

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

October 30 - November 5

Table with 2 columns: Day/Date and Mass Times/Intention. Rows include Monday 10/30, Tuesday 10/31, Wednesday 11/1 (Holy Day of Obligation), Thursday 11/2, Friday 11/3, Saturday 11/4, and Sunday 11/5.

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Reverend John J. Mattingly, Retired Archdiocese of Washington.

Please pray for the sick....Bernard Kohan, Joseph Dreup, Tom Proctor, Jimmy Gerard, Bob Coyne, Gemma Palini, Evelyn Haddad, Carolyn Speaks, Bart Trickett, Katrina Schmidt, Bienvenido Delrosario, 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 October 29, 2017

Table with 2 columns: Day and Readings. Rows include Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Next Sunday.

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS
Wednesday, November 1
Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Times
9:00 a.m. 12:00 Noon 7:30 p.m.

PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE
Wednesday, November 8 - 9:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
&
Thursday, November 9 - 9:00 a.m.

To allow Father John & Father Jack to attend the Archdiocesan Convocation for Priests, there will be no Daily Masses on the above dates. In place of Mass, the Deacons will offer a Communion Service at the times Daily Mass would normally be said.

ALL SOULS MASS

During the month of November we will remember those who have died. All Souls envelopes will be placed on the altar for the month. The envelopes can be found at the doors to the Church. Also, on Thursday, November 2, 7:30 p.m. there will be an All Souls Mass for those parishioners who have died within the past year. This Mass is also open to the parish.

SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 5
2:00 A.M.



The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Because we only love God as much as the neighbor we love the least, whom do I need to look at differently this week if I hope to look more like God?

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

All are welcome! Join the Ministry of Eucharistic Adoration and assist with adoration in the following manner:

Become a regular attendee at adoration in the Parish.

Pray that Eucharistic Adoration will increase.

Foster Eucharistic Adoration in our parish by evangelizing His Eucharistic Presence.

Deepen your personal relationship with Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

First Friday Mass will be at 7:30 p.m., November 3rd, followed by adoration until 9:00 p.m. in the Church..

CALLING ALL VETERANS

Have you served in the U.S. Armed Forces or in the U.S. Public Health Service? St. Francis of Assisi Parish would like to honor your service with prayer and gratitude. Please submit your name and branch of service to the list in the Gathering Space or e-mail the information to Health Ministry Coordinator Betty Baklarz at lbbaklarz@yahoo.com by Tuesday, November 7. You will be included in our prayers and petitions at Masses during Veterans Day weekend on Nov. 11 and 12. *An initiative of the SFA Health Ministry* to the end of the article.

PARISH PICNIC & FEAST DAY CELEBRATED WITH PLENTY OF FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

About 250 St. Francis parishioners braved overcast skies to attend the St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day and Parish Picnic on Sunday, Oct. 8, in the Parish Center. Bishop Barry Knestout celebrated the 11:15 a.m. Mass and then joined Fr. John Dillon, Fr. Jack Berard and parishioners for hamburgers, hot dogs, side dishes, salads, fruit and many desserts. After the meal, St. Francis' youngest parishioners enjoyed face painting, pumpkin decorating, sundae making and balloon animals. At 3 p.m., parishioners and an array of dogs, cats, guinea pigs and other four-legged pets received a blessing from Fr. John, in honor of our nature loving patron saint.

Special thanks to Special Events Ministry Coordinator Sylvia Jones and her volunteers for decorating the Parish Center in beautiful fall décor; to the grilling, kitchen and cleanup crews; to FRED Youth for running the kids' activities; and to Parish Administrative Assistant Marie Yeast for staffing a table on our patron saint. Thanks also to parishioners Alex and Doris Chung and Jack Egan for taking pictures at the event.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

I want to continue the discussion on Catholic considerations for our earthly passing that I began last week. I am going to present some more questions and answers from a document entitled "Comfort & Consolation: Q & A." This is a supplement to the Pastoral Letter *Comfort and Consolation* from the Catholic Bishops of Maryland. This is a very timely topic in this Respect Life month.

Q. What does the Church teach about pain and suffering?

With the help of medical science, we can and should offer the suffering as much comfort and relief as possible, and we make available pain-relieving medication in dosages sufficient to manage a patient's pain. If the person is dying and requires increasingly greater dosages of pain medication, the dosages may be increased in increments sufficient to manage the pain, even if the patient is made less alert or responsive, or if the increase should, as a side effect, hasten death. Pain medication, however, must never be given for the purpose of hastening death.

