

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

July 15 - July 21

Monday, 7/15	900 a.m.	Kathleen Church Williams
Tuesday, 7/16	9:00 a.m.	Ann & Frank Chite
Wednesday, 7/17	9:00 a.m.	Charles O'Connor
	7:30 p.m.	Reverend Michael T. Jennings
Thursday, 7/18	9:00 a.m.	Jack D'Aurora
Friday, 7/19	9:00 a.m.	Mary Kutty Roy
Saturday, 7/20	9:00 a.m.	Peter Konieczny
	5:00 p.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
Sunday, 7/21	8:00 a.m.	Susan Papendrea
	9:30 a.m.	Margaret Pinchock
	11:15 a.m.	Jack D'Aurora
	5:00 p.m.	Maureen Foley

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Deacon John B. Shewmaker, Archdiocese of Washington.

Please pray for the sick... Tom Breece, David John Burnett, Michael Bender, Eddie Lutheran, Mary Bowen, Bob Jones, John Treacy, Christine Rogewitz, Ljubov Suvorova, 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 July 14, 2019

Sunday:	Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 [cf. 33] /Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37
Monday:	Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 10:34--11:1
Tuesday:	Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday:	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday:	Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 [8a]/Mt 11:28-30
Friday:	Ex 11:10--12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 [13]/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday:	Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday:	Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

Our beloved Fr. Ralph Kuehner was a tireless advocate for affordable housing for vulnerable populations. He advocated for this in the various Maryland counties in which the Archdiocese of Washington is located as well as before the DC government and in Annapolis whenever the need for this arose. I think that he would heartily endorse statements by two Bishops on a proposed rule that would lead to family separation and housing instability.

Bishop Joe S. Vásquez of Austin, Chair of the USCCB Committee on Migration and Bishop Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of Venice, FL, Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, offered statements on July 3, 2019, a day after the United States Conference on Catholic Bishops, Catholic Charities USA, the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, and the Catholic Hospital Association wrote a joint letter to the Regulations Division, Office of the General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. These organizations all expressed grave concern regarding a proposed rule that they believed was contrary to law and in tension with the dignity of the person, the sanctity of the family, and the common good that we are called to support. For those of you who wish to read this joint letter, here is a web address that can be copied and pasted into your favorite browser: <https://tinyurl.com/yv3qgj5>. Here are the statements each of the Bishops made.

"The proposed rule would have terrible consequences for thousands of mixed-status families," said Bishop Vásquez. "It would force these families to make a heartbreaking choice—endure family separation so that eligible members can continue to receive critical housing assistance or stay together and forfeit any such assistance. This choice between unity and stability is one no family should have to make. We urge HUD to withdraw this deeply concerning proposed rule."

"The right to decent, safe, and affordable housing is rooted in the fundamental dignity of every person," said Bishop Dewane. "By proposing this rule, HUD acknowledged the need for more housing assistance so that people in need won't have to endure long waits for programs that are overwhelmed by demand. More must be done to address housing needs in this country, but it must not be done at the expense of mixed-status families."

Mixed-status families are those families whose members include people with different citizenship or immigration statuses. An example of a mixed-status family is one in which the parents are undocumented and the children are U.S.-born citizens.

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

*What does it take for me to help someone in need?
How can I imitate the Good Samaritan?*

WELCOME to the Family of Christ!

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

Violeta Fernandez
Matt & Karen Holloway
Wesley & Patricia Taylor
Matthew Waskiewicz & Hongting Zhao

The following children were baptized during the month of June:

Isla Eilise Castro
Paolo A. Rivera
Alexander Joseph Sierra
Camila Noelle Smith
Nathaniel Oliver Wolff-Hughes

SHADY GROVE PREGNANCY CENTER SAVING LIVES - SUPPORTING FAMILIES

Want to help women walk through their decision making process about their pregnancy? Become a volunteer counselor at the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center. Training will be provided and consists of 5 classes and begins in early August. Specific dates and times to be determined. Call Kathleen Garcia, Executive Director, 301-963-6223 for more information.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

Those who have more recently come to St. Francis parish may not have had the opportunity to meet Fr. Ralph, who was in residence here for over twenty-five years. He began Victory Housing (named for Our Lady of Victory) after an elderly parishioner there was forced out of her apartment owing to its conversion into a condominium. In the midst of that turbulent situation, the elderly woman died of a heart attack. Fr. Ralph said at that time that we needed to do more for the elderly who were in need of affordable housing. Later he helped found the Welcome Home reentry program now operated by Catholic Charities, in which mentors from local parishes help formerly incarcerated people build new lives and Rosaria Communities, which helps develop housing for people with developmental disabilities. He was a tireless advocate on behalf of all those in need of affordable housing.

