

## ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

# Mass Intentions

### July 26 - August 1

<b>Monday, 7/26</b>	9:00 a.m.	Chabe Perralta
<b>Tuesday, 7/27</b>	9:00 a.m.	Amelia & Eugene Dudenhoeffer
<b>Wednesday, 7/28</b>	9:00 a.m.	Hugo Huaman
	7:30 p.m.	William Pierre
<b>Thursday, 7/29</b>	9:00 a.m.	Bill Parker
<b>Friday, 7/30</b>	9:00 a.m.	Susan Doherty
<b>Saturday, 7/31</b>	5:00 p.m.	<i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Sunday, 8/1</b>	8:00 a.m.	Josephine Fang
	9:30 a.m.	Earl Sunny Weaver
	11:15 a.m.	Raymond Schmidt
	5:00 p.m.	Helen Harvey

**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 Msgr. Paul Langsfeld, Archdiocese of Washington, John Tan, husband of Rose Tan.

**Please pray for the sick...** Chuck Huckestein, Michael Lapp, Joe Westner, Jeanette Davidson, Debra Price, Barbara Schmidt, Mary Cutting, Angelica Santos, Jackie Komlo, Allison Brauer, Frank Knorr, Allan Degen, Bob Jones, William Komlo, Sandra Kimball, 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 July 25, 2021

<b>Sunday:</b>	2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15
<b>Monday:</b>	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Mt 13:31-35
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/ Mt 13:44-46
<b>Thursday:</b>	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
<b>Friday:</b>	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5- 6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58
<b>Saturday:</b>	Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

### THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

I was at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas from July 14-18 for a conference. One of the things to which I look forward to on such an occasion is meeting other people attending the conference as they are often from all over the country. I was not disappointed in this regard. While I was there I met a priest from the Diocese of Tulsa and the Bishop of Little Rock, Arkansas. With both of them I had a conversation about the recently beatified Blessed Stanley Rother who had been a priest from Oklahoma and volunteered to be a missionary in Guatemala. Blessed Stanley was murdered because he did not want to abandon the indigenous people in his parish. His parishioners were being tortured and murdered by soldiers and paramilitary squads. When Stanley spoke out against this, he learned that he had been put on a list of people to be tortured and murdered. He was killed on July 28, 1981.

The Bishop of Little Rock told me that he had been a priest from Oklahoma City Archdiocese. He had been asked by the Archbishop to do research for the beatification of Blessed Stanley. This involved a number of trips to Guatemala to interview people who knew Stanley. I then told the bishop about a minor role that a recently deceased first cousin of my father (Joseph Dillon) played in all of this.

Blessed Stanley grew up on a farm in Oklahoma and knew lots about farming when he decided to go to the seminary. The bishop sent him to a seminary that was run by a Benedictine abbey. The abbey also had a farm attached to it. Blessed Stanley volunteered to help with the management of the farm. The monks were glad to have his help but they should have been firmer in their insistence that Stanley study his Latin, which he had not studied in high school. It was important that Stanley become somewhat proficient in Latin because at that time many seminary courses were conducted in that language. Because Stanley's knowledge of Latin was deficient, he failed a number of seminary classes. After that happened, the seminary staff recommended to the bishop that Stanley not continue in his seminary studies. When Stanley was dismissed from the seminary, he begged the bishop to give him a second chance. Bishop Reed (bishop of Tulsa-Oklahoma City at the time) turned to Father Joseph Dillon for assistance. He asked Joe to tutor Stanley in Latin and to give the Bishop a report as to whether or not Stanley should be given another opportunity to study for the priesthood. Joe worked with Stanley during the summer and recommended to the Bishop that Stanley be given another chance. Bishop Reed then sent Stanley to Mount Saint Mary's in Emmitsburg, MD where he successfully completed the course of studies and then ordained a priest in 1963.

Joe's and Stanley's paths went in different directions after Stanley went to Guatemala in 1968. Joe left active ministry in 1971 but remained in close contact with another former priest who lived in the DC metro area. I was invited to the house of Joe's friend in 2017 when Joe visited the DC area. That is when I learned about his connection with Blessed Stanley.

