

June 11 - June 17

Monday, 6/11 9:00 a.m. Esther Aguilar
Tuesday, 6/12 9:00 a.m. Bernie McLoughlin (L)
Wednesday, 6/13 9:00 a.m. Nicole Tenke & Children (L)
 7:30 p.m. Jo Hildebrand
Thursday, 6/14 9:00 a.m. Don Smith
Friday, 6/15 9:00 a.m. Esther Aguilar
Saturday, 6/16 9:00 a.m. Dominick D'Aurora
 5:00 p.m. *Pro populo*
Sunday, 6/17 8:00 a.m. For All Fathers
 9:30 a.m. For All Fathers
 11:15 a.m. For All Fathers
 5:00 p.m. For All Fathers

Please pray for the sick....Philippe Deroin, Carol Toney, Christopher Spano, Mike Goggin, Dennis Parnell, Ed Dudenhoeffer, Bob Coyne, 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 June 10, 2018

Sunday: Gn 3:9-15/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7bc]/
 2 Cor 4:13--5:1/Mk 3:20-35
Monday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4,
 5-6 [cf. 2b]/Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16/Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7a]/
 Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11
 [1b]/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13 [2a]/
 Mt 5:20-26
Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14
 [8b]/Mt 5:27-32
Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10
 [cf. 5a]/Mt 5:33-37
Next Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2
 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

Something that has been in the news recently is the acknowledgement by the Department of Homeland Security that it has implemented a policy of separating families arriving at the U.S./Mexico border. Recently the Most Reverend Joe S. Vasquez, Bishop of Austin (Texas) and Chairman of the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) issued a statement in response to this acknowledgement:

“Forcibly separating children from their mothers and fathers is ineffective to the goals of deterrence and safety and contrary to our Catholic values. Family unity is a cornerstone of our American immigration system and a foundational element of Catholic teaching. ‘Children are a gift from the Lord, the fruit of the womb, a reward.’ (Psalm 127:3) Children are not instruments of deterrence but a blessing from God.

Rupturing the bond between parent and child causes scientifically-proven trauma that often leads to irreparable emotional scarring. Accordingly, children should always be placed in the least restrictive setting: a safe, family environment, ideally with their own families.

My brother bishops and I understand the need for the security of our borders and country, but separating arriving families at the U.S./Mexico border does not allay security concerns. Children and families will continue to take the enormous risks of migration—including family separation—because the root causes of migration from the Northern Triangle remain: community or state-sanctioned violence, gang recruitment, poverty, and a lack of educational opportunity. Any policies should address these factors first as we seek to repair our broken immigration system.”

In 2004, the Catholic bishops of the United States committed to immigration reform as a priority of the U.S. Catholic Church, and to creating a culture of welcome in which all migrants are treated with respect and dignity. A diverse group of Catholic organizations with national networks joined the U.S. Catholic bishops' Justice for Immigrants Campaign (JFI) in an effort to unite and mobilize a growing network of Catholic institutions, individuals, and other persons of goodwill in support of immigration reform.

Recently Justice for Immigrants published a piece on “Frequently Asked Questions: Unaccompanied Alien Children.” The first frequently asked question was “Why Are Children Forced to Flee?” Here is their response to that question:

- Violence that threatens the lives of citizens in the Northern Triangle (El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala)--coupled with a lack of state protection—is a primary factor propelling the migration of youth from their countries of origin.
- The violence children encounter takes many forms, such as sexual assault by gang members, and domestic and interfamilial violence.
- The Northern Triangle is one of the most dangerous regions in the world. According to data from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Honduras ranks first, El Salvador fifth, and Guatemala sixth for rates of homicide globally. The homicide rate in El Salvador in 2015 rose dramatically to 103.1 homicides per 100,000 inhabitants.

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Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How do I resist temptation? Does it help to focus on the effects of allowing the Spirit to work through me?

FATHER'S DAY MASS CARDS

Cards are available this weekend in the Gathering Space. This is a wonderful way to remember your Father, Father-in-law, Grandfather, Uncle or anyone special at all the Masses on Father's Day. Please return your spiritual bouquet envelope to the rectory on or before Wednesday, June



PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO A VIRTUAL BABY SHOWER BENEFITTING A WIDOW AT ST. MARTIN'S PARISH

The St. Francis of Assisi St. Vincent de Paul Society continues to sponsor a "virtual" baby shower for a mother belonging to St. Martin's Parish who has a 3-year-old child and a 4-month-old infant and was recently widowed after her husband was in an accident.

