

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

July 22 - July 28

Monday, 7/22	900 a.m.	Reverend A. Seamus Kuebler
Tuesday, 7/23	9:00 a.m.	Reverend Joseph Kleinstuber
Wednesday, 7/24	9:00 a.m.	Anna Marie Kuzma
	7:30 p.m.	Barbara Lynn Beall
Thursday, 7/25	9:00 a.m.	Anne Marie Dillon
Friday, 7/26	9:00 a.m.	Annie Durkin
Saturday, 7/27	9:00 a.m.	Kurian Mathai
	5:00 p.m.	Amelia & Eugene Dudenhoeffer
Sunday, 7/28	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
	9:30 a.m.	Hugo Huaman
	11:15 a.m.	Victor Hanner
	5:00 p.m.	Kathleen Church Williams

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Monsignor Maurice O'Connell, Eshetu Girma, husband of Azem Zerom.

Please pray for the sick... Mary Lott, Larry Church, Tom Breece, David John Burnett, Michael Bender, Eddie Lutheran, Mary Bowen, Bob Jones, John Treacy, Christine Rogewitz, 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 21, 2019

Sunday:	Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/Col 1:24-28/ Lk 10:38-42
Monday:	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Tuesday:	Ex 14:21--15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/ Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday:	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27- 28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday:	2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [5]/ Mt 20:20-28
Friday:	Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/ Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/ Mt 13:24-30
Next Sunday:	Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/ Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

Recently someone asked me when our parish church was dedicated. I actually have the answer to that question hanging on one of the walls in my office in the rectory: a letter from William Cardinal Baum, former Archbishop of Washington, to our founding pastor, the Reverend John P. Stack. Let me quote from this important letter for our parish history. The letter is dated October 4, 1975.

Dear Father Stack:

Please accept my sincere congratulations as you and your parish Family dedicate your new parish Church. It is truly a beautiful sign of God's greater gift to us, which is our Faith. I join with you in thanking God for His great goodness in causing Faith to live in our hearts, and for granting us the blessing of this new Church building.

It is a source of great joy to be able to join you and the people of the parish in dedicating our new Church on the very Feast of Saint Francis. Today we keep the memory of one who devoted himself entirely to love for God who has first loved us. Through the intercession of Saint Francis, who is with us still in the Communion of Saints, may we grow in our ability to love God as He has first loved us. Through Saint Francis' intercession may we learn also to love our fellow men as Christ would have us do.

May the virtues of generous love and service exemplified by Saint Francis be manifested in our lives. May your love be as visible among whom you live as is our new Church. Through you, may God draw many more in Faith, Hope, and Charity.

Asking a remembrance in your prayers, and a promise of daily prayer for all of Saint Francis' Parish, I am

*Devotedly in Our Lord,
+William W. Baum
Archbishop of Washington*

I am particularly struck by Archbishop (and later Cardinal) Baum's exhortation to the parish to cultivate the virtues of generous love and service so that they are clearly exemplified in our lives. He also expresses the hope that many might be drawn to the Lord in Faith, Hope, and Charity through our words and actions.

Within the last few years, after considerable discussion, our Parish Council voted to update our Parish Vision and Mission Statements to reflect who we are as a Parish. Let me remind you of these core values of our Parish life.

Vision Statement: Growing a community that preaches the Gospel at all times through our worship, our words and our actions.

Mission Statement: Enlivened by God's grace we live the good news—joyfully sharing God's love with all, being instruments of peace for the poor and vulnerable, and continually building up our diverse Church Community.

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Do I act differently around strangers who look important and ones who don't? Do I treat others with kindness, whether listening or serving?

HELP FEED PEOPLE

IN SOME OF DC'S NEEDIEST PARISHES

Please pick up a grocery bag from the Gathering Space after Mass this weekend to support the 6th annual Summer in the City Food Drive. The food drive, which will conclude at 6 pm Sunday, July 28, collects food items for Catholic food pantries in need in Washington DC.

St. Francis parishioners are invited to pick up a shopping bag, buy some of the suggested food items and return the grocery bag to church the weekend of July 27/28. If you forget to bring your bag to Mass, monetary donations -- which purchase fresh produce, milk and eggs, meat and poultry -- are accepted. Please make a check payable to the John S. Mulholland Family Foundation and drop it in the collection basket.

Thank you for your generous faith in action! For more information, please contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.

HELP US START PLANNING THE PARISH'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

If you missed the first brainstorming session on the parish's 50th anniversary celebration in 2022, then it's not too late to attend the second. Join us at 7:30 pm **Monday, August 12**, in the Rectory's Assisi Room to fine tune some of the ideas discussed at the inaugural brainstorming session last month. Depending on the ideas with which the group wants to move forward, participants may separate into sub-committees to begin fleshing out some of the suggestions. Anyone interested in attending is welcome to come, even if you did not participate in the first brainstorming session. For more information, please contact the Parish Pastoral Council -- which is spearheading the planning of the event -- at ask-theppc@gmail.com.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

It is very interesting to read Cardinal Baum's hopes and desires for our parish in its early years side by side with our recent expression of parish identity through our Vision and Mission Statements. I think that the consistency is remarkable. The values expressed in both are very different to those exemplified so often in the world today. For that reason it is all the more important for us to recall who we are and what we are called to be: a sign of the Kingdom of God!

