

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

November 11 - November 17

Monday, 11/11	9:00 a.m.	For All Veterans
Tuesday, 11/12	9:00 a.m.	John Lloyd
Wednesday, 11/13	9:00 a.m.	Alexander O'Connor
	7:30 p.m.	Reverend Joseph Kleinstuber
Thursday, 11/14	9:00 a.m.	Don Smith
Friday, 11/15	9:00 a.m.	Gemma Palini
Saturday, 11/16	9:00 a.m.	Erlinda Quemuel
	5:00 p.m.	Richard Hunt
Sunday, 11/17	8:00 a.m.	Jane Shepard
	9:30 a.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Ernesto Cornejo
	5:00 p.m.	Larry Church

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Alexander Jose`Brode, son of Lou Brode and Gabriela Parra.

Please pray for the sick... Mary Hammond, Dan Zimmerman, Arnaldo Saccomani, Angel Treposky, Joseph Polosky, Flordeliza Celebrado, Carole Carter, Sid Tracy, William Komlo, Margaret Weiss, Joseph Michael Gardner, 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 November 10, 2019

Sunday:	2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 [15b]/2 Thes 2:16—3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38
Monday:	Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 [24b]/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday:	Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 [2a]/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 [89a]/Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 [5a]/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday:	Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 [cf. 9]/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

On Sunday, October 13, 2019, the Holy Father celebrated Mass and presided at the Rite of Canonization of five Blesseds: John Henry Newman (1801-90), Cardinal of the Holy Roman Catholic Church, Founder of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri in England; Josephine Vannini (1859-1911), Foundress of the Daughters of Saint Camillus; Mariam Thresia Chiramel Mankidiyan (1876-1926), Foundress of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family; Dulce Lopes Pontes (1914-92), professed religious of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of the Mother of God; Marguerite Bays (1815-1879), lay woman and Secular Franciscan. I intend to spend the next several weeks presenting a brief biography of each of them so we can get to know these newly canonized saints. The source of the material will be the English weekly edition of *L'Osservatore Romano*. Today let's look at the life of Saint Marguerite Bays and Saint Mariam Thresia Chiramel Mankidiyan.

Marguerite Bays was born on September 8, 1815 at La Pierraz de Siviriez in the canton of Fribourg, Switzerland. When Marguerite was eight years old, she received the Sacrament of Confirmation and at 11 her First Communion. Around age 15, she was apprenticed as a seamstress, a trade she practiced all her life. Having set aside the possibility of religious consecration, Marguerite preferred to remain single, dedicating herself to her family and her parish.

Every day Marguerite attended Holy Mass, the most important moment in her day. On Sundays, she never failed to spend time in adoration, to contemplate the Way of the Cross, and to recite the Rosary. With great zeal she dedicated herself to religious education both to children, teaching them the catechism and forming them in the religious and moral life, and of young girls, preparing them for their future as wives and mothers. In 1853, she underwent an operation for intestinal cancer. Dismayed the type of care required, she begged the Blessed Virgin to heal her or allow her to suffer in such a way that she could share in the Passion of Jesus. Her prayer was answered on December 8, 1854, the very day on which Blessed Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. From that time forward, Marguerite's life was linked to the suffering of Christ. The five wounds of Christ Crucified appeared on her body at three o'clock every Friday afternoon, and for all of Holy Week, Marguerite relived the sufferings of Jesus from Gethsemane to Calvary. In accordance with her desire, she died on the feast of the Sacred Heart, June 27, 1879. She was beatified by Saint John Paul II on October 29, 1995.

Mariam Thresia Chiramel Mankidiyan was born on April 26, 1879 in Puthenchira, the third of five children in a Catholic family. She was given a Christian education by her mother. Given her spiritual fervor, she received her First Communion when she was nine. That was considered early at that time. Thresia wanted to devote herself to the life of a hermit, but her family was opposed to the idea.

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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How does the assurance of an afterlife change the way I live my life today?

WON'T YOU RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL TO LOVE & TO SERVE?

