

# St. Francis of Assisi Church

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*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*January 16, 2022*

## *Mass Schedule*

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|--------------------------|--|------------------------|
| <i>Saturday</i>          | 5:00 p.m.  |                        |
| <i>Sunday</i>            | 8:00 a.m.  |                        |
|                          | 9:30 a.m.  |                        |
|                          | 11:15 a.m.                                       |                        |
|                          | 5:00 p.m.  |                        |
| <i>Daily</i>             | 9:00 a.m.  | <i>Monday - Friday</i> |
|                          | 7:30 p.m.  | <i>Wednesday</i>       |
| <i>First Friday Mass</i> | 7:30 p.m.  |                        |
| <i>Penance:</i>          | <i>Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m. or by appointment</i> |                        |

### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL CONTACT:**

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### **PARISH OFFICE:** ..... 301-840-1407

Donna Zezzo, Parish Secretary  
Marie Yeast, Admin. Assistant

**BAPTISMS:** Call Parish Office to set up an appointment with our Pastor.

**MARRIAGE/PRE-CANA:** Call Parish Office.  
At least 6 months advance notice with our Pastor.

**SICK CALLS:** Please notify us concerning any parishioners who are sick or homebound, in hospitals or nursing homes. In case of serious illness or sudden death, notify the parish office immediately.

**FUNERALS:** Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

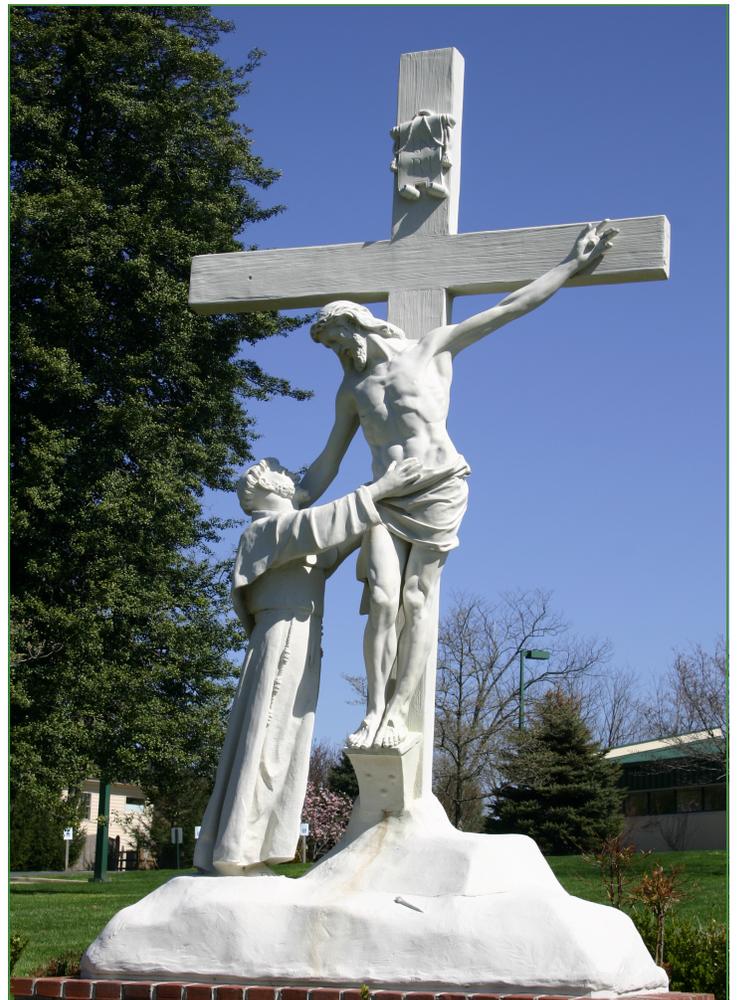
**RCIA: (Becoming a Catholic)** Parish Office - 301-840-1407

**PASTOR:** Reverend John J. Dillon

**IN RESIDENCE:** Reverend William Brailsford  
Reverend Ted Hegnauer

### **PERMANENT DEACONS:**

Deacon James Datovech  
Deacon Wilberto Garcia  
Deacon James McCann



## ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

### Mass Intentions

**January 17 - January 23, 2022**

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|------------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Monday, 1/17</b>    | 9:00 a.m.  | Nancy Boire               |
| <b>Tuesday, 1/18</b>   | 9:00 a.m.  | Michelle Speiser          |
| <b>Wednesday, 1/19</b> | 9:00 a.m.  | Maureen Van Der Waag      |
|                        | 7:30 p.m.  | Flavia M. De Souza        |
| <b>Thursday, 1/20</b>  | 9:00 a.m.  | Joseph Thomas Stehle, Sr. |
| <b>Friday, 1/21</b>    | 9:00 a.m.  | Peggy Gleason             |
| <b>Saturday, 1/22</b>  | 5:00 p.m.  | Patsy & Stella Battista   |
| <b>Sunday, 1/23</b>    | 8:00 a.m.  | Co Chu & Jose Lee         |
|                        | 9:30 a.m.  | <i>Pro populo</i>         |
|                        | 11:15 a.m. | Vic & Frances Hoffman     |
|                        | 5:00 p.m.  | Joan Beard Dillon         |

#### + In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Deacon Thomas C. Spalding, Reverend James Isidore Dixon, Archdiocese of Washington, Reverend John Thomas Ford, C.S.C..

