

## ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

# Mass Intentions

### September 7 - September 13

<b>Monday, 9/7</b>	9:00 a.m.	All workers
<b>Tuesday, 9/8</b>	9:00 a.m.	Dominick D'Aurora
<b>Wednesday, 9/9</b>	9:00 a.m.	Richard Conversano
	7:30 p.m.	Kathleen Golda
<b>Thursday, 9/10</b>	9:00 a.m.	Deacon Alfredo Hidalgo
<b>Friday, 9/11</b>	9:00 a.m.	Dulce Lejarde
<b>Saturday, 9/12</b>	9:00 a.m.	Russell Lacey
	5:00 p.m.	Felicidad & Anselmo Santos
<b>Sunday, 9/13</b>	9:30 a.m.	James C. Dillon (L)
	11:15 a.m.	Guy Beaven
	5:00 p.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>

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

### + In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Monsignor Thomas Kane, Archdiocese of Washington, Marilyn McKay, mother of Beverly Ryan, Justina Thomas, mother of Cornelia Cynthia Pierre, Deacon Albert Opdenaker.

**Please pray for the sick...** Nancy Culliton, Lynn Gardner, Jackie Komlo, Kim Carpentier, Kayla Garcia, Barbara Haff, Dan Piasceki, Allison Brauer, John McCormick, Frank Knorr, Allan Degen, Bob Jones, William Komlo, Joseph Michael Gardner, 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 September 6, 2020

<b>Sunday:</b>	Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/ Mt 18:15-20
<b>Monday:</b>	1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Lk 6:6-11
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 [11]/ Lk 6:20-26
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23- 24 [24b]/Lk 6:27-38
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12 [2]/ Lk 6:39-42
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 [17]/ Lk 6:43-49
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

### THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

August 26, 2020 marked the one hundredth anniversary of the passage of the nineteenth amendment to the United States Constitution. This amendment was the result of decades of steadfast advocacy by women from all walks of life throughout our nation. One woman who was jubilant at the passing of this amendment that gave women the right to vote was my paternal grandmother: Anna Dougherty Dillon. My father would tell me that Grandma often would say women should have been granted the right to vote long before 1920, but that she was grateful to have that right. And exercise it she did! My grandmother wasted no time in registering to vote and never missed an opportunity to vote right up to her death in 1964. Another thing my father told me was that she would never tell my grandfather or her children for whom she voted. When asked she was just smile and say that she wasn't going to say. This annoyed my grandfather who wanted to know how she voted, but he or her children never found out.

The Catholic Bishops of Maryland issued a joint statement on August 26, 2020 to celebrate a century of women's suffrage. Included in their remarks was this tribute to the role of women in the life of the Church in Maryland:

*Given the contributions of women to the electorate over the last century, it seems almost inconceivable that so many did not support women's suffrage 100 years ago, including some of our predecessors [that is to say, Catholic Bishops]. We express our gratitude for the women who devoted their lives to fighting for the dignity of women at a time when this was considered unacceptable.*

*The life of the Church in Maryland and, indeed, throughout our nation and world, has been enriched by women of the greatest caliber, women who have left their mark not only on the Church, but on all aspects of civilization. These women, and countless others, continue to inspire new generations of girls and women to share their unique gifts in service to the Church and for the common good.*

Our Bishops also recognize that women still confront many hurdles as they live out their vocations. They recall the words of Pope Saint John Paul II in his *Letter to Women*, "...there is an urgent need to achieve real equality in every area: equal pay for equal work, protection for working mothers, fairness in career advancements, equality of spouses with regard to family rights and the recognition of everything that is part of the rights and duties of citizens in a democratic State" while recognizing at the same time that "...much remains to be done to prevent discrimination against those who have chosen to be wives and mothers."

They note in their letter to the Catholics in Maryland that Pope Francis both calls for respect for women and acknowledges that we as a Church must recognize our own history: "A [living] Church can react by being attentive to the legitimate claims of those women who seek greater justice and equality. A living Church can look back on history and acknowledge a fair share of male authoritarianism, domination, various forms of enslavement, abuse and sexist violence." These remarks can be found in *Christ Is Alive*.

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## Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

*What can I do to reconcile with someone whom I or others have excluded?*

### SUNDAY MASS VIA YOU TUBE

Fr. John or Fr. Patrick will say 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 Praying the Rosary and Wednesday Evening Mass can also be found on our website.

### ADDITIONAL SUNDAY MASS BEING ADDED

Beginning Sunday, September 13th, we will add another Mass to the schedule - 9:00 a.m. You will need to register for this Mass as you do for the Saturday, 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 12:00 Noon. You can register online via Flock Note or call the Parish Office, 301-840-1407.

### CONSTRUCTION HAS STARTED!

On Thursday, August 27th, we officially broke ground to begin building our additional meeting room off of the Gathering Space. Also, construction has started on the elevator that will lead from the Gathering Space to the Parish Center. Anticipated completion of this project is March 21, 2021. Please visit our website to view the video of the groundbreaking ceremony.

### THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

In that document Francis also notes the desire of young women in the Church to have women as models and mentors. To that end we in the Church are grateful in a particular way to the women who serve in leadership positions in their own (arch)dioceses, parishes, schools, and Catholic ministries for the witness and encouragement they provide to young people as women of faith, intelligence and leadership. Pope Francis also holds up, as well, all women who provide their children and our society a loving witness to the beauty of family life.

The Maryland Bishops conclude this letter by expressing the desire that the next 100 years of our nation's history will serve as a time of continued progress that never fails to respect the God-given dignity of all women. The voices and contributions of women are needed more than ever as we seek to build a culture that recognizes that *all men and women are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights and those rights must be protected and preserved.*

Finally, they pray that all people of good will, will join us in celebrating this momentous anniversary for women in the United States and may God's grace continue to bless all women as they seek to live out their vocations.

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*

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

Fr. John and Fr. Patrick 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.

### 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**

### 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.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM START

Thank you to all who have already signed-up for this year's Religious Education Program. Our first events will be an online parent orientation on September 20, and a kick-off online family event on October 4, our parish feast day. Those who have signed-up for this year's program will be receiving more information by Labor Day, including details about these events and a plan for picking up textbooks and other at-home materials. Thank you for allowing us to support you as you share faith in your home.

### There's Still Time to Sign-up for this year's RE Program!

**For the 2020-21 program year, we will be supporting families with an at-home model of catechesis instead of our usual in-person classes.** We are also planning a variety of ways to connect families with catechists and others in the parish community through outreach, online gatherings, and, as conditions allow, the possibility of in-person gatherings, all in support of your efforts to teach the faith at home.

Our program offerings for Kindergarten-Grade 8 will include the following:

- 1) **An At-Home Catechesis Kit with the following resources:**
  - *Finding God* 2021 grade-level textbook for each child (K-8)
  - 60-page (print out or digital access) of *Finding God* At-Home Edition parent lesson plans for each grade
  - Access to online resources, including Interactive Session Reviews and Learning Games
  - A Bible appropriate to your child's grade level
- 2) **Religious Education Program Events facilitated by parish staff and volunteer catechists, including:**
  - 7 online sessions for parents using *Finding God* Family Catechesis program, offered in live and recorded formats
  - Catechist outreach/Family Small Groups (parents choose one); 7 or more throughout the year
  - Online Religious Education Program events for all; 7 throughout the year (any of these could be offered in-person as safety allows)
  - Online class meetings with catechists for students in Grades 6-8; to be scheduled every 3 weeks; families choose Monday or Tuesday evening sessions

**The registration fee for this year's program is \$100 per child. Complete the form to sign up for this year's program at this link:**

<https://forms.gle/UnhwSYvUZvPDNfdH7>.

Payment is not required at this time. All who sign-up using the online form will receive a follow-up registration packet, payment information, and additional details about this year's program. (Please note: We never want finances to be a deterrent to faith formation. Please contact us if you have a situation that requires assistance.)

**Information Regarding Sacramental Preparation for 2020-21**  
Sacramental preparation for Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation, and full initiation in the adapted RCIA for children and teens seeking Baptism will also be offered in a blended program including online and at-home formats. Since preparing for a sacrament involves formation in addition to grade-level catechesis, sacramental preparation at St. Francis is not grade specific and children are expected to have participated in religious education in the year prior to preparing for a sacrament.

## 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 is 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, Give, Give Now* and start shopping!



The Gabriel Project Cluster of Montgomery County needs assistance especially in this challenging time of COVID-19. We assist 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. 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 especially need girls' size 5 clothing (fall and summer), newborn (0-3) girls' and boys' clothing, newborn socks, boys' size 2 and 3 summer clothing, boys' size 12-month summer and winter clothing. We are also in need of receiving blankets, newborn caps, diaper bags, and baby soap, lotion, and diaper cream. Please contact us at [www.gpmoco.org](http://www.gpmoco.org) or e-mail Diane at [Isabelle49@aol.com](mailto:Isabelle49@aol.com).

**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!!**

## RELIGIOUS ED MATERIAL PICK-UP SCHEDULE

If your child/children are registered in our 2020-2021 Program, please be sure to pick up their material in the Parish Center on one of the following days/times:

Saturday, September 12

1:00-4:00 p.m., 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 13

9:30-11:30 a.m., 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 19

11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., 6:00-7:00 p.m.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (continued)

Families requesting sacramental preparation for their child are asked to indicate this on the sign-up form so that additional information can be provided. Please note that there is a separate materials fee for sacramental preparation programs.

Questions? Call the Religious Education Office at 301-258-9193 or email [sfareligoused@sfadw.org](mailto:sfareligoused@sfadw.org).

Please share this information with others, especially those who will be new to our program!