Next weekend, November 16/17, Fr. John Dillon will speak at Mass about our "Responding to God's Call to Love and to Serve" Offertory Renewal Program at St. Francis of Assisi Church. This effort is very important as we move forward with the mission and vision of our church and parish. We, as a parish family, have changed many lives in our community. In order to continue our mission and ministries, we encourage all parishioners to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family reflecting on the work we do. We look forward to seeing all of our parishioners at Mass, especially during our special Commitment Weekend on November 23/24. If you have any questions regarding the "Responding to God's Call to Love and to Serve" Program, then please contact the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

Mariam Thresia Chiramel Mankidiyan (continued) Gifted with a deep sensitivity and compassion for suffering humanity and for families in difficult situations, she dedicated herself to helping the poor, the sick, the dying, and the excluded. She went out to meet people and families in need, visiting the homes of all, without distinction based on caste or belief. Filled with deep love for the Lord, she experienced visions, ecstasies, and the stigmata. Bishop John Menachery, understanding her desire to consecrate herself totally to God, gave her permission in 1913 to build a hermitage which became the seat of the "Congregation of the Holy Family," inaugurated on May 14, 1914. Thresia was named Mother Superior by the bishop.

The reputation for her holy life and her apostolate to the family attracted many young women to consecrate themselves living in prayer and penance in the new Congregation which continued to grow over time in number and vitality. People from all walks of life approached her, particularly concerning family problems. She died on June 8, 1926 owing to complications to diabetes. Mother Mariam Thresia's reputation for holiness grew rapidly and her tomb became a pilgrimage destination. She was beatified by St. John Paul II on April 9, 2000. Her intercession is invoked by families in difficult circumstances and by childless couples.

Saints Marguerite Bays and Mariam Thresia Chiramel Mankidiyan, pray for us!

Until next week,
Fr. John

WELCOME to the Family of Christ!

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

Paul Aguipo & Rafaela Pena
Grace & Taylor Barnebey
Jillian Ewing
Ryan & Kristin Flynn
Amanda Pomicter & Travis Thorson
Tony & Liceht Scuderi
Rosemary Spezzano
Shaji & Purnima Theodore

The following children were baptized during the month of October:

Mateo Alexander Pena Aguipo
Emerson Antonio Ascencio Paniagua

SOCK-TOBER

Thank you to everyone who donated socks during the month of October to SOME (So Other Might Eat). Eight boxes of socks were shipped last week to SOME (over 850 pairs of socks).

VETERANS DAY

Monday, November 11

PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

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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LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING Lamb of God Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday, November 12 in the St. Clare Chapel. For details, please call Pat, (301) 963-9196.

POOR BOX DONATION – The donations for next week-end will go to the 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).

ROSARY PRAYED IN SPANISH IN THE CHURCH

The Spanish Ministry prays the Rosary in Spanish at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays 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.

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 or text the word ENROLL to 301-804-2584. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office.

PARISH CENSUS DATABASE

If you have changed your e-mail, phone number or have moved, please notify the Parish Office (301) 840-1407 of any changes. You may also e-mail this information to the Parish Office General Mailbox at sfaparishoffice@sfadw.org. Thank you for helping to keep our Parish Database current.

2019 ROSARY RALLY

Many thanks to those who came out and joined us in praying the four (4) mysteries of the Rosary on Saturday, October 12. There were some new faces and an increased participation. We hope to see everyone again next year. Also, thank you to Fr. John Dillon for his continued support.

VIDEO ON NOVEMBER 23 TO ENHANCE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

All parishioners -- but especially those participating in the Gospel of Matthew Small Groups -- are invited to view a video on this book of scripture after the 5 pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, November 23, in the Gathering Space. This fall, 57 parishioners are reading the Gospel of Matthew in Small Group study groups. Please join us for sandwiches and beverages during this fellowship event. To RSVP and for more information, please contact Director of Social Concerns Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.

SIGN-UPS FOR THE CHRISTMAS TREE SALE BEGINS THIS WEEKEND

It's that time of year again – time to volunteer at the St. Francis of Assisi Christmas Tree Sale! Volunteers are needed to help sell Christmas trees during the month-long sale that begins the day after Thanksgiving on November 29. Please sign up to volunteer in the Gathering Space beginning this weekend; signups will continue over the next two weeks. Teens are also welcomed to volunteer as a way to earn Student Service Learning (SSL) hours! And crafters are also needed to help decorate Christmas wreaths from 6:30-9 pm Friday, November 29, and 9 am-12:30 pm Saturday, November 30, in the Rectory's Youth Room. For more information about the Christmas Tree Sale, please contact Ministry Coordinator Brian Pettit at brianpettit@pettitcompanies.com. For more information about decorating Christmas wreaths, please contact Carolyn Brauer at carolyn_brauer@yahoo.com.

