

## ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

### Mass Intentions

**June 12 - June 18**

<b>Monday, 6/12</b>	9:00 a.m. Jean Lorah
<b>Tuesday, 6/13</b>	9:00 a.m. Fran Wellington
<b>Wednesday, 6/14</b>	9:00 a.m. Don Smith 7:30 p.m. Aurora Paje
<b>Thursday, 6/15</b>	9:00 a.m. Fr. Don Worch
<b>Friday, 6/16</b>	9:00 a.m. The Donohoe Family
<b>Saturday, 6/17</b>	9:00 a.m. Dominick D'Aurora 5:00 p.m. <i>Pro populo</i>
<b>Sunday, 6/18</b>	8:00 a.m. All Fathers 9:30 a.m. All Fathers 11:15 a.m. All Fathers 1:00 p.m. All Fathers 5:00 p.m. All Fathers

**Please pray for the sick...** George Schaffer, Fr. Berard M. Dudek OFMC, Katrina Schmidt, Tom Krafchik, Bienvenido Delrosario, Stephanie Black & her Baby Girl Savannah, Theresa Krafchik, Bob Ellenberger, Regino Villagran, 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 Office.)*

#### **+ In Memoriam Aeternam +**

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Dorothy Grondalski, mother of Cathy Coyne.

#### **Readings for the Week of June 11, 2017**

<b>Sunday:</b>	Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52-56/2 Cor 13:11-13/ Jn 3:16-18
<b>Monday:</b>	2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-9/Mt 5:1-12
<b>Tuesday:</b>	2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129-133, 135/Mt 5:13-16
<b>Wednesday:</b>	2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5-9/Mt 5:17-19
<b>Thursday:</b>	2 Cor 3:15--4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9, 10-14/Mt 5:20-26
<b>Friday:</b>	2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 116:10-11, 15-18/Mt 5:27-32
<b>Saturday:</b>	2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Mt 5:33-37
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/ 1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

### *Scripture Corner*

#### THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Throughout the Old Testament the Jewish people proclaimed a strong faith in one God, Yahweh. The first commandment insisted, "I am the Lord your God... You shall not have other gods beside me." (Exodus 20:2-3) It was difficult then, as one can understand, when Jesus came into the world and gradually revealed the Trinity – one God, but three Persons.

As Jesus revealed himself to the people, he claimed to be both God and man. This was a most difficult problem for the Jewish people, who had never heard of the Trinity. Our Lord was understanding of this situation for the Jewish men and women. He appealed to his works as the confirmation of his words. Insisting that he is God's son, he notes, "If I do not perform my Father's works, do not believe me; but if I perform them, even if you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may realize and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father." (John 10:38)

Gradually the people realized that Christ is proclaiming something new – the Trinity: three distinct and equal Persons in one God. The earliest New Testament Trinitarian text comes from Saint Paul, writing about AD 57. "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you." (2 Corinthians 13:13) Saint Matthew writing about AD 85 has our Lord teaching, "Make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)

*The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 261 teaches, "The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central message of the Christian faith and of Christian life. God alone can make it known to us by revealing himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit." The fact that so many Jewish and Gentile people became Christian is strong testimony of the graces given to the early Church by Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

~ Fr. Ralph

***Congratulations Fr. Ralph  
on the  
67th Anniversary  
of Your Ordination!***

## Solemnity of the Holy Trinity

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

*How many times a day do I make the sign of the cross and invoke the name of the Most Holy Trinity? How can I make that sign and invocation more intentional?*



### 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 14.

### SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

**Are you interested in Serving in a Social Concerns Ministry with St. Francis Parish?**

We have Leadership Openings and membership openings in:

- \* Prison Ministry
- \* Care for God's Creation
- \* Shady Grove Pregnancy Center
- \* Friendly Visitors

Check the parish website for more information: [www.sfadw.org](http://www.sfadw.org). Click on Serve, then Service locally, to read more about these ministries. If you are interested, please contact Social Concerns Minister, Tony Bosnick, (301) 840-1407, Ext. 11 or e-mail Tony at [abosnick@sfadw.org](mailto:abosnick@sfadw.org).

