

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

June 28 - July 4

Monday, 6/28	9:00 a.m.	Bernard Kohan
Tuesday, 6/29	9:00 a.m.	Charles E. Dillon
Wednesday, 6/30	9:00 a.m.	Mary Valentino
	7:30 p.m.	Enrique Quemuel
Thursday, 7/1	9:00 a.m.	Patsy Battista
Friday, 7/2	9:00 a.m.	Barbara Lynn Beall
	7:30 p.m.	Olga Carbonara
Saturday, 7/3	5:00 p.m.	Eugene Dudenhoefter
Sunday, 7/4	8:00 a.m.	For Our Country
	9:30 a.m.	Rita Arias
	11:15 a.m.	<i>Propopulo</i>
	5:00 p.m.	John McCormick

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 Jenny Mulhare, Serafin Saile, Carl Rubbo, Sr., John McCormick, Mary Lane.

Please pray for the sick... Debra Price, Barbara Schmidt, Mary Cutting, Angelica Santos, Jackie Komlo, Allison Brauer, 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 27, 2021

Sunday:	Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43
Monday:	Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11 [8a]/Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday:	Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Wednesday:	Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [7a]/Mt 8:28-34
Thursday:	Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Mt 9:1-8
Friday:	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 [1b]/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday:	Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 20:24-29
Next Sunday:	Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

An item that has been in the news lately is the discovery of the remains of over 200 children at a former indigenous residential school in Canada. Both Canadian bishops and indigenous leaders are pushing for a papal apology because this particular Indian Residential School in Kamloops, British Columbia, which was founded in 1890, was run by both the local Catholic Church and the Canadian government until it closed in 1978. Calls are being increased for Pope Francis to make a formal public apology for the crimes and abuses committed against indigenous children at the schools on behalf of the Catholic Church. Since similar schools were run in the United States, it is timely that we look at racism and the experience of Native Americans. The information that I am presenting on this comes from a background sheet entitled "Racism and the Native American Experience." Here is the link for this background position paper for those who wish to consult it directly: [racism-and-native-american-experience.pdf \(usccb.org\)](https://www.usccb.org/racism-and-native-american-experience.pdf).

In the November 2018 Pastoral Letter Against Racism, *Open Wide Our Hearts*, the Catholic bishops of the United States 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 a different race. It does not reflect the inner life of God—the Triune unity of three-in-one—that we are called to imitate. Racism manifests itself in sinful individual actions, which contribute to structures of sin that perpetuate division and inequality. The Native American experience offers a particular illustration of racism in history and today.

When Europeans arrived on the shores of this country, they were often blind to the dignity of indigenous peoples. Colonial and later U.S. policies toward Native American communities were often violent, paternalistic, and directed toward the theft of Native American land. Native Americans were killed, imprisoned, sold into slavery, and raped. These policies decimated entire communities and brought about tragic death.

The results were massive forced relocations of people as endured by the Cherokee people on the "Trail of Tears" and of the Navajo in the "Long Walk." Thousands of men, women, and children died during those forced removals. Schools and orphanages began "Americanizing" Native children by forcing them to abandon all facets of their culture, including their native languages. The devastation caused by national policies of expansion and manifest destiny, fueled by racist attitudes, led to the near eradication of Native American peoples and their cultures.

The effects of this evil remain visible in the great difficulties experienced by Native American communities today. Poverty, unemployment, inadequate health care, poor schools, the exploitation of natural resources, and disputes over land ownership in Native American communities are the legacy of these evils today.

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June 27, 2021

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How does my faith in the Lord give me hope when I might otherwise feel hopeless?

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.peterspence.va/en.html.

AS YOUTH MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP ENDS, OUR PARISH SEEKS INPUT IN REIMAGINING FAITH FORMATION FOR OUR TEENS

On July 1, St. Francis of Assisi Parish will end its youth ministry partnership with St. John Neumann Parish, based in Gaithersburg, opting to bring faith formation for teens back to our home parish. Our parish joined forces with St. John Neumann two years ago to convene the youth in neighboring parishes, leverage our collective resources and try out a new model of Youth Ministry. One of the realities of a joint Youth Ministry between parishes is that it offers shared leadership, but it also raises the challenge of keeping youth connected with their home parish. Since we begin a new fiscal year on July 1, this seemed like the right time for our parish to reevaluate and reassess what we are offering to the youth of our parish. Fr. John Dillon convened a virtual meeting with the parents of our parish's teenagers on June 22 to discuss how they would like a youth ministry program to form the faith of and influence the spiritual growth of their teens. More information will be shared with the parish, as a new program model takes shape. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407.

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In *Heritage and Hope: Evangelization in the United States* (NCCB [National Conference of Catholic Bishops] Pastoral Letter, 1990), the U.S. Catholic bishops wrote, "As Church, we often have been unconscious and insensitive to the mistreatment of our Native American brothers and sisters and have at times reflected the racism of the dominant culture of which we have been a part." All Catholics are called to give renewed attention to historical and present injustices resulting from racism against Native Americans, better integrate the needs and contributions of Native Catholics, and work for greater justice for the descendants of the first Americans.

Let me leave you with this closing thought:

"We ask the Catholic community to join us in seeking new understanding and awareness of their situation and in committing our Church to a new advocacy and action with our Native American brothers and sisters on issues of social justice and pastoral life which touch their lives." –U.S. bishops, 1992: A Time for Remembering and Recommitting Ourselves as a People.