Q. If further medical treatment is determined to be useless or excessively burdensome, what other options are available?

In addition to endorsing programs of pain management, the Church endorses palliative care and hospice care in accord with Catholic ethical principles. Palliative care is not necessarily determined by a patient's life expectancy and may include a wide continuum of services and support designed to help a patient manage the symptoms of a long-term or terminal illness. Hospice care includes medical, emotional and spiritual support provided to patients at home or in a specially-designated facility when a patient is nearing death.

Q. When death is near, what considerations can help me and my loved ones accept the moment with peace and grace?

As a Christian family, it is our privilege and duty to care for the dying by offering them love, comfort, and the spiritual support available through prayer, the sacraments and our faith in eternal life. Pastoral care should include the sacraments, caring for and comforting those near death and their families, prayer and spiritual support to help all share a time to express hope, love, gratitude, forgiveness and farewell. As we participate together in these spiritual preparations, the opportunity to keep company with the dying truly becomes a grace-filled moment.

A final thought for today. Once we've taken the time to think through our wishes, it is important to make sure that our wishes are known to our family and health care providers, and to consider completing appropriate legal forms to document them. Please feel free to contact me or Fr. Jack if you have any questions about the appropriate legal forms to use in these circumstances.

Until next week,
Fr. John Dillon

October 29, 2017

LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING The Lamb of God Prayer will **NOT** meet on Tuesday, October 31st. For details, please call Louise, (301) 977-5217.

POOR BOX DONATION – The donations for next week-end will go to *Gaithersburg 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 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.

NOVEMBER 2017 LUNCH – The St. Francis Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, November 1 (*All Saints Holy Day*), 12:00 Noon at *That's Amore*, 15201 Shady Grove Road, Rockville (240-268-0682). If you are planning to attend, please contact Mary Lou Habib and she will save a seat for you, (301) 417-0243.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CAN HELP COACH YOU THROUGH MONEY DIFFICULTIES, FINANCIAL LIFE

The Financial Stability Network of Catholic Charities provides free financial education, financial coaching and tax assistance to individuals with low to moderate incomes. You can schedule one-on-one appointments with financial professionals when it works best for you. For more information, please leave a message on the intake line: (202) 772-4300, Ext. 153. You can also e-mail FSN@CC-DC.org. The intake team returns all calls/e-mails within 48 hours.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

We are looking for silent auction items such as Time Shares, Sports Tickets, Theater Passes, etc. for our Fall Bazaar (November 11). Items donated are a tax write-off! For more information or to make arrangements to donate, please call the Parish Office, Donna, (301) 840-1407.

THEME BASKETS FOR SILENT AUCTION

If you would like to make up a theme basket for the Silent Auction, please call the Parish Office to let us know you are donating a special basket. Theme Baskets are always a big hit!

FLEA MARKET

Starting Monday, November 6th you can start dropping off your *Flea Market & Shabby Chic* items in the Youth Room located in the Rectory. You can drop off your items until 7:00 p.m. each evening (November 6-9). **THERE WILL BE NO DROP OFFS TAKEN ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH**.

CRAFTING

We will be making craft items on Wednesday, November 1 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Please join us and bring your craft ideas. Projects can be taken home.

JEWELRY

Please drop the jewelry off at the parish office or leave your treasured items in the mailbox on the Rectory porch if the office is closed.

MILLIE'S BAKE SHOP

We are asking parishioners to sign-up to bake for Millie's Bake Shop. Please stop by the Volunteer Table to sign up to bake. Sign-up sheets will be in the Gathering Space October 29/30 & November 4/5. If you forget to sign-up just bring a baked goodie the Friday before the Bazaar starts.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteer Sign-ups will take place in the Gathering Space this weekend and next weekend, November 5. We will need help starting November 8 through November 10 with set-up and help will be needed the actual day of the Bazaar, November 11.

HAVE A MATTRESS AND BEDDING TO DONATE?

