

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

July 3 - July 9

Monday, 7/3	9:00 a.m. Catherine Dillon Bullen
Tuesday, 7/4	9:00 a.m. For Our Country
Wednesday, 7/5	9:00 a.m. Anna Marie Kuzma
	7:30 p.m. William Clymer
Thursday, 7/6	9:00 a.m. Antonio Faria
Friday, 7/7	9:00 a.m. Barbara Lynn Beall
	7:30 p.m. Alice Reising
Saturday, 7/8	9:00 a.m. Reverend Lawrence Dunn
	5:00 p.m. John Loh
Sunday, 7/9	8:00 a.m. Michael Boland
	9:30 a.m. Phyllis Foster
	11:15 a.m. Therese Perera
	5:00 p.m. <i>Pro populo</i>

Please pray for the sick... Donna Ruffin, Carolyn Maltz, Mary Fiumara, Nikola Edgar, Carolyn Speaks, Bark Trickett, George Schaffer, Fr. Berard M. Dudek OFMC, Katrina Schmidt, Bienvenido Delrosario, Stephanie Black & her Baby Girl Savannah, Kathy Denchfield, Carla Cosman, 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.)*

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Frank Anthony Chite, father of Ralph & Tony Chite, Helen Ann Breece, mother of Tom Breece, Mary Ellen Sawyer, mother of Anna Breece.

Readings for the Week of July 2, 2017

Sunday:	2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16/Ps 89:2-3, 16-19/ Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42
Monday:	Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc-2/Jn 20:24-29
Tuesday:	Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-12/Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday:	Gn 21:5, 8-20/Ps 34:7-8, 10-13/Mt 8:28-34
Thursday:	Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-6, 8-9/Mt 9:1-8
Friday:	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-5/ Mt 9:9-13
Saturday:	Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-6/Mt 9:14-17
Next Sunday:	Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14/ Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

TUESDAY, JULY 4th

FOR THE INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY



Scripture Corner

NEWNESS OF LIFE

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches clearly that all who follow him must always put God first. Yahweh must be seen as more important in one's life than father or mother, son or daughter. But it is equally true that everyone must love his or her neighbors, including one's family. Christ also reminds all Christians, "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because he is a disciple – amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." (Matthew 10:42)

The Old Testament also insists on the need of concern for one's neighbor. Isaiah, for example, has these important words, "Learn to do good, make justice your aim: redress the wronged, hear the orphan's plea, defend the widow." (Isaiah 1:17) Today's first reading (2 Kings 4:8-11.14 -16a) also highlights a wonderful example of concern for one's neighbor. The Shunammite woman is kind to the prophet Elisha. She provides for his human needs, food, clothing and a room. Elisha responds to that kindness by asking God to give her a child even though her husband is old. The prophet assures the woman, "This time next year you will be cradling a baby son." (2 Kings 4:16)

Today's first reading (Romans: 3-4.8-11) enables the Christians to understand how they can carry out the commands of love of God and love of neighbor. Saint Paul reminds his readers of the importance of baptism! We are buried with our Lord in baptism. "Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in NEWNESS OF LIFE." (Romans 6:4)

It is this newness of life given to us at baptism that enables the followers of Christ to live a life of love of God and love of neighbor. We would all do well to take these words of the Apostle to the Gentiles very seriously. "You too must think of yourselves as being dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus." (Romans 6:11)

Fr. Ralph

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary time

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In reflecting on the sacrifices and rewards of Christian discipleship, what sacrifices do you think God is asking of you today? What reward do you think will make it worthwhile?

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., July 7, followed by adoration until 9:00 p.m. in the Church.

WELCOME to the Family of Christ!

The following individuals and their families recently joined our St. Francis faith community during the month of June:

Rio Fatima Generoso
Hector & Stacy Morales
Amy Phillips
Favio & Karina Urla

The following children were baptized during the month of June:

Maylani Johnson de Leon
Ciano Cal Snetsinger
Logan Chase Snetsinger
Cecilia Anne Spano

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Peter's Pence Collection last weekend. Gifts to this annual collection help the Holy Father support victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others most in need of assistance. Our parish collection was \$1,831.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

- Seek to learn more about the root causes of immigration and the challenges immigrants face in navigating our country's complex immigration system.
- Develop personal relationships with immigrants in our communities and learn firsthand about their hopes and dreams, fears and sorrows.

At the end of the document the Bishops offer a word of hope to our immigrant brothers and sisters who have come to Maryland in search of a better life. They also thank them for their inspiring example of fortitude, industriousness, strong family values, and for their contribution to the qualities of life that truly define the greatness of America.

Until next week,

Fr. John Dillon

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

On May 30, 2017, the Catholic Bishops of Maryland released a statement addressing immigration in Maryland. Our Bishops have called for compassion, prudence, and cooperation. They note that the complexity of federal immigration enforcement policies at the local level are of particular concern. In Maryland, they note, that this is especially the case in light of the unsuccessful efforts to pass state legislation aimed at identifying uniform state parameters for cooperation between local law enforcement and federal immigration agents. As more and more local governments in Maryland take up the issue moving forward, our Bishops urge all Marylanders to consider the following principles as a basis for engaging in dialogue as we work toward the common goal.

