

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

January 10 - January 16, 2022

Monday, 1/10	9:00 a.m.	Maria M. Meade
Tuesday, 1/11	9:00 a.m.	Alexander O'Connor
Wednesday, 1/12	9:00 a.m.	Rod & Gaby O'Connor
	7:30 p.m.	Reverend John A. Carroll
Thursday, 1/13	9:00 a.m.	Sean Duarte
Friday, 1/14	9:00 a.m.	Don Smith
Saturday, 1/15	5:00 p.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
Sunday, 1/16	8:00 a.m.	Stella Baker
	9:30 a.m.	Rosemarie Rippel
	11:15 a.m.	David O'Connor
	5:00 p.m.	James Swandic

Please pray for the sick... Lorri, Kyle & Madelyn Anessi, Karen Mason, David Falzarano, Joanna Dudek, Fr. Joseph Mindling, Fr. Francis Russo, Debra Price, Barbara Schmidt, Mary Cutting, Angelica Santos, Jackie Komlo, Allison Brauer, Frank Knorr, Allan Degen, Bob Jones, William Komlo, Sandra Kimball, Ed Dudenhoeffler, 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 January 9, 2022

Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/ Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/ Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Monday:	1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/ Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/ Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/ Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/ Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday:	Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/ 1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

January is Poverty Awareness Month. Pope St. John Paul II wrote in his encyclical *On Social Concern (Sollicitudo Rei Socialis)*, no. 38 a useful description of Solidarity. There he said that “[Solidarity] is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of many people, both near and far. On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself of the common good; that is to say to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all.”

A recent posting from Justice, Peace, and Human Development department at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) offered the following advice that I want to present to us today:

Solidarity invites us to remember that we are all children of God who share in one another's joy and suffering. This is a key component of working together to seek justice for all God's children. Being in solidarity with others lifts us from our individualism and offers us the opportunity to work together to address poverty.

Justice, Peace, and Human Development offers the following reflection for January 3, 2022 on the USCCB website:

Take a moment to think of a particular person you know who has been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, poverty, or economic difficulty: think of the person's name, recall his or her face and situation. Say this prayer for solidarity [which you will find in the next paragraph] and for the grace to share in the suffering of our brothers and sisters who experience poverty, and for a deeper conviction to work for justice and peace.

Here is the prayer for solidarity mentioned in the previous paragraph:

*Almighty and ever-living God,
empower your one human family to join hands
on our journey of faith.*

*Send us your spirit of hope,
so that we may work
to alleviate human suffering
and foster charity and justice
in our world.
Amen.*

Until next week,

Fr. John

January 9, 2022

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How has the Holy Spirit, whom I received in Baptism, influenced my outlook and my actions?

SIGN-UP FOR VIRTUAL PARISH LISTENING SESSIONS ON JANUARY 8, 15 & 29

With the first parish listening session for the archdiocesan synod scheduled on January 8, it is not too late to sign up for sessions in the three-part series. Considering rising COVID cases, Fr. John and the parish staff are opting to host only virtual listening sessions to be held from 10-11:30 am Saturday, January 8; Saturday, January 15; and Saturday, January 29, on Zoom.

Here are the topics to be covered at each listening session:

- **Saturday, January 8:** First Listening Session from 10-11:30 am on Zoom. Small Group topic: *The Fundamental Question.*
- **Saturday, January 15:** Second Listening Session from 10-11:30 am on Zoom. Small Group topics: *Listening, Speaking Out, and Sharing Responsibility for Our Common Mission and Sharing Authority and Participation.*
- **Sunday, January 29:** Third Listening Session from 10-11:30 am on Zoom. Small Group topics: *Discerning and Deciding, Celebration, and Holy Spirit.*

Please sign up for the listening sessions on Flocknote at <https://sfaderwood.flocknote.com/signup/77992>. We also ask that you make your best effort to attend all the sessions, so your voice can be heard on all the discussion questions upon which we will reflect. You can also participate by filling out an online survey at <https://adw.org/2021-2023-synod-survey-for-individuals/>. For more information, contact the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407.

JOIN BOOK DISCUSSION ON “THE SPIRITUAL WORK OF RACIAL JUSTICE”

Are you interested in learning about and discussing racism through the lens of our Catholic faith? If so, then join parishioner Mary Jordan, a member of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Racism, who will host a book discussion on “The Spiritual Work of Racial Justice: A Month of Mediations with Ignatius of Loyola” by Patrick Saint-Jean, S.J. The first book discussion will take place online at 7:15 pm February 2, 2022. If you would like to participate in this discussion, please contact Mary at marywjordan17@gmail.com. Order the book at <https://www.amazon.com/Spiritual-Work-Racial-Justice-Meditations/dp/1625248369>.