If you can help, please make out a check to "SVDP Society," place it in an envelope and put in an upcoming Sunday collection. Please clearly mark the envelope, "Baby Shower—SVDP." St. Martin SVDP will help the mother make needed purchases.

Ministry leaders at St. Martin's Parish have expressed their gratitude for any help St. Francis parishioners can give. For more information, please contact St. Vincent de Pal Ministry Coordinator Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfdw.org.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

- The United Nations' refugee-protection agency (UNHCR) found that the majority of children fleeing the Northern Triangle "were forcibly displaced because they suffered or faced harms that indicated a potential or actual need of international protection."
- Since 2012, there has been a large increase in the number of unaccompanied alien children (UAC), primarily from the Northern Triangle. From Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 to FY 2012, the number of unaccompanied minor children arriving at our southern border averaged about 19,000. In the past three years, average arrival numbers have climbed to over 55,000. Most recently, in FY 2016, U.S. Border Protection (CBP) apprehended approximately 59,000 UAC at the U.S./Mexico border.

Until next week, when we will continue this discussion,

Fr. John Dillon

WOMEN'S GROUP AT ST. FRANCIS

Are you an adult woman -- *single parent, widowed, separated or divorced, single and mature, married with your spouse based in another state or country, or are, for some reason, not able to participate in religious affiliation?* We invite you to join the *Women's Group at St. Francis.*

What's in it for you? You will:

- Meet other women and develop new and lasting friendships.
- Inspire others and be inspired by other women as you go through challenges in life and in Christian living.
- Develop a better understanding of Christian teachings and how to apply them in practical day-to-day living.
- Grow in holiness through a deeper personal relationship with God.

Attend the *Christian Life Program (CLP)* for adult women starting on July 14 and give the Lord three hours of dedicated time. It is an *eight-week program* featuring live talks, small group discussion and fellowship. Onsite registration begins Sunday, June 10, in the Gathering Space.

If this piques your interest, pick up a flyer at the Information Desk for program details and the full schedule. This faith formation opportunity is free and lunch will be served. Any questions? E-mail SFACLP@comcast.net.

HAITI MINISTRY NEEDS A VOLUNTEER GRANT WRITER

The St. Francis Haiti Ministry is seeking a volunteer grant writer to help the ministry compile and write grant proposals to help fund the five medical missions that take place each year. Requirements of the position would include the ability to attend most of the monthly Haiti Ministry meetings. Some grant writing experience is preferred, but not required.

Haiti Ministry Coordinator Dan Cardile said he would like to have a grant writer on board by the fall. And a huge thank you to Maria Lyons for her invaluable service as the ministry's grant writer for the past few years. Her contributions were numerous and much appreciated. For additional information, please contact Dan via email dancardile@yahoo.com.



BREW CREW



The Café Assisi Brew Crew will be taking vacation this summer...June - July - August. Look for them to return on September 16. *Have a great summer!*

LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING Join the Lamb of God Prayer Group for worship and the study of Scripture on Tuesday, June 12, 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 week-end will go to UMAN (Upper Montgomery Assistance Network). *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’s 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 gtbpalmer@verizon.net.

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PEACE POLE CLEANUP

Thank you to parishioner Anastacia Wooden for cleaning up, thinning out and planting new flowers around the Peace Pole on the side of the church. In a few weeks, native perennials and colorful annuals should bloom and beautify this area. When you see Anastacia, please thank her for her generous work. Stop by the Peace Pole and say a prayer for peace — for our world, our nation and in every heart.*Fr. John*

RELATIONSHIP KEY TO INTERFAITH UNDERSTANDING

In our increasingly interrelated world, interaction between people of different faiths will likely grow in importance. And these interactions will likely no longer be limited to Catholics and Protestants. They are increasingly between Christians, Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus and Jews, among others. That was the conclusion of the presentation Fr. John Crossin, OSFS, gave at the Interfaith Discussion held Saturday, May 19, in the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Center. He was joined by four panelists representing three different faiths—Muslim, Jewish and Catholic.

Fr. Crossin and the panelists – Adina Friedman, Trish Olin, Sana Rizvi and Haytham Younis -- agreed that understanding grows through relationships. Fr. Crossin said “relationships matter” and are developed through “dialogue rather than monologue.” He also spoke from his personal experience how understanding “often grows more through friendships than through formal meetings.”