The Catholic Bishops of Maryland recommend that we recall these historic words by Pope Francis when he spoke to the U.S. Congress in 2015: "[I]f we want security, let us give security; if we want life, let us give life; if we want opportunities, let us give opportunities. The yardstick that we use for others will be the yardstick which time will use for us."

Our Bishops urge state and local elected officials and lawmakers at the executive, legislative and judicial levels to enact and uphold immigrant policies that:

- Respect the spirit of our country's Fourth Amendment protection against apprehension and searches of persons or homes without probable cause, and against detention beyond normal criminal procedures, while at the same time respecting the necessary role of law enforcement to uphold laws and policies that keep our communities safe.
- Give priority of ensuring the integrity of families and the ability of working parents to support and care for their children.
- Build trust with our immigrant communities by establishing a clear division of duties between local law enforcement and federal immigration agents so that immigrants feel safe reporting crimes and cooperating with police investigations.
- Create safe environments by enforcing clearly established consequences for criminal violations of the law.
- Reduce fear among our immigrant communities by protecting their ability to congregate and move freely at their churches, schools, and other community gathering places.

At the same time the Catholic Bishops of Maryland urge the Catholics of Maryland, members of other faith communities, and all people of good will to:

- Respect differences of opinion on this issue in a spirit of listening and understanding rather than accusation and name calling.
- Engage in the political process and communicate their opinions to their elected officials. They encourage us neither to shy away from the political arena, nor to allow partisan and hyperbolic factions to dominate the political debate on immigration.

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July 2, 2017

LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING The Lamb of God Prayer Meeting will **NOT** meet on Tuesday, July 4 & July 11. For details, please call Louise, (301) 977-5217.

POOR BOX DONATION – The donations for next weekend will go to the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center. *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.



JULY 2017 LUNCH – The St. Francis Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, July 5, at Sol Azteca, Olney Town Center, 18129 Town Center Drive, Olney MD, (301) 260-1650. If you are planning to attend, please contact Mary Lou Habib, (301) 417-0243 and she will reserve a seat. for you and answer any questions.

BISHOPS' STATEMENT ON THE FEDERAL BUDGET

In their May 19th letter to Congress, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) made this statement, "The moral measure of the federal budget is how well it promotes the common good of all, especially the most vulnerable whose voices are too often missing in these debates."

In addition to the flyer in the bulletin with the complete letter, we are asking St. Francis parishioners today to sign a letter to the bishops thanking them for their profound and far-reaching statement on behalf of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

BUILD UP OUR CHURCH

Last Chance to Fill Out Communications Survey

If you were not at Mass last weekend, then you may have missed the opportunity to fill out the parish wide Communications Survey. This survey by the Communications Ministry is designed for respondents to assess the parish's current communications vehicles and share what type of content they'd be interested in seeing. If you didn't fill out either the online link to the survey on Survey Monkey or submit a paper survey last weekend during Mass, then you can still fill out the survey at the Information Desk after Mass today. The survey closes on Monday, July 3.

For more information about the survey, contact parish Communications Coordinator Melissa Egan Melissa.egan74@verizon.net.

Food Bags to Be Distributed July 15-16 for the Upcoming Summer in the City Food Drive

In two weeks, members of the parish Food Pantry Ministry will be distributing shopping bags to collect canned goods for needy parish food pantries in inner city Washington DC – St. Thomas More, St. Francis Xavier, St. Luke and Holy Name. An initiative of the John S. Mulholland Family Foundation and Catholic Charities, the food drive invites participants to take home a bag the weekend of July 15-16 and return it with needed canned goods the following weekend. Your generosity and care for our brothers and sisters in need is appreciated!

For more information about the food drive, contact Social Concerns Minister Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.

CARMELITE WEEKEND RETREAT

Please come to the weekend silent retreat organized by the Secular Carmelite communities of Frederick and Westminster for all who want to experience a peaceful holy time for reflection, recollection and meditation. Program includes daily Mass, spiritual conferences with a Carmelite friar, liturgy of the hours, exposition, rosary, chaplet and other devotions with time for personal prayer. Held in the seminary at Mt. St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, Friday evening to Sunday midday on July 7-9, cost is \$195 includes accommodation and meals on Saturday and Sunday. To register contact Dawn Walsh (dwalsh33@gmail.com) or Ken Vaughan (ken@vaughanventures.com) Space is limited.

HOLY LAND FESTIVAL

(cosponsored with the Archdiocese of Washington)

Experience the culture and life of Christians in the Holy Land at the 4th Annual Holy Land Festival, Saturday, July 15, 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America, 1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC 20017. Enjoy authentic Arabic food, dancing, exhibits, vendors, speakers and free tours of the monastery shrines and gardens. The sponsors are the Archdiocese of Washington, Franciscan Monastery, Bethlehem University Foundation, Holy Family Hospital Foundation and Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation. Admission and parking are free; Brookland/CUA Metro or H6 bus. Learn more: myfranciscan.org/holylandfestival or 202-526-6800.