2021 CHRISTMAS TREES SELL OUT IN NINE DAYS

Dear Parishioners,
What a year **St. Francis of Assisi Parish** had once again... having yet another record-breaking Christmas Tree season despite the continued pandemic, supply chain, and tree shortage challenges, we were able to sell all **243** Frasier Fir Christmas trees in a 9-day selling season!

We earned an outstanding net profit of **\$13,094** for the year, despite the high demand and increased cost of the trees and shipping. Additionally, we were able to raise and donate **\$822**, in “tip” money that the parish will use to support families in need.

I would like to thank all of the parishioners and individuals who donated countless hours of volunteering as well as to all of those who purchased a tree from us this year! We wouldn't be successful without you.

I want to especially recognize our dedicated team leaders **Andrew Lindquist, Damien Clark, Chris Ryan, Mike Thomas, Mark Lynch, Gary Palmer and Jim Knowles** for their selfless sacrifice of long hours and supply of in-kind donations which ensured another record success.

Lastly, a special thanks to **Carolyn Brauer and Sylvia Jones** and their team of creative decorators who made **72** beautiful wreaths that once again sold out very quickly!

We look forward to seeing you next season. Until then, have a safe and Happy New Year!

Thank you,
Brian Pettit
Christmas Tree Ministry Coordinator

DONATE TO A COAT DRIVE BENEFITTING CATHOLIC CHARITIES ON JANUARY 8/9 & 15/16

It is time to clean out your closets for gently used coats and outerwear! This weekend and next, the parish Social Concerns Ministry will be collecting gently used coats, jackets, hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, and outerwear for Catholic Charities. Please leave your winter outerwear in good condition in the marked receptacle in the Gathering Space outside of the St. Clare Room; all donations will be picked up on January 21, 2022. Thank you for your generosity to people in need served by Catholic Charities! For more information, please contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
PROGRAM NEWS**
**SUNDAY & MONDAY GROUP A
ELEMENTARY CLASSES MEET
JANUARY 9 & 10**

**MONDAY & TUESDAY MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASSES
MEET JANUARY 10 & 11**

**PARENT MEETING
FOR HOMESCHOOL OPTION RE**

Our Online Parent Meeting: Unit 3 Overview for families sharing in this year's home school religious education program will be from 1-2 pm today, Sunday, January 9. Families registered for the Homeschool option will receive an email with link to join.

**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 today, Sunday, January 9 from 3:30-4:30 pm. If you would like to learn more about these sessions, please call Susan Anderson, Director of Religious Education, at 301-258-9193.

RE CLASS SCHEDULE REMINDERS

Please note that Religious Education classes will not meet next week, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, January 16, 17 and 18, in honor of the Martin Luther King Day holiday.

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE SESSION: TUESDAY,
JANUARY 18**

Confirmation candidates will meet on Tuesday, January 18, for Confirmation class from 6:45-8:30 pm in the Parish Center.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Children of St. Francis of Assisi Parish will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this Saturday, January 22 at 10:00 am. Please pray for these children as they prepare for and receive the gift of God's forgiveness in this beautiful Sacrament.

SNOW/EMERGENCY CANCELLATION POLICY

If Montgomery County Public Schools are closed, and if schools are dismissed early, Religious Education classes 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 posted:

- On the parish website: www.sfadw.org
- On the St. Francis Parish Facebook page: "St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church"
- On the Religious Education Office phone voicemail: 301-258-9193.

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

Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School

We are...St. Jude

www.StJudeRockville.org

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

Instagram: [stjuderockville](https://www.instagram.com/stjuderockville)

**ST. JUDE REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL
ENROLLMENT IS OPEN
FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR**

Applications will be taken on a first come first serve basis. Please register by following the links on our school website at www.stjuderockville.org. Go to Admission, Apply Now, Enrollment: [TADS: Online Registration and Enrollment](#).

SJRCS OPEN HOUSE

We would love to share the story of our school with you. Attend St. Jude Regional Catholic School Open House to see our wonderful teachers in action and experience our welcoming community first-hand.

Join us for our Open House on:

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

9:00-11:30 AM

6:00-8:00 PM

SJRCS NEW GALA DATE IS MARCH 12, 2022

It will be a fun evening of music, food, and friends! We will have a live band, and two huge tents outside the Thaddeus room doors with sides, floor, lights, and heat. Monies raised will build storage cabinets for PreK-4th grades, and upgrades for the faculty room and the faculty bathroom.

