

## ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

### Mass Intentions

**July 24 - July 30**

<b>Monday, 7/24</b>	9:00 a.m. Barbara Lynn Beall
<b>Tuesday, 7/25</b>	9:00 a.m. Anna Marie Kuzma
<b>Wednesday, 7/26</b>	9:00 a.m. Deacon Mark Gallagher
	7:30 p.m. Roderic O'Connor
<b>Thursday, 7/27</b>	9:00 a.m. Amelia & Eugene Dudenhoeffer
<b>Friday, 7/28</b>	9:00 a.m. Hugo Huaman
<b>Saturday, 7/29</b>	9:00 a.m. Catherine Dillon Bullen
	5:00 p.m. Sister Alice Williams
<b>Sunday, 7/30</b>	8:00 a.m. Augustine Santucci
	9:30 a.m. <i>Pro populo</i>
	11:15 a.m. Mariano Vicente
	5:00 p.m. Catherine Dillon Bullen

**Please pray for the sick**....Bernard Kohan, Sr., Evelyn Haddad, Donna Ruffin, Carolyn Maltz, Mary Fiumara, Carolyn Speaks, Bart Trickett, Katrina Schmidt, Bienvenido Delrosario, Kathy Denchfield, Jackie Roebuck King, Bob Coyne, Jeni Stepanek, Debbie & Roger Petrocelli. (Names will remain on this list for four consecutive weeks, but can be repeated by calling the Office.)

#### **Readings for the Week of July 23, 2017**

<b>Sunday:</b>	Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/ Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43
<b>Monday:</b>	Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-6/Mt 12:38-42
<b>Tuesday:</b>	2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1-6/Mt 20:20-28
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-28/Mt 13:1-9
<b>Thursday:</b>	Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20/Dn 3:52-56/ Mt 13:10-17
<b>Friday:</b>	Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 13:18-23
<b>Saturday:</b>	Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130/ Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52

### *Scripture Corner*

#### REPENT!

The Day of Parables continues this week. Jesus gives a rather long parable on the ultimate destiny of the human race. The Parable of the Weeds and the Wheat, (Matthew 13; 24-30) Christ tells his audience represents the Kingdom of God. One can be like the "good seed in the field" or like the weeds that are sown by an enemy. The slaves of the owner suggest that they pull out the weeds. But the man who planted the good seed says, "No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them." (Matthew 13:29)

Our Lord responds to the request of his disciples for an explanation of the parable of the weeds in the field. Christ himself sows the good seed, which represents the children of the kingdom. The devil sows the weeds; the weeds are the devil's children. At the end of the age Jesus will send his angels Those who cause others to sin. They will be lost in the fiery furnace while "the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." (Matthew 13:43)

Christ holds out the Importance of repentance for all sinners. Repentance from the Hebrew and Greek background of the word might better be translated "a change of mind, a change of heart." The first reading today stresses the possibility and significance of repentance. "You gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins." (Wisdom 12:19)

This chapter of Matthew has two short parables about the kingdom of heaven. He compares the kingdom's wonderful growth to the impressive development of the mustard seed and of yeast. (Matthew 13:31-33) The remarkable development of the early Church exemplifies such growth.

Finally, I want to call your attention to an amazing verse at the end of today's first reading (Wisdom 12:19) "Those who are righteous must be kind." I believe that both charity and justice would be greatly enhanced by a kind smile!!

**Fr. Ralph**

## The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

*This week, what can I do to be a mustard seed or a bit of yeast, doing a little good in a hidden way, making a little difference?*

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO KEEP UP WITH HOW YOUR TWO U.S. SENATORS & REPRESENTATIVES VOTE?

Track their votes by email with MegaVote. Each week that Congress is in session, you receive: **1) key votes** of your Senators and Representative; **2) links to send e-mail** to your members of Congress using pre-addressed forms; **3) upcoming votes for your review** and a chance to offer e-mail input before they vote. Register here: <http://congress.org/>

### MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIR PASSES

*Thank you to all those who have signed up!*

Passes will be handed out after the following Masses: **Saturday 5:00, Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:15 & 5:00** the weekend of August 5/6. If you will not be at one of the Masses that weekend, you can pick-up your passes in the Parish Office beginning Monday, August 7.

An alphabetical listing of volunteers is posted in the Gathering Space this weekend.

*Thank you again, we couldn't do this without your support!*

### THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

However, if cremation must take place immediately after death prior to celebrating the sacred funeral and burial rites, the Archdiocese of Washington allows for the cremated remains to be present in the church and Funeral Mass of Christian burial.

