

## ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

# Mass Intentions

**May 31 - June 7**

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| <b>Monday, 6/1</b>    | 9:00 a.m.  | Francis Lori           |
| <b>Tuesday, 6/2</b>   | 9:00 a.m.  | Ed Komlo               |
| <b>Wednesday, 6/3</b> | 9:00 a.m.  | Alexander O'Connor     |
|                       | 7:30 p.m.  | Guy Beaven             |
| <b>Thursday, 6/4</b>  | 9:00 a.m.  | Geraldine M. Rose      |
| <b>Friday, 6/5</b>    | 9:00 a.m.  | Barbara Lynn Beall     |
|                       | 7:30 p.m.  | Robert D. Ruiz         |
| <b>Saturday, 6/6</b>  | 9:00 a.m.  | Levin Comly            |
|                       | 5:00 p.m.  | Mary Catherine Kohler  |
| <b>Sunday, 6/7</b>    | 8:00 a.m.  | <i>Pro populo</i>      |
|                       | 9:30 a.m.  | Jose Relunia Sr.       |
|                       | 11:15 a.m. | Christos Nicholson     |
|                       | 5:00 p.m.  | All 2020 Graduates (L) |

**Mass Intentions will be prayed for in a private daily Mass said by Fr. John.**

### + In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Mildred Morelli, mother of Joseph Morelli, Rose Corbo, sister of Reverend Gerard Trancone.

**Please pray for the sick...** Diane Comly, William Daleus, Kristin Marie Denchfield, Allison Brauer, John McCormick, Frank Knorr, Allan Degen, Bob Jones, William Komlo, Margaret Weiss, Joseph Michael Gardner, Tom Breece, Sandra Kimball, Dennis Parnell, Ed Dudenhoefter, 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 May 31, 2020

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| <b>Sunday:</b>      | Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23 |
| <b>Monday:</b>      | Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34                 |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>     | 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16 [1]/Mk 12:13-17                  |
| <b>Wednesday:</b>   | 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef [1b]/Mk 12:18-27                            |
| <b>Thursday:</b>    | 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [4]/Mk 12:28-34                              |
| <b>Friday:</b>      | 2 Tm 3:10-17/Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168 [165a]/Mk 12:35-37               |
| <b>Saturday:</b>    | 2 Tm 4:1-8/Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22 [cf. 15ab]/Mk 12:38-44                   |
| <b>Next Sunday:</b> | Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/2 Cor 13:11-13/J                    |

### THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

Today we celebrate Pentecost, which is traditionally celebrated as the "birthday of the church." Nine days ago we began a novena for our candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation (Confirmandi). A novena is a nine-day prayer, often focused on a special intention. Jesus' disciples spent nine days in prayer from the time of Jesus' Ascension to the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Our parish had been scheduled to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, May 22. As it happens, in liturgical time, we have echoed the original Pentecost Novena! Let's continue to pray for and with the thirty-three young people (and the several adults in the RCIA process) in our parish who have been, and are still, preparing for Confirmation.

As we pray for our Confirmandi, may we also find our lives enriched and transformed by the Holy Spirit working within us.

On this great feast of Pentecost we might spend some time thinking about the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. I am going to talk about the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit listed in Isaiah 11:2-3 in a description of the savior: wisdom, understanding, counsel (right judgment), fortitude (courage), knowledge, piety (reverence), fear of the Lord (wonder and awe). In his excellent little pamphlet "Welcome the Spirit Gifts," Peter Herbeck, Vice-President and Director of Missions for Renewal Ministries, talks about four broad categories of various spiritual gifts (charisms) in the New Testament as manifestations of the Spirit given to individuals or groups to build up the Church and empower individuals or groups for mission. The four broad categories are: 1) Speaking Gifts, 2) Sign or Power Gifts, 3) Service Gifts, and 4) Leadership Gifts. I will discuss these in greater detail in a future column.

