

## ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

# Mass Intentions

### November 13 - November 19

<b>Monday, 11/13</b>	9:00 a.m. Ann de Stwolinski
<b>Tuesday, 11/14</b>	9:00 a.m. Don Smith
<b>Wednesday, 11/15</b>	9:00 a.m. Reverend Arne Panula 7:30 p.m. Fatimah Seyed-Ali
<b>Thursday, 11/16</b>	9:00 a.m. Lacava & Jamgochian Families
<b>Friday, 11/17</b>	9:00 a.m. Adela Canino
<b>Saturday, 11/18</b>	9:00 a.m. Reverend Ivan Almodovar 5:00 p.m. <i>Pro populo</i>
<b>Sunday, 11/19</b>	8:00 a.m. Martin Almodovar 9:30 a.m. John Butler 11:15 a.m. Catherine Dillon Bullen 5:00 p.m. Vivienne Mary Cochran

### + In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Louis Dacey.

**Please pray for the sick...** Ed Dudenhoeffer, 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 November 12, 2017

<b>Sunday:</b>	Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8/1 Thes 4:13-18/ Mt 25:1-13
<b>Monday:</b>	Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-10/Lk 17:1-6
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Wis 2:23-3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-19/Lk 17:7-10
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Wis 6:1-11/Ps /Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19
<b>Thursday:</b>	Wis 7:22b-8:1/Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175/ Lk 17:20-25
<b>Friday:</b>	Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 17:26-37
<b>Saturday:</b>	Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/ Lk 18:1-8
<b>Saturday:</b>	Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/Ps 98:1-6/Mt 14:22-33
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30

### THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

On November 1, 2017, priests of the Archdiocese of Washington received an email from Bishop Knestout announcing that Cardinal Wuerl was releasing a Pastoral Letter entitled, "The Challenge of Racism Today." Cardinal Wuerl's letter is not intended to serve as the final word but as a call to rededicating the efforts of each one of us in addressing racism in our midst and bringing reconciliation and healing to our communities. Members of the *Catholic Standard* staff recently interviewed Cardinal Wuerl about the pastoral letter. I want to present some of the questions and his answers to those questions in the remainder of this column.

*Catholic Standard:* "Why did you decide to write your new pastoral letter, "The Challenge of Racism Today," at this time?"

**Cardinal Wuerl:** "Recent events around the nation have highlighted that unfortunately racism continues to be present sometimes in very violent manifestations. We always need to be able to read the signs of the times to see what particular elements of the Gospel message needs to be highlighted. It strikes me that the challenge of racism is one such social issue that we need to confront today.

*Catholic Standard:* "What do you think is the most important contribution that the Catholic Church can make to the national conversation going on right now about racism?"

**Cardinal Wuerl:** "The Church's contribution is always spiritual and moral. What the Church is lifting up for everyone to hear is that we are all created members of the same human family. We are therefore all brothers and sisters of the same loving God. Anything that denies that vision of human dignity, of humans made in the image and likeness of God, is serious moral matter. The Church calls this a sin—the sin of racism. Our voice must always be the conscience of the nation."

*Catholic Standard:* "How important is it for the Catholic Church, and our society as a whole, to acknowledge the sin of racism, and the historic and ongoing effect it has had on our country and its people?"

**Cardinal Wuerl:** "The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has put together an *ad hoc* committee to confront racism. I think that is in itself a sign of how important it is that the Church raise her collective voice in addressing this evil. At the same time, we are all called individually to speak out forcefully and convincingly against any effort to relegate any group of people to the margins as if they do not count or have the same value as anyone else.

"Historically, given the tragedy of slavery, there is an enduring aspect of our societal life that requires specific and ongoing attention to completely overcome and eradicate racism. This serious evil will only be blotted out if we continually are aware of its manifestations."

*Catholic Standard:* "What Impact do you hope your pastoral letter on racism will have?"

**Cardinal Wuerl:** "A bishop's responsibility, among others, is to teach. I hope my pastoral letter will be received by the faithful, and other people of good will, as an effort to present in a meaningful and helpful way, the Church's teaching on the dignity and equality of all people made in the image and likeness of God and that we will continually work together to recognize that truth in practical, real terms"

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## The Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What can I do this week to make myself a little more ready for the coming of the Lord?