This was the consensus of the panelists, too, who spoke of relationships they have had with people of other faiths. They also shared how these relationships helped them to grow in their understanding of their own faith and commitment to it. They found that interfaith dialogue didn’t weaken their own faith – it strengthened it. Panel member Sana Rizvi said that she came to understand Islam better after taking a course in Comparative Religion at Loyola University of Chicago, which forced her to study what Islam teaches.

Fr. Crossin clarified that “interfaith” relations are with people or congregations of different *non-Christian* faiths. Catholics are probably more familiar with “ecumenical” relations, which are between different *Christian* people and denominations.

Vatican Council II greatly changed how people of faith, including Catholics, relate to one another. Interaction and understanding are more common and desired. No longer do we tend to live apart from one another. Fr. Crossin stressed that “increasingly, we are no longer satisfied with religious isolation.”

Fr. Crossin worked in interfaith relations at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for about five years, until the past year. He is now with the St. Luke Institute in Silver Spring.

Panelists included Dr. Friedman of George Mason University’s School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution. She is of the Jewish faith and focuses on interfaith relations and peace building in her professional work. St. Francis parishioner Patricia Olin also served as a panelist. As a practicing health care provider, she drew on her experience of 40 years of an interfaith marriage and of working alongside providers of the Muslim, Jewish and Protestant faiths.

The panel also included two Muslims. Sana Rizvi is a Pakistani American and graduate of Loyola University of Chicago. She works at NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice. In addition, Haytham Younis is a lecturer on comparative relations who studied Arabic and Islam in Saudi Arabia and lived there from 1990 to 2002. Both Rizvi and Younis spoke favorably of how Catholic education touched their lives. The discussion stemmed from the St. Francis Pax Christi Ministry’s involvement in an interfaith alliance to help support and care for Syrian Muslim refugees. About 25 people, including several from other parishes, attended.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS/EVENTS

CATECHESIS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Our parish offers monthly catechetical sessions specifically designed for children and youth with special needs and their families. Our next session will today, Sunday, June 10, from 3:30-4:30 pm 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR 2018-2019

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 pm (*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 am
Monday afternoons, 4:45-6:00 pm
- Grade 6, 7, and 8 classes offered at two session times:
Monday evenings, 6:45-8:00 pm
Tuesday evenings, 6:45-8:00 pm
- Grades 9-12 (Youth Group) meet Sunday evenings 6:00-8:00 pm (following the 5 pm Youth Mass)

Since our curriculum 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.

Registrations are available at (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 by August 1 to avoid late fees!

As we look ahead to next year's Religious Education program, please consider whether you can serve as a catechist for our children and young people. If you would like to learn more about this important ministry, please contact Susan Anderson, Director of Religious Education, at 301-258-9193.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS/EVENTS

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY

Upcoming Events

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JULY

- 2 Youth Appreciation Event
- 8-13 Encounter Work Camp
- 15-18 Quo Vadis
- 27-29 Fiat Days

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Please pray for the success of our
Vacation Bible Camp 2018

SHIPWRECKED: Rescued by Jesus!

June 25-29 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

All are welcome to join us for our Family Program,
Open House and Italian Ice Social on
Thursday, June 28, 7 pm

270 CATHOLIC INVITES YOUNG ADULTS TO REFLECT ON THEIR GIFTS & HOW TO USE THEM IN SERVICE

270 Catholic – a lively group of Catholics in their 20s and 30s hoping to grow closer to Christ -- is planning a series of sessions helping young people to reflect on the gifts God gave them and how to use them to serve their peers. The gatherings will take place from 7-8:30 pm on four Mondays starting June 18 in the Parish Hall at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 520 Veirs Mill Road, in Rockville.

The sessions will give young adults a chance to reflect on the following topics:

- 270 Catholic's mission and our faith journey.
- Gifts that God has given us and possible ways to give back to God.
- Prayer and how to sustain a relationship with God to allow us to serve others and draw them closer to God.
- How we can match up our gifts to the needs of the young adult ministry.

If you are interested in attending, please e-mail Fr. Jack Berard at jberard@sfadw.org.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Members of the Health Ministry Team will be on hand for blood pressure screening this weekend in the St. Clare Room after the Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass and Sunday morning Masses.

COOK POSITION OPEN AT ST. FRANCIS

There is a position open at our parish for a Cook. As Cook you would plan, shop and cook meals for our Pastor, our Parochial Vicar, and any pastoral staff residing at the Rectory. Hours are Monday-Friday, 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Applicants should be available to start work in June. Please submit your qualifications to Fr. John, jdillon@sfadw.org.

