

## ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

# Mass Intentions

### September 14 - September 20

<b>Monday, 9/14</b>	9:00 a.m.	Don Smith
<b>Tuesday, 9/15</b>	9:00 a.m.	Carolyn Lyman
<b>Wednesday, 9/16</b>	9:00 a.m.	Alexander O'Connor
	7:30 p.m.	Marilyn McKay
<b>Thursday, 9/17</b>	9:00 a.m.	Paul A. McGowan
<b>Friday, 9/18</b>	9:00 a.m.	Tom Krafchik
<b>Saturday, 9/19</b>	9:00 a.m.	Carina Antonio
	5:00 p.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
<b>Sunday, 9/20</b>	9:30 a.m.	Lino Arce
	11:15 a.m.	Leonard Guild
	5:00 p.m.	Patsy & Stella Battista

**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...** 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 13, 2020

<b>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
<b>Monday:</b>	Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 31:2 and 3b, 3cd-4, 5-6, 15-16, 20 [17]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 8:1-3
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

### GOOD BYE FROM FR. PATRICK

Dear parishioners,

After ten blessed weeks, my time here at Saint Francis of Assisi has come to an end. After being ordained to the priesthood this past June, this was my first official assignment from Archbishop Gregory, and I could not have asked for a better one.

In these ten weeks at the parish, I have celebrated/concelebrated Mass over seventy times, heard over thirty confessions, anointed fifteen individuals, and celebrated two Baptisms. I have been able to help with this year's virtual Vacation Bible Camp, participate in various Triple V Youth Ministry activities, and pray the Rosary with parishioners via Zoom each week.

While I never imagined I would begin my priestly ministry in the middle of a pandemic, the present situation has reminded me that there will never be a time that people won't need God. Pandemic or not, people will always need Jesus, and the priest is the one to bring Him to them. The priest makes present Jesus during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and the priest is the one who imparts God's mercy in the sacrament of Reconciliation. What a gift it is to be a priest!

Thank you, St. Francis of Assisi parishioners and staff, for the prayers, kind support, and generosity that you all have shown to me these past ten weeks. And thanks to Fr. John for his friendship, wisdom, and joyful priestly example he shared with me during this time.

I love being a priest. I am grateful to Our Lord for calling me to such a beautiful vocation.

Know of my prayers for you all, and please remember me in your prayers as I return to Rome to complete my studies.

St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us!

In Christ,

**Fr. Patrick**

### PLEASE NOTE - TIME CHANGE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 13

### COMMUNION SERVICE SUNDAYS - 1:30-2:00 PM

Fr. John and Fr. Patrick will offer Holy Communion from 1:30-2:00 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

## Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

*How can I keep a consistent forgiving attitude that assuages my anger? What leads me to forgive one who hurt me?*

### 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.

### 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:

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.

### ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR CANCELLED

We are sad to report that we will not be having our Annual Holiday Bazaar this year. Due to the pandemic and ongoing construction in the parish center it isn't possible this year. We do hope to see everyone next year though!

### 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!!**

### 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. Information packets have been mailed to all who have signed-up for this year's program.

Please contact the Religious Education Office (301-258-9193 OR [sfareligioused@sfadw.org](mailto:sfareligioused@sfadw.org)) to make alternate pick-up arrangements to pick up your materials if you are not able to stop by during the designated times. Thank you for allowing us to support you as you share faith in your home.

Our parish will celebrate **Catechetical Sunday** on September 19/20. At Masses this weekend (online and in-person), a blessing will be offered for our parish catechists, and also for parents and families as they make faith formation a priority in challenging times.

### There's Still Time to Sign-up for this year's Religious Education 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
  - Family Small Groups/Catechist Outreach (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 found at this link to sign up for this year's program: <https://forms.gle/D3QhYUmH4DivyQ3C7>**

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.)

## ARCHDIOCESE ANNUAL APPEAL

I want to thank parishioners who have donated to the 2020 Annual Appeal. Parishioners across the archdiocese have contributed \$10 million for the many charitable works supported by the Annual Appeal. Our parish currently stands at 53.6% of our 2020 goal of \$190,100. If you have not yet made your gift to the 2020 Annual Appeal, it is not too late.

Please visit [appeal.adw.org](http://appeal.adw.org) to make your gift today. On behalf of Archbishop Gregory, I thank you again for your support of the Annual Appeal. ~ Fr. John

## 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.

## 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!

## 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. 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 [sfareligioused@sfadw.org](mailto:sfareligioused@sfadw.org).

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