

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

October 19 - October 25

Monday, 10/19	9:00 a.m.	Millie Cosman
Tuesday, 10/20	9:00 a.m.	Rodger F. Ruiz (L)
Wednesday, 10/21	9:00 a.m.	Alexander O'Connor
	7:30 p.m.	Fred Biasini
Thursday, 10/22	9:00 a.m.	William Kolberg
Friday, 10/23	9:00 a.m.	Don Smith
Saturday, 10/24	9:00 a.m.	Patsy & Stella Battista
	5:00 p.m.	Robert Daly
Sunday, 10/25	9:30 a.m.	Robert & Belen Ruiz
	11:15 a.m.	Mary Hartman
	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 Frank Avolese, father of Cathy Abshire.

Please pray for the sick... Jackie Komlo, Mary Cutting, Jay Ruffin, Kathleen Caponiti, 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 October 18, 2020

Sunday:	Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 [7b]/ 1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21
Monday:	Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5 [3b]/ Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday:	Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9]/ Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday:	Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [cf. 3]/ Lk 12:39-48
Thursday:	Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 [5b]/ Lk 12:49-53
Friday:	Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/ Lk 12:54-59
Saturday:	Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/ Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday:	Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/ 1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

The month of October is domestic violence month, a time when we can share more openly about an epidemic of violence in our own families. Indeed, domestic violence affects every parish and every community in our country.

Let's set aside for the moment all the concern about Russia and North Korea as possible enemies. For many women, children and also men, the enemy is their cherished loved one - right in their own home.

One out of every four women and **one out of every seven men** have or are experiencing high levels of physical abuse in their own home and relationships: hitting, choking, being threatened or injured with knives, guns, being humiliated, insulted in their own homes. The children in these families suffer greatly too. They may also be abused, or suffer higher levels of anxiety, trauma as they try to protect themselves and their beloved parents or siblings from abuse.

The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops urges parishes, communities, to respond clearly and forthrightly writing: *"Violence against women, inside or outside the home is never justified. Violence in any form – physical, sexual, psychological, or verbal is sinful: often it is a crime as well."*

What to do: Let us decide that together we will make our parish a place where we can talk about this, where we can support each other, where we can look for solutions and healing. The gospel brings hope to all of our relationships, including our intimate partners: husbands, wives, fiancés, young adults dating.

To anyone suffering today with violence at home... To anyone with friends or family suffering violence at home: This parish is here to help you. Come talk to us. In addition, here are some resources that may be helpful to you:

Montgomery County - Abused Persons Program (240) 777-4673
Emergency shelter. Court advocates. Counseling for survivors and those who abuse.

Family Justice Center - (240) 773-0444 The Center provides counseling, intakes, protective orders.

Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse (301) 315-8041
JCADA offers counseling, crisis services.

To those who use violence at homeHelp is available for you. Please get help before you lose your family. Change is possible particularly for people who have been abusive – if they seek professional counseling and make a dedicated effort to change.

Until next week,

Fr. John

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

When I am reminded that everything is a gift from God, how do I respond? Do I fudge on what belongs to God as many fudge on what they owe to Caesar?

HAITI NEWS

Good things are happening in our sister parish in Haiti. Bon Pasteur School is back in session, and by now you should have received a letter regarding your sponsored child. Please return your sponsorship contribution to the parish within two weeks. There are a number of new students who are in need of sponsors, so if you would like to sponsor a child - or sponsor an additional child - please contact the parish office for details. Also, Haitian coffee will be available for purchase in the church parking lot after all Masses this weekend.

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.

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!!

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

CONFESSIONS

Saturday confessions are heard 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. on the front porch of the Rectory. Please keep in mind safe distancing while waiting your turn to talk to the priest.

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

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*

SOCK-TOBER

So Others Might Eat (SOME) needs new adult socks for the homeless. Please place your donations in the "Sock" Box on the front porch of the rectory during the month of October.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES LEGAL NETWORK SEEKING VOLUNTEER LAWYERS

Catholic Charities Legal Network counsels and provides legal representation to low- income and poor residents throughout the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. and relies heavily on volunteer lawyers to fulfill its mission. If you are a lawyer in active status who wants to make a real difference in the lives of families and individuals struggling in our community, please reach out to Dan Collopy at (301) 615-0949 or daniel.collopy@cc-dc.org to discuss how you can help. The Legal Network handles most civil practice areas and criminal expungements.

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!

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.

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!

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. To learn more about the Catholic response, visit the U.S. Bishop's website for their Pastoral Letter: "When I Call for Help" (http://bit.ly/usccb_dv) If you or a family member or friend needs help now, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800 - 799 - 7233 (24 hours); 800 - 787 - 3224 (TTY); www.ndvh.org. **If you are in immediate danger, call 911.**

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.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRAYER CHAIN If you have a prayer request, please contact Marianne Bullen, (240) 751-7259 or mariannebu@comcast.net with your requests.

OUR MARY GARDEN

Parishioners have inquired about our Mary Garden. Once the church construction is completed, the Mary Garden will be moved across the sidewalk from where it once stood. It will be pretty much the same except in a new location. For those of you who don't know, the Mary Garden was a donation from the Free family. Bernard Free donated the Mary statue in memory of his wife, Ann in 2005.

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.

ENCOURAGE MINISTRY

EnCourage is a ministry dedicated to the spiritual needs of parents, siblings, children, and other relatives and friends of persons who have same-sex attractions. Standing by the true teaching of the Catholic Church, EnCourage members support one another and their loved ones through discussion, prayer, and fellowship. Please contact Fr. John for more information at 301-840-1407 or email him at jdillon@sfadw.org.

TEAMS OF OUR LADY

Teams of Our Lady is a movement of Christian Marriage Spirituality that brings together couples united by the Sacrament of Matrimony and who wish, together, to deepen the graces of their Sacrament. It offers married couples a pathway toward love, happiness, and holiness. The movement's aim is to help couples live fully their Sacrament of Marriage. Interested in learning more, contact Fr. John at 301-840-1407 or email him at jdillon@sfadw.org.

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 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.