

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

June 19 - June 25

Monday, 6/19	9:00 a.m. Fred Biasini
Tuesday, 6/20	9:00 a.m. Kevin Mullens
Wednesday, 6/21	9:00 a.m. Reverend Thomas Crowley 7:30 p.m. Christos Nicholson
Thursday, 6/22	9:00 a.m. Wally Wilson
Friday, 6/23	9:00 a.m. Anna & Paul Kuzma
Saturday, 6/24	9:00 a.m. George Kley 5:00 p.m. Baby Weidle
Sunday, 6/25	8:00 a.m. Phyllis Foster 9:30 a.m. Jean Baker 11:15 a.m. <i>Pro populo</i> 1:00 p.m. Maria Gonzalez (L) 5:00 p.m. Esther Aguilar

Please pray for the sick... Nikola Edgar, George Schaffer, Fr. Berard M. Dudek OFMC, Katrina Schmidt, Tom Krafchik, Bienvenido Delrosario, Stephanie Black & her Baby Girl Savannah, Kathy Denchfield, Carla Cosman, Jackie Roebuck King, Bob Coyne, Jeni Stepanek, Michael White, Phillip Trickett, Barta Barnum, Geri Trickett, Ciprianna Preston, Rocky Fera, Jeanie Trickett, Debbie & Roger Petrocelli. *(Names will remain on this list for four consecutive weeks, but can be repeated by calling the*

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Deacon Mark J. Gallagher, Bento Damaia, Clyde Behanna.

Readings for the Week of June 18, 2017

Sunday:	Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/ 1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58
Monday:	2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4/Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday:	2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-9/Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday:	2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15
Friday:	Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 10/1 Jn 4:7-16/ Mt 11:25-30
Saturday:	Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-15/Acts 13:22-26/ Lk 1:57-66, 80
Next Sunday:	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35/ Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

Scripture Corner

THE BODY OF CHRIST

A wonderful part of the legacy of Saint Paul is making available the earliest inspired account of the Last Supper. Writing about AD 56 to the Corinthians, he tells how Jesus began the Eucharist. "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me...This cup is the new covenant of my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." (1 Corinthians 11:24-25)

In today's second reading the importance of partaking in the Eucharist is stressed "Because the loaf of bread is one, we, although many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf." (1 Corinthians 10:17) The Second Vatican Council taught all Christians that the Eucharistic sacrifice is "the source and summit of the Christian life." (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, 11)

The Catechism of the Catholic Church adds important insights into the understanding of the Eucharist. "The Eucharist is a sacrifice because it re-presents (makes present) the sacrifice of the cross, because it is its memorial and because it applies its fruit". (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1366) "The Eucharist is also the sacrifice of the Church...Christ's sacrifice present on the altar makes it possible for all generations of Christians to be united with his offering." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1368)

Reception of the Body of Christ (Corpus Christi) demands that the recipient be committed to our Lord's concern for one's neighbors, especially the poor and needy. That concern is an integral part of salvation history. Isaiah, for instance, demands, "Make justice your aim: redress the wronged, hear the orphan's plea, defend the widow." (Isaiah 1:17) Amos tells the Hebrews, "let justice surge like waters, and righteousness like an unfailing stream." (Amos 5: 24)

The New Testament continues this love of Jesus for the poor. "The Eucharist commits us to the poor. To receive in truth the Body and Blood Christ gives up for us, we must recognize Christ in the poorest, his brethren." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1397)

~ Fr. Ralph

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How will I set aside time both to adore Christ present in the Eucharist and to serve the poor in a hands-on-way?

THE 4TH OF JULY WALL OF HONOR

*A place of Honor, Prayer and Support
Honoring the military family members
of our parishioners*

Would you like to honor a member of your family serving in the military on American soil or deployed to a foreign land? Do you have a loved one in the military who you would like to raise in prayer?

At every Mass during our Prayer of the Faithful we pray for our military active duty service members "whose names appear in the Gathering Space."

Our SFA Wall of honor is an initiative of the SFA Health Ministry. The purpose is to connect those names in the Gathering Space with a face by displaying pictures of your active duty military family members with information about their service to our country. The intention is to make your family member more present to the parish and avail them to the prayer support of our entire parish family. By honoring our service members, we also recognize your sacrifice as a family member and likewise extend our prayerful support. To have your loved one remembered in prayer and featured on our SFA Wall of Honor, please email the Wall of Honor Information (with a photo of your active duty family member to Betty Baklarz at lbbaklarz@yahoo.com by June 28. **Wall of Honor Information Forms available at the Information Desk in the Gathering Space.**

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

On the weekend of June 24-25, the Archdiocese of Washington will take up the Peter's Pence second collection. Gifts to this annual collection help the Holy Father support victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others most in need of assistance. In responding to those who are suffering, Our Lord teaches us, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40). In his 2016 *Urbi et Orbi* address, Pope Francis declared, "The Lord . . . enables us to see with his eyes of love and compassion those who hunger and thirst, strangers and prisoners, the marginalized and the outcast, the victims of oppression and violence." Our participation in this collection gives us an opportunity to be a witness of Our Lord's love and mercy for the vulnerable and suffering around the world. Please give generously as you are able.

