

## ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

# Mass Intentions

**June 14 - June 20**

<b>Monday, 6/14</b>	9:00 a.m.	Don Smith
<b>Tuesday, 6/15</b>	9:00 a.m.	Maria M. Meade
<b>Wednesday, 6/16</b>	9:00 a.m.	Dominick D'Aurora
<b>VIRTUAL</b>	7:00 p.m.	Esther Aguilar
<b>Thursday, 6/17</b>	9:00 a.m.	Daniel J. Dillon, M.D.
<b>Friday, 6/18</b>	9:00 a.m.	The Donohoe Family
<b>Saturday, 6/19</b>	5:00 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Sunday, 6/20</b>	9:00 a.m.	For All Fathers
	12:00 p.m.	For All Fathers

**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 Joseph William Gibson III.

**Please pray for the sick...** Joe Ossi, Fr. Bob McCreary, Fr. Joe Mindling, Betty Johnson, Debra Price, Barbara Schmidt, Mary Cutting, Angelica Santos, Jackie Komlo, Allison Brauer, John McCormick, Frank Knorr, Allan Degen, Bob Jones, William Komlo, Sandra Kimball, 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 June 13, 2021

<b>Sunday:</b>	Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34
<b>Monday:</b>	2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Mt 5:38-42
<b>Tuesday:</b>	2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
<b>Wednesday:</b>	2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
<b>Thursday:</b>	2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/Mt 6:7-15
<b>Friday:</b>	2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt 6:19-23
<b>Saturday:</b>	2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/Mt 6:24-34
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-4

### THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

Over the last several weeks, we have been looking at *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*, a pastoral letter that the Catholic Bishops of the United States issued in November 2018. In that letter the Catholic bishops urge all Catholics to acknowledge “the scourge of racism” that still exists in our hearts, words, actions, and institutions. Racism is rooted in a failure to acknowledge the human dignity of people of different ethnic backgrounds. It does not reflect the love of neighbor that the Lord calls us to have. It denies the diversity of God’s plan. Racism manifests itself in sinful individual actions, which contribute to structures of sin that perpetuate division and inequality. One area where racism has become evident is in the way that the United States has approached the issue of migration, historically, and even today. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have issued a well-written background sheet on “Racism and Migration in the United States” that will be my source of information for what I say in this column. Here is the link for the background position paper for those who wish to consult it directly: [racism-and-migration.pdf \(usccb.org\)](https://www.usccb.org/racism-and-migration.pdf).

Ethnicity has long been a factor guiding migration policy in the United States. One of the earliest and most overt examples of this was the forced migration and enslavement of millions of African people to colonial North America. Slavery, and the racist ideas the slave trade was built upon, informed the development of migration policy. Another example was the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act, a federal law that effectively barred Chinese migration to the United States.

In the early twentieth century, eugenics became popular among many of the political and scientific elite. Though false, it was upheld as science wherein biological principles were used to differentiate between superior and inferior races. Opponents of mass immigration believed that non-Catholic Northern Europeans or Anglo-Saxon bloodlines were superior to those who originated outside of northern Europe. Policies enacted on eugenics responded to the fears that unrestricted migration from Southern and Eastern Europe, Asia, or Africa, would “dilute” the Anglo-Saxon nature of life in the United States.

This same ideology reached a high point with the passage of the National Origins Act in 1924, which imposed a quota system that significantly restricted immigration from countries in the Eastern hemisphere into the United States. Western hemisphere countries were exempt. This system remained in place for four decades, ending with the passage of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965.

Although the overt racial discrimination that was built into the quota system was eliminated, many migrant communities continue to experience racism in life in the United States. Hispanics and other migrant populations are often discriminated against in hiring, housing, educational opportunities, and in the criminal justice system.

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**June 13, 2021**

### **QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

*What resources and talents do I have that I can use to build up the kingdom of God like a seed that grows to a fruitful plant?*

### **FATHER'S DAY MASS CARDS**

Mass Cards for Father's Day (June 20) will be available in the Gathering Space this weekend. Envelopes with names should be returned to the parish office before Friday, June 18th to be placed on the altar for Father's Day.

### **DONATIONS TO THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR ARE STILL NEEDED**

At this time of year, the Little Sisters of the Poor would typically make an appeal to parishioners for donations. Because of COVID, they cannot appeal in person but they still need our help. On June 12 and 13, please take an envelope marked 'Little Sisters of the Poor' near the church doors, place your donation in it and put it in the regular collection basket. If you are writing a check, please make the check out to 'St. Francis' and your donation will get to the Little Sisters. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407.

### **THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR**

Though the Gospel calls us to welcome the stranger, many immigrants and refugees are met with fear, judgment, and hatred. Racist rhetoric that marginalizes and causes discrimination against migrant populations is common. In response, the church must provide a counterexample for those who use race to deny the God-given dignity of people who are migrants. As Catholics, we are called to welcome newcomers upon their arrival and help to ease their transitions into life in the United States. A truly welcoming community does not emerge by chance but is established through the hard work and conviction of local residents, through direct service, sharing experiences, faith, advocacy, and institution building.

In their pastoral letter *Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope*, the bishops of the United States and Mexico emphasized the importance of encounter in the process of conversion. *Strangers No Longer* reminds us that "part of the process of conversion of mind and heart deals with confronting attitudes of cultural superiority, indifference, and racism; accepting migrants not as foreboding aliens, terrorists, or economic threats, but rather as persons with dignity and rights, revealing the presence of Christ; and recognizing migrants and bearers of deep cultural values and rich faith traditions."