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is looking for two single mattresses and bed frames or one queen size mattress and bed frame, as well as a couch in good condition, for a family in need. Bedding, including sheets, blankets and pillows, are also desired. If you have these items available and would like to donate them, please call Social Concerns Ministry Coordinator Tony Bosnick at (301) 840-1407, Ext. 11.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS/EVENTS

NET RETREAT FOR GRADES 6, 7 AND 8 ON OCTOBER 30

Students in 6th, 7th, & 8th grade Religious Education classes will participate in the NET Retreat on Monday, October 30, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. The NET Retreat takes the place of RE classes on October 30 and 31 for 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students (i.e., there are no Tuesday 6:45 RE classes on October 31. These students, and all students who attend the 6:45 Monday classes, are expected to attend the NET Retreat instead.) If you have questions, please call the Religious Education Office, 301-258-9193.

CATECHIST MEETING: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

There will be a Catechist Meeting for all RE catechists on Sunday, November 5 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in Room 6 of the Parish Center. Please join us as we share ideas for enriching our faith formation classes!

CATECHESIS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Our parish offers catechetical sessions specifically designed for children and youth with special needs and their families. Our next class meets Sunday, November 5 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the St. Clare Room. If you would like to learn more about these sessions, or if you are interested in serving as a catechist or aide for children with special needs, please call Susan Anderson, Director of Religious Education, at 301-258-9193.

CATECHISTS AND AIDES NEEDED

Additional volunteers are still needed in our Sunday morning and Monday afternoon Elementary programs, and Monday and Tuesday evening middle school program. Please consider whether you can serve as a catechist or classroom aide for our children and young people. We need your help to keep our class sizes small. If you would like to learn more about this important ministry, please contact Susan Anderson, Director of Religious Education, at 301-258-9193.

LAST TWO DOCUMENTARIES ON THE HOLY LAND FILM SERIES TO SCREEN NOVEMBER 5 & 12

On Sunday, November 5, *Two Blue Lines* -- the third film in the Holy Land Film Series -- will screen at 2:30 p.m. at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church in Montgomery Village. Winner of "Best Documentary Feature" at the 2016 Canada International Film Festival, *Two Blue Lines* depicts the human and political situation of the Palestinian people, from before the creation of Israel in 1948 to 2015.

The final film in the Holy Land Film Series, *Where Should the Birds Fly*, will screen the following week on November 12, also at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 9801 Centerway Road. This documentary tells the story of Israel's siege of Gaza, as told through the eyes of two young women, 11-year-old Mona Samouni and the film's director, Fida Qishta. The film provides a personal look at the impact of modern warfare and the ramifications of sanctions on a civilian population.

The St. Francis Pax Christi Ministry is a supporter of the Holy Land Film Series. For more information, contact parishioner Pat Labuda at patlabuda@aol.com.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS/EVENTS

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY *Upcoming Events*

FRED

OCTOBER

29 FRED - Halloween Party

NOVEMBER

3-5 FRED Fall Retreat

FRED JR.

OCTOBER

30 NET Retreat

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TEENS - IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN-UP FOR FRED FALL RETREAT

Youth at St. Francis of Assisi will convene for their FRED Fall Retreat from Nov. 3-5 at the Manor House at the Middle Creek Bible Conference Center in Pennsylvania. With a theme of "Against the Tide," teens will have an opportunity to celebrate Mass every day, explore their faith lives with peers and trusted adults and carve out time for prayer and self-reflection.

The cost of the event is \$125, which includes food and a T-shirt. However, scholarships are available and teens are encouraged to apply. Permission slips and the fee are due no later than Oct. 31. For more information, contact Fr. Jack Berard at sfayouth@sfadw.org or call him at (301) 840-1407.

QUO VADIS "COME AND SEE" RETREAT

Young men in Grades 11 and 12 who are considering options for college are invited to Saint John Paul II Seminary from Friday, November 3 through Sunday, November 5 to experience seminary life firsthand. This is an opportunity to meet and talk to our seminarians, pray with them, listen to great talks, and enjoy time for sports and recreation. Please encourage high school juniors and seniors to consider attending this great weekend event. Please visit www.DCpriest.org and select "Events" to register. Please call the Office of Priest Vocations at 202-636-9020 or email Fr. Mark Ivany at vocations@adw.org with any questions.

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

November was designated as Black Catholic History Month by the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus. During the month of November, we celebrate the gifts of diversity within the Archdiocese of Washington and the steadfast faith of the African-American Catholics who worship here.

On the evening of Friday, November 10, please join the Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach as it celebrates the Archdiocese of Washington's Gospel Mass Choir for its steadfast witness. The Mass will begin at 7:30 p.m., preceded by Praise and Worship starting at 7:00 p.m. The liturgy will be held at St. Joseph Parish in Largo, MD and will be celebrated by Bishop Roy E. Campbell, Jr. For more information, please contact Sandra Coles-Bell at 301-853-4469 or colesbells@adw.org.

