

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

September 28 - October 4

Monday, 9/28	9:00 a.m.	Homebound Parishioners (L)
Tuesday, 9/29	9:00 a.m.	Reverend Francis Bober
Wednesday, 9/30	9:00 a.m.	Edward Guild
	7:30 p.m.	Reverend Bernard R. Ihrle
Thursday, 10/1	9:00 a.m.	William Kolberg
Friday, 10/2	9:00 a.m.	Barbara Lynn Beall
	7:30 p.m.	Ernesto Meneses
Saturday, 10/3	9:00 a.m.	Frances D'Aurora
	5:00 p.m.	Donald Maloney
Sunday, 10/4	9:30 a.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Zoltan Vargo

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 souls of Nancy Culliton, mother of Todd Culliton, Mila Crouch.

Please pray for the sick... Raymond Dundon, Mary Cutting, Jay Ruffin, Kathleen Caponiti, Lynn Gardner, Allison Brauer, John McCormick, Frank Knorr, Allan Degen, Bob Jones, William Komlo, 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 September 27, 2020

Sunday:	Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/ Phil 2:1-11/Mt 21:28-32
Monday:	Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 [6]/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday:	Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15 [3]/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday:	Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [13]/ Lk 10:1-12
Friday:	Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4ab, 4c-6, 10-11 [11]/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Saturday:	Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 [135]/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday:	Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 [Is 5:7a]/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Adoration on First Fridays will be discontinued until further notice.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

On Sunday, September 20 we celebrated Catechetical Sunday. On the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), the Most Reverend Robert E. Barron, Chairperson, Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis invited everyone who is involved in the work of catechesis to consider earnestly the importance of catechist formation. He mentioned that they had produced a variety of articles, videos, and podcasts exploring our baptismal call to be active participants in the evangelizing mission of the Church, as well as the unique role of catechesis in the whole process of evangelization.

One of the essays on the website, "Partnering with Parents to Nurture Family Faith—Insights from Research" is written by John Roberto, who founded the Northeast Center for Youth Ministry, known today as the Center for Ministry Development. More recently he has put his attention toward implementing a vision for lifelong faith formation and developing ministry approaches for the twenty-first century.

In writing his essay he draws from several major research studies in order to identify findings that can provide the basis for strategies to engage, encourage, and equip parents for family faith transmission and formation. John Roberto believes that there is no more urgent task for the Church today than to strengthen parental and familial faith and practice. To this he makes four major points:

1. Parents are the most significant influence on the religious and spiritual outcomes of young people.
2. The primary way by which Catholic identity becomes rooted in children's lives are the day-to-day religious practices of the family and the ways parents model their faith and share it in conversation, collaboration, and exposure to outside religious opportunities.
3. The family is the primary community where Catholic faith practices are nurtured and practiced.
4. The quality of a parent's relationships with their children or teens and the parenting style they practice make a significant difference in faith transformation.

In discussing the family as the primary community where Catholic faith practices are nurtured and practiced, John Roberto lists several that the research shows really have an impact. These including the following:

- Reading the Bible as a family and encouraging young people to read the Bible regularly.
- Praying together as a family and encouraging young people to pray personally.
- Serving people in need as a family and supporting service projects by young people.
- Eating together as a family.
- Having family conversations about faith.
- Talking about faith, religious issues, and questions and doubts.
- Ritualizing important family moments and milestone experiences.
- Celebrating holidays and church year seasons at home.
- Providing moral instruction.

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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What righteous act can I do this week that I have previously expressed reluctance to do?

SUNDAY MASS VIA YOU TUBE

Fr. John is saying 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 Praying the Rosary and Wednesday Evening Mass can also be found on our website.

VIDEO EQUIPMENT USED TO RECORD THE SUNDAY VIRTUAL MASS

Thank you to all those who donated to cover the cost of the video equipment we use to record the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

ST. FRANCIS FEAST DAY October 4, 2020

Animal Blessing at 3:00 p.m. in front of the church.

We are sorry to say there will be no parish picnic this year to celebrate our feast day.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

Finally, I thought that the studies John Roberto cited offered some useful advice for parents really keen to transmit the faith to the children. These tips included:

- Talking with your children about religious matters during the week. This is one of the most powerful mechanisms for the success or failure of religious transmission to children.
- Practicing an “authoritative” parenting style (as opposed to an authoritarian, permissive, or uninvolved style).
- Listening more and preaching less.

I recommend reading the entire article. Here is the link for those who wish to do so: <https://www.usccb.org/news/2020/partnering-parents-nurture-family-faith-insights-research>

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

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. 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**

2020 MARRIAGE JUBILARIAN MASS CANCELLED

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Archdiocesan Marriage Jubilarian Mass scheduled for November 22, 2020 has been cancelled. We are still accepting registrations of couples who are celebrating milestone-wedding anniversaries (25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 50+ years) and will be providing each couple an anniversary certificate. Couples who wish to receive a certificate should contact the parish office by **September 30th**. 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

SAVE THE DATE
Ministry Retreat by Zoom!
Saturday, October 10
10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Dr. Susan Timoney is again our presenter. Those who heard Dr. Timoney in May know she is an engaging speaker and retreat leader. She will go deeper into the characteristics needed by pastoral leaders to grow as missionary disciples. The retreat will be pastoral and practical and a valuable time for ministry leaders. Invitations were sent out via Flock Note. If you didn't receive one, please contact Tony Bosnick, abosnick@sfadw.org or 301-840-1407, Ext. 11.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM START

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/D3QhYUmH4DivvQ3C7>

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.)

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 sfareligious@sfadw.org. Please share this information with others, especially those who will be new to our program!

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!

PLEASE NOTE - TIME CHANGE COMMUNION SERVICE SUNDAYS - 1:30-2:00 PM

Fr. John 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

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

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

All in-person weekends for this year have been cancelled. However, we have exciting news! There is a way for couples, priests and religious to join a virtual WWME experience from the comforts of their home. This experience will be in 7 sessions beginning on Monday, October 5th and end on Monday October 26th. The sessions will be on Mondays and Thursdays from 7pm 9:30pm. The content of the sessions will be the same as given on in-person weekends. Maybe you can join us on this virtual experience. It is a great opportunity for priests to join because there are no weekends involved. Check <http://www.wwme.org/> and <https://moments4marriage.org/> for more information. Please contact us if you have any questions. Don & Wink Flanders & Fr. Victor Scocco DC/MD Leadership Team, Worldwide Marriage Encounter, 301-541-7007. **SIGN UP EARLY! ONLY 15 COUPLES ON THE EXPERIENCE!**