If he were with us today, he would certainly applaud the opposition to this proposed rule that would lead to family separation and housing instability.

Until next week,
Fr. John

HELP FEED FAMILIES IN NEED DURING THE SUMMER IN THE CITY FOOD DRIVE

Please take a grocery bag after Mass next weekend to support the Summer in the City Food Drive to benefit food pantries at parishes in need in Washington DC. The food drive, sponsored by the John S. Mulholland Family Foundation, will conclude on Sunday, July 28. Once you've picked up a bag, please buy some of the suggested food items next and return the grocery bag to church July 27/28. If you'd prefer not to grocery shop, monetary donations – which will be used to buy fresh produce, milk, eggs, meat and poultry – are also greatly appreciated. Please make a check payable to the John S. Mulholland Family Foundation and drop it in the collection basket. For more information, contact Social Concerns Director Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfdw.org.

QUO VADIS CAMP FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUNG MEN

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

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, August 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.

July 14, 2019

LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING Join the Lamb of God Prayer Group for worship and the study of Scripture on Tuesday, July 16, 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 UMAN (Upper Montgomery Assistance Network). *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 FOR MARRIAGES IN TROUBLE

Is your marriage going down the right road or is it a little off track? Looking for a better way? The Retrouvaille Program is for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. It is a Christian marriage program, Catholic in origin, in which couples of all faiths or no faith background are encouraged to attend. It can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy, and heal. For confidential information about or to register for the weekend on 30 August - 1 September 2019, please visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org, call 443-400-7017, or e-mail: 3015@retrouvaille.org. There is hope!

MOVING/CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR E-MAIL

Please notify the parish office (301) 840-1407 or via e-mail sfaparishoffice@sfadw.org, of any changes in your address, phone number or e-mail. Thank You!

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING THE UCR WALK & ROLL-A-THON!

On June 22, the Upcounty Community Resources (UCR) 5K Walk & Roll-a-thon celebrated its most successful event ever, raising more than \$24,000 – about one-quarter of which came from supporters and friends of St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

More than 35 walkers from St. Francis attended, raising more than \$6,000 from donations and registrations stemming from St. Francis. We had challenged St. Patrick's Catholic Church and they admitted defeat, saying they will beat us next year. The challenge is on!

The walk drew more than 140 participants and was held on a beautiful Saturday afternoon with perfect temperatures in the high 70s. Deacon Dan was Master of Ceremonies, as the board chairperson of UCR, and Carole Maloney of MASN served as the celebrity host. During the walk, HOT 99.5 provided the music and participants still had energy to dance to the hits afterward.

RIGHT TO LIFE OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

This year, Right to Life of Montgomery County will again have a pro-life booth at the Montgomery County Fair, August 9-17. If you are interested in helping out at the booth please call Tharpa Roberts, (301) 962-5611 or rtl-mc@verizon.net. If you volunteered last year, Tharpa will be calling you to see if you can help again this year. Your help is greatly appreciated.

SUMMER VACATION MASS TIMES

While traveling this summer, don't forget to visit www.masstimes.org for Mass times and locations across the country.

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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

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.

Look for Ways to Serve in the Column to the Right.....

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS/EVENTS

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENT

YOUTH APPRECIATION DAY

Monday, July 15

Dave & Buster's

DOMESTIC CHURCH DAY:

MAN & WOMAN HE REDEEMED THEM

All married or engaged couples and families with children are invited to a half-day retreat on Saturday, July 27 from 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. The day will include a presentation on The Theology of the Body for adults, engaging catechesis for teens and children, the opportunity to pray together as a family, and fun family activities. Refreshments included. For more information or to register, visit www.domesticchurchday.eventbrite.com. If you have any questions about the event, please email events@jp2shrine.org.

SAINT PATRICK WOMEN'S 3 DAY SILENT RETREAT

Would you like some time to get away and recharge? Do you need space to process a decision or experience? Would you like an opportunity to deepen your relationship with God? This retreat might be just the answer.