Montgomery County Fair

August 11 - 19

Food Booth 37

Volunteer sign-ups has started!. Volunteers are needed August 11-19. Students 14 and older can earn Student Service Learning Hours by volunteering. Students must be 16 to work in the kitchen. Students 14-15 can help with bus-ing tables, delivering orders. If you have any questions, please contact Sylvia Jones (301) 762-6564 or the Parish Office.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

I am going to take a break this week from writing my usual column because I returned on Sunday afternoon (6/11) after presiding at the Funeral Mass and burial of my mother in Pennsylvania. Today, please enjoy this column by Fr. Paul Turner, one of my favorite authors on liturgical matters. I'll be back next week. *Fr. John*

Ordinary Time

Paul Turner

Ordinary Time, the longest season of the church year, fills the weeks "which do not celebrate a specific aspect of the mystery of Christ." It's the no-particular-reason season. Christmas Time honors the birth of Christ. Easter Time rejoices in the resurrection. Ordinary Time is devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects.

The number of the weeks of Ordinary Time replaces the old counting of weeks "after Epiphany" and "after Pentecost." The old calendar suggested that Pentecost ran for six months. The new calendar gives Pentecost a day. Then we return to Ordinary Time.

At first glance the principles of Ordinary Time seem basic enough. Start counting the weeks after Christmas Time. Break for Lent and Easter. Resume after Pentecost and keep counting till Advent. Basically, that's how it works. But we have a few quirks.

For example, there is no "First Sunday in Ordinary Time"; however, there is a first week. Usually Christmas Time ends on a Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord. The lectionary also calls it the First Sunday in Ordinary Time, but it is part of Christmas Time. (Some years the Baptism of the Lord falls on a Monday, but that's another story.) Ordinary Time gets underway on a weekday. When the next Sunday rolls around we start week two.

On the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, we see the last of Ordinary Time until after Pentecost. Even then, it emerges only on weekdays. Trinity Sunday always follows Pentecost Sunday, and the solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord comes the next Sunday in the United States. (In countries where this solemnity is a holy day, it falls on a Thursday.) So when the numbered Sundays in Ordinary Time return in summer, we start out a little higher than where we left off.

Sometimes we skip one or two entire weeks of Ordinary Time during the Easter break. We want to close the Sundays of the year with Christ the King, one week before Advent. Christ the King always falls on the 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time. So, we determine the week number after Pentecost not based on where we left off before Lent but counting backwards from Christ the King. One or two weeks may disappear, but Ordinary Time still serves the complete mystery of Christ.

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LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING Join the Lamb of God Prayer Group for worship and the study of Scripture on Tuesday, June 20, 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 the Prison Ministry Outreach Program. *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.

KOC - COUNCIL 2323 SHRIMP FEAST

Montgomery Council #2323 of the Knights of Columbus will be holding a Shrimp Feast on Saturday, June 24th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.. The feast will be held at Father Cuddy Hall, 17001 Overhill Road in Derwood. The cost is \$20.00*/Adult; \$15.00* for over 65; and \$10.00* for children 10 and under. It includes spiced shrimp, grilled chicken, corn on the cob, french fries, coleslaw, beer, wine, and soft drinks. *Reservations received after June 23 or at door are \$5.00 extra. For reservations/information, call Mike Thomas at (301) 330-5970 or cinnabarmike@verizon.net.

BUILD UP OUR CHURCH (continued)

In these ways, the SFA Health Ministry relies on the Holy Spirit in seeking to build up the Body of Christ at St. Francis. For more information about the Health Ministry, contact Coordinator Betty Baklarz at lbbaklarz@yahoo.com.

Reminder: Last 1 p.m. Mass to be Held Sunday, June 25

The last 1 p.m. Mass will be held Sunday, June 25, as part of the decision to move to a five-Mass schedule. Fr. John Dillon and the parish staff welcome all parishioners who currently attend the 1 p.m. Mass to continue celebrating Mass at St. Francis at another time that is conducive with their schedule and lifestyle. For more information please call the Parish Office, (301) 840-1407.