For now, though, I want to talk about the fruits of the Spirit. In her book *The Confirmed Catholic's Companion: A Guide to Abundant Living* (Chicago, Illinois: Acta Publications, 2005), Sr. Kathleen Glavich, SND, reminds us that the Church teaches that the fruits of the Holy Spirit are "perfections" that the Holy Spirit forms in us as first fruits of eternal glory. Each fruit is a form of love. Sr. Glavich provides a very helpful way to remember the fruits of the Holy Spirit:

**Charity = love**

**Faithfulness = love proving constant**

**Joy = love smiling**

**Modesty = love triumphing over selfish inclinations**

**Kindness = love showing itself sensitive to others' feelings**

**Goodness = love making allowances and sacrifices for others**

**Peace = love resting**

**Patience = love waiting**

**Continence = love exercising self-control**

**Chastity = love respecting the gift of sex**

**Long suffering = love enduring**

**Mildness = love yielding**

Together these twelve fruits are outward signs of the Holy Spirit within us.

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## Pentecost Sunday

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

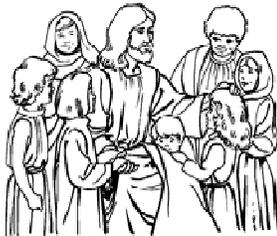
*Do I rely upon the Holy Spirit for guidance? When I search my heart, what stubbornness do I find that could use honest examination?*

### SUNDAY MASS VIA YOU TUBE

Fr. John says Mass every Sunday at 10 a.m. from the St. Clare Chapel. Please visit our website [www.sfadw.org](http://www.sfadw.org) for more information and also the link to the Mass on Sunday. Details for other virtual services such as Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, Praying the Rosary and Wednesday Evening Mass can also be found on our website.

### FAITH DIRECT - ONLINE GIVING

I want to invite you in joining me and many others at St. Francis of Assisi in setting up recurring eGiving through Faith Direct. Thanks to eGiving, your weekly offertory will be automatically taken care of, which saves you time and saves our parish money by eliminating all those unused offertory envelopes. To sign up for electronic contributions visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net). The code for St. Francis is MD110 or text the word ENROLL to 301-804-2584. I want to thank you for your continued support of our parish family especially during these trying times. God Bless You, *Fr. John*



### REGISTRATION FOR 2020-21 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WILL OPEN IN MID-JULY

We will be following with care the guidance being offered by the State of Maryland and the Archdiocese of Washington as we make plans for next year's Religious Education program. To guide decision-making, a parish advisory board of catechists and parents is being convened and will meet in June.

We will share plans and open registration for next year's Religious Education program and sacramental preparation in mid-July. Please watch for updates on the parish website and through parish communications.

### THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

On this day of Pentecost let us pray: *Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the first of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth. R/. Amen.*

Until next week,  
*Fr. John Dillon*

### PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen*

**THANK YOU TO THOSE PARISHIONERS WHO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE PARISH DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES. WE APPRECIATE ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE AND CONTINUE TO DO!!**

### ST. FRANCIS YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The High School Youth Group has merged with St. John Neumann Parish and meets virtually every Sunday night from 6-8 p.m. If your teen would benefit from gathering with other Catholic teens during this time, please email Youth Minister, Sarah Seyed-Ali at [sfayouth@sfadw.org](mailto:sfayouth@sfadw.org) for the link to join. Updates will also come through this email.



### VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2020 JULY 20-24

Our summer Vacation Bible Camp will be offered this year in a new format, including online gatherings, at-home activities, digital media, and other offerings.

### REGISTRATION WILL OPEN BY JUNE 1

For children age 4 through  
those who are completing 5th grade in June 2020

**Volunteers Needed — Adults and Teens (Grades 6-12  
as of June 2020)**

**Teen volunteer positions fill quickly!**

**Camper registration form and teen volunteer  
application will be available on the parish website  
by June 1**

For more information about Vacation Bible Camp, please contact [Susan Anderson](mailto:Susan.Anderson@sfadw.org), Director of Religious Education, at 301-258-9193.

## 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 K of C 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](http://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](mailto:gtdbpalmer@verizon.net).

