

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

November 9 - November 15

Monday, 11/9	9:00 a.m.	Angelica Santos
Tuesday, 11/10	9:00 a.m.	Evelyn Meade
Wednesday, 11/11	9:00 a.m.	For All Veterans
Thursday, 11/12	9:00 a.m.	Hilda Dacey
Friday, 11/13	9:00 a.m.	Mary Margaret Neimiller
Saturday, 11/14	9:00 a.m.	Don Smith
	5:00 p.m.	Barbara Lynn Beall
Sunday, 11/15	8:00 a.m.	Gemma Palini
	9:30 a.m.	Erlinda Quemuel
	11:15 a.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
	5:00 p.m.	Adolfo Arias Sr.

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 Mario Gustavo La Faye, Msgr. Francis Kazista of the Archdiocese of Washington..

Please pray for the sick... Mary Cutting, Angelica Santos, Carol Harmon, Jackie Komlo, 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 November 8, 2020

Sunday:	Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [2b]/1 Thes 4:13-18/Mt 25:1-13
Monday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday:	Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29 [39a]/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6 [1]/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [5a]/Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18 [1b]/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday:	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-3

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

As you read this, Election Day has come and gone. The call to be informed and faithful citizens remains. To that end let's go over the answers to the first ten questions in the Faithful Citizenship Quiz that I put in last week's bulletin. We'll go over the answers to the remaining questions in next week's column.

1. How many unborn children have lost their lives to abortion since Roe v. Wade legalized abortion in 1973? **The answer: C—53 million.** There is currently no federal requirement to report abortions, and state requirements also vary from one state to another. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Guttmacher Institute (GI) use different methods of data collection. GI (originally founded as Plant Parenthood's research arm) obtains its numbers from direct surveys of abortion providers, while CDC surveys state health departments. GI's figures, the basis for this estimate of 53 million, are considered more completed.
2. How many successful treatments for "incurable" diseases have been developed using stem cells harvested from human embryos that were destroyed to obtain them? **The answer: A—0.** While at least two companies have started early clinical trials using cells derived from human embryonic stem cells, one trial was discontinued after disappointing early results, and no trial has shown benefits for patients in peer-reviewed medical or scientific literature.
3. How many successful treatments for "incurable" diseases have been developed using stem cells from adult tissue sources, causing no harm to the stem cell donor? **The answer: D—73.**
4. How many U.S. children live in a household that is "food insecure," which means it can't provide enough food for its members at some point during the year? **The answer: D—16.2 million.** According to the USDA, over 16.2 million children lived in food insecure (low food security and very low food security) households in 2010;
5. The official poverty rate in America is: **C. 15.1%.** The official poverty rate in America is 15.1%--the highest level in seventeen years. (United States Census Bureau annual report for 2010.
6. How long has the average jobless worker been unemployed? **The answer: C—ten months.** Approximately 24 million people are unemployed or underemployed—a real unemployment rate around 15 percent and the average jobless worker has been unemployed for forty weeks—ten months.
7. According to a 2009 survey by The Polling Company, Inc., what percentage of American adults believed it is important to make sure that health care professional in America are not forced to participate in procedures and practices to which they have moral objections? **The answer: D—87%.** In an April 2009 survey by The Polling Company, Inc., 87% of American adults believed it is important (and 65% saw it as very important) to "make sure that health care professionals are not forced to participate in procedures and practices to which they have moral objections."

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Feast of All Saints

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What must I do this month, this week, and this very day to prepare myself for the heavenly banquet?

RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION 2020

The Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Washington Collection is this weekend. Our priests touch our lives in many ways: they baptize our children, comfort us in the confessional, witness our marriage vows and hold our loved ones hands as the Lord calls them home. Let us come together to help provide care and housing for our retired priests so they can live their retirement in dignity. You can support the Retired Priests Collection this year by one of the following ways:

- Envelope. Please use the envelope mailed to you earlier this month or the envelope provided by the parish/Our Sunday Visitor.
- Online: Please visit adw.org/rpc to support the collection online or you can donate through Faith Direct.
- Text: Please text "Priest" to (301) 231-1816. A text with a link to a secure form will be sent back to you to complete your generous gift for this important collection.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

8. How many patients who are hospitalized in the United States each year are care for in a Catholic hospital? **The answer: B—1 in 6.** Catholic hospitals care for 1 in 6 patients in the United States each year, and provide the full continuum of health care through more than 2,000 sponsors, systems, facilities, and related organizations, employing 725,000 individuals.
9. According to a study released in the September 2011 issue of Obstetrics & Gynecology, what percentage of practicing ob/gyns perform abortions? **The answer: A—14%.** According to a study released in the September 2011 of Obstetrics & Gynecology: the journal of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, only 14% of practicing ob/gyns perform abortions.
10. Children raised in intact married families are less likely to: **Be physically and sexually abused, use drugs or alcohol, or become pregnant/impregnate someone as a teenager.** Social science research continues to affirm the benefits children receive by being raised by their own married father and mother, each of whom brings unique gifts to the shared task of parenting, that is, fathering and mothering.

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

JOIN US FOR THE VIRTUAL HAITI BENEFIT CONCERT LATER THIS MONTH

In mid-November, the parish Music Ministry and Communications Ministry will premiere a virtual Haiti Benefit concert featuring a joint performance by Director of Music Janet Pate and cellist Stephen Czarkowski. The duo will be performing three pieces by J.S. Bach, Camille Saint-Saëns and Astor Piazzollo and will also each perform a solo by J.S. Bach and Johannes Brahms. Join us for an evening of music and heartfelt testimonials! We thank you for your ongoing support of our parish's Haiti Ministry, which consists of the Medical Mission, Bon Pasteur School and Just Haiti Coffee fair trade program in our sister parish in Leon, Haiti. Please check Flocknote and the parish web site for the concert premiere date. For more information, please contact Director of Music Ministry Janet Pate at sfadwmusic@sfadw.org.