### CATHOLICS ENCOURAGED TO REACH OUT TO THE POOR ON NOVEMBER 18/19

Sunday, November 19, will mark the first World Day for the Poor. Pope Francis has called upon Christians worldwide to serve the poor, including the working poor, with real actions to address their needs. While the new celebration will occur on the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time going forward, Pope Francis has asked his flock to begin celebrating the week before by engaging the homeless or poor in their areas and inviting them to Mass or to share a meal together November 19.

If these suggestions seem too far out of your comfort zone, check out the Information Monitor for other ways to commemorate the first World Day for the Poor. For more information on World Day of the Poor, visit [catholiccharitiesdc.org](http://catholiccharitiesdc.org).

### CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

Come join us for a fun time and great fellowship decorating fresh holiday wreaths. Mark your calendars for either Friday evening, November 24th from 6 - 9:00 p.m. or Saturday, November 25th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Youth Room, lower level of the Rectory. No experience is necessary, we'll show you how! Just bring a pair of wire cutters (if you have them) and something "yummy" to share. We'll provide the beverages, decorations and holiday tunes playing. For additional information or questions

### THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

*Catholic Standard*: "As the spiritual leader of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Washington what practical ways would you recommend that our parishes, schools, Catholic agencies, and individual themselves, could combat racism?"

**Cardinal Wuerl**: "The pastoral letter has two sections to it, one on the Church's teaching, her doctrine on the evil of racism, and the other on practical steps that we can take throughout this archdiocese, also in a programmatic way, to confront the evil of racism and to accept the challenge to help overcome it in our culture. I would recommend that all of those practical pastoral suggestions be implemented whenever and wherever possible."

Copies of the pastoral letter are available in the most recent issue of the *Catholic Standard*. For those who would prefer to read it online, here is the link for that: <http://adw.org/november-2017-pastoral-letter/>. If anyone would like me to mail them a copy of the pastoral letter, please phone the parish office and leave your contact information with the request for a copy of Cardinal Wuerl's pastoral letter on racism.

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

### STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY LAUNCHES ON NOVEMBER 18/19

Like the five virgins who came unprepared to meet their bridegroom in today's Gospel, we also don't know the day or hour that Jesus Christ will return. It is in our preparation, planning and openness to being ready that we show humility in following Christ.

On the weekend of November 18/19, Fr. John Dillon will launch our annual Offertory Stewardship Appeal, asking parishioners to prayerfully consider their weekly offertory collection. Parishioners are encouraged to review mailed communications from Fr. John. Tithing is an act of worship and faith that demonstrates God is first in our lives. To the One who has given us everything, return to Him the first 10 percent of your income as a form of worship. St. Francis of Assisi Parish encourages all parishioners to consider whether they can dedicate up to a tenth of their income to the church and other charities. *Won't you pray over this and ask God what He needs from you?*

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ST. FRANCIS CHRISTMAS TREE SALE TO START NOVEMBER 25

Ready to gather around the fire and turn on the chainsaws? It's almost time for St. Francis' Christmas Tree Sale!

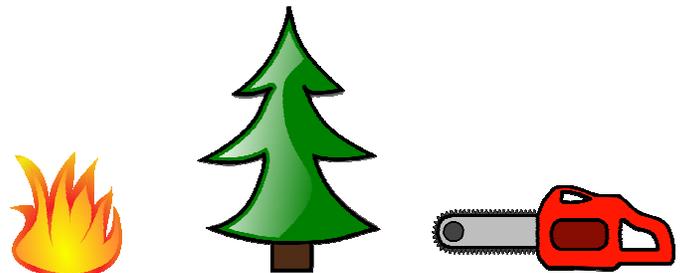
In advance of the Christmas Tree Sale opening to the public on Saturday, November 25, volunteers are encouraged to sign up in the Gathering Space after Masses this weekend and in coming weeks for shifts from 3-6 p.m. or 6-9 p.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m.-Noon, 12-3 p.m., 3-6 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. on weekends. Men and women are needed to set up the lot from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, November 18, and then begin off-loading trees when they are delivered at 7 a.m. Friday, November 24.

School-aged children are also invited to earn Student Service Learning Hours doing tasks, such as tagging trees, cleaning the lot, emptying trash cans and re-staking trees.

Weekday shifts between 3-6 p.m. are particularly hard to fill, so volunteers are encouraged to sign up for those slots. All told, the sale will feature some 400 Frasier Firs, ranging in size from 3' tabletops with stands to 10' trees. There is a size for everyone. The sale will also include 75' white pine roping and freshly decorated Christmas wreaths.