I would be grateful if you would remember Joe in your prayers. He died on March 2, 2021 and was the last remaining first cousin of my father. May Joe rest in peace!

Until next week,  
**Fr. John**

July 25, 2021

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

*What can I do to alleviate hunger in my community, my city, our country, the world? What can I allocate from my plenty to relieve the hunger of someone else?*

### “THE JUSTICE THOUGHT”

The Parish Council’s Ad Hoc Committee on Racism will provide a brief message each week under the title, “The Justice Thought” that is intended to educate and help us contemplate ways we can combat the sin of racism. This project stems from recommendations made to the committee by participants in the parish-sponsored dialogue, “Four Courageous Conversations on Racism.” Please contact Vincent Price at [price93507@aol.com](mailto:price93507@aol.com) with any comments or suggestions.

**Who are Your Three Best Friends?** Picture your three closest friends, excluding your family. Are they the same race as you or diverse? A CNN/Kaiser Foundation poll recently found that despite the millennial reputation for inclusiveness, young white Americans do not have especially multicultural friend groups. Who do you invite to your home? With whom do you socialize? With whom do you sit at church? With whom do you talk about racism?

Though it seems benign, failing to get to know people of other races as fellow human beings is a sign of racism. The pastoral letter, “Open Wide Our Hearts” states that this type of behavior can be viewed as wrong in God’s eyes because “we are meant to love God with our whole being, which then overflows into love for our neighbor.” Thus, if we want to be faithful disciples of Jesus on our journey, we should take seriously this call to love our neighbor.

## SAVE THE DATE ST. FRANCIS ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021



**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.

### AMAZONSMILE ENABLES ST. FRANCIS TO INCREASE FUNDRAISING THROUGH ONLINE SHOPPING

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## SAVE THE DATE ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC & ANIMAL BLESSING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021 OUR PARISH 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION KICKOFF

### 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? If so, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will begin in September. 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 Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at [abosnick@sfadw.org](mailto:abosnick@sfadw.org).

### THANK YOU SAINT FRANCIS!

Your donations of \$2,317 were sent to the Little Sisters of the Poor earlier this month. Even though the Sisters couldn’t be here in person, they appreciate your generosity and hope to see everyone in the fall. **Thank you!**

### VOICE YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE HYDE AMENDMENT

The week of July 26, the U.S. House will vote on a spending bill that excludes longstanding provisions that prohibit the use of taxpayer dollars to fund elective abortions. If the bill becomes law, the exclusion of the Hyde Amendment and other provisions could force taxpayers to pay for abortions, compel health care providers and professionals to perform abortions and refer for them against their beliefs, and require employers and insurers to cover and pay for them. Please see Flocknote and Facebook this week for how to weigh in on this upcoming vote. For more information, contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at [abosnick@sfadw.org](mailto:abosnick@sfadw.org).

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SHIMP FEAST - JULY 31

Hungry for some shrimp and chicken? Next week, Knights of Columbus #2323 will host a Shrimp Feast-Family Night from 6-9 pm Saturday, July 31, at the Father Cuddy Hall, 17001 Overhill Road, in Derwood. Come out for a delicious fundraiser dinner, whose proceeds will benefit the Little Sisters of the Poor. The menu includes spiced shrimp, grilled chicken breast, corn on the cob, French fries, coleslaw, beer, wine, and soft drinks. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for children 16 and under, and \$5 for a chicken nugget meal. They may be purchased at the door and payment by credit card is available. For more information, contact Dan Huff at [Huffdar@gmail.com](mailto:Huffdar@gmail.com). Follow the Knights on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/kofc2323](http://www.facebook.com/kofc2323).

## REGISTRATION FOR 2021-2022

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OPENS SOON!