### 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.

### 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 busing tables, delivering orders. If you have any questions, please contact Sylvia Jones (301) 762-6564 or the Parish Office.

### THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

My sister Annemarie, my brother Jim, and I want to thank the parishioners who have sent us cards or stopped to offer condolences on the death of our mother. Yesterday (June 10) I was in Butler, Pennsylvania where I offered a second Mass for the repose of her soul and then said the prayers at the cemetery as she was laid to rest beside our father and our sister Katie. May mother rest in peace!

Yesterday, Joseph Salser was ordained a deacon at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle. I was sorry that I could not attend his diaconal ordination. I had heard that some parishioners had made plans to attend the ordination to support him in this penultimate step toward ordination to the priesthood this time next year (God willing). Joseph has several more weeks with us in his summer placement. But he will return again in the fall and will be with us during the next academic year and will gain some practice and experience in ministerial roles here as part of the final phase of his seminary formation.

Last weekend we recognized a number of parishioners who were here for the first Mass for the newly constituted St. Francis of Assisi Parish, which was held on June 4, 1972 at Redland Middle School. May the Lord continue to bless those founding parishioners! We shall celebrate our forty-fifth anniversary and our founding parishioners in a special way during our parish feast celebrations in October.

The final thing that I want to mention today is the Apostleship of Prayer and their prayer intention for June 2017. The mission of the Apostleship of Prayer is to encourage Christians to make a daily offering of themselves to the Lord for the coming of God's Kingdom and the Holy Father's monthly intentions. By faithfully praying in this way one develops a Eucharistic spirituality of solidarity with the Body of Christ and loving service to others. The love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus nourishes this spiritual program. Here is the Holy Father's intention for June 2017: *That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimizes so many innocent people.*

Last year Pope Francis began to issue a short video commentary now available on YouTube to present his monthly intention. We post these on the parish website as they become available. We uploaded his commentary on the June intention several days ago. The Apostleship of Prayer also encourages people to make a daily Offering Prayer. Here is the traditional daily offering prayer provided by the Apostleship of Prayer:

*O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart: the salvation of souls, reparation for sin, and the reunion of all Christians. I offer them for the intentions of our bishops and of all Apostles of Prayer, and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father this month.*

Until next week,  
Fr. John Dillon

**June 11, 2017**

**LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING** Join the Lamb of God Prayer Group for worship and the study of Scripture on Tuesday, June 13, 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 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](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 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 addi-

**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).

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTGOMERY COUNCIL 2323**

#### **CHILI COOK-OFF**

Knights of Columbus council 2323 will be hosting a chili cook-off at Father Cuddy Hall, 17001 Overhill Rd., Derwood, MD on Saturday evening June 17 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Menu includes chili, salad, rolls, corn chips, dessert. beer, wine and soda. Admission is \$10 adult, \$5 children (7 and under) and \$25 family. Please RSVP to [john2323@comcast.net](mailto:john2323@comcast.net) and include number in party. Tickets can be bought at the door

#### **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](mailto:cinnabarmike@verizon.net).

### ***BUILD UP OUR CHURCH***

***Reminder: 1 p.m. Mass to Be Phased Out on Sunday, July 2***  
The 1:00 p.m. Mass will be phased out beginning Sunday, July 2, per a majority vote by parishioners, the recommendations of the Pastoral Council, and a decision by Fr. John Dillon. The last Mass during this timeslot will be celebrated on Sunday, June 25. After June 25, Fr. John Dillon and the parish staff invite all parishioners who attend the 1:00 p.m. Mass to continue celebrating Mass at St. Francis at another time that is conducive with their schedule and lifestyle. For more information, contact the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407.