Until next week,

**Fr. John**

### **CATHOLICS ARE WELCOMED BACK TO IN-PERSON CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST ON JUNE 26 & 27**

As new cases of COVID-19 continue to decline due to the observance of safety protocols and increased availability of the vaccine, the Catholic Bishops of the Archdiocese of Washington and the Province of Baltimore announced that they are lifting the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Days Mass obligation and reinstating it beginning Saturday, June 26, and Sunday, June 27. This means the Catholic faithful are welcomed and encouraged to return to in-person Mass before or when the obligation is lifted.

With this announcement, St. Francis of Assisi Parish will return to its pre-pandemic Mass schedule of celebrating five in-person liturgies on the weekend starting June 26 and 27. These Mass times are:

- 5 pm Vigil on Saturday
- 8 am Sunday
- 9:30 am Sunday
- 11:15 am Sunday
- 5 pm Sunday

Until the Mass obligation is officially reinstated, in-person Mass times will continue at 5 pm Saturday and 9 am and 12 pm Sunday the weekends of June 12 and 13 and June 19 and 20.

Since the dispensation is being lifted, St. Francis of Assisi Parish will also discontinue the recording of virtual Masses and the offering of an in-person Communion service in the Gathering Space later this month. The last virtual Sunday Mass will premiere at 10 am Sunday, June 20, while the last Votive Mass in the Time of Pandemic will premiere at 7 pm Wednesday, June 23. The final in-person Communion Service will be offered from 1:30-2 pm Sunday, June 20.

We thank everyone who made the virtual Sunday Mass possible for the past 15 months, providing a much needed link to communal celebration of the Mass between our clergy and parishioners. We welcome everyone back to in-person Mass, which we will continue to celebrate according to recommended health guidelines. In-person Mass protocols can be found at <https://www.sfadw.org/reopening-our-parish>. For more information, contact the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407.

### **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*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM UPDATES

### REGISTRATION FOR 2021-2022

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WILL OPEN IN MID-JULY

We will be following with care the safety protocols required by Montgomery County and the Archdiocese of Washington as we make plans for next year's Religious Education classes. Please watch for updates on the parish website and through parish communications. We will announce plans and open registration for next year's Religious Education program and sacramental preparation in mid-July.

As we look ahead to next year's Religious Education program, please consider whether you can serve as a catechist for our children and young people. If you would like to learn more about this important ministry, please contact Susan Anderson, Director of Religious Education, at 301-258-9193.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL LEARNS PROGRESS ON WORK OF HAITI MINISTRY, AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON RACISM

At its meeting on May 28, the Parish Pastoral Council learned that students in its sister parish in Haiti continue thriving, native Haitians successfully hosted two limited medical clinics over the past year and a new church, whose predecessor was destroyed five years ago by a hurricane, recently broke ground.

Haiti Ministry Coordinator Dan Cardile gave the Parish Pastoral Council a hopeful report on the ministry's continued progress in the areas of education, economic development and healthcare access, despite the spread of coronavirus cases and political chaos that threatens to engulf Haiti's capital of Port au Prince. The ministry's work included the successful facilitation of two limited medical clinics run by Haitian healthcare professionals in May and October 2020, the continued education of students at the Bon Pasteur School and the Philo Year program, the graduation of a Haitian young man as an agronomist, and the groundbreaking of the new church in Léon.

Fundraising also continued during this year in pandemic, with nearly \$7,700 raised through a virtual Haiti concert in November, Alternative Christmas program during Advent, Crosses for Haiti during Lent, and a spaghetti dinner this past spring. "It's been amazing," Cardile said.

In other business, the council also learned:

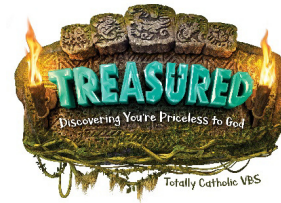
- Its Ad-hoc Committee on Racism will begin sharing information on conscious and unconscious biases as part of an Action Plan developed from the Four Courageous Conversations listening sessions.
- The New Neighbors Interfaith Alliance, which helps immigrants and asylum seekers in Montgomery and Prince Georges counties, continues providing emergency help with rental support to families.
- Members will vote soon on a theme for the parish's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, which will kick off October 3 on St. Francis of Assisi's Feast Day.

For more information, see past minutes of the Parish Pastoral Council meetings at <https://www.sfadw.org/pastoral-council-meeting-minutes>. For more information, contact [ask-theppc@gmail.com](mailto:ask-theppc@gmail.com).

*Send your kids on a gem of an adventure!*

## Vacation Bible Camp: July 19-23, 2021

**for children age 4 through those who are  
completing 5th grade in June 2021**



### Registration is now closed.

Parents of registered campers and accepted teen volunteers are asked to watch their email for additional information and updates as we prepare for VBC!

### 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](mailto:daniel.collopy@cc-dc.org) to discuss how you can help. The Legal Network handles most civil practice areas and criminal expungements.

### NIGHTLY ROSARY

The Council of Catholic Women for the Archdiocese of Washington (CCW-ADW) invites all, who would like to unite in prayer at this time of uncertainty, to join in our nightly Rosary at 8 p.m., 7 days a week. We offer this prayer for the healing of the Church and for our currently health-challenged world. To join us, call 605-468-8016, ID 357090# at 8 p.m. seven days a week. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please email [archdioceseccw@gmail.com](mailto:archdioceseccw@gmail.com). For other prayer resources please see our website <https://www.councilofcatholicwomen-adw.com/>. See the tab: Coronavirus Prayer Resources, which lists many opportunities for daily Mass and meditations.

**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.

### INVITATION TO PRAY

Please remember we have the outdoor Stations of the Cross which you are welcome to visit and pray the Stations. Also, we have our new Mary Garden and the Peace Pole where you can also pray. ***Please remember to keep social distancing when visiting any of these locations.***