreat from Friday evening July 5 through lunchtime on Sunday July 7 at Mt. St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg led by Carmelite Friar Father Michael Berry, renowned retreat master and spiritual director. Father Michael has been a friar since 1998 and a priest since 2006. His theme will be "The Interior Castle," St. Teresa of Avila's masterpiece on developing a mature prayer life in which she imagines the soul as a castle made of a single diamond in which there are many rooms, just as in Heaven there are many mansions and she explains how we pass through each on the path toward spiritual perfection. Father Michael will show that this celebrated work is as relevant and important now as it was when St. Teresa, recognized by the Church as the Doctor of Prayer, wrote it over 400 years ago. This retreat offers Mass, spiritual activities and presentations, gives the opportunity for more time spent in prayer and contemplation and deepens our relationship with God during a brief relief from the pace and stress of modern life. The full weekend cost for this silent retreat is \$225, with reduced rates available for attending individual days. Organized by the Secular Discalced Carmelite communities in Frederick and Westminster. Please come and invite your family and friends to share this Retreat. Space is limited. Please contact Dawn Walsh [dwalsh33@gmail.com](mailto:dwalsh33@gmail.com) or Ken Vaughan 301-473-5112

### 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, [iberard@sfadw.org](mailto:iberard@sfadw.org).

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

#### NEED A SUMMER TUTOR FOR YOUR CHILD?

Get tutoring from the best! These SJRCS teachers offer their services during the summer months.

**Courtney Collis** Reading, Writing and Math (Grades Pre-K - 4)  
240-595-0173 (cell) [courtney.collis@stjuderockville.org](mailto:courtney.collis@stjuderockville.org)

**Carol Hampe**, Science and Math (Grades K-9)  
[carol.hampe@stjuderockville.org](mailto:carol.hampe@stjuderockville.org)

**Pat O'Connell**, Reading, Math, and Spanish (Grades K-8)  
[patoconnell2@hotmail.com](mailto:patoconnell2@hotmail.com) or  
[patricia.o'connell@stjuderockville.org](mailto:patricia.o'connell@stjuderockville.org)

**Susan Sella** Language Arts and Math (Grades K-3)  
1-301-633-3206 (cell) or [susan.sella@stjuderockville.org](mailto:susan.sella@stjuderockville.org)

**CONGRATULATIONS COACH YOUNG** Congratulations to **Coach Larry Young** who has received the **2019 Coach of Impact Award** by the Soccer Parenting Association! Coach Young was nominated by soccer parents and was chosen from over 150 nominations across the country! <https://www.soccerparenting.com/soccer-parenting-coach-of-impact-award-winner-announcement/>

**READ MICHELLE ARDILLO'S ARTICLE** Checkout our middle school literature teacher Michelle Ardillo's profile on Santana Moss in *Washington Family* at <http://digital.washingtonfamily.com/issues/June-2019/index.html>

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** If you wish to visit us during the summer our hours are 9-1 Monday through Thursday, beginning June 17<sup>th</sup>.

### 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](http://www.DCpriest.org). Please contact the Office of Priest Vocations ([vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org) or 202-636-9020) with any questions.

### SUMMER VACATION MASS TIMES

While traveling this summer, don't forget to visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) for Mass times and locations across the country.