SMALL GROUPS START SMALL, WITH GOAL TO CONTINUE BUILDING INTEREST

Many St. Francis parishioners have started attending new Small Groups that kicked off earlier this month, as part of a concerted effort to make St. Francis' large church more intimate through small groups of parishioners discussing their faith in weekly meetings in homes.

Currently, parishioners are meeting in:

- Three separate Pivotal Players Small Groups, which discuss Bishop Robert Barron's Pivotal Players Series, an in-depth look on film at some of the church's most influential leaders
- One Sunday Mass Preparation Small Group, where participants read the upcoming Sunday's readings and discuss them
- One Psalmody Small Group, which prays through ensemble signing and instrument playing
- One Catholic Perspectives on the Vietnam War Small Group, which bases its discussions on director Ken Burns' 10-part documentary series on the Vietnam War and its impact on Catholic social teachings.

The Small Groups Ministry aims to offer new Small Groups after the Advent and Christmas seasons. For more information about Small Groups, please contact Small Groups Coordinator Alice Welanetz at awelamnetz@gmail.com or at (301) 351-6706.

COLLECTION FOR RETIRED PRIESTS

During the weekend of November 4-5, the Archdiocese of Washington will take up the second collection for our retired priests. Please use the second collection envelopes that have been mailed to your homes and/or the special collection envelopes that will be placed in the pews. There is currently a shortfall in funding for priests' retirement, and the archdiocese is working diligently to address this shortfall through such efforts as this special collection. The priests of the archdiocese have been there for you and your families. Please be there for them to assist in the dignity of their retirement and to honor their lives of service.

ALL SOULS DAY VISITS TO CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

One way of remaining in close relationship with our deceased loved ones is to pray for them, reminds Pope Francis (cf. *Amoris Laetitia* 257). On All Souls Day, the Church remembers the beloved dead who are still undergoing their purification in the love of Christ. While the souls in Purgatory can pray for us, they can no longer pray for themselves. That spiritual work of mercy is up to us. Parishioners are encouraged to make a prayerful visit to the sacred ground of the archdiocese's Catholic Cemeteries on Thursday, November 2, to pray for their departed loved ones and all souls who await the resurrection of their bodies in Christ. All Souls Day Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. in the chapel at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, 13801 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD, 301-871-6500; Mt. For further information, please contact the Cemetery Manager or visit the Catholic Cemeteries website at ccaaw.org.

Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School

www.StJudeRockville.org

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

OPEN HOUSE—November 15

9:00-11:30 a.m.

2017-2018 SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

The role of the Advisory Board is to provide advice and assistance to the school's administrative team (Pastor and Principal) in the governance of the school. In order to properly advise the administration, they need to be aware of any concerns, questions or issues that you may have regarding the school. Please do not hesitate to contact your representative at any time with your questions for the Board!

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ARCHDIOCESE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The ADW Tuition Assistance Program is available for students who are applying to or currently enrolled in Catholic Schools. All tuition assistance obtained through the archdiocese is based on financial need. Families must apply each year to receive assistance and financial need must be demonstrated each year to qualify. The 2018–2019 ADW Tuition Assistance Program is now online at <http://www.adw.org/tuition-assistance/>. The application deadline is December 1, 2017. Other Scholarship opportunities are also available at the link above.

THE ACADEMY OF THE HOLY CROSS

The Academy of the Holy Cross invites you to attend our Open House on Sunday, November 5th from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. In addition to student-led tours and opportunities to meet our faculty and administration, you will receive information about our Honors, AP, IB, and STEM programs, our Marymount University Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment initiative, as well as our conference-winning athletics and renowned performing and fine arts programs. Mass will be offered at 9:00 a.m. Come experience Holy Cross as we celebrate our 150th anniversary! Call the Admissions Office at (301) 929-6442 for more information.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL HIGH SCHOOL

GCTC's production of *And Then There Were None & The Real Inspector Hound* runs for two weekends at the Our Lady of Good Counsel Performing Arts Center, 17301 Old Vic Blvd., Olney, MD. Performances are Friday and Saturday November 3 & 4, Friday and Saturday November 10 & 11 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20, and can be purchased on www.showtix4u.com