Until next week,
Fr. John

ALL ARE INVITED TO RETURN TO THE IN-PERSON MASS!

Beginning June 26-27, St. Francis of Assisi Parish will resume its pre-pandemic Mass schedule, as the obligation to return to Sunday Mass and on holy days is reinstated throughout the Archdiocese of Washington. The Mass times will be:

- 5 pm Saturday
- 8 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am and 5 pm Sunday

During this time of COVID-19, the parish has adopted in-church protocols that are aligned with federal, state and county health guidance but maintain strong consideration for those who are most vulnerable. In-church protocols include recommended mask wearing, although not required for those who are fully vaccinated; limited congregational singing; and a required three feet of distance to be maintained between separate households. See our in-church protocols at <https://www.sfadw.org/reopening-our-parish>.

The parish no longer offers any new virtual Masses nor an in-person Communion service on Sundays. The archdiocese still offers a Sunday TV Mass, which airs at 10:30 am every Sunday on WDCW-50 on the following channels:

- No cable; Dish or Direct TV subscribers: Channel 50
- Comcast: Channel 23 in Washington, DC and Montgomery County
- RCN: Channel 15
- Verizon: Channel 3

As we emerge from the pandemic, we are overjoyed to welcome everyone back to Mass! Please know we will continue a gradual adoption of former Mass practices put on hold by the pandemic, as COVID cases continue declining and vaccination rates tick up. For more information, contact the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407.

IT IS NOT TOO EARLY TO CONSIDER RCIA STARTING THIS FALL

Do you know someone who is interested in knowing Jesus Christ better in our Catholic faith tradition? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will begin in September, so it is not too early to begin telling your friends and acquaintances about RCIA at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. If you know anyone who might be interested in entering RCIA, please ask them to call the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407 and leave their name and contact information. If you are interested in becoming a member of the RCIA team or a sponsor, please contact Director of Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.

A REMINDER FROM FR. JOHN ... If anyone is living in a marriage that has not been recognized by the Catholic Church, it would be wise to consult with a priest to see whether that situation might be rectified. It could be as simple as repeating your marriage vows quietly in front of a priest and receiving the Church's blessing. In that way, one would become eligible to receive the Sacraments of the Church, especially the Eucharist

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.

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.

ENCOUNTER SCHOOL OF MINISTRY DC SUMMER INTENSIVE

After a year filled with pandemic anxieties, it's time to experience healing and freedom! Encounter DC is pleased to present the Summer Intensive taking place on the evenings of July 19th-22nd, at Mother of God Community 20501 Goshen Road, Gaithersburg, MD. All are invited to experience the supernatural love and healing power of Jesus Christ during this power-packed, four-night event. Presentations include: Identity & Transformation, Power & Healing, Hearing God & The Prophetic Gifts, Inner Healing & Freedom. Come for the anointed worship, dynamic speakers, inspirational testimonies, and encouraging fellowship with Catholics from all around the DC area. Encounter DC is recognized by the ADW as a ministry of the New Evangelization. Visit the link below to learn more. Register now and get the special early-bird discount!

Space is limited, register soon!

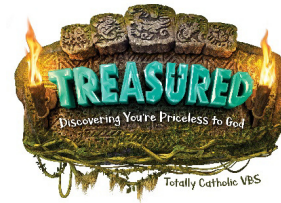
<https://encounterdc.regfox.com/encounter-dc-summer-intensive>

VIRTUAL CHOIR RECORDINGS EXTEND CHORAL & INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TO PARISHIONERS OVER THE SUMMER

You can still enjoy music recorded by the Adult Choir and Contemporary Ensemble on the web site's Virtual Choir Recordings page. Since September 2020, the Adult Choir and the Contemporary Ensemble recorded nearly 30 hymns spanning the liturgical seasons of Ordinary Time, Advent and Easter, leaving behind a record of recorded choral and instrumental music during the pandemic. See the virtual choir recordings at <https://www.sfadw.org/virtual-choir>.

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!

Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School We are...St. Jude

www.StJudeRockville.org

<http://www.facebook.com/stjuderockvillemd>

THANK YOU! There are no words to express our thanks for a successful school year. Our community's trust and support this school year went beyond the call. Because we all worked together our doors stayed opened and those students in person and virtual received a fabulous education. Our children are our future and St. Jude Regional Catholic School continues to work hard to prepare all of them.

Our graduates are off to their respective high schools, and they will certainly continue the long legacy of outstanding St. Jude alumni. With your continued support, SJRCS will thrive and continue its mission of providing an outstanding Catholic education to all who enter our doors. Once again, thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

If you wish to visit us during the summer, our hours are 9-1 Monday through Thursday. The faculty and staff wish all of you a happy, healthy, and holy summer.

ORDER YOUR 2021 SCHOOL SUPPLIES NOW! Order your student's school supplies for the 2021-2022 school year by JULY 20TH! Kits are customized to the teachers of St. Jude Catholic School, and will be waiting on your child's desk on the first day of school. <https://www.educationalproducts.com/ShopPacks/> School code: stj002

Our Pre-School is accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year. St. Jude preschool promotes an environment where children become independent, confident, lifelong learners with a strong sense of self. We proudly offer a positive, child-centered preschool experience that fosters a love of learning in a nurturing community. We offer full-day pre-school for 3 and 4 year-olds. Before school and after school care is available too. For more information contact Ellen Donnelly at 301-946-7888 or ellen.donnelly@stjuderockville.org