BUILD UP OUR CHURCH

Want to Serve the Church in an Advisory Role? Consider Running for the Pastoral Council

If you are interested in helping guide the future of St. Francis of Assisi Church, then consider running for the Pastoral Council this fall. The Pastoral Council is a volunteer group of parishioners who provide support and advice to the pastor. This fall, there will be seven vacancies to fill. New Pastoral Council members will serve a three-year term that begins January 1, 2018, and ends on December 31, 2020. Members are eligible to run for a second consecutive term upon the completion of the first term.

Pastoral Council members should be at least 16 years of age and be able to commit to attend meetings, which are scheduled to take place on the third Thursday of the month. If members join ad-hoc committees to study specific issues, that requires an additional time commitment.

The Pastoral Council is particularly interested in having people in their late teens, 20s, and 30s to serve. If prospective members are in school or will soon be attending college, then exceptions for them to serve a shorter term can be considered.

For more information about running for the Pastoral Council, please contact Pastoral Council Members Alicia Church at alicia.church@collaborationcouncil.org or Miguel Welanetz at welawhat@msn.com. You can also call the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407 to express your interest.

Ministry Spotlight on the St. Francis of Assisi Health Ministry

The Health Ministry volunteers continue to live out their mission to encourage health and wellness in body, mind and spirit among St. Francis of Assisi parishioners. Having just celebrated the gifts of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, it's a good time to recognize the fruits those gifts produce through ongoing health ministry services and initiatives at St. Francis.

The Health Ministry continues to conduct monthly blood pressure screenings. In this peaceful, safe place, parishioners share their concerns with our healthcare professionals and receive their counsel and encouragement. Other health ministry volunteers faithfully provide transportation to daily Mass and visit parishioners in their homes. Currently, one support team serves a parish family in a variety of charitable ways.

In February, the Health Ministry hosted the well-attended Dignity of Life Seminar. In his gentle and engaging manner, keynote speaker Fr. Daniel Mindling presented the teachings of the Catholic Church relevant to informing and guiding people's decision making when their family members become ill under challenging circumstances and approach the end of their lives. Parishioner and elder abuse consultant Marie Shumar also discussed ways to recognize elder abuse and how to better protect vulnerable seniors. In the ensuing discussion, attendees seemed more at peace after having gained a better understanding of Church teachings.

During Lent, the health ministry offered A Walk to the Cross, a six-week devotional that promoted improved spiritual wellness through walking, prayer and reflection.

In July, the Health Ministry will again sponsor the Wall of Honor that recognizes the military service of our parishioners and their family members. The Health Ministry will host the 4th of July breakfast in the Gathering Space following the 9 a.m. daily Mass.

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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), 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 1st Reconciliation, 1st 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.



Please pray for the success of our Vacation Bible Camp 2017 - Maker Fun Factory VBC: Created by God, Built for a Purpose. June 26-30, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS/EVENTS

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY

Upcoming Events

FRED

JUNE

29-July 2 FIAT Days Camp

JULY

July 9-14 Encounter Work Camp

FRED JR.

JULY

July 9-14 Encounter Work Camp - open to rising 9th through 12th grade

GET SOCIAL

***Instagram "SFASusie"**

"FRED - SFA Youth Ministry" Page on Facebook

"St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church" page on Facebook

Twitter @SusanFREDLea

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

Our call in the St. Vincent de Paul Society: Friends of the Poor

Pope Francis teaches: "We need to let ourselves be evangelized by [the poor]. The new evangelization is an invitation to acknowledge the saving work in their lives and to put them at the center of the Church's pilgrim way. We are called to find Christ in them, to lend our voice to their causes, but also to be their friends, to listen to them, to speak for them and to embrace the mysterious wisdom which God wishes to share with us through them" (*The Joy of the Gospel*, 198). This is our call in the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Is it your call? Come and see. Our next meetings is **Thursday, June 22** in the Assisi Room at 7:00 p.m. For more information call Tony Bosnick, 301-840-1407, X 11.

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.

DONATE YOUR USED CLOTHING -If you are sorting through gently used clothing to give away, remember that there is a St. Vincent de Paul clothing collection bin in the lower parking lot. Donations of clean clothing in good repair is greatly appreciated. Please put clothing in a plastic bag and deposit in the slot at the top of the bin. Collections are made weekly and will be a great blessing to those in need in the region.

32nd ANNUAL MARIAN DAY OF PRAYER

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

We are celebrating the anniversary of the first apparition at Medjugorje at the National Shrine Grotto in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The National Celebration will include the International Rosary, Holy Mass, Confessions, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Eucharistic Blessing, and testimony from pilgrims recently returned from Medjugorje and a Deacon's recounting of his experience after pilgrimage to Medjugorje. The Day of Prayer begins at 11:00 a.m. and concludes at 4:30 p.m.. Box lunches available to pre-order by contacting The Anniversary Committee, 240-988-7318 or Maria_chiara@msn.com. Offering for the day is \$30.00 with box lunch add \$10.00. Come enjoy the prayer and fellowship of the day.