#### Why does the Church insist upon burial of the cremated body?

In view of the Resurrection of the Body, the Church teaches that all reverence given to a full body in a casket should be extended to the cremated body. Therefore, cremated bodily remains are not to be scattered, kept at home, or divided into other vessels among family members. After the cremation process, the bodily remains should be placed in a respectful vessel and reverently buried or entombed in the sacred ground of a cemetery or mausoleum immediately after the funeral (*Order of Christian Funerals, Reflections, p. 15*).

The Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington has ground burial sections for cremated bodies and mausoleum niches for entombment, depending on the family's wishes. The Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington also warmly welcomes families who have cremated bodily remains at their homes, and are now interested in burial in the sacred ground of a cemetery.

Until next week,  
**Fr. John Dillon**

### THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

The recent death of my mother has led to conversations in which a number of people asked me about the church's position on the burial of the deceased. Some of these people asked questions because they heard about a recent document from the Holy See. Indeed, the Vatican Instruction entitled *Ad resurgendum cum Christo*, which was issued on August 15, 2016, provides compelling reasons to encourage conventional burial of the faithful whenever possible as well as to require the appropriate reservation of cremated remains. For these reasons, I thought that I would devote my column to this subject today. The Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington have written a very helpful pamphlet entitled "Considering Cremation of the Body?" I am going to refer to that pamphlet for much of this column. Copies of the pamphlet are available in the pamphlet rack in the Gathering Space for those who wish to read the whole thing—something that I would encourage people to do. Now let's look at three questions from this pamphlet.

#### What does the Church say about the cremated body?

Since 1963, the Church allows for cremation of the body providing that those who make the decision recognize that the deceased body is not lost forever but is destined for resurrection.

Cremation quickly reduces the body into a form where the person can no longer be recognized. This can make it more difficult for family and friends to remember and hope in the person's eternal future, body and soul. For this reason, "the Church earnestly recommends the pious custom of burying the bodies of the dead be observed. It does not, however, forbid cremation unless it has been chosen for reasons which are contrary to Catholic teaching" (*Canon 1176*).

#### What are the Church's funeral rites when the body is to be cremated?

The Church prefers and urges that the full body be present for the funeral rites (*Order of Christian Funerals, 414*), since the loved ones' experience of that person has always been through the human body. "The body that lies in death recalls the personal story of faith, the past relationships, and the continued spiritual presence of the deceased person" (*Order of Christian Funerals, Reflections, p. 11*).

The Church's Vigil, Funeral and Committal rites are Christ's gift to help bereaved families on their journey over several days through mourning, prayer, consolation and separation, in the company of friends and neighbors.

Some families make the decision to cremate the body immediately after death thinking it will move this painful journey along more quickly. In fact, grief counselors report it is easier for family and friends to confront the mystery of death with a visual experience of the deceased person who can still be recognized in love.

If the body is to be cremated after the Church's Vigil and Funeral rites, funeral directors can provide for a simple embalming and a regular casket for rent. Purchase of a special shell or cremation casket is usually available for this same purpose.

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**July 23, 2017**

**LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING** Join the Lamb of God Prayer Group for worship and the study of Scripture on Tuesday, July 25, 7:30 p.m., St. Clare's Chapel in the Rectory. For details, please call Louise, (301) 977-5217.

**POOR BOX DONATION** – The donations for next weekend will go to Olney Help. *Thank you for your generosity.*

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRAYER CHAIN** If you have a prayer request, please contact Marianne Bullen, (301) 963-3420 or [mariannebu@comcast.net](mailto:mariannebu@comcast.net) with your requests.

### **ROSARY FOR PRIESTS**

Every Wednesday evening at 6:45 p.m. we pray the rosary for our priests before the 7:30 p.m. Mass.

### **HOLY HOUR FOR THE DYING**

On Thursday evenings in the St. Clare Chapel in the Rectory a prayer group meets at 7:00 p.m. to pray for the dying. This is a Holy Hour Devotion for the Dying. As a central work of our Catholic faith, we are called to pray for the dying, especially for those who may die suddenly, unprepared to face God. For additional information, please call the Parish Office, (301) 840-1407.

**ROSARY CENACLE OF OUR LADY, QUEEN OF PEACE**  
Cenacle of Our Lady, Queen of Peace to pray for priests and vocations, 2:00 p.m. in the St. Clare's Chapel (Rectory) every Sunday. Please join us.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - COUNCIL 2323**

The Knights of Columbus are actively pursuing new members. Our council incorporates members from St. Francis, St. Mary's and St. Martin's. Though best known for our many charitable projects, we also have a lot of fun with dinners, fund raisers, family nights and many other fraternal social occasions. If interested in learning more, please contact Gary Palmer, (301) 948-6494 or e-mail [gtdbpalmer@verizon.net](mailto:gtdbpalmer@verizon.net).