CONSIDER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Interested in learning more about Catholic school admissions, enrollment, and tuition assistance? The Catholic Schools Office will host virtual information sessions on Wednesday, January 12 and Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 7:00PM. Register at www.adwcatholicsschools.org

HAITI BENEFIT CONCERT

The Haiti Benefit Concert was originally scheduled for January 14. This was to be an in-person concert. We have decided to postpone it due to COVID. Please watch the bulletin for a new date.

**SEEKING NEW MEMBERS OF THE ST MARTIN
FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY TO DELIVER
DONATED FOOD**

The St. Francis Food Pantry Ministry is looking for new members to join this vital and compassionate ministry, serving those struggling to feed their families during these hard economic times. Singles, couples, or even a family can minister by loading their car with donations to the St. Martin Food Pantry and delivering the food to our sister parish. With enough people, one can expect to serve only once every six months. Those interested can contact Ministry Co-coordinators Carolyn Brauer at carolyn_brauer@yahoo.com or Christine Young at youngbodywork@hotmail.com. One cannot help but feel blessed when practicing doing love in action!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - COUNCIL 2323

The Knights of Columbus are looking for new, transferring or readmitted members to share in their Charity, Fraternity, Unity and Patriotism activities. Council 2323 supports many St. Francis activities and has many social events. The KofC offers life and long term care insurance opportunities as well as annuities. A new opportunity: join as an Online Member for \$30 per year; go to www.kofc.org and click on "Join Us". If you wish you can join the Council later. If interested in learning more, contact Gary Palmer (301-948-6494 or email gtdbpalmer@verizon.net).

PRAYERS FOR OUR SERVICE MEN/WOMEN

Please continue to pray for all those parishioners, family members and friends who are serving in the military services. We have a prayer list posted in the Gathering Space for those who are serving in these areas. Please help us to keep it current by letting us know of any parishioner who is currently deployed so we can add them, and also those who have returned so that we can remove their names. Please continue to keep all of our military personnel in your prayers.

DONATE YOUR USED CLOTHING

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

ARCHDIOCESAN WOMEN'S RETREAT FOR SURVIVORS

As the Church continues to minister to all survivors of abuse, the Archdiocese of Washington is sponsored a retreat for survivors. The Archdiocese will offer a women's retreat on February 18-20, 2022. This retreat is an occasion for survivors to reflect on God's plan for their lives and for healing through prayer and the sacraments. For more information go to <https://adw.org/the-way-retreat/>. To register email mcdonald@adw.org or call Deborah McDonald at 301-853-4466.

NIGHTLY ROSARY

If you would welcome a time-out from your busy schedule, come join us in prayer. Since September 2018, the Council of Catholic Women (CCW) has been hosting a nightly Rosary call for the healing of the Church. We also pray for healing from the COVID pandemic and for callers' personal intentions. All (men, women, children, non-CCW members) are welcome to join us any night of the week or every night of the week. How often is up to you. How about once a month on your birthdate? Please join us at 8:00 p.m. as we read meditations on the Rosary's mysteries and pray together. Remember, in prayer we are never alone. Call 605-468-8016, code 357090# 8:00 p.m., 7 days a week.

SAVE THE DATE DRIVE-THROUGH SPAGHETTI DINNER



Spaghetti and meatballs! On Sunday, February 6th Montgomery Council 2323 of the Knights of Columbus will host a drive-through spaghetti dinner to benefit St. Francis of Assisi's Medical Mission to Haiti. The dinner includes spaghetti with sauce and meatballs; garden salad, and garlic bread; *or* buttered spaghetti, with garden salad and garlic bread. Pickup times for the dinner will be in 15-minute slots from 1:00 to 6:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus' Father Cuddy Hall, 17001 Overhill Road, Derwood. The cost is \$10.00 per meal. There are a limited number of time slots, **so reservations for pickup are requested.** Contact Mike Thomas at cinnabar-mike@verizon.net or (301) 330-5970. We will also have a 50/50 raffle, and you do not have to be present to win.

MASS & ROSARY IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Please join the World Apostolate of Fatima Archdiocese of Washington Division as we resume monthly Mass and Rosary in honor of Our Lady of Fatima at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception-400 Michigan Ave, NE at 1:00 pm in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel every 13th of the month (except when the 13th falls on a Sunday.) For more information call Mary Ann at 301-595-1770.

