

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

August 12 - August 18

Monday, 8/12	9:00 a.m.	Peter Konieczny
Tuesday, 8/13	9:00 a.m.	Reverend Henry Januszkiewicz
Wednesday, 8/14	9:00 a.m.	Don Smith
	7:30 p.m.	Benicio Huaman
Thursday, 8/15	9:00 a.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
	12:00 p.m.	Elizabeth Yeast
	7:30 p.m.	Felicidad & Anselmo Santos
Friday, 8/16	9:00 a.m.	Daniel Mastronardi
Saturday, 8/17	9:00 a.m.	Frank & Katie De Persis
	5:00 p.m.	Bruce Cathie
Sunday, 8/18	8:00 a.m.	Joan Carpenter
	9:30 a.m.	Charles O'Connor
	11:15 a.m.	Steven V. Dillon
	5:00 p.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Clifton "Cliff" Lee, Laura Olson, daughter of Doreen Olson, Larry Church, brother of Alicia Church.

Please pray for the sick... Leeann Parnell, William Komlo, Lynn Gardner, Gus & Lisa Tseronis, Joan Lutz Maltz, Mary Savo, Mary Lott, Tom Breece, 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 August 11, 2019

Sunday:	Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/ Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 12:32-48
Monday:	Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/ Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday:	Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12 [9a]/ Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday:	Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday:	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Friday:	Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/ Mt 19:3-12
Saturday:	Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/ Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday:	Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/ Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

I often write my column for the bulletin at least a week before it appears in the bulletin. I am sitting on a computer on Sunday afternoon (August 4) very sad because of the outbreak of violence that has happened in the last week or so. The sadness is compounded by the shootings that occurred yesterday (August 3) in El Paso, Texas and very early this morning (August 4) in Dayton, Ohio. At least twenty-nine people are dead and fifty-three injured as a result of the two shootings. As of today, we have had twenty-two mass murders in the United States in 2019. I am gratified that we have statements about the shootings in El Paso and Dayton from Pope Francis as well as officials from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Let me present to you what they said, because I believe their messages are well worth serious reflection and prayer.

Pope Francis expressed his spiritual closeness and prayers to all those affected by the mass shootings that have taken place in the last week. Referring to the shooting of three people (including two children) at Northern California's Gilroy Garlic Festival by a 19-year old male on Sunday, July 29, the shooting deaths of twenty (with many others injured) in El Paso, Texas on Saturday, August 3, and the murder of nine others owing to gun violence in Dayton, Ohio on Sunday, August 4, Pope Francis lamented that all three attacks had targeted defenseless people. Following his words, the Holy Father asked those attending the papal audience to join him in praying a Hail Mary for all the victims in those shootings.

Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, President of the USCCB, and Bishop Frank J. Dewane of Venice, Florida, Chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, issued the following statement on Saturday, August 3, 2019, in response to the tragic shooting at the Cielo Vista Mall in El Paso, Texas:

This Saturday, less than a week after the horrific instances of gun violence in California, yet another terrible, senseless and inhumane shooting took place, this time in a shopping mall in El Paso, Texas.

Something remains fundamentally evil in our society when locations where people congregate to engage in the everyday activities of life can, without warning, become scenes of violence and contempt for human life. The plague that gun violence has become continues unchecked and spreads across our country.

Things must change. Once again, we call for effective legislation why these unimaginable and repeated occurrences of murderous gun violence continue to take place in our communities. As people of faith, we continue to pray for all the victims, and for healing in all these stricken communities. But action is also needed to end these abhorrent acts.

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Considering that the end may come at any time, am I prepared? What can I do to prepare myself for my end time?

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Times:

Wednesday, August 14

Vigil Mass: 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 15

9:00 a.m.

12:00 Noon

7:30 p.m.

Parish Offices will also be closed for the Holy Day.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

Just a day later, Cardinal DiNardo and Bishop Dewane had the sad duty of issuing another statement in response to the tragic shooting in Dayton, Ohio:

We extend our condolences to the families and friends of those murdered in Dayton last night. The lives lost this weekend confront us with a terrible truth. We can never again believe that mass shootings are an isolated exception. They are an epidemic against life that we must, in justice, face. God's mercy and wisdom compel us to move toward preventative action. We encourage all Catholics to increased prayer and sacrifice for healing and the end of these shootings. We encourage Catholics to pray and raise their voices for needed changes to our national policy and national culture as well. We call on all relevant committees of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to outline a reinvigorated policy agenda and pastoral campaign to address ways we can help fight this social disease that has infected our nation. The Conference has long advocated for responsible gun laws and increased resources for addressing the root causes of violence. We also call upon the President and Congress to set aside political interests and find ways to better protect human life.

Until next week,

Fr. John

INTERESTED IN CATHOLICISM? JOIN RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for:

- Those desiring to become Catholic
- Catholics seeking Confirmation
- Non-Catholics wanting information about the Catholic faith

In mid-September, the RCIA Ministry Team will kick off its program for those interested in becoming Catholics or completing their Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation). We are all called to seek out people who may be open to receiving an invitation and welcoming and supporting them if they do enter the inquiry process. Many have said, "I would have done it much sooner, but no one ever invited me."

If you know someone who is open to exploring the Catholic faith, please contact RCIA Ministry Coordinator Tony Bosnick at (301) 840-1407 or e-mail him at abosnick@sfadw.org with the person's name, address and phone number. Thank you!

COME HELP US BRAINSTORM THE PARISH'S GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN 2022!