Our Religious Education Program is gearing up for the 2021-22 school year, offering families a choice of two options for religious education:

1) **“Homeschool model”** with parents teaching their children at home with textbook resources and support provided by the parish

**OR**

2) **“Classroom model”** with children attending in-person classes with modifications in place to comply with covid safety protocols (including keeping 3 ft. distance in classrooms, required use of face masks, and frequent hand washing/sanitizing). In-person classes for Kindergarten through Grade 8 will be offered as follows:

- Elementary (Kindergarten-Grade 5) classes with students attending class in person on alternating weeks and completing a lesson at-home between each in-person class. Two Elementary session times will be offered: Sunday morning, 9:20-10:35 am and Monday afternoon, 4:45-6:00 pm.
- Middle School (Grade 6, 7 & 8) classes with students attending weekly. Two Middle School session times will be offered: Monday and Tuesday evenings, 6:45-8:00 pm.
- Classes for children and youth with special needs will continue to be offered via Zoom meeting on Sunday afternoons 3:30-4:30 pm.

Registration for the 2021-22 Religious Education program and sacramental preparation will open soon and will include information about registration fees and additional details! Check the parish website and/or sign up for the “Religious Education” group found in Flocknote to receive email updates and link to registration forms: <https://SFADerwood.flocknote.com/ReligiousEducation>.

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.

#### Information Regarding Sacramental Preparation for 2021-22

Sacramental preparation for Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation, and full initiation in the adapted RCIA for children and teens seeking Baptism will also be offered in adapted formats as needed for compliance with covid protocols.

- 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 when registering for religious education so that additional information can be provided. Please note that there is a separate materials fee for sacramental preparation programs.

## MOTHER OF GOD SCHOOL

Mother of God School in Gaithersburg, MD is recruiting for a variety of part-time positions for the 2021-2022 school year. Positions include 7th-grade religion, K-5 Technology, Before and After Care, and Pre-School aides. MOG School is an Independent, Catholic PreK through 8th-grade school, affiliated with the Archdiocese of Washington. At Mother of God, faith is not an extra but an integral part of everything we do! Candidates must be practicing Catholics/Christians with a zeal for living out their faith. All religion teachers must be practicing Catholics. For more information please email the principal, Melissa Sloan at [principal@mogschool.com](mailto:principal@mogschool.com)

## 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](http://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](mailto:gtdbpalmer@verizon.net).

**BARBECUE AND FAIR:** St. Mary’s in Barnesville cordially invites all to join in their 146th annual Chicken Dinner and Jousting Tournament on Saturday July 31, 2021 from 12 Noon to 6:00 p.m. Full course **takeout dinners only** (No Indoor Dining) are \$16.00. There will also be a snack bar, crafts, baked goods, cake-wheel, country store, white elephant stand, and live music. Mass will be celebrated in the shrine church at 4:00 pm. For information, call (301) 972-8660.

## RIGHT TO LIFE OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

This year, Right to Life of Montgomery County will again have a pro-life booth at the Montgomery County Fair, August 13-21. If you are interested in helping out at the booth please call Tharpa Roberts, (301) 962-5611 or [rtl-omc@snk.mail.com](mailto:rtl-omc@snk.mail.com). If you volunteered in 2019, Tharpa will be calling you to see if you can help again this year. Your help is greatly appreciated.

**GRIEF SUPPORT** Holy Cross Home Care and Hospice offers ongoing support for people who have suffered the loss of a loved one. Family Loss and Spousal Loss Groups meet Wednesday evenings. Their six-week virtual grief support group sessions are in progress, but you still may join. Each group follows a curriculum that includes coping skills to help participants better understand the grieving process and reflect on their own journeys. Call (301) 754-7742 or send an email to [bereavementcenter@holycrosshealth.org](mailto:bereavementcenter@holycrosshealth.org) to register. Read more at <https://www.trinityhealthathome.org/maryland/holy-cross-home-care-and-hospice/>.

**MARRIAGE HELP** Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the September program beginning with a weekend on 3-5 September 2021 call (443) 400-7017, or email: [3015@HelpOurMarriage.org](mailto:3015@HelpOurMarriage.org) or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org)