### ***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](mailto:lbbaklarz@yahoo.com) by June28.

**Wall of Honor Information Forms available at the Information Desk in the Gathering Space.**

## 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 be this Sunday, June 11, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the St. Clare Room. If you would like to learn more about these sessions, or if you are interested in serving as a catechist or aide for children with special needs, please call Susan Anderson, Director of Religious Education, at 301-258-9193.

### 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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation, 1<sup>st</sup> 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

#### FRED

#### JUNE

11 13 Reasons Why - Let's Talk About It  
16 Beach Day  
29-July 2 FIAT Days Camp

#### JULY

July 9-14 Encounter Work Camp

#### **FRED JR.**

#### JUNE

16 Beach Day

#### 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



### 2017 VACATION BIBLE CAMP

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. to 12:15 p.m.

THE JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> REGISTRATION DEADLINE HAS PASSED, BUT SPACES MAY STILL BE AVAILABLE. PLEASE CALL THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE AT 301-258-9193 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

**PLEASE NOTE: TEEN VOLUNTEER POSITIONS ARE FILLED. THOSE WHO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS NOW WILL BE PLACED ON A WAIT LIST.**

### UPCOUNTY COMMUNITY RESOURCES INC. UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, June 17, 4:00 p.m. Annual UCR 5K Walk & Roll-a-thon at Bohrer Park. Mark your calendar for the Twilight Walk and loads of fun! For more information contact Jenn Lynn, Executive Director, [jennlynn@ucresources.org](mailto:jennlynn@ucresources.org).

## Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School

*Catch our Spirit*

[www.StJudeRockville.org](http://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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.StJudeRockville.org).

### **Kayleigh Bowman Scholarship Winner Announced**

Alex Condori (grade 7) is the winner of this year's Kayleigh Anne Bowman Memorial Guardian Angel Scholarship. This annual scholarship in memory of Kayleigh Anne Bowman, who died of AIDS, 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.

### **SJRCS Summer Hours**

Beginning June 19<sup>th</sup> the school office will be open Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m..

## **MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Mother of God Catholic School has openings preK3 through 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mmoriarty@mogschool.com) or visit [www.mogschool.com](http://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](http://www.ihmconference.org) or e-mail: [info@ihmconference.org](mailto: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](http://www.ourladyofbethesda.org)) or call 301-365-0612.

## **SFA HEALTH MINISTRY**

*Encouraging health and wellbeing of body, mind and soul*

### **The Holy Cross Hospice Bereavement Program**

*offers support to adults who are grieving the death of a loved one*  
All are welcome to attend groups that meet for the seven-week group sessions every Wednesday and/or the drop-in sessions every other Saturday.

**DATE & TIME:** Every other Saturday Drop-in session

June 17, 2017, 2 to 3 p.m.

New 7 week Wednesday session begins July 12, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Holy Cross Resource Center 9805 Dameron Drive Silver Spring, MD

For more information, contact the Bereavement Center at 301-754-7742 or [bereavementcenter@holycrosshealth.org](mailto:bereavementcenter@holycrosshealth.org).

## **BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING**

*St. Clare Room*

Begin your most fun-filled and healthy summer by having your blood pressure checked after Masses today. The SFA Health Ministry team is available for one and all.

## **BROOKE GROVE**

### **REHABILITATION & NURSING CENTER**

18131 Slade School Road, Sandy Spring

**Parkinson's Support Group** - June 14 & July 12 2:15-3:15 p.m.

**From Overwhelmed to Ordered Support for Caregiver**

**Seminar**- Tuesday, June 13, 2:00-3:00 p.m..

Both Seminars are free. To register, contact Toni Davis at (301) 388-7209 or [tdavis@bgf.org](mailto:tdavis@bgf.org).

**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](mailto: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](http://www.dcpriest.org). Questions? Contact the Office of Priest Vocations at 202-636-9020 or [vocations@adw.org](mailto: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](http://www.bmorevocations.org).