YOU DON'T DESERVE TO BE ABUSED

Domestic violence refers to a pattern of violent and coercive behavior by one adult over another in an intimate relationship. It can consist of repeated severe beatings or subtle forms of abuse, including threats and control. If you experience any form of abuse, please know that there is help. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233. For additional information or to learn more about domestic violence, please visit www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace.

AMAZONSMILE ENABLES ST. FRANCIS TO INCREASE FUNDRAISING THROUGH ONLINE SHOPPING

St. Francis parishioners can support our church whenever they're shopping online at Amazon.com. St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church recently became a recipient of AmazonSmile, which enables the church to receive 0.5 percent of the price of eligible AmazonSmile purchases you make. Go to our Home Page, Give, Give Now and start shopping!

SUNDAY TV MASS

The TV Mass airs every Sunday at 10:30 am - 11:00 am on WDCW-50. Use the chart below to determine the channel on your television:

<u>TV Provider</u>	<u>Channel</u>
Antenna/no cable	50
Comcast	
DC & Montgomery	23
PG & Southern MD	3
Dish or Direct TV	50
Cox	
Northern VA	3
Fredericksburg	15
RCN	15
Verizon	3

The Mass is also available to watch online on the National Shrine's YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/user/maryshrine.

GABRIEL PROJECT

The Gabriel Project Cluster of Montgomery County serves mothers and their families in crisis pregnancies. We are so thankful for the support we received during our recent Christmas Appeal. January is March for Life month. Please help us support our client families. **Our client moms have said yes to life.** With 79 new client mothers added within the past 12 weeks, your continued support is appreciated. Please visit our website, www.gpmoco.org, click on our Amazon wish list, and choose from any number of items. Also, we are in need of volunteers, especially bi-lingual ones. If you have any questions, please contact Natalie Ray at natalieanneray@gmail.com.

ARE YOU COMFORTABLE USING TURBO TAX?

If yes, Catholic Charities needs you! Next February, the Catholic Charities' Tax Clinic will open its doors for the 6th tax season at Catholic University. The goal of the Tax Clinic is to help low-income families maximize their tax refund. The Tax Clinic makes sure these families claim every tax benefit they are entitled to (e.g., child tax credits, child care credits, economic stimulus payments, and earned income credits). Volunteer tax preparers are supported by Catholic Charities staff, experienced volunteers, and lawyers from the Catholic University Columbus School of Law who provide training in January. If you are interested in helping these families prepare their tax returns, please reach out to Deacon Jim Shanahan at Catholic Charities (email: jim.shanahan@cc-dc.org or phone: 202-262-1419).



UPCOMING RETREATS

OUR LADY OF BETHESDA RETREAT CENTER 7007 BRADLEY BLVD., BETHESDA MD

Leading with the Heart of a Man: February 3

A new series of Monthly Reflections for Men that will highlight everyday tips for transforming your relationship with God and your Family. Each evening includes: Mass, dinner, directed meditation, a practical talk, and time for personal reflection plus the opportunity for Confession. Cost is \$20 per person, per session. Advance Registration is required. SERIES REGISTRATION: For a limited time, register for all 3 reflections for only \$45 per person. Visit our website for more details and to register www.ourladyofbethesda.org. Hosted by the Men of Regnum Christi.

Praying with the Heart of A Woman: January 26 & 27

A Mini-Retreat in January. Each Mini-Retreat (evening 6:00-9:00 pm or morning 9:30 am - 12 Noon) includes: Mass, adoration, directed meditation, a practical talk, and time for personal reflection, and a meal. Cost is \$20 per person. Advance Registration is required. Babysitting will be available for the Morning Mini-Retreat. Visit our website to register www.ourladyofbethesda.org. Hosted by the Women of Regnum Christi.

Take a Personal "Retreat" Day: Jan 21 / Feb 18 / Mar 11

Are your days overcrowded, jam-packed, and busy, busy, busy? Jesus tells you to "Come away with me..." to Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center where your very own personal retreat awaits. During your personal retreat, from 8:30am-4pm, an experienced retreat director will guide you to a place of rest with Christ. The retreat schedule allows for one-on-one spiritual direction (optional), quiet reflection, Mass, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration, plus continental breakfast and lunch, so you will be nourished and cared for while Our Lord speaks to your soul about the depths of His love for you. Cost is \$120 per person. Advance Registration is required, and registrations will be limited to facilitate appropriate social distancing. Visit our website to register and to find more dates ourladyofbethesda.org. Or call 301-365-0612. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

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