RESPECT LIFE TALKS AT ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18 (7-9 PM)

Come hear two powerful testimonies about the secrets of the abortion industry and its impact on racial minorities. **Joyce Tabb**, Regional Director of *Silent No More* opens up about her own abortion, path to healing, and work with other women devastated about their abortions. **Dr. Natasha Wilson**, Archdiocese of Baltimore Office of Respect Life, shares her journey from pro-choice to pro-life and why it makes a difference. Location: St. Patrick's Parish Center, 4101 Norbeck Rd., Rockville 20853. For additional information: (301) 924-2285 x315.

ST. FRANCIS HOSTS THE ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE ON NOVEMBER 24

On Sunday, November 24, St. Francis of Assisi Parish will host the annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service to be held at 7 pm at our church. In the tradition of celebrating thanksgiving with other Christian churches in Derwood, the participating congregations will be St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Redland Baptist Church, St. Luke Lutheran Church, and Mill Creek Parish United Methodist Church. During the service, there will be an appeal for donations that will benefit the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center. Following the service, there will be a reception in the Gathering Space. For more information about the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, please contact the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS/EVENTS



FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETINGS

A reminder to families of children preparing to celebrate First Reconciliation this year: the next First Reconciliation Parent Meetings will be held on Wednesday, November 13 or Thursday, November 14 from 7:30-9:00 pm in the Parish Center. Parents are asked to attend one of these meetings. If you have questions, please call the Religious Education Office, 301-258-9193.

CATECHISTS AND AIDES NEEDED

Additional volunteers are needed for our Monday afternoon Elementary program and for our Sunday Special Needs Catechesis class. Please consider whether you can serve as a catechist or classroom aide for our children and young people. To learn more about this important ministry, please contact Susan Anderson, Director of Religious Education, at 301-258-9193.

Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School *We are...St. Jude*

www.StJudeRockville.org

<http://www.facebook.com/stjuderockvillemd>

SJRCS RE-ENROLLMENT The re-enrollment period is upon us! As of November 1st, you have the opportunity to register for the 2020-2021 school year. School families can enroll now through December 31. On January 1st the admissions window will open for everyone.

Enrollment: [TADS: Online Registration and Enrollment](#)

Tuition Incentive Program: [Receive \\$750 off your tuition bill for every family you refer \(and enrolls\) at SJRCS!](#)

2020-2021 ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IS NOW OPEN - ADW has opened the Tuition Assistance Program for the 2020-2021 school year. The window will close on December 6th. Please take a moment and apply as soon as possible. You can access the link through the SJRCS website or ADW Tuition Assistance: <https://adwcatholicsschools.org/tuition-assistance/>.

BACTERIA! ELECTRICITY! CHEMICAL REACTIONS! MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR Our 6th through 8th grade students will participate in the Middle School Science Fair. The Science Fair projects demonstrate their skills in observation, experimental design and analysis. Please join us to celebrate the achievements of our students. Science Fair Family Night is November 21st from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the Thaddeus Room. Hope to see you there!

COME SUPPORT OUR GIRLS ON THE RUN IN THEIR FALL 5K

November 24th, 2019
8:00am (arrival time) / 9:00am (5k start time)
Westfield Montgomery (Sears parking lot)

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS

The St. Francis Youth Group meets in the Gathering Space on select Sunday nights from 6:15-8 pm. Please join us this fall as we learn from Mary, the Mother of God, on how to live the Christian life. All teens who want more are invited to attend a mini course on the Gospel of Mark. Please see below for the dates for this as well as for the following upcoming events:

- Sunday, Nov. 10, 6:15-8 pm: Youth Group Meeting (Meet in the Gathering Space)
- Tuesday, Nov. 12, 6:45-8 pm: Mini Course on the Gospel of Mark (Meet in the Gathering Space)
- Sunday, Nov. 17, 6:15-8 pm: Youth Group Meeting (Meet in the Gathering Space)
- Tuesday, Nov. 19, 6:45-8 pm: Mini Course on the Gospel of Mark (Meet in the Gathering Space)
- Nov. 22-24: Fall Retreat at The Claggett Center, Adamstown, MD

Finally, our service to the wider community this month is to collect donations of baby diapers! If you would like to participate, please start shopping.

Thank you for your support of the St. Francis Youth Group! I am looking forward to serving you this fall!

