

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

July 1 - July 7

Monday, 7/1	900 a.m.	Rita Arias
Tuesday, 7/2	9:00 a.m.	Eugene Dudenhoefler
Wednesday, 7/3	9:00 a.m.	Deacon Valentine E. Oguledo
	7:30 p.m.	Gary Hazel
Thursday, 7/4	9:00 a.m.	For Our Country
Friday, 7/5	9:00 a.m.	Anna Marie Kuzma
	7:30 p.m.	Barbara Lynn Beall
Saturday, 7/6	9:00 a.m.	Antonio Faria
	5:00 p.m.	Mary Curran
Sunday, 7/7	8:00 a.m.	John Loh
	9:30 a.m.	Alice Reising
	11:15 a.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
	5:00 p.m.	Rosy & Kunhivareed Nellissery

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Janusz Sieradzinski, father of Robert Sieradzinski.

Please pray for the sick... John Treacy, Christine Rogewitz, Tom Breece, Ljubov Suvorova, Carol Carter, John Corkery, Sandra Kimball, Dennis Parnell, Ed Dudenhoefler, 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 30, 2019

Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [cf. 5a]/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62
Monday:	Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11 [8a]/Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday:	Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12 [3a]/Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday:	Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 20:24-29
Thursday:	Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Mt 9:1-8
Friday:	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 [1b]/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday:	Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [3a]/Mt 9:14-17
Next Sunday:	Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory: June 23, 2019	\$17,806
Weekly Budget Estimate	\$18,025
<i>Thank you for your continued support!</i>	

**PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
THURSDAY, JULY 4th
FOR THE INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY**



THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

When I was reading through the news on the Maryland Catholic Conference (MCC) website, I was pleased to see that several MCC legislative priorities were signed into law by Governor Hogan. Let me summarize what these priorities were.

Human Trafficking. During the recently completed legislative session, MCC partnered with the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force to advocate for several measures to improve on how Maryland addresses human trafficking occurring within our state. Anne Zmuda Wallerstedt, associate director of MCC commented that: "Human trafficking is modern-day slavery and we need to ensure that those who are trafficked can access and receive the rehabilitative and legal services required to transition them from being a victim to being a survivor."

Measures that were signed into law by Governor Hogan include a bill that defines law trafficking as a criminal offense, legislation that reorganizes the human trafficking statute and makes felony human trafficking a crime of violence, and a measure that creates a network of service providers to address the unique needs of child victims of sex trafficking.

Laura and Reid's Law. On May 14, 2019, Governor Hogan signed into law Laura and Reid's Law. Beginning this year pregnant women will be further protected against violent attacks from their partners, who will face additional penalties. The leading cause of pregnancy-associated death in Maryland is homicide. In addition, an average of 7.2% of mothers in Maryland are physically abused during their pregnancy by a current or former partner. The legislation was named for Laura Wallen and her unborn son, Reid, who were alleged to have been murdered by Laura's fiancé in Montgomery County in 2017. The Maryland Catholic Conference worked with the Wallen family and sponsoring legislators to pass the legislation, in order to address the issue of domestic violence against pregnant women and their unborn children. The new law will afford judicial discretion to add enhanced felony penalties to the sentence of someone found guilty of committing a crime of violence against a pregnant woman.

U-Visa Legislation. During this session, MCC also helped streamline the state's role in the federal U-Visa Process. This will help to solve violent crimes and build trust between law enforcement agencies and immigrant communities. Governor Hogan signed this piece of legislation into law on May 13, 2019. Anne Zmuda Wallerstedt, associate director of MCC, said "Protecting immigrant communities is a priority of the Social and Economic Justice department in light of fluctuating policies nationally, specifically those aimed at separating families and other unjust means of limiting a person's right to migrate to better themselves and their families." Ms Zmuda Wallerstedt continued, "We are working to ensure that Maryland continues to be a place welcoming to those who may be strangers, as encouraged by the Old and New Testaments."

Finally, let me remind you that our parish staff recently created a new Legislative Affairs Flocknote Group, through which we would like to communicate about federal, state, and county legislation and policies that relate to our Catholic beliefs, especially as they pertain to social justice issues. If you are interested in joining this new Flocknote group, please let me know that. I will be glad to add you as a member.

Until next week,

Fr. John

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What commitment have I made that was the most transformative? How can my commitment to my faith be more complete?



ANNUAL POTLUCK BREAKFAST

Everyone is invited to bring a breakfast item to share with others and begin the holiday with prayer and great food. Start your 4th of July Celebration by joining fellow parishioners for a potluck breakfast after the **9:00 a.m. Daily Mass on Thursday, July 4th**. Questions about what to bring – please call the Parish Office (301) 840-1407.

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 (July 5) will begin in the Church following the 7:30 p.m. Mass.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! Our parish collected \$1,268. Our contributions, combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world, will help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click on the "How to Give" link.