If you missed the first Brainstorming Session for the parish's 50th anniversary celebration in 2022, then it's not too late to join us for the second. On **Monday, August 12**, come gather at 7:30 pm in the Rectory's Assisi Room to further discuss ideas on how to mark our parish's Golden Anniversary. We'll review some of the ideas discussed on July 15 and may break out into subcommittees to start initial planning. Walk-ins are welcome! For more information, please contact the Parish Pastoral Council – which is convening the meeting – at asktheppc@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION

Thank you to all who contributed to this collection. Total collection was \$366. Funds for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development support organizations, both locally and in other parts of the country, that serve the poor and disenfranchised. **Thank you!**

August 11, 2019

LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING Lamb of God Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday, August 13 in the St. Clare Chapel.. For details, please call Louise, (301) 977-5217.

POOR BOX DONATION – The donations for next week-end will go to the Upper Montgomery Assistance Network (UMAN). *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).

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

FATHER RALPH'S TREE

Thank you to everyone who donated to Father Ralph's tree. The tree people have suggested that we plant it in the Fall - not during these hot summer days. We will plant the tree after Labor Day but definitely before his second anniversary, October 12.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

This weekend Blood Pressure Screening will take place in the St. Clare Room following the Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass and the Sunday Morning Masses. This service is offered by St. Francis of Assisi Health Ministry volunteers.

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.

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 worshipping 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

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS/EVENTS

REGISTER NOW FOR 2019-2020 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Please help us prepare well for this year's Religious Education classes by returning your registration form as soon as possible!

Registration fees can be paid at a later date. Even if you're still working out details of your family's schedule, please return a registration form now, marking your best guess for session time with a note that this is subject to change.

Find registration forms on the parish web site (www.sfadw.org), in the Church Gathering Space, and in the Parish Office. Classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Completed forms can be mailed, or dropped off in person at the Rectory Office (Monday-Friday, 8 am-4 pm).

Classes begin September 15, 16 and 17. Calendars are posted to the parish website, and will be mailed in early September to all who have registered.

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 our curriculum 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.

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.

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:

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YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS/EVENTS

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY

Watch for Upcoming Youth Events

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.

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!

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (continued)

Ways to Serve (continued)

- 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.

AUGUST @ ST. FRANCIS

11	Blood Pressure Screening AM only (SC)	
	Haiti Coffee (GS)	
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
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)	7:00 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

SAVE THE DATE

ST. FRANCIS ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR & FLEA MARKET Saturday, November 9

HOLIDAY BAZAAR CRAFTERS

We will begin making crafts for the 2017 Holiday Bazaar on Wednesday September 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. If you enjoy being creative and socializing with fellow parishioners, please plan on attending. Also, projects can be taken home to work on. For additional information, please call the Parish Office, (301) 840-1407.

VENDORS NEEDED

We are looking for vendors to sell their goods at the Bazaar. If you are interested in having a booth at the bazaar, please contact the Parish Office, (301) 840-1407.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

We are looking for silent auction items such as Time Shares, Sports Tickets, Theater Passes, etc. for our Fall Bazaar (November 9). Items donated are a tax write-off! For more information or to make arrangements to donate, please call the Parish Office, Donna, (301) 840-1407.

URGENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Dental and Medical Professionals Help provide free emergency dental treatment to uninsured people experiencing dental calamity. Dental and medical professionals, as well as patient support volunteers, are needed to volunteer at the Mid-Maryland Dental Mission of Mercy and Health Equity Festival taking place Sept. 12-14 at the University of Maryland's Xfinity Center in College Park. Learn more at www.CatholicCharitiesDC.org/MOM.

Resume Review and Interview Practice Volunteers Volunteers age 21 and older are needed to work with adult students in Catholic Charities' Bank Teller Certification Program to review their professional resumes in preparation for job interviews. The resume writing workshop and interview practice session will take place at the Spanish Catholic Center, 1618 Monroe St. NW, Washington, DC 20010. Learn more at <https://bit.ly/2Y1UPSp>.

Job Readiness with TRP Volunteer with Transitional Rehabilitation Program (TRP) residents to create resumes, practice interviews and develop computer skills to help participants prepare for post-program life. Volunteers must be at least 21, have at least one year of professional work experience and be able to volunteer at the 801 East Men's Shelter, 2700 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE, Washington DC 20032. Learn more at <https://bit.ly/2M0ajnk>.

Domestic Violence Speaker's Bureau Professionals are sought to educate Catholic groups about the effects of domestic violence in parish families, steps parishes can take to help and resources that are available. Volunteers will help Catholic Charities staff present workshops and presentations on how parish leaders can recognize domestic violence and respond compassionately. Training and materials are provided and English, French and Spanish speakers are sought. Learn more by e-mailing Laura.Yeomans@CC-DC.org.

Emergency Rental Assistance Program Volunteer (seasonal opportunity) A volunteer is needed to work directly with people seeking help with the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). This volunteer will help interview participants about their needs, review their application for funding, enter data and help identify case management goals. A seasonal opportunity from August to September, the volunteer work is based at the Southeast Family Center, 2812 Pennsylvania Ave. SE, Washington DC 20020. Learn more at <https://bit.ly/2JFjlVm>.

FOR SINGLE & YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS

21st Annual Bethany Beach Retreat/Vacation in Delaware, Labor Day weekend (August 30/31-September 6/7). Very low prices - weekend or whole week). All meals included. Space is limited. Mass daily with Fr. T. Morrow. Holy Hour available daily. For more information call Roxanna 240-893-0571. For more details visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/416663952263577>.

YOUR OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTION

Just a reminder that we do not record loose checks from the weekly collection. In order for us to track your contribution and send you a statement at the end of the year, it is suggested that you sign up for envelopes or Faith Direct. To sign up for envelopes you can call the Parish Office, (301) 840-1407. To sign up for electronic contributions visit www.faithdirect.net. The code for St. Francis is MD110. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office.