### **SYRIAN FAMILY STILL IN NEED OF A CAR AND APARTMENT**

St. Francis of Assisi Parish continues to support a Syrian refugee family, the Alhumayers, as they adjust to their new lives in Maryland. We are helping them apply for their Green Cards to become permanent residents of the United States, supporting them with health appointments, assisting them with finding jobs, and helping the family learn English. The children are also attending summer school.

Yamen, the eldest 19-year old son recently passed an English exam at Prince George's Community College, enabling him to move a higher level English class and, eventually, take college-level classes. However, Yamen needs to find a part-time job while going to school. We are looking for a donation, or very low-cost purchase, of a workable car to help him get to school and work. We also continue to look for affordable three-bedroom housing for the family.

If you would like to help, please contact Chris King, e-mail at [caking.home@gmail.com](mailto:caking.home@gmail.com), or Mary Kate Ryner, at [rynoslp@msn.com](mailto:rynoslp@msn.com).

### **ST. FRANCIS PARISHIONER DOCUMENTS ESTABLISHMENT OF HAITI MEDICAL MISSION IN NEW BOOK**

In 1996, St. Francis parishioner and pharmacist Frank J. Nice founded the Haiti Medical Mission to help provide primary medical interventions to parishioners of St. Francis' twin parish, St. Paul's Parish in Leon. More than 20 years later, the Haiti Medical Mission now serves 4,500 patients a year in Leon and its surrounding areas during five one-week medical mission trips to Haiti.

Over the course of 22 visits to Haiti, Nice has experienced plenty of adventure and met unforgettable people, including the Haitian clergy and people, local medical mission employees, and members of the medical mission team. He details many of his Haitian experiences in his newly published memoirs, *Haiti Beyond Belief*. The book is available through Nice's web site:

[www.nicebreastfeeding.com](http://www.nicebreastfeeding.com) and also through Amazon at: [https://www.amazon.com/Haiti-Beyond-Belief-Frank-Nice/dp/0998502413/ref=cm\\_sw\\_em\\_r\\_awdb\\_w\\_das\\_H8M4ybMP231X\\_tt](https://www.amazon.com/Haiti-Beyond-Belief-Frank-Nice/dp/0998502413/ref=cm_sw_em_r_awdb_w_das_H8M4ybMP231X_tt)

*Haiti Beyond Belief* sells for \$10.04 (to commemorate Hurricane Matthew, which struck Haiti on 10/4/16). If ordered from Nice's web site, he will sign each book and make arrangements to transport the book to buyers. If buyers prefer to buy from Amazon, Nice encourages buyers to contact him at [fjnecat@hotmail.com](mailto:fjnecat@hotmail.com) so he can sign it.

All proceeds from the sales of *Haiti Beyond Belief* will be donated to the Haiti Medical Mission. Thank you for all your support for our Haitian brothers and sisters. For more information about the Haiti Medical Mission, visit [www.sfadw.org](http://www.sfadw.org) under 'Haiti-Our Sister Parish.'

### **FAITH & FOOD:**

#### **FILM SERIES, DISCUSSION & REFRESHMENTS**

How does our faith apply to food? What would it look like if we ate according to what is best for our health, the environment, society, food laborers, the health care system, animals, and God's glory and greater service toward others? Join us for this film-based series on how Catholics can be virtuous and socially responsible through what we eat every day. Healthy, delicious, and filling plant-based food will be served. The film series will take place from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Sunday evenings from July 16 - September 3 in the Parish Meeting Room of St. Dominic Church, 630 E St SW, Washington, D.C. 20024 (Metro: L'Enfant Plaza). Visit the church's web site for detailed information on the films: [www.stdominicchurch.org/events](http://www.stdominicchurch.org/events)



**AUGUST 2017 LUNCH** – The St. Francis Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, August 2, 12:00 Noon at The Greene Turtle, 18101 town Center Drive, Olney MD 20832 (301) 570-0343. If you are planning to attend, please contact Mary Lou Habib, (301) 417-0243, she will reserve a seat for you.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS/EVENTS

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR 2017-2018

We are now accepting registration for next year's Religious Education Program! Our program offerings for children and youth include:

- Pre-school and Kindergarten classes on Sunday mornings, 11:10-12:15 p.m. (*Preschool classes are for children age 3 or 4 by September 1*)
- Grade 1-5 classes offered at two session times:  
*Sunday mornings, 9:20-10:35 a.m.*  
*Monday afternoons, 4:45-6:00 p.m.*
- Grade 6, 7, and 8 classes offered at two session times:  
*Monday evenings, 6:45-8:00 p.m.*  
*Tuesday evenings, 6:45-8:00 p.m.*
- Grades 9-12 (FRED) meet Sunday evenings 6:00-8:00 p.m. (following the 5:00 p.m. Youth Mass)

Since the curriculum of the Religious Education Program is designed to be taught in sequence and each year builds on the content presented in previous years, families should plan for their children to participate in Religious Education classes each year.