JULY 2019 LUNCH – The St. Francis Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, July 3 at 12:00 Noon at Fontina Grille, 801 Pleasant Drive—King Farm, .(301) 957-5400. If you are planning to attend, please contact Mary Lou Habib and she will save a seat for you, (301) 417-0243.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SERVICE MEN/WOMEN

Please continue to pray for all those parishioners, family members and friends who are serving in the military services in Iraq, Afghanistan and other dangerous areas. We have a prayer list posted in the Gathering Space for those who are serving in these areas. Please help us to keep it current by letting us know of any parishioner who is currently deployed so we can add them, and also those who have returned so that we can remove their names. Please continue to keep all of our military personnel in your prayers.

WELCOME FR. JOE CWIK

Hello, all! Last week after my ordination, the newly ordained were ushered into a small section of the Sacristy at the Basilica of National Shrine where we received our congratulations from Archbishop Wilton. In the first few moments of being ordained, I discovered that I was assigned to your parish, St. Francis of Assisi in Derwood! In the ensuing celebratory commotion of being newly ordained, I met Fr. John who hospitably offered his first welcome to the Parish!

Now within my second week of priesthood, my arrival at St. Francis is on the horizon, and I'm humbled to be able to introduce myself now as Fr. Joe Cwik. Over the last 6 years of seminary, I remain fixed in awe at how the Lord genuinely walks by our side, inviting each day to hear his voice calling us to himself. I began my seminary formation in the Fall of 2013 at John Paul II Seminary in Washington, DC where I attended classes at the Catholic University of America. Upon graduation in 2015, I was sent to the North American College in Rome to continue my formation.

My time in seminary was where I was able to discern and respond wholeheartedly to the call of Priesthood. But the initial call was heard over a period of a few years and in a few places. Poolesville, MD is where I spent the first 18 years of my life and where at my home parish, Our Lady of the Presentation, I remember on a few occasions thinking about becoming a priest. However, at the time it was easy to put responding to the faint call 'on the back burner.' Instead, I decided to pursue my childhood passion of planes and flight by studying aerospace engineering for three years at the University of Maryland where I studied for three years. During my time at Maryland, I'm indebted to my roommates and the community at the Catholic Student Center whose faithful witness encouraged and inspired me to pursue Christ in my own life. My last year at UMD was my junior year when the call to priesthood resurfaced. This time around, I was unable to put the call 'on the back burner' any longer. Rather, I opened my heart to give God the first move.

Since that moment, Christ has led me on a joyful journey that I never could have dreamed of myself. And now in these initial days of my priesthood, I look forward to sharing in the journey the Lord continues to walk with us on, in serving as a priest at your parish, St. Francis of Assisi!

See you all in July!

June 30, 2019

LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING Join the Lamb of God Prayer Group for worship and the study of Scripture on Tuesday, July 2, 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 to Gaithersburg Help. *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).

HELP BRAINSTORM IDEAS TO CELEBRATE THE PARISH'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Do you enjoy event planning? If so, come join us from 7:30-9 pm Monday, July 15, in the Rectory's Youth Room and from 7:30-9 pm Monday, Aug. 12, in the Rectory's Assisi Room to help us brainstorm for the parish's 50th anniversary celebration in 2022. The Parish Pastoral Council is organizing the brainstorming sessions to get input on what parishioners would like to do to mark St. Francis of Assisi's golden anniversary.

Whether you'd like to celebrate with a Mass and reception, a gala, or a trip to Assisi, Italy, all ideas are welcome! For more information, please contact Parish Pastoral Council member Alicia Church at asktheppc@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407.

HAITI MEDICAL MISSION SERVES MORE THAN 1,000 PATIENTS DURING RECENT VISIT

After months of fundraising and preparation, two teams sponsored by St. Francis of Assisi Parish returned this month from a medical mission in our sister parish of Leon, Haiti. The two teams (which included St. Francis parishioners and partners from across the United States) operated for one week each in Haiti, seeing more than 1,000 patients. Team members handled a full range of illnesses and performed a variety of procedures. The teams also provided for follow-up care for certain patients, so they could continue to be monitored after the teams left Haiti. One particularly encouraging aspect of this medical mission is that 12 Haitians participated as paid workers in the clinic over the two weeks; these workers included custodians, lab technicians, pharmacists and registered nurses. Further, several well-educated Haitians served as paid interpreters. This demonstrated that the medical clinic is not only a charitable service providing health care, but also an economic stimulus for the town for several weeks of the year.

There is also an exciting development regarding the reconstruction of St. Paul's Church, which was destroyed by Hurricane Matthew in 2016. While in Haiti, St. Francis parishioners engaged with a representative from PROCHE, a non-governmental organization working in Haiti to help rebuild certain churches. PROCHE has arranged for a substantial donation from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, so that St. Paul's is not only going to receive a new roof (the contribution from St. Francis) but a complete renovation as well. This is an exciting development, because St. Paul's Church is regarded as one of the biggest and most important Catholic churches in that remote part of Haiti. Parishioners in St. Paul's are excited that the work on St. Paul's Church should finally begin this fall.

The 2018-2019 school year for Bon Pasteur School is near its end. The Philo Year is completing its second year with financial support from St. Francis. The team met with the Philo Year class, whose members are preparing to take their final national exams in July in Jeremie. The Philo Year students performed a heartfelt program to thank St. Francis for their faithful support. Clearly, this is a real opportunity for these students in our sister parish to complete and even further their education.