Hours of operation will be 3-9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m.-9 p.m. on weekends. Trees will be sold from November 25 to December 17 or until inventory is sold out.

For more information or to sign up, contact Christmas Tree Sale Ministry Coordinator Brian Pettit at (240) 372-1662 or at [Brian-Pettit@PettitCompanies.com](mailto:Brian-Pettit@PettitCompanies.com).



**November 12, 2017**

**LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING** Join the Lamb of God Prayer Group for worship and the study of Scripture on Tuesday, November 14, 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 Upper Montgomery Assistance Network (UMAN). *Thank you for your generosity.*

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

### **ROSARY FOR PRIESTS**

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

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

On Thursday evenings in the St. Clare'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 [gtdbpalmer@verizon.net](mailto:gtdbpalmer@verizon.net).

### **DIVERSE FAITH COMMUNITIES CELEBRATE NOVEMBER 19 AT ANNUAL THANKSGIVING ECUMENICAL SERVICE**

The annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, November 19, at Mill Creek United Methodist Church in Derwood. Fr. John Dillon will deliver the homily at the multi-faith service, which has been held among Derwood-area faith communities for the past 29 years.

As part of the service, participants can donate canned foods that will benefit the Manna Food Bank. Attendees are also invited to donate money to help the principal at Redland Middle School fund a "Reward Room." For more information, please call the church office at (301) 840-1407.

**HAITI BENEFIT CONCERT RAISES JUST OVER \$4,000** - On October 28, former St. Francis Music Director Verena Anders and her husband William Buthod performed an engaging music program reflecting the cultural identity and spirit of Haiti during the Haiti Benefit Concert held in the church.

The eclectic program featured works from Spanish composer and pianist Enrique Granados, French composer Claude Debussy and an original composition from William Buthod. At intermission, Haiti Committee Coordinator Dan Cardile introduced Jean Loui-juin Honore, an English teacher at the Bon Pasteur School in Leon, a translator for the Haiti Medical Mission and coordinator of the Just Haiti Coffee Initiative. Honore thanked attendees for St. Francis' support of its sister parish Conversion of St. Paul's in Leon for over 21 years.

The concert raised \$3,495 in ticket sales and just over \$500 in reception and non-ticket donations. Attendees also enjoyed a bountiful reception after the concert, attended by the artists, many parishioners and the Alhumayer clan, the Syrian family whom St. Francis is supporting through an interfaith initiative.

Special thanks to Special Events Ministry Coordinator Sylvia Jones and her volunteers for coordinating the concert reception. For more information about the concert, contact St. Francis Music Director Deirdre Sweet at [sfadwmusic@gmail.com](mailto:sfadwmusic@gmail.com).

**"SOMETHING WONDERFUL & AUTHENTIC IS HAPPENING"** The ChristLife Ministry (Discovering Christ, Following Christ, Sharing Christ) invites you to visit the ChristLife website at <https://christlife.org/blog> to read a post, demonstrating how evangelization is taking root at St. Francis and beginning to transform parish life and culture.

ChristLife Ministry Coordinator Medy DeAusen pointed to St. Paul's story, which illustrates the power of the adult faith formation process: "We never know when it's time for us to speak up for the Lord. Look at the story of St. Paul and his conversion. Paul was a Jew who persecuted people and delivered them to prison. Jesus revealed Himself to Paul and His message to Paul was: *"The God of our ancestors designated you to know his will, to see the Righteous One, and to hear the sound of his voice; for you will be his witness before all to what you have seen and heard."* -- Acts 22:14-15.

Paul became a formidable witness for the Lord. Like Paul, the best thing our parish can offer to the world is testimony of what God has done for us...how the Lord is helping us rebuild individual lives and, ultimately, our church. Our church revival is not about our ability to hire powerful speakers who can preach eloquently, but, when parishioners, ordinary people like all of us, begin telling stories about their personal encounter with Christ and how Christ is working in their lives. Indeed, this is *something wonderful and authentic!*

For more information about the ChristLife Ministry, contact DeAusen at [SFADCHRIST@comcast.net](mailto:SFADCHRIST@comcast.net)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS/EVENTS

### 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 class meets next Sunday, November 19 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.

### CHRISTMAS STOCKING HELP LINE

Religious Education families are invited to participate in the *Christmas Stocking Help Line*, an Advent project to benefit children and families in need. Items needed will be listed on "stockings" hung in the Parish Center during RE class times beginning November 19. Families may choose to take one or more stockings, purchase the items listed, and return them to RE classes by December 12. Letters with more information about this project will be given to students in RE classes.

### CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE SESSION: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Confirmation candidates will meet next Monday, November 20, for Confirmation class from 6:45-8:30 pm in the Parish Center.

### RE CLASS SCHEDULE AND THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

There are no Religious Education classes on Monday, November 20, Tuesday, November 21, and Sunday, November 26 (Please note that classes will meet on Sunday, November 19, and Monday and Tuesday, November 27 and 28.)

### 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.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SNOW CANCELLATION POLICY

If Montgomery County Public Schools are closed, and if schools are dismissed early, Religious Education classes, including FRED, are also cancelled. This applies to Sunday classes as well if Montgomery County Public Schools announces cancellation of weekend school activities.

Cancellation announcements will be recorded on the Religious Education Office phone (301-258-9193) and posted on the St. Francis Parish Facebook page ("St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church") and website.

Whenever in doubt, please use your own judgment about local weather and driving conditions, and err on the side of safety when making decisions about bringing your child to class.

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS/EVENTS

### ST. FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY *Upcoming Events*

### FRED

### NOVEMBER

- 12 Why do we need a Pope? (Matthew 16:18)
- 19 Living a Virtuous and Happy Life (1 Peter 1:13-25)
- 26 NO FRED — **Happy Thanksgiving!**

### GET SOCIAL

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### CHEESECAKE FUNDRAISER

Please support St. Francis Youth Ministry by ordering cheesecakes this weekend for Christmas. This fundraiser runs from now until December 1st. Sweetz Cheesecake in Gaithersburg will be providing the cheesecakes. Please see today's bulletin insert for an order form and additional details. You can also e-mail Fr. Jack @ [jberard@sfdw.org](mailto:jberard@sfdw.org).

**270 CATHOLIC** - a regional young adult ministry supported by the Archdiocese's office of YA ministry that serves several cities in the Montgomery County region (our home base is St. Mary's in Rockville).

### 270Catholic's Theology on Tap in Bethesda

On **Thursday, November 16th** (*this is a change from our usual second Tuesday*) young adults (20s and 30s) are invited to The Barking Dog (4723 Elm Street, Bethesda,) for Happy Hour from 6:00-7:00 p.m. followed by a talk and Q&A from 7:00-8:00 p.m. with Fr. Augustino Torres, C.F.R., president and founder of Corazon Puro, and host of the EWTN Español television show "Clic con Corazon Puro." His talk is titled "In Order to Live you Gotta Give."

### 270Catholic's monthly service event

Young adults (20s and 30s) save the date: **Saturday, November 18th**, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon for our monthly service event at A Wider Circle (9159 Brookville Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910). Tasks involve sorting through donations, re-stocking the show rooms, and helping load up trucks or client's vehicles. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/270Catholic/events> or email: [270Catholic@gmail.com](mailto:270Catholic@gmail.com) for more info.

### 270Catholic's monthly Holy Hour

On **Tuesday, November 28th**, young adults (20s and 30s) are invited to St. Mary's Historic Chapel (520 Viers Mill Road, Rockville) from 7:30-8:30 p.m. for a music-infused hour of adoration (option of confession). Join us after for fellowship in the basement of the rectory.

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/270Catholic/events> or email: [270catholic@gmail.com](mailto:270catholic@gmail.com) for more info on any events.

## PARISH LAY LEADERS EXAMINE THEIR MINISTRIES THROUGH LENS OF SERVANT LEADERSHIP

Forty ministry leaders gathered during the Fall Ministry Leaders Retreat on October 28 in the Parish Center to learn about servant leadership and how different types of leaders bring core strengths – and perceived weaknesses – to the table.

Led by parishioner Lisa Singleton, a teacher at Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School and an instructor in leadership development, attendees began their day washing their fellow participants' feet to experience tangibly what servant leadership is. As defined by Singleton, servant leaders are motivated by who he or she follows and embody self-sacrifice, relationship-building, openness and obedience.

Participants listened to presentations and worked in small groups to delve into leading ministries with a missionary/growth versus a maintenance/fixed mindset. They also took part in an entertaining, yet wholly insightful, exercise, in which they self-identified themselves as leaders who are relationship aware, thinkers, strategic planners and decision makers and then assessed the perceived strengths and weaknesses of their leadership type and others.