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRAYER CHAIN** If you have a prayer request, please contact Marianne Bullen, (240) 751-7259 or [mariannebu@comcast.net](mailto:mariannebu@comcast.net) with your requests.

## INVITATION TO PRAY

Please remember we have the outdoor Stations of the Cross which you are welcome to visit and pray the Stations. Also, we have our Mary Garden and the Peace Pole where you can also pray. *Please remember to keep social distancing when visiting any of these locations.*

## MORNING REFLECTION FOR GRIEVING PARENTS

The Office for Family Life will be offering an on-line one hour reflection for parents who have lost a child on Saturday, June 20 from 9am – 10am. Any parent who has lost a child is welcome to attend, no matter how long ago the loss or the cause. For more information contact the Office for Family Life at [visible-sign@adw.org](mailto:visible-sign@adw.org) or 301-853-4546.

## NIGHTLY ROSARY

The Council of Catholic Women for the Archdiocese of Washington (CCW-ADW) invites all, who would like to unite in prayer at this time of uncertainty, to join in our nightly Rosary at 8 p.m., 7 days a week. We offer this prayer for the healing of the Church and for our currently health - challenged world. To join us, call 605-468-8016, ID 357090# at 8 p.m. seven days a week. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please email us at [archdioceseccw@gmail.com](mailto:archdioceseccw@gmail.com). For other prayer resources please see our website <https://www.councilofcatholicwomen-adw.com/>

## 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](http://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace).



## THIS WEEK AND BEYOND AT HOME

(Bulletin Insert)

### Monday, June 1 - Mary, Mother of the Church

In the Gospel passage, Jesus ensures that his mother will be taken care of after his death. However, this passage also has a symbolic meaning. Throughout the Gospel, the Beloved Disciple has faithfully told us all that happened to Jesus so that we will believe in and worship Jesus as God's Son. Mary represents the Church, the community of believers who are continually strengthened by the witness of this disciple. As we strive to bear Christ in our world, we continue to draw strength and gain wisdom from the faithful witness of others. Pray the Rosary this week, and ask God to help you be a more faithful witness to God's love.

### Sunday, June 7 - The Most Holy Trinity

Because the first Christians worshipped the Risen Christ as Lord, it soon became necessary to explain how Jesus and God the Father, as well as the Holy Spirit, were one God and not three different gods. There were intense discussions about the nature of God in the fourth and fifth centuries. The fruit of this process is the Nicene Creed, particularly the use of the title "Father." The term *father* implies relationship. If God is a father, then there must be a child. In God's case, the child is a Son, Jesus. The relationship does not end there; it flows outward, bringing the world into existence and giving life to countless creatures. The Holy Spirit draws the world toward God so that we may become part of the divine relationship, part of God's eternal love. *Today's Readings: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18.*

### Sunday, June 14 - The Body and Blood of Christ

When Jesus' followers gathered after his death and Resurrection to break bread and drink from the cup, they were doing something dangerous. Their Lord had been executed, and by gathering in his name they risked the same fate. They gathered nonetheless. By communing with the Risen Christ, they declared themselves part of his body and showed their willingness to suffer for the sake of the Gospel. When we come forward during Communion, we are doing the same thing. By partaking of the consecrated bread and wine, we become part of Christ's Body. We commit ourselves to acting as Christ in the world, even to the point of suffering, maybe even shedding our blood, so that others will know of Christ's love for them. *Today's Readings: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-58.*

### Friday, June 19 - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

In the First Reading, Moses reminds the Israelites that God bound himself to his people in a covenant, and they, in turn, must remain bound to God and God alone. St. John writes similarly in our Second Reading, urging us to remain bound to God by loving each other as God loves us, for God is love itself. Because we associate the human heart with love, it became natural to revere the heart of Jesus as the more particular embodiment of the Father's love. In today's Gospel passage, Jesus tells us to yoke or bind ourselves to him. He invites us to live in a way that is not burdensome because it is the way of love and because he accompanies us every step of this way. We can trust him because we know that he has already bound himself to us in love. *Today's Readings: Deuteronomy 7:6-11; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10; 1 John 4:7-16; Matthew 11:25-30.*