Now that the medical teams have returned, it is time to begin preparations for the October clinics! Thank you for your support!
~ *Dan Cardile, Haiti Ministry Coordinator*

DESSERTS NEEDED

If you would like to make a dessert (cookies, cupcakes, etc.) for Fr. Jack's Reception on July 7th after the 11:15 a.m. Mass, please sign up in the Gathering Space after Mass today or call the parish office this week. **Thank You!!**

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), 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 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS/EVENTS

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 30 GAME NIGHT (Youth Room)

6:00 pm

YOUTH APPRECIATION DAY Monday, July 15 Watch Your Mailbox for an Invitation

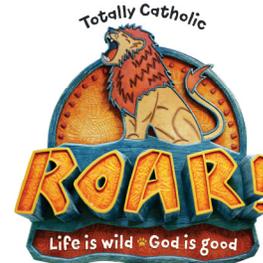
GET SOCIAL

Follow us on Instagram & Twitter @ SFADWYOUTH.

POSITION OPEN

FOR PART-TIME COMPUTER TEACHER

Mother of God School, 20501 Goshen Road, Gaithersburg, has an opening for an elementary (K – 5) part-time computer teacher – 8 hours per week, some flexibility in schedule. Operating knowledge of Microsoft, Excel, Power Point and Google classroom. Please contact Alice Garvey (agarvey@mogschool.com) for further information.



THANK YOU TO OUR VBC VOLUNTEERS!

It's been a wild, wonderful week at the St. Francis of Assisi Parish "ROAR! Life is wild * God is good" Vacation Bible Camp 2019 held June 24-28 and we leave knowing that God's goodness changes everything: it can change us, it can change one person's life, and it can change the world!! We extend our gratitude and appreciation to the many volunteers, over 50 (!) teens and adults, who shared generously of their time in preparing and leading the efforts to make this a wonderful, faith-filled week for all of our campers!

JULY CALENDAR @ ST. FRANCIS

3	Baptism Prep Class (AR)	7:30 pm
4	4th of July Parish Offices Closed	
5	First Friday Mass @ 7:30 pm followed by Adoration in the Church until 9:00 pm	
6	Men's Group (YR)	9:00 am
7	Farewell Reception-Fr. Jack after 11:15 am Mass	
	Brown Bag Discussion (AR)	12:30 pm
7-12	Encounter Work Camp (Mon thru Fri)	
8	Pax Christi Meeting (YR)	7:30 pm
10	Martha & Mary Women's Group (YR)	7:30 pm
11	St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (AR)	7:00 pm
	Alanon (Lib)	7:00 pm
	CL (SC)	8:00 pm
13	Men's Group (YR)	9:00 am
15	Youth Appreciation Day	
18	Gaithersburg Soup Kitchen	3:30 pm
	Alanon (Lib)	7:00 pm
	CL (SC)	8:00 pm
20	Men's Group (YR)	9:00 am
20-21	Summer in the City Food Bag Distribution (GS)	
21	Youth Movie Night (YR)	6:00 pm
24	Martha & Mary Women's Group (YR)	7:30 pm
25	St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (AR)	7:00 pm
	Alanon (Lib)	7:00 pm
	CL (SC)	8:00 pm
27	Men's Group (YR)	9:00 am
27-28	Summer in the City Food Bag	



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 by June 25. Wall of Honor Information Forms are available at the Information Desk in the Gathering Space

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!

Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School

We are...St. Jude

www.StJudeRockville.org

Dear St. Francis Community,

Thank you for another wonderful year! We could not have done it without your support. Our children are our future and St. Jude Regional Catholic School continues to work hard to prepare all of them. Our graduates are off to their respective high schools, and they will certainly continue the long legacy of outstanding St. Jude alumni. With your continued support, SJRCS will thrive and continue its mission of providing an outstanding Catholic education to all who enter our doors. If you wish to visit us during the summer, our hours are 9-1 Monday through Thursday. Once again, thank you.

We are.....St. Jude!

Sincerely,
Glenn J Benjamin
Principal

QUO VADIS CAMP

FOR HIGH SCHOOL-AGED YOUNG MEN INVITES THEM TO GROW IN HOLINESS

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

COME ENJOY A CELEBRATION OF ComUnity IN SONG TO BENEFIT PAX CHRISTI

Are you looking to get lifted up in song? St. Francis parishioners are invited to attend *A Celebration of ComUnity in Song*, featuring Marty Haugen, ValLimar Jansen and Msgr. Ray East, at 7:30 pm Sunday, July 7 at St. Camillus Parish in Silver Spring. Advance tickets for this fundraiser benefitting Pax Christi International and Pax Christi USA are \$25/adult, \$10 for people between 12 and 18 and free for children under 12. \$50 maximum per family. Purchase tickets or donate to Pax Christi at <https://bit.ly/2Kg3JZ1>. For more information, please contact Bob Cooke at cookerh1251@gmail.com.