At the end of the morning, the leaders focused on how their ministry can make friendships among those involved in the ministry, make disciples by ongoing faith formation within the ministry and make a difference by thinking about how the ministry serves the Church and people of God.

Special thanks to Singleton, the Adult Faith Formation Ministry, which coordinated the event, and the Joyful Worship Ministry, which coordinated a breakfast for attendees. For more information about the Ministry Leaders Retreat, contact Deacon Dan Finn at [deacondanfinn@gmail.com](mailto:deacondanfinn@gmail.com).

## LAST FILM IN HOLY LAND FILM SERIES SCREENING NOVEMBER 12

On Sunday, November 12, Montgomery County Voices will screen *Where Should the Birds Fly*, the final film of the Holy Land Film Series, at 2:30 p.m. at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church in Montgomery Village.

The documentary tells the story of Israel's years-long siege of Gaza and its 2008-2009 attack, told through the eyes of two young women, 11-year-old Mona Samouni, whose family was killed by rockets during Operation Cast Lead, and the filmmaker and educator Fida Qishta. A panel discussion will follow the film, shown at the church located at 9801 Centerway Road.

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](mailto:patlabuda@aol.com).

**16th ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DAY TROT FOR HUNGER** - SOME (So Others Might Eat) invites you to participate in their 16th Annual Thanksgiving Day Trot for Hunger on Thanksgiving morning (November 23). The only Turkey Trot in the District, the Trot for Hunger is a tradition for thousands of area residents and a meaningful way to remember people in need on Thanksgiving Day. Proceeds from the 5K benefit thousands of homeless families and single adults struggling with poverty, hunger, and homelessness. The Little Turkey Fun Run begins at 8:30 am; the *timed* 5K Run begins at 9 am, and the 5K *untimed* Run/Walk begins at 9:15 am at Freedom Plaza (corner of 13th Street, NW and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW). Please visit [www.some.org](http://www.some.org) to register and learn more, or contact Rebecca Potts-Dupre at [trotforhunger@some.org](mailto:trotforhunger@some.org) or 202-797-8806, x1031 for additional information. Thank you for your support of our community's most vulnerable men, women, and children.

## ARE YOU AFFECTED BY SOMEONE ELSE'S ADDICTION?

NAR-ANON offers hope. Nar-Anon Family Groups are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. As a twelve step program, we offer help by sharing our experience, strength, and hope. A meeting is held on Wednesday evenings 7:00 p.m., 15886B. Gaither Drive, Gaithersburg. For additional information contact Alison, (301) 963-6640 or visit the website [nar-anon.org](http://nar-anon.org).

**Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School**  
[www.StJudeRockville.org](http://www.StJudeRockville.org)  
<http://www.facebook.com/stjuderockvillemd>

### OPEN HOUSE

St. Jude Regional Catholic School offers challenging academics for students in Pre-k through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. At SJRCS we educate the whole child, delivering academic excellence within a Catholic community of faith. Visit our Open House on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Tour the school and see our excellent teachers in action! Can't make the Open House - additional information about SJRCS may be found on our website at [www.stjuderockville.org](http://www.stjuderockville.org), check out our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/stjuderockvillemd> or speak to Ellen Donnelly in the office at 301-946-7888.

### 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 online at <http://www.adw.org/tuition-assistance/>. Application deadline is December 1, 2017. Other Scholarship opportunities are also available at the link.

### Attention Business Owners, Professionals, Self Employed and Families! Bulletin Advertising Opportunities Available!

S. Victor Verbiest from Liturgical Publications will be in our office the week of November 13, 2017; working on securing new ads for the advertisement section of our bulletin. We need your help! Please consider purchasing an ad. Your ad and participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

Advertisements can be purchased for a business, a family, a charity, In Memory of a Loved One or to support the church or a community service organization like emergency pregnancy counseling, the March of Dimes, etc. We need and appreciate your help. If you would like to run an ad or would like more information, please call Victor before his visit. Victor can be reached directly at (973) 634-0586, or via e-mail [sverbiest@4lpi.com](mailto:sverbiest@4lpi.com).

**ELECTRONIC GIVING** - With Thanksgiving and the Season of Advent coming up, enrolling in Faith Direct is a great way to ensure your gifts to St. Francis of Assisi are received even while you are traveling for the holidays. Already using Faith Direct? Don't forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account. Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our church code: **MD110**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

*God Bless You, Fr. John*