WYD UNITE - SATURDAY, JULY 22

A festival of prayer, reflection and fellowship, sponsored jointly by the Saint John Paul II National Shrine and the Knights of Columbus and held during the off years of the international World Youth Day. The day begins at 1:00 p.m. and ends at 10:00 p.m. and will be filled with inspiring talks, amazing worship, a unity walk with Mary, dinner and entertainment (Audrey Assad & Tony Melendez) and an incredible experience of Eucharistic Adoration. For more information visit www.wydone.com.

MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Mother of God Catholic School has openings preK3 through 6th grade- Attend our Pre-K Open House on Saturday, June 3, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 20501 Goshen Road, Gaithersburg. For more info or to schedule a tour any time call (301) 990-2088, Ext. 12 or e-mail mmoriarty@mogschool.com or visit www.mogschool.com. Mother of God School has the largest Catholic Pre-K program in the area including 3's and 4's, with before and after care available year-round.

CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOL CONFERENCE

June 23 & 24, 2017

The IHM National Homeschool Conference will be held at the Fredericksburg Expo & Convention Center, 2371 Carl D. Silver Parkway, Fredericksburg on Friday, June 23 (9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.) and on Saturday, June 24 (9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.). This is the perfect event for those who are curious and want to discover more about Catholic homeschooling. Father Jeffrey Kirby, Dr. Ray Guarendi, Mr. Jeff Cavins and Mrs. Mary Ellen Barrett are confirmed speakers. Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. For more information or additional details, please visit www.ihmconference.org or e-mail: info@ihmconference.org.

YOUNG ADULTS

Monthly Reflections for Women: "All Things New--Jesus Changes Everything!" Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda

Reflections for Women: Wed., June 28 - 7:00-9:30 pm;
Thurs., June 29 - 9:45 am -12:30 pm
Each session includes: Mass, guided meditations related to the theme for the year, opportunity for confession and a delicious meal. No reservations required to attend. Suggested donations: \$10 per person. For more information please visit our website (www.ourladyofbethesda.org) or call 301-365-0612.

PEACEFUL PLACE TO PRAY

Looking for a peaceful place to pray this summer? Stop by our outdoor Stations of the Cross, the Peace Pole, or Our Lady's Shrine, all on church grounds and welcoming. Or come into the church to make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament. Perhaps invite a friend or family member to come with you. You will find peace for your soul as you enjoy God's creation around you.

WAY TO GROW.....

Teams of Our Lady was founded by Father Henri Caffarel in France in 1947 and has spread to over 10,000 Teams worldwide. Teams came to the United States in 1958 where they are currently over 700 Teams. Teams of Our Lady is a lay movement officially recognized by the Holy See under the Pontifical Council for the Council for the Laity. A team is a group of five to seven couples and a spiritual advisor who meet once a month to share, pray and discuss challenges of living a Christian marriage and life. Couples use a time-tested format to meet their needs and desires of growing closer in love and faith through Teams of Our Lady and in the process they discover support for one another and for their marriage. For more information, please contact Fr. John in the parish office or Joe and Jeanne McElhaney at joen-jeanne@mcelhaneysonline.com.

BROOKE GROVE

REHABILITATION & NURSING CENTER

18131 Slade School Road, Sandy Spring

INOVA BLOOD DRIVE - Wednesday, June 21, 2:30-7:30 p.m. Appointments preferred, but walk-ins welcome. To schedule an appointment, contact Nancy Ochsenreiter at (301) 570-7081 or nancyo@bgf.org.

9th ANNUAL QUO VADIS CAMP FOR HIGH SCHOOL MEN

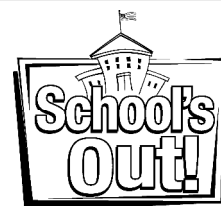
This event for young men in high school will be held on July 16-19 at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. The four-day camp includes daily Mass, prayer, talks, sports, and much more. Bus transportation is available. For information and registration, visit www.dcpriest.org. Questions? Contact the Office of Priest Vocations at 202-636-9020 or vocations@adw.org.

FIAT DAYS CAMP FOR YOUNG WOMEN

Fiat Days Camp for young women in high school who may be considering consecrated life, will be held from June 29 to July 2, at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary. Information is available and registration is open at www.bmorevocations.org.

SUMMER VACATION MASS TIMES

While traveling this summer, don't forget to visit www.masstimes.org for Mass times and locations across the country.



Have a safe summer!