When: August 9-11
Who: The Ladies of the Parish
Where: The Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center
Retreat Leader: Sr. Mariam Annai D'Souza, SSVM
Cost: \$275 (includes private room, all meals and speaker stipend)

To Register: Please mail a \$50 deposit made payable to "St. Patrick's Catholic Church," with the envelope addressed to Adult Faith Formation and "3-Day women's retreat" written in the memo line. Mailing Address: 4101 Norbeck Road, Rockville MD 20853. **More Information:** Melanie Baker, Director of Adult Faith Formation at St. Patrick Catholic Church, stpatrickadult-faithformation@gmail.com/301-924-2285x317

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (continued)

Ways to Serve

The entire parish community shares responsibility for faith formation and the support of many volunteers makes our programs successful. There are a variety of ways to serve, including weekly, monthly, and "as needed" commitments:

- Catechist
- Classroom Aide
- Art Team Catechist
- Substitute
- Support for Service Projects
- Help with Sacramental Celebrations & Special Events

Please consider supporting our Religious Education program as a volunteer! To learn more about this important ministry, please call the Religious Education Office at 301-258-9193.

JULY @ ST. FRANCIS

15	Youth Appreciation Day-Dave & Buster's 2022 Anniversary Mtg (YR)	7:30 pm
18	Gaithersburg Soup Kitchen Alanon (Lib) CL (SC)	3:30 pm 7:00 pm 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 (YR) Alanon (Lib) CL (SC)	7:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm
27	Men's Group (YR)	9:00 am
27-28	Summer in the City Food Bag Returns (GS)	

AUGUST @ ST. FRANCIS

1	Alanon (Lib) CL (SC)	7:00 pm 8:00 pm
2	First Friday Mass followed by Adoration	7:30 pm
3	Men's Group (YR) Haiti Coffee Sales	9:00 am
4	Haiti Coffee Sales Youth Movie Night (YR)	6:00 pm
7	Baptism Prep Class (AR)	7:30 pm
8	Alanon (Lib) St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (YR) CL (SC)	7:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm
10	Men's Group (YR) Blood Pressure Screening (SC)	9:00 am
11	Blood Pressure Screening AM only (SC)	
12	Pax Christi (YR) 2022 Anniversary Mtg (AR)	7:30 pm 7:30 pm
14	Vigil Mass for Assumption Holy Day Martha & Mary (YR)	7:30 pm 7:30 pm
15	Assumption Holy Day Masses 9/12/7:30 pm Parish Offices Closed	
	Gaithersburg Soup Kitchen Alanon (Lib) CL (SC)	3:30 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm
17	Men's Group (YR)	9:00 am
18	Youth Movie Night (YR)	6:00 pm
22	Alanon (Lib) St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (YR) CL (SC)	7:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm
24	Men's Group (YR)	9:00 am
25	RE Registration after Morning Masses	
26	Liturgy Meeting (AR)	7:30 pm
28	Martha & Mary (YR)	7:30 pm
29	Alanon (Lib) CL (SC)	7:00 pm 8:00 pm
31	Men's Group (YR)	9:00 am

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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 Program 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 and click on Online Student Registration. If you wish to visit us during the summer, our hours are 9-1 Monday through Thursday.

BARBECUED CHICKEN DINNER & FAIR

St. Mary's in Barnesville cordially invites St. Francis parishioners to join in their 144th Annual Chicken Dinner and Jousting Tournament on Saturday, July 27th, 12:00 Noon - 7:00 p.m. Full course dinners served inside are \$16 for adults, children 12 & under are free. Carryout meals are \$16 for all ages. The Jousting Tournament is 1:00-4:00 p.m. and is free to spectators. There will also be a craft booth, games for children, baked goods, cake wheel, country store, white elephant stand, book store, and other games of chance. Mass will be celebrated in the new beautiful shrine church at 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. St. Mary's is located at 18230 Barnesville Road. For more information you can call 301-972-8660.

**PLAN A VISIT TO THE FRANCISCAN
MONASTERY OF THE HOLY LAND IN DC**

The Monastery of the Holy Land invites St. Francis of Assisi parishioners to visit us. We offer daily tours of our church and catacombs and Holy Land shrines. We have beautiful outdoor gardens with replicas of holy sites, including the Lourdes' Grotto. Guided tours of the gardens are available on Saturdays. Self-guided tours are available all other days, weather permitting. We have gardens, wide-open spaces as well as quiet places for prayer. Conference rooms are also available with a donation. We invite you to come experience the Monastery of the Holy Land! The Monastery is open Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Sundays 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The gift shop is open every day but Monday. Confessions are heard Monday – Saturday 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. The Monastery is located at 1400 Quincy Street, Washington DC. Reservations are required for groups larger than 6 and can be made online or by calling 202-526-6800. Please note that there is no required charge for tours. Donations are appreciated.