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.

SUMMER VACATION MASS TIMES

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

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS/EVENTS

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY

Upcoming Events

FRED

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

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.

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.

YOUNG ADULT EVENT THEOLOGY ON TAP

Thursday, July 13th, 6-8pm, The Barking Dog, Bethesda
270Catholic presents Theology on Tap at The Barking Dog in Bethesda (4723 Elm Street, Bethesda, MD 20814). All young adults (20s and 30s) are invited for Happy Hour from 6-7pm with a dynamic talk and Q/A to follow from 7-8pm.

THANK YOU TO OUR VBC VOLUNTEERS!



What a terrific week we had at the St. Francis of Assisi Parish "Maker Fun Factory" Vacation Bible Camp 2016 held June 26-June 30! We extend our gratitude and appreciation to the many volunteers, over 50 (!) teens and adults, who shared generously of their time in preparing and leading the efforts to make this a wonderful, faith-filled week for all of our campers! All came away from our VBC experience reminding us that we were created by God and built for a purpose. And an extra special word of thanks to Melisa Biedron, Sister Dorothy, Marie Yeast, and to all of the parish staff for their support and assistance!

JULY CALENDAR @ ST. FRANCIS

- 4 **4th of July Parish Offices Closed**
- 5 Baptism Prep Class (AR) 7:30 pm
- 6 Encounter Work Camp Mtg. (YR) 7:00 pm
Alanon Mtg (Lib) 7:00 pm
- 7 First Friday Mass followed by Adoration in
the Church until 9:00 pm
CL Mtg (AR) 8:00 pm
- 9-14 Encounter Work Camp (Mon thru Fri)
- 10 Pax Christi Mtg (YR) 7:30 pm
- 12 **Welcome Fr. Jack!**
Martha & Mary Women's Group (YR) 7:30pm
- 13 St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (AR) 7:00 pm
Alanon Mtg (Lib) 7:00 pm
- 14 CL Mtg (AR) 8:00 pm
- 16 New Parishioner Welcome (Rectory) 2:30 pm
FRED Summer Nights (YR) 6:00 pm
- 20 Alanon Mtg (Lib) 7:00 pm
- 21 CL Mtg (AR) 8:00 pm
- 22-23 Mulholland Food Collection
FRED Summer Nights (YR) 6:00 pm
- 26 Martha & Mary Women's Group (YR) 7:30pm
- 27 St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (AR) 7:00 pm
Alanon Mtg (Lib) 7:00 pm
- 28 CL Mtg (AR) 8:00 pm



REQUEST FROM GABRIEL PROJECT

The Gabriel Project assists women in a crisis pregnancy. Items such as new and gently used clothing for infants through teens, diaper bags and receiving blankets are provided to mothers and their families in need. Donations are greatly appreciated. Bilingual Angel Friends are very helpful and appreciated. Men are needed to deliver and haul items. E-mail and daily prayer supporters are also needed. For more information please contact Natalie Ray at natalieanneray@gmail.com or 240-374-3297, or Diane Reinke 301-946-4815.

4 STAGES OF MARRIAGE

The 4 stages of marriage are: (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first 3 Stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th Stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the 4th Stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from Disillusionment or Misery please contact Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i). Our next weekend is September 15- 17, 2017. All calls and inquiries are confidential. To register or obtain more information visit our website at: www.HelpOurMarriage.com, call (443) 400-7017, or email: 3015@retrouvaille.org

Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School Catch our Spirit

www.StJudeRockville.org

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

CATCH OUR SPIRIT!

REGISTER NOW FOR FALL 2017!

Spaces are filling up quickly so register now! Applications for fall enrollment are being accepted on a first come basis for our 3 year old Pre-K Program to 7th grade (limited spaces are available). For information on the curriculum, admissions policies and registration, contact Ellen Donnelly in the school office at 301-946-7888 or register your student online at www.StJudeRockville.org and click on Online Student Registration. If you wish to visit us during the summer, our hours are 9-1 Monday through Thursday.

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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known." Experience increased trust and intimacy in your marriage by working through a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on October 27-29, 2017 in Gaithersburg. For more information and to apply online visit welovematrimony.org, or call 301-541-7007, or email applications@welovematrimony.org.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Do you desire to grow in friendship and faith with other young Catholics? Calling all young adults! St. Patrick's, Rockville, is hosting a summer bible study on Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m. centered around the topic of marriage and family. Topics are as follows:

7/5 - *Male and Female: He made them*

7/12 - *Building family*

7/19 - *Spirits and Spirits*

7/26 - *Discernment of Spirits*

8/2 - *"Beauty will Save the World"*

8/9 - *An Unexpected Story*

For additional information, please contact Alisa Zacharia, azachari@terpmail.umd.edu. All are welcome! We hope to see you there.