Registration forms were mailed home to families with children currently attending RE classes. For those new to our program, and if additional forms are needed, blank forms will be available on the parish web site ([www.sfadw.org](http://www.sfadw.org)), in the Gathering Space of the Church, and in the Parish Offices. Completed forms can be returned to RE classes this week, sent in by mail, or dropped off in person at the Rectory Office (Monday-Friday, 8 am-4 pm). Classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Please complete and return the registration forms as soon as possible!

### REGISTERING FOR SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Sacramental preparation for 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation, 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist, Confirmation, and Christian Initiation for Children/Teens (CIC/CIT) is not grade specific and involves preparation in addition to grade level Religious Education classes. At minimum, children are expected to have participated in religious education in the year prior to preparing for a sacrament. ***Please note: students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will attend their grade-level Religious Education classes as well as monthly Confirmation sessions.***

Families requesting sacramental preparation for their child are asked to mark their registration form accordingly so that additional information can be provided. Please note that there is a separate materials fee for sacramental preparation programs. More details will be provided at the parent meetings next year.

If you have any questions, please call the Religious Education Office at (301) 258-9193.

### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

At 60 years old, Moussa Mai left his life behind to escape Boko Haram. He traveled for four days and arrived in the village of Kaya, Chad with nothing but the clothes on his back. His story is a common one for people fleeing violence. This is why Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is working with local Church partners in Chad to help 1,000 refugee and host families receive vouchers for two months' worth of food and livestock. Learn more about the work of CRS at [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org).

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS/EVENTS

### ST. FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY

#### Upcoming Events

#### FRED

#### JULY

23 FRED Summer Nights

#### AUGUST

6 FRED Summer Nights  
8 Youth Appreciation Day  
12 Bowie Baysocks Game  
13 Fred Summer Nights  
21-25 Middle School Service Camp  
26 Faith Night at the Nats Game  
27 FRED Summer Nights

#### GET SOCIAL

\*Instagram "SFASusie"

"FRED - SFA Youth Ministry" Page on Facebook

"St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church" page on Facebook  
Twitter @SusanFREDLea

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Just as a small mustard seed can become a large and elaborate bush, discover how a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend can encourage our marriage to blossom and provide a lifetime of joy. The next weekend is on October 27-29, 2017 in Gaithersburg, MD. For more information and to apply online visit [welovematrimony.org](http://welovematrimony.org), or call 301-541-7007, or email at [applications@welovematrimony.org](mailto:applications@welovematrimony.org).

### YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the September program beginning with a weekend on September 15-17, 2017 call (443) 400-7017, or email: [3015@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3015@retrouvaille.org) or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

### NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK

The theme for Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week, July 23-29, is "It's time! Say 'Yes' to God's plan for married love!" NFP Awareness Week is a national educational campaign of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to celebrate God's vision for marriage and promote the methods of NFP. These methods reflect the dignity of the human person within the context of marriage and family life, promoting openness to life and the gift of the child. By respecting the love-giving and life-giving nature of marriage, NFP can enrich the bond between husband and wife. For more information about NFP visit, [www.adw.org/nfp](http://www.adw.org/nfp).

## ***JULY @ ST. FRANCIS***

<b>22-23</b>	Mulholland Food Collection FRED Summer Nights (YR)	6:00 pm
<b>26</b>	Martha & Mary Women's Group (YR)	7:30pm
<b>27</b>	St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (AR) Alanon Mtg (Lib)	7:00 pm
<b>28</b>	CL Mtg (AR)	8:00 pm

## **SHADY GROVE PREGNANCY CENTER**

### ***Saving Lives - Supporting Families***

The Shady Grove Pregnancy Center is in need of volunteers with a heart for women experiencing crisis pregnancies. Looking to train daytime volunteers who want to become pregnancy counselors. Training consists of classes held Monday & Thursday, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Dates: July 27, 31, August 3,7,10,14,17,21. For details call Jackie Stippich, Executive Director, (301) 963-6223.

## **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 11-19. If you are interested in helping out at the booth please call Tharpa Roberts, (301) 962-5611 or [rtl-mc@verizon.net](mailto:rtl-mc@verizon.net). If you volunteered last year, Tharpa will be calling you to see if you can help again this year. Your help is greatly appreciated.