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER AT CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Have you signed up yet to volunteer for the St. Francis Christmas Tree Sale from November 28 to December 13? There are lots of shifts available and many hands are needed to make this annual parish fundraiser a success. Sign up to help set up the tree lot, offload, and stake trees, sell trees and break down the lot. Please sign up on Flocknote at <https://sfaderwood.flocknote.com/signup/21902>; the shifts will be from Monday through Friday from 3-6 pm and 6-8 pm and Saturday through Sunday from 9 am-12 pm, 12-3 pm, 3-6 pm and 6-8 pm. All volunteers are strongly encouraged to wear personal protective equipment while working at the tree lot. For more information, please contact Ministry Coordinator Brian Pettit at brianpettit@pettitcompanies.com or call him at (240) 372-1662.

ST. JUDE REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON TUITION ASSISTANCE PLAN

Apply for tuition assistance from the Archdiocese of Washington for the 2021 – 2022 school year. Follow the links from www.stjduerockville.org - Admissions tab- Archdiocese Tuition Assistance or <https://adwcatholicschools.org/tuition-assistance/archdiocesan-tuition-assistance-program/>The Deadline to apply is December 4th. Once you've completed the application it will roll over to St. Jude Regional Catholic School. One application and 2 opportunities to receive financial aid.

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 EDUCATION PROGRAM

ONLINE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM ALL SAINTS DAY FAMILY EVENT: 11 AM ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 AND OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

- *Circle of Grace* Safe Environment lessons for Kindergarten thru Grade 5 students will be taught online at 11 am on November 15 and again on December 13. Please look for signup information in email messages from the Religious Education Office and plan for your children to attend one of these two sessions.
- As noted on the Unit 1 checklist found in the folder included in your child's At-Home Catechesis Kit, students are scheduled to complete lessons in their textbooks as follows:
 - week of October 18: Session 1
 - week of October 25: Session 2
 - week of November 1: All Saints Day lesson
 - week of November 8: Session 3
 - week of November 15: Session 4
- Our next online parent meeting introducing the themes of Unit 2 will be held at 11 am on Sunday, November 22. The link for this Zoom meeting will be sent to registered families, and a recorded version will also be made available. Families will also be receiving Unit 2 materials around this time.

Questions? Call the Religious Education Office at 301-258-9193 or email sfareligioused@sfadw.org.

CRAFTERS ENCOURAGED TO SIGN UP FOR THE CHRISTMAS TREE WREATH DECORATING NOVEMBER 27/28

Crafters, are you ready to decorate some Christmas tree wreaths? In support of our parish's annual Christmas Tree Sale, men, women and children over 12 are again invited to help decorate fresh wreaths to be sold at the Christmas Tree Sale, which will operate from November 28-December 13 in front of the church. Join the crafters from 6:30-9 pm Friday, November 27 and 9 am-12:30 pm Saturday, November 28, in the Parish Center as they decorate more than 70 wreaths. The parish will supply all the decorations and floral wire, but participants should bring their own wire cutters. Volunteers will be socially distanced, with two volunteers each working at nine tables in the Parish Center. All volunteers are strongly encouraged to wear face masks or facial coverings. Any children over 12 who attend must be accompanied by an adult. Please sign up for this event via this Flocknote link: <https://sfaderwood.flocknote.com/signup/24203>. Christmas music will be played and the wonderful smell of fresh wreaths are sure to stir up the spirit of the season, as volunteers help with this important fundraising event for the parish and the important work it does in the community. For more information, contact Ministry Coordinator Carolyn Brauer at carolyn_brauer@yahoo.com.

CONFIRMATION 2020

Thank you for your prayers for all who have celebrated Confirmation this fall. May God continue to bless these young people as they live in God's grace!

*Melanie Bailey
Claire Barbehenn
Roman Bidzinski
Lana Claro
Wesley Cronise
Julia Fitzgerald
Hudson Green
Jonathan Greenbaum
Joey Heller
Annabella Kruse
Michael Leahy
Aiden Magsalin
Mariam Malasquez
Noelle Marin
Brendan Martin
Bianca Melendez
Hannah Mushahwar
Marissa Pease
Natalia PeBenito
Nora Rudmann
Tyler Scholl
Jeremy Spelman
William Spelman
Sophie Tom
Bruna Tsetezoh
Alejandro Valverde*

LEARN ABOUT SIX BLACK CANDIDATES FOR SAINTHOOD DURING ONLINE SERIES

This month, St. Francis of Assisi parishioners are invited to learn about six Black saintly men and women who inspired the Catholic faithful through their witness. In the online series, "Cloud of Witnesses," Catholics around the world are invited to learn about the following candidates for sainthood and take part in a dialogue about authentic worship, racism, ageism and poverty on the following dates:

- Saturday, November 14: Henriette Delille and Augustus Tolton
- Saturday, November 21: Julia Greeley and Thea Bowman

The virtual "doors" for each online event on Zoom will open at 2:30 pm EST, with the event itself starting at 3 pm EST. To register for the free event, please go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cloud-of-witnesses-grant-funding-by-nbcc-daniel-rudd-fund-tickets-122107178859?aff=eand>.

Sponsored by the Tolton Ambassadors-DC, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Archdiocese of Washington and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, the Nov. 21 event will also feature an introduction by Julia Greeley by Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick. For more information, contact him at abosnick@sfadw.org