

## ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

# Mass Intentions

**July 13 - July 19**

<b>Monday, 7/13</b>	9:00 a.m.	Ann Plummer
<b>Tuesday, 7/14</b>	9:00 a.m.	Don Smith
<b>Wednesday, 7/15</b>	9:00 a.m.	Alexander O'Connor
	7:30 p.m.	Roderic O'Connor
<b>Thursday, 7/16</b>	9:00 a.m.	Ann Plummer
<b>Friday, 7/17</b>	9:00 a.m.	Lynn Lewis
<b>Saturday, 7/18</b>	9:00 a.m.	Jack D'Aurora
	5:00 p.m.	Stella Valentino
<b>Sunday, 7/19</b>	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
	9:30 a.m.	Raymond David Stehle
	11:15 a.m.	Anade Akpo Joseph
	5:00 p.m.	Tom Mason

**Mass Intentions will be prayed for in a private daily Mass said by Fr. John if not prayed for in a public Mass.**

**Please pray for the sick...** Grizelle Apodeca, Donnajean Pettit, Douglas Free, Allison Brauer, John McCormick, Frank Knorr, Allan Degen, Bob Jones, William Komlo, Heidi Weiss, Joseph Michael Gardner, 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 July 12, 2020**

<b>Sunday:</b>	Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 [Lk 8:8]/ Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23
<b>Monday:</b>	Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/ Mt 10:34—11:1
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 9d]/ Mt 11:20-24
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 11:25-27
<b>Thursday:</b>	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21 [20b]/Mt 11:28-30
<b>Friday:</b>	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 12:1-8
<b>Saturday:</b>	Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 [12b]/ Mt 12:14-21
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/ Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43

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

When Pope Francis came to Washington to canonize St. Junipero Serra on September 23, 2015, he was also invited to address a joint meeting of Congress the very next day. I want to present some of his words delivered to the House and Senate on that historic occasion. His remarks seem very pertinent for the situation in which we find ourselves today. Here is what Pope Francis said to the Members of Congress:

I am most grateful for your invitation to address this Joint Session of Congress in “the land of the free and the home of the brave.” I would like to think that the reason for this is that I too am a son of this great continent, from which we have all received so much and toward which we share a common responsibility.

Each son and daughter of a given country has a mission, a personal and social responsibility. Your own responsibility as members of Congress is to enable this country, by your legislative activity, to grow as a nation. You are the face of its people, their representatives. You are called to defend and preserve the dignity of your fellow citizens in the tireless and demanding pursuit of the common good, for this is the chief aim of all politics. A political society endures when it seeks, as a vocation, to satisfy common needs by stimulating the growth of all its members, especially those in situations of greater vulnerability or risk. Legislative activity is always based on the care of people. To this you have been invited, called, and convened by those who elected you.

Yours is a work which makes me reflect in two ways on the figure of Moses. On the one hand, the patriarch and lawgiver of the people of Israel symbolizes the need of peoples to keep alive their sense of unity by means of just legislation. On the other, the figure of Moses leads us directly to God and thus to the transcendent dignity of the human being. Moses provides us with a good synthesis of your work: you are asked to protect, by means of the law, the image and likeness fashioned by God on every human face.

Today, I would like not only to address you, but through you the entire people of the United States. Here, together with their representatives, I would like to take this opportunity to dialogue with the many thousands of men and woman who strive each day to do an honest day's work, to bring home their daily bread, to save money and –one step at a time – to build a better life for their families. These are men and women who are not concerned simply with paying their taxes, but in their own quiet way sustain the life of society. They generate solidarity by their actions, and they create organizations which offer a helping hand to those most in need.

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## **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

How can I be more receptive to God's word, like rich soil? What specific action can I accomplish this week to bear fruit?