*May God bless you,
Sarah Seyed-Ali*

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GAITHERSBURG MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED:

Gaithersburg Meals On Wheels has an urgent need for drivers to deliver hot and cold meals at lunchtime to the elderly and shut-ins in the Gaithersburg area. Meals are prepared at Asbury Methodist Village, 333 Russell Ave., and picked up by drivers between 10:30 and 11:15 a.m. Monday-Friday. Containers are provided for carrying the meals, and delivery takes about one hour, with eight to 12 clients on each route. Volunteers are asked to drive either once a week, or once every other week. Children are welcome to accompany parents. Training is provided. Please call 301-216-4200, or contact Lisa Koenig at either 301-869-0190 or lisamkoenig1@gmail.com.

LOW-INCOME FAMILIES NEED YOUR HELP THIS COMING TAX SEASON

Do you use Turbo Tax? If so, hundreds of low-income families need your help this coming tax season to assist them in preparing their tax returns. Every year, Catholic Charities' Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program assists struggling parents with their tax returns, helping them claim the Earned Income and Child tax credits and maximize their refunds to achieve financial stability. We only ask for eight hours of your time over the course of two Saturdays in February, March and the first half of April. Training classes will be provided in January 2020. For more information, please call Deacon Jim Shanahan at (202) 772-4310 or e-mail him at Jim.Shanahan@cc-dc.org.

HOPE & HEALING FOR BEREAVED PARENTS (COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS)

The Compassionate Friends (TCF) is an international organization that offers support to bereaved parents. These parents come together in an informal setting to learn how to cope with the pain and grief of living after their child has died. The TCF sessions are open to parents, grandparents, siblings and supportive friends. There is a local Chapter that typically meets at 6:45 pm on the first Tuesday of each month at Potomac Presbyterian Church, 10301 River Road, Potomac, MD 20854. However, the meeting this month will be held at **6:45 pm Tuesday, November. 12 at Potomac Presbyterian Church**, because the site is being used as an election polling place on the first Tuesday of the month. Parents do not have to attend a meeting to receive support. St. Francis of Assisi parishioners George and Barbara Beall, who lost their daughter to cancer 14 years ago, are available to speak with those in pain at any time of the day or night. Their phone number is (301) 253-8740 and their e-mail address is old-edish@starpower.net. Feel free to contact them if you have any questions about TCF or would like to receive a brochure.

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!

HELP OUR MARRIAGE

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on January 24th - January 26th, 2020, please visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.org, call (443) 400-7017, or email: 3015@retrouvaille.org

MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS INVITED TO RETREAT OF CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION'S LOCAL CHAPTER

All St. Francis of Assisi healthcare professionals (physicians, medical students, residents, nurses, pharmacists and others) are invited to the Annual Morning Retreat of the DC chapter of the Catholic Medical Association (Giuseppe Moscati Guild) to be held at 8:30 am Saturday, November 23, at the Our Lady of Lourdes School Library, 7500 Pearl St., Bethesda, MD, 20814. Begin the day with Mass at 8 am in the church and then join us in the school library for breakfast, fellowship, and a presentation by Dr. G. Kevin Donovan, director of the Center for Clinical Bioethics and Professor of Pediatrics at Georgetown University. The retreat will conclude with a rosary in the Grotto at 11 am. Please RSVP by emailing dc.cma.guild@gmail.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

HELP THE HUNGRY AND HOMELESS AT SOME'S 18TH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DAY TROT FOR HUNGER

SOME (So Others Might Eat) invites you to join us Thursday, November 28 for our 18th Annual Thanksgiving Day Trot for Hunger. As the only Turkey Trot in the District, this is a tradition for thousands of area residents and a meaningful way to remember people in need on Thanksgiving Day. Proceeds from the 5K benefit thousands of homeless families and single adults experiencing poverty, hunger and homelessness. The One Mile Little Turkey Fun Run begins at 8:30am; the *timed* 5K Run begins at 9:00am; and the 5K *untimed* Run/Walk begins at 9:15am at Freedom Plaza (corner of 13th Street, NW and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW). Please visit www.some.org to register and learn more, or contact our Trot for Hunger office at trotforhunger@some.org 202-753-4960 for additional information. Thank you for your support of our community's most vulnerable men, women and children.

EVENINGS WITH THE MERCIFUL JESUS

On the 22nd of every month from 7-10 pm, the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, DC (3900 Harewood Rd., NE) hosts a gathering for young adults and the young at heart, featuring a talk, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with praise and worship music, Confession, refreshments, and a time for fellowship. Please contact events@jp2shrine.org or visit jp2shrine.org for more information.