

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

June 15 - June 21

Monday, 6/15	9:00 a.m.	Fr. Don Worch
Tuesday, 6/16	9:00 a.m.	Dominick D'Aurora
Wednesday, 6/17	9:00 a.m.	Esther Aguilar
	7:30 p.m.	Daniel James Dillon, M.D.
Thursday, 6/18	9:00 a.m.	Dino Vinciguerra
Friday, 6/19	9:00 a.m.	The Donohoe Family
Saturday, 6/20	9:00 a.m.	Patsy & Stella Battista
	5:00 p.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
Sunday, 6/21	8:00 a.m.	All Fathers
	9:30 a.m.	All Fathers
	11:15 a.m.	All Fathers
	5:00 p.m.	All Fathers

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 soul of Noah Vincent, brother of Josh Vincent.

Please pray for the sick... Albert Marisco, Suzy Person, Allison Brauer, John McCormick, Frank Knorr, Allan Degen, Bob Jones, 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 June 14, 2020

Sunday:	Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12]/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58
Monday:	1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7 [2b]/Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16 [cf. 3a]/Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday:	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24 [25]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7 [12a]/Mt 6:7-15
Friday:	Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10 [cf. 17]/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30
Saturday:	2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Lk 2:41-51
Next Sunday:	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 [14c]/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

On June 3, 2020, Pope Francis addressed some words to the English-speaking faithful who were joining the Papal audience through the media. I want to present here his Special Greetings as they are particularly relevant for the times in which we are living:

“Dear brothers and sisters in the United States, I have witnessed with great concern the disturbing social unrest in your nation in these days, following the tragic death of Mr. George Floyd. My friends, we cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism or exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness every human life. At the same time, we have to recognize that “the violence of recent nights is self-destructive and self-defeating. Nothing is gained by violence and so much is lost.” Today I join the Church in Saint Paul and Minneapolis, and in the entire United States, in praying for the repose of the soul of George Floyd and of all those others who have lost their lives as a result of the sin of racism. Let us pray for the consolation of their grieving families and friends and let us implore the national reconciliation and peace for which we yearn. May Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of America, intercede for all those who work for peace and justice in your land and throughout the world.”

In 2018 the United States Catholic Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) issued a pastoral letter against racism entitled “Open Wide Our Hearts.” As part of the resources for the pastoral letter, the USCCB prepared several handouts discussing various related topics, including systemic racism. I want to relate some of the points that the USCCB made regarding systemic racism. Discrimination based on race and ethnicity takes many forms. The United States has made progress in eliminating some of the institutional, legalized racial discrimination of years past such as slavery, Jim Crow laws, “separate but equal” schools, and prohibitions on owning land. These hard-fought victories deserve to be remembered and celebrated. But these advances are not complete. Data on social and economic welfare show disparities between many persons of color and their white counterparts. Consider the following:

- At least before the pandemic, unemployment rates for African Americans, Latinos, and Native Americans are considerably higher than the national average. Growing income inequality increasingly affects minorities.
- In the United States, median wealth for white households is ten times higher than for black households, and eight times higher than for Hispanic households.
- Minority homeownership rates lag behind their white counterparts, and yet research shows that minorities face extra hurdles in getting approved for mortgages.
- African Americans, Latinos, and Native Americans are disproportionately affected through every stage of the criminal justice system, despite the evidence that different racial and ethnic groups commit crimes at roughly the same rate.

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Corpus Christi Sunday

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How does this weekly celebration of the Eucharist make a difference in my life?

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 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. 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*

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 for the link to join. Updates will also come through this email.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

A final thought for today: As Christians, we are constantly called to examine our own hearts and consciences for how we might contribute to or break down racial divisions, intolerance, and discrimination. The failure to act to end systemic racism hurts those who are victimized and denies all of us the opportunity to benefit from the gifts of diversity.

Until next week,
Fr. John

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



VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2020 JULY 20-24

Our Summer Vacation Bible Camp (VBC) will be offered this year in an at-home format prepared and delivered with our familiar St. Francis VBC flair. The at-home VBC is designed for campers and families to join in twice daily online group gatherings and video content to be shared at your convenience, and includes at-home packets with step-by-step art projects, daily-themed activities, music, and Bible story booklet. Video content will include Bible stories, music and other presentations with our talented teens along with other meaningful digital media all packaged with flexibility for families.

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

Family at-home support and participation will help to make this year's VBC a success!

REGISTER BY JUNE 14 USING THIS ONLINE FORM:

Camper Registration for VBC

<https://www.sfadw.org/vbc>

Cost is \$30 per camper. Payment can be made online a this link to [Faith Direct](#) or by check payable to "St. Francis" can be mailed to St. Francis of Assisi Church, ATT: VBC 2020, 6701 Muncaster Mill Road, Derwood MD 20855.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ADULTS & TEENS (Grades 6-12 as of June 2020)

Teen volunteer positions fill quickly! Teen volunteer applications are available on the parish website and will also close on Sunday, June 14: <https://www.sfadw.org/vbc>

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

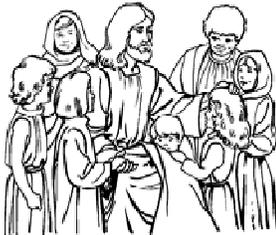
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - COUNCIL 2323

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 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.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRAYER CHAIN If you have a prayer request, please contact Marianne Bullen, (240) 751-7259 or 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.*



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.

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 archdiocesecw@gmail.com. For other prayer resources please see our website <https://www.councilofcatholicwomen-adw.com/>

THIS WEEK AT HOME

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.*

ARE YOU CELEBRATING A SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR?

The annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years was to be held Sunday, **June 28, 2020**. **It has now been rescheduled to November 22, 2020** at 2:00 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please email the parish office to register dzezzo@sfadw.org. Please include the following information in your email:

- Name of the couple (as you want it printed on the certificate)
- Mailing Address
- Telephone Number or email
- Number of years married
- Will you attend the Mass if it is held

Names of Jubilarians need to be turned into the parish office on or before **Monday, September 14**. Please **do not call the parish office** as it is closed at this time. You can also mail in the above information to the Parish Office, ATT: Donna Zezzo.

DONATIONS NEEDED - GABRIEL PROJECT

The Gabriel Project Cluster of Montgomery County assists women in crisis pregnancies in Montgomery County. Women volunteers (especially bilingual Spanish speaking women) are needed to stay in touch with client mothers. Assistance is provided while following safety precautions recommended by health authorities during the pandemic. We collect new and gently used clothing throughout the year to provide wardrobes, baby items, small toys, and books for newborns through teen size 14/16. We are especially in need of girls' size 5 clothing (fall and summer), newborn (0-3) girls' and boys' clothing, newborn socks, boys' size 4 summer clothing (especially shorts), boys' size 12-month summer and winter clothing, and boys' size 5 summer clothing. We are also in need of newborn caps and baby soap, lotion, and diaper cream. Please contact us at www.gpmoco.org or e-mail Diane at Isabelle49@aol.com.

MORNING REFLECTION FOR GRIEVING PARENTS

The Office for Family Life will be offering an on-line morning reflection on Saturday, June 20 from 9am - 10am for parents who have lost a child. The theme is our Father's loving promises. 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 visiblesign@adw.org or 301-853-4546.