## **SERVICE ON THE PASTORAL COUNCIL CAN HELP YOU IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL LIFE TOO**

Teens and young adults, are you looking to develop your professional skills and serve St. Francis of Assisi Parish? Consider running this fall for a seat on the Pastoral Council, an all-volunteer body that advises the pastor on issues germane to the parish. The Pastoral Council is especially interested in recruiting parishioners in their late teens, 20s and 30s; members receive many opportunities to develop their small group leadership skills, work on teams and view an organization from a strategic perspective.

If you are a parishioner who is 16 years and older, can commit to attending one meeting per month for 10 months of the year, and can serve a three-year term beginning January 1, 2018, then you are eligible to run for the Pastoral Council. For more information, please contact Pastoral Council Co-Chair Alicia Church, [alicia.church@collaborationcouncil.org](mailto:alicia.church@collaborationcouncil.org) or Miguel Welanetz at [welawhat@msn.com](mailto:welawhat@msn.com).

## **ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER & JOUSTING TOURNAMENT**

St. Mary's in Barnesville cordially invites all to join in their 142nd Annual Chicken Dinner and Jousting Tournament on Saturday, July 29th, 12:00 Noon-7:00 p.m. Full course dinners inside are \$16 for adults, children 12 and under are free. Carryout is \$16 for all ages. There is a jousting tournament from 1:00-4:00 p.m., which is free to spectators. Also a craft booth, games for children, baked goods, cake-wheel, candy stand and lots more. Mass will be celebrated in the shrine church at 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. St. Mary's Church is located at 18230 Barnesville Road. For more information call (301) 972-8660.

## **SFA HEALTH MINISTRY**

***Encouraging health and wellbeing of body, mind and soul***

### **Have a Heart Healthy Summer this July**

Protect your heart this summer! We're embracing some of the hottest temperatures of the year. People are soaking up the sun and staying active, but the heat can be harmful to your heart health. This summer, the American Heart Association wants to encourage you to protect your heart in every way you can.

**Hydration Station! Hydrating is critical for your heart health.**

**Water is best.** Keeping the body hydrated helps the heart more easily pump blood through the blood vessels to the muscles. And, it helps the muscles work efficiently. Dehydration can occur when you don't replace body fluids lost by sweating. Being even slightly dehydrated can make you feel bad and put you at greater risk for heat-related illnesses like heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

**Watch for these signs of mild to moderate dehydration:** Thirst, Dry or sticky mouth, Dry, cool skin, Headache, Muscle cramps, Not urinating much or darker-colored urine.

**Take Action:** Stop exercising right away. Sip water or suck on ice cubes. Move to the shade or indoors. Douse yourself with cold water. Apply cold, wet cloths to the neck, groin and armpits. Seek medical attention if your condition doesn't improve or gets worse.

**Think you're ready to brave the heat?**

- Watch the clock and buddy up. It's best to avoid the outdoors in the early afternoon (about noon to 3 p.m.) when sun is usually at its strongest, putting you at higher risk for heat-related illnesses.
- If you can, exercise with a friend, because it's safer — and more fun — to have someone at your side!
- Protect your family from the sun: wear wide-brimmed hats, always apply water-resistant sunscreen with at least SPF 15 and reapply sunscreen every 2 hours.

## **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT**

### **MONTGOMERY HOSPICE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT**

Free workshops for anyone who lives or works in Montgomery County. Each is led by a professional counselor. Register: (301) 921-4400.

#### ***DROP-IN DISCUSSION ABOUT GRIEF AND HEALING***

August 3 - 1:30-3:00 pm

August 15 - 6:30-8:00 pm

For anyone mourning the death of a loved one.

1355 Piccard Dr., Rockville

#### ***LOSS OF A SIBLING GRIEF TWO-SESSION WORKSHOP***

August 1 and August 8 - 6:30-8:00 pm

A 2-session workshop for anyone mourning the death of a sibling.

1355 Piccard Dr., Rockville

## **SFA HEALTH MINISTRY UPDATES**

**WALL OF HEROES** -Thank you to parishioners who honored the service of their family members. As a church family we can continue to raise them in prayer. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July breakfast reception was well attended.

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING** The next BP screening is August 12/13 weekend in the St. Clare Room.

## **HEALING SERVICE**

A Healing Service will be held with Catholic evangelist Damian Stayne on Saturday, July 29, 7:00-10:00 p.m. at St. John Neumann Church, 9000 Warfield Road, Gaithersburg, for all who are sick or suffering. Admission is free, come and experience the truth that Jesus is alive!