Until next week,
Fr. John Dillon



*****SAVE on registration fees by returning your registration form by August 1 *****

See Page 5 - "Religious Education News" for class days, times and details.

AN OPEN INVITATION TO JOINING RCIA

Do you know anyone who is interested in exploring the Catholic faith? Fr. John Dillon invites any adult who is interested in becoming Catholic to consider following the process of inquiry, instruction and formation called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Joining this journey does not mean that participants are ready to commit themselves to becoming Catholic, but only that they are interested in it.

RCIA will begin in mid-September. As the RCIA Team begins meeting with interested persons, please remember your important role in accompanying these curious students in their introduction to our faith. If you meet a person who is participating in RCIA, please introduce yourself, welcome them and be open to speaking about your own faith experience. Our faith is one we learn in our community.

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, know of someone who is interested in the Catholic faith, or would like to join the RCIA Team, please contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.

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LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING Join the Lamb of God Prayer Group for worship and the study of Scripture on Tuesday, July 23, 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 Prison Ministry Outreach. *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).

4 STAGES OF MARRIAGE

The 4 stages of marriage are: (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first 3 Stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th Stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the 4th Stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from Disillusionment or Misery please contact Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i). Our next weekend is 30 August - 1 September 2019. All calls and inquiries are confidential. To register or obtain more information visit our website at: www.HelpOurMarriage.org, call (443) 400-7017, or email: 3015@retrouvaille.org

ROSARY PRAYED IN SPANISH IN THE CHURCH

The Spanish Ministry prays the Rosary in Spanish at 6:30 pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month in the church. Please join us. For more information about the Spanish Ministry, please contact Will Garcia at wagarcia@comcast.net or Lourdes Garcia at legarcia@comcast.net

ON AUGUST 4, JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR PEACE AT THE PEACE POLE

Have you visited the St. Francis of Assisi Peace Pole? Located on the grounds of the north side of the church, the Peace Pole is an internationally-recognized symbol of the hopes and dreams of the entire human family, standing vigil in silent prayer for peace on earth. Each Peace Pole bears the message, "May Peace Prevail on Earth," in different languages on each of its four or six sides.

On August 4, the St. Francis of Assisi Pax Christi Ministry – which gifted the Peace Pole to the parish – invites you to pray at the Peace Pole after the 8 am, 9:30 am and 11:15 am Masses to offer a short prayer and receive a gift. The date falls two days before August 6, the 74th anniversary of the bombing of the Japanese city of Hiroshima. *Let's pray for peace!*

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.

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.

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- 2) Click "Register" and enter your name, email address, and desired password
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- 4) Enjoy and share with others in our local community!

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

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.....

GIVE THE GIFT OF SERVICE

Catholic Charities DC encourages you to give back by taking advantage of a variety of volunteer opportunities available in Washington, DC and southern Maryland. For more information on volunteering with Catholic Charities, or to register to volunteer, visit catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS/EVENTS

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Movie Night
in the Youth Room (Rectory)

Sunday, July 21
after the 5:00 Mass

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

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.

MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Do you know someone who can't get to Mass? Please tell them about the Sunday TV Mass, which is produced by the Archdiocese of Washington and taped in 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 worshiping community for the Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy.

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

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

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

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)	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 Returns (GS)	

AUGUST @ ST. FRANCIS

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

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!

PUT YOUR PRO-LIFE BELIEFS INTO ACTION

The Gabriel Project Cluster of Montgomery County assists needy women and women in crisis pregnancies in Montgomery County. Women volunteers (**especially bilingual Spanish speaking women**) are needed to stay in touch with client mothers. This includes keeping in touch with them via phone or email during their pregnancy, bringing them needed items such as diapers, baby clothes, etc. that are provided by the Gabriel Project, and praying for them. The average time commitment would be approximately 1 - 4 hours per month (or less). Men are also needed to pick up donations once or twice per month. Event Assistants are also needed for approximately 1 - 2 hours per month. Daily prayer supporters are also needed. Donations of diapers and formula are also appreciated. Please check out our website at www.gpmoco.org. For more information, please call or text Diane Reinke at 301-946-4815, or e-mail Carmen Rojas at gccthompson@juno.com.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Are you looking for an opportunity to grow in your faith and extend that gift to others through your personal witness and service to the Church? We invite you to become a *Docent (Tour Guide) or Tour Desk Receptionist* at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Northeast Washington D.C. Hours and days are flexible and training will be provided. Anyone interested should please contact Dee Steel (Director of Visitor Services) via telephone at (202) 526-8300, ext.111, or via email (dsteel@bnsic.org). Thank you for your interest in this special volunteer ministry.

BEHOLD! ADORATION & CONFESSION

Every Thursday evening from 7-8 pm, the Saint John Paul II National Shrine hosts an event entitled ***Behold!***, consisting of Adoration with prayerful music, silence, and Confession.

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.