

## ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

# Mass Intentions

**June 22 - June 28**

<b>Monday, 6/22</b>	9:00 a.m.	Jack Ryan
<b>Tuesday, 6/23</b>	9:00 a.m.	Anna Marie & Paul Kuzma
<b>Wednesday, 6/24</b>	9:00 a.m.	Fr. Theophane Rush, O.F.M.
	7:30 p.m.	Homebound Parishioners
<b>Thursday, 6/25</b>	9:00 a.m.	Noah Vincent
<b>Friday, 6/26</b>	9:00 a.m.	Jerry & Virginia Haley
<b>Saturday, 6/27</b>	9:00 a.m.	Martha Opitz
<b>Sunday, 6/28</b>	9:30 a.m.	Ernesto Meneses
	11:15 a.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>

***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 Ann Marie McCarthy, wife of John McCarthy, Reverend Bernard R. Ihrie, Archdiocese of Washington, Sylvia Zanardi, mother of Christina Degen, Gary Alcaraz.

***Please pray for the sick...*** Donnajean Pettit, Douglas Free, 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 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 June 21, 2020***

<b>Sunday:</b>	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 [14c]/ Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33
<b>Monday:</b>	2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13 [7b]/Mt 7:1-5
<b>Tuesday:</b>	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11 [cf. 9d]/Mt 7:6, 12-14
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/ Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
<b>Thursday:</b>	2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/ Mt 7:21-29
<b>Friday:</b>	2 Kgs 25:1-12/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/ Mt 8:1-4
<b>Saturday:</b>	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20- 21 [19b]/Mt 8:5-17
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 [2a]/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

### ***THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR***

In light of recent events in the news I have been reading through the 2018 pastoral letter issued by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*. The Bishops have produced a number of study aids for this document. I want to base the next several columns on one of the handouts that they have issued: "The Call of Address to Racism in Our Hearts and Communities." In the pastoral letter the Bishops invite conversion of hearts, minds, and institutions in order to address the evil of racism that is still present in our communities.

By virtue of our baptism we are all members of the Body of Christ and we all share in Christ's mission. In imitating Our Lord, we must care for all members of our communities, honoring each person as unique, sacred, and created in the image of God. We know that the evil of racism cuts to the core of God's plan for humanity, devaluing the diversity God created within the human family. As followers of Christ, we seek to reclaim the God-given holiness of each person's inviolable human dignity. The Bishops remind us, "The command to love requires us to make room for others in our hearts. It means that we are indeed our brother's keeper (see Genesis 4:9)."

Some among us may want to believe that our country has moved beyond the reality of racism that has so profoundly stained its past, or that racism does not involve us. Almost every day, news headlines demonstrate that our country's "original sin" of racism continues to impact the lives of many Americans, many of them—particularly those who belong to the African American, Hispanic/Latino, or Native American communities.

There are signs that the legacy of racism remain present in many systemic inequalities that have deep impact on people of color. The bishops write, "Racism can only end if we contend with the policies and institutional barriers that perpetuate and preserve the inequality—economic and social—that we still see all around us."

Within the walls of the Church, many people of color have experienced discrimination and outright racism. Leadership has been lacking. The bishops write, "All too often, leaders of the Church have remained silent about the horrific violence and other racial injustices perpetuated against African Americans and others." Reflecting on these realities, the bishops implore us to find ways to work actively against the evil of racism. We must seek racial justice within our Church and in our country. Let us all allow the Holy Spirit to convert our hearts to do the work of healing, so we may live authentically in true relationship to one another. Let the fruit of this conversion be evident in our full celebration and integration of ethnic and cultural diversity, which is truly a gift from God.

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## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

*When am I unwilling to stand up for what I believe?  
What fears prevent me from bringing my faith into  
the light?*

### 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*

**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!!**

### THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

Let me close this column with this quotation from *Open Wide Our Hearts*:

*We read in the headlines that report the killing of unarmed African Americans by law enforcement officials. In our prisons, the numbers of inmates of color, notably those who are brown or black, is grossly disproportionate. Despite the great blessings of liberty that this country offers, we must admit the plan truth that for many of our fellow citizens, who have done nothing wrong, interactions with the police are often fraught with fear and even danger.*

We'll continue this conversation next week.

Until then,

*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*

### 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](mailto: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.

*Happy Father's Day to all Fathers!  
Thank you for all you do!*



### 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 during 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.

### 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.*

### 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@sfdaw.org](mailto:sfayouth@sfdaw.org) for the link to join. Updates will also come through this email.

**A REMINDER FROM FR. JOHN ...** If anyone is living in a marriage that has not been recognized by the Catholic Church, it would be wise to consult with a priest to see whether that situation might be rectified. It could be as simple as repeating your marriage vows quietly in front of a priest and receiving the Church's blessing. In that way, one would become eligible to receive the Sacraments of the Church, especially the Eucharist.

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

### MOVING/CHANGE OF ADDRESS/E-MAIL

Please notify our Parish Office, 301-840-1407 or [sfaparishoffice@sfdaw.org](mailto:sfaparishoffice@sfdaw.org), of any changes in your address, phone number or e-mail address. Thank you for helping to keep our database up-to-date.

### WHEN WE GATHER FOR MASS FOR THE FIRST TIME PLEASE OBSERVE OUR GUIDELINES

#### WEAR MASKS

Face coverings are to be worn in and around the church for anyone over 2 years of age.

#### STAY 6 FEET APART

Physical distancing is practiced in the church and on the church property.

#### HOLY WATER

Fonts will be empty.

#### HOLY COMMUNION

Communion will be distributed only in the hand.

#### OFFERTORY

Baskets will be placed by the church doors for you to place your envelopes or donations.

#### HYMNALS & BULLETINS

All hymnals, prayer cards and other papers are not available. The bulletin will only be available online at our website.

#### SEATING

Seating by direction of an usher only. Please do not enter a

### 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.

### A CATHOLIC RESPONSE TO THE 2020 CENSUS

It is estimated that the state of Maryland lost nearly a billion dollars in state funding during the 2010 census, and subsequently, the state did not obtain its share of funding. **The 2020 Census is safe and confidential. It does not have a citizenship question.** Every person, regardless of immigration status, has the right to be counted. Completing the Census is easy. People can also respond – online, by paper, or by phone. Help is available in many languages. Visit the website <https://2020census.gov/en.html> Call 844-468-2020 in Spanish and in English at 844-330-2020. **The Census Bureau has extended the response period to August 14, 2020.**

### A MILLION ROSARIES

Every prayer counts! Please join the Little Sisters of the Poor in praying one million Rosaries to conquer the Coronavirus pandemic. Sign up for the one million Rosary campaign at <http://littlesistersofthepoor.org>.