### **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**

### **THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)**

I would also like to enter into dialogue with the many elderly persons who are storehouse of wisdom forged by experience, and who seek in many ways, especially through volunteer work, to share their stories and their insights. I know that many of them are retired, but still active; they keep working to build up this land. I also want to dialogue with all those young people who are working to realize their great and noble aspirations, who are not led astray by facile proposals, and who face difficult situations, often as a result of immaturity on the part of many adults. I wish to dialogue with all of you, and I would like to do so through the historical memory of your people.

I will continue sharing Pope Francis's memorable words to the House and Senate 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*

### **COMMUNION SERVICE SUNDAYS - 3:00-3:30 PM**

Fr. John will offer Holy Communion from 3-3:30 pm in front of the church to parishioners who are unable to receive the Eucharist during in-person Mass. Attendees should park their cars, put on a face mask and line up, maintaining six feet of distance between households or unrelated parties; please note that there may be two lines of people receiving Holy Communion. When it is the participant's turn to receive Communion, he or she must:

Stand six feet in front of Fr. John or the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC).

Come forward once the EMHC presents the Eucharist and the recipient says 'Amen.'

Receive the Eucharist in his or her hands, move six feet away from the EMHC, loosen his or her face mask and place the Eucharist in his or her mouth.

Depart the parish grounds.

### **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 [triplewym@gmail.com](mailto:triplewym@gmail.com) for the link to join. Updates will also come through this email.

### **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

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.

**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!!**

## 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.

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

[www.StJudeRockville.org](http://www.StJudeRockville.org)

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SJRCS faculty and staff are committed to a safe and smooth return to campus for the 2020-2021 school year. Closely following all local & CDC guidelines, our administrators and staff will be ready to open our doors in August. Health & safety are our #1 priority.

During the summer, the school office is open Monday through Thursday from 9 to 1, by appointment only. Please contact Ellen Donnell, 301-946-7888 or [Ellen.Donnely@stjuderockville.org](mailto:Ellen.Donnely@stjuderockville.org) to schedule an appointment.

### NEED A SUMMER TUTOR FOR YOUR CHILD?

Get tutoring from the best! These SJRCS teachers offer their services during the summer months.

**Michelle Ardillo:** English, Writing, and Literature (Grades 5-8), Summer Reading Assistance (Grades 5-8), HSPT prep (test taking and language arts – no math), High School and College Essay assistance, ACT/SAT prep (test taking and language arts-no math), [michelle.ardillo@stjuderockville.org](mailto:michelle.ardillo@stjuderockville.org)

**Carol Hampe:** Science (Grades 4-8), Math (5<sup>th</sup> Grade to Algebra), [carol.hampe@stjuderockville.org](mailto:carol.hampe@stjuderockville.org)

**Pat O'Connell:** Spanish, Reading, Math (Grades K-8) [patricia.oconnell@stjuderockville.org](mailto:patricia.oconnell@stjuderockville.org)

**Olga Paz:** English, Math (Grades K-4 and middle school resource students) [olga.paz@stjuderockville.org](mailto:olga.paz@stjuderockville.org)

**Becky Sella:** All Subjects except History (Grades K-8) [becca.sella@stjuderockville.org](mailto:becca.sella@stjuderockville.org)

**Stephanie Hammel:** Math, Literature, English (grades 1-8) [Stephanie.hammel@StJudeRockville.org](mailto:Stephanie.hammel@StJudeRockville.org)

**Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today (BOOST)** The State of Maryland again extended the deadline to apply for a BOOST Scholarship to July 15, 2020 at midnight! More time to apply for the state's BOOST scholarships before next school year. The State requires all BOOST applicants to provide a PDF of their filed 2019 tax return with their application, but has given this additional time so families can file their taxes. If you have not yet e-filed your taxes, you must do so before completing your BOOST application. If you are not legally required to file a tax return, you may use the alternative documentation of income form found online within the application. The 2020-21 BOOST application can be found here: <http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/boost/application.aspx>.

## WHEN WE GATHER FOR MASS 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 pew until directed to do so.

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FORMED is also offering many resources for parishioners to use for meditation and prayer during this difficult time.

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