MEALS NEEDED FOR FR. JOHN, FR. JACK & OUR SUMMER SEMINARIAN

We are in the process of hiring a new Cook to replace Margaret who will be moving out of the area with her family.

In the meantime, we are asking for volunteers to make meals for Fr. John, Fr. Jack and John, our Seminarian for the Summer. Meals are requested for Monday - Wednesday - Friday beginning Monday, June 18 through Friday, July 27. Meals should be delivered no later than 5:00 p.m. You can also drop off meals during Parish Office hours, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Please call the Parish Office if you would like to sign-up to cook. *Thank you!*

MARYLAND PRIMARY ELECTION LOOMS ON TUESDAY, JUNE 26

St. Francis parishioners are encouraged to mark Tuesday, June 26, on their calendars to vote in the Maryland primary election. Voters registered with a major political party will be able to select candidates from their registered party for many statewide and county races, including:

- Maryland governor and lieutenant governor
- U.S. senator
- Congressional representative
- Maryland House of Delegates
- Montgomery County Executive
- Montgomery County Council
- Circuit Court Judge
- Board of Education

Early voting takes place from 10 am to 8 pm June 14-21 at 11 sites throughout Montgomery County. If you have any questions, call (240) 777-8683 or go to 777vote.org.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN OR SUPPORT THE UCR 5K WALK & ROLL-A-THON

There's less than a week left to register or pledge support for participants in the Upcounty Community Resources' 5K Walk and Roll-a-thon from 4-7 pm Saturday, June 16, at Bohrer Park in Gaithersburg. Participants can join this fun, family friendly event as a walker, runner, sponsor or donor.

Upcounty Community Resources was founded by members of St. Francis of Assisi, offering innovative programs, events, and social opportunities for adults with developmental and intellectual differences. These opportunities promote healthy lifestyles, friendships, self-awareness and personal development.

The Walk and Roll-a-thon is a major UCR fundraiser and a festive event celebrating all members of our community. Please join us as a walker, roller or runner or sponsor a person who's participating. Our own Meghan Jones has garnered many sponsorships, cheered on by Deacon Dan Finn, who will be emceeing the event along with NBC 4's Meteorologist Amelia Draper. For more information or to register and donate, go to www.ucresources.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 2018!

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

Kayleigh Bowman Scholarship Winner Announced

Congratulations to Morgan Hough (grade 5) winner of this year's Kayleigh Anne Bowman Memorial Guardian Angel Scholarship. This annual scholarship in memory of Kayleigh Anne Bowman, who died of SIDS, was designed to provide financial assistance, based on need, to a SJRCS student who has displayed academic promise and the values learned through a Catholic Education.

NEED A SUMMER TUTOR FOR YOUR CHILD?

Get tutoring from the best! These SJRCS teachers offer their services during the summer months.

Michelle Ardillo, michelle.ardillo@stjuderockville.org (Grades 5-12); support for summer reading assignments, support for essay writing for high school and college applications, tutoring in reading comprehension, vocabulary, English grammar, writing, and language arts support for HSPT, SSAT, SAT, PSAT, and ACT standardized tests.

Carol Hampe, Science and Math (Grades K-9)

carol.hampe@stjuderockville.org

Pat O'Connell, Reading, Math, Algebra I, and Spanish (Grades K-8)

patococonnell2@hotmail.com or

patricia.o'connell@stjuderockville.org

Rebecca Sella, Math (K-8th) Rebecca.sella@stjuderockville.org

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

If you wish to visit us during the summer, our hours are 9-1 Monday through Thursday, beginning on June 18th. Please be mindful

SAVING LIVES ~ SUPPORTING FAMILIES.

Want to be involved in pro-life work? Consider volunteering at the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center as a volunteer counselor. We will train you! Training consist of 8 classes held Mon./Thurs. from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Dates: July 19, 23, 26, 30th, Aug. 2, 6, 9, 13th. For details, call Jackie Stippich, 301-963-6223.

A REMINDER FROM FR. JOHN ... If anyone is living in a marriage that has not been recognized by the Catholic Church, it would be wise to consult with a priest to see whether that situation might be rectified. It could be as simple as repeating your marriage vows quietly in front of a priest and receiving the Church's blessing. In that way, one would become eligible to receive the Sacraments of the Church, especially the Eucharist

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

Wednesday, June 13 & July 11, 2-3:15 p.m., Brooke Grove Rehabilitation & Nursing Center. Free. For more information or to register contact Toni Davis, (301) 388-7209 or tdavis@bgf.org.