**Please pray for the sick...** Lorri, Kyle & Madelyn Anessi, Karen Mason, David Falzarano, Joanna Dudek, 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 Dudenhoefter, 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 16, 2022**

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| <b>Sunday:</b>      | Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/<br>1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11                          |
| <b>Monday:</b>      | 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/<br>Mk 2:18-22                                   |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>     | 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/<br>Mk 2:23-28   |
| <b>Wednesday:</b>   | 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/<br>Mk 3:1-6                                     |
| <b>Thursday:</b>    | 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11,<br>12-13/Mk 3:7-12                             |
| <b>Friday:</b>      | 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/<br>Mk 3:13-19   |
| <b>Saturday:</b>    | 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/<br>Mk 3:20-21                                   |
| <b>Next Sunday:</b> | Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor<br>12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21 |

### **THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR**

Last October Cardinal Gregory celebrated a Mass at St. Matthew's Cathedral to mark the opening of the Archdiocesan Synod that will be held over the next several months as part of the preparation for a Synod of Bishops that will be held in Rome in October 2023. You may be wondering: Why are we doing this? The answer is that Pope Francis wants to hear from the local Church about what is happening in local parishes. He and the bishops want to know what individuals think we should be doing to help make our parishes better. The Holy Father is proposing that we do this through a synodal process. Synod comes from a Greek word that means being on the road together or perhaps better, being on a journey together. This journey involves listening to the Holy Spirit and to each other in order to discern the path we are called to walk together.

Pope Francis hopes that this synodal process will inspire us to dream about the Church we are called to be, to make people's hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, warm our hearts, and restore strength to our hands for our common mission.

In order to keep to the pretty rigid timetable that the Holy See has given the Dioceses around the world, I need to submit a ten-page report summarizing our parish discussions on the questions being asked in the synod process to the Archdiocese by February 15, 2022. Initially I hoped that we could do this through in-person meetings, virtual meetings, and through an online link that the Archdiocese was providing for people to participate who could not attend either in-person or virtual meetings. Because of the rising number of COVID cases, I felt that I had to cancel the in-person meetings and just rely upon three virtual meetings and the online link to the questions.

We had the first virtual session yesterday and will have two more virtual sessions. These will take place on **January 29** and **February 5**. We are skipping a Saturday because we have First Penance and Reconciliation scheduled for next Saturday, February 22. To be better prepared for the next sessions let me list here the topics that will be taken up and some questions we might consider as we discuss those topics. Let me list those topics here.

For the session on **January 29, 2022**, there are two topics. **Speaking Out** is the first topic. Two questions we might consider in preparation for this topic is this: What enables or hinders you from speaking up courageously, candidly, and responsibly in the Church and society? What space is there in our parishes for the voice of the people (including active and inactive member of our faith)? The second topic is **Sharing Responsibility for our Common Mission and Sharing Authority and Participation**. Some questions we might consider to discuss this topic is this: How are you able to participate in the mission of the Church to proclaim the Gospel?

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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

*What gifts that the Spirit gives me can I use to make a transformation in my life or for those I know?*

### SIGN-UP FOR A PARISH LISTENING

Our virtual parish listening sessions for the archdiocesan synod are underway, with the inaugural session having taken place on Saturday, January 15. It is not too late to join us for the second and third listening sessions, which will take place on the following dates:

- **Saturday, January 29:** 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.*
- **Saturday, February 5:** Third Listening Session from 10-11:30 am on Zoom. Small Group topics: *Discerning and Deciding, Celebration, and Holy Spirit.*

Please sign up for a parish listening session at <https://sfaderwood.flocknote.com/signup/77992> or fill out an individual archdiocesan survey at <https://adw.org/2021-2023-synod-survey-for-individuals/>. Please note that the in-person parish listening sessions were cancelled, given rising COVID cases. For more information about the synod, see <https://adw.org/about-us/resources/synod/>.

### THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

#### January 29, 2022 Session (continued):

What hinders you from being active in your parish? How is authority or governance exercised in your local parish and in the Church?

For the session on **February 5, 2022**, there are also two topics. **Discerning and Deciding** is the first topic. Some questions we might consider in preparation for this topic is this: How does your parish use the methods of listening and speaking (consultation) to make decisions? How does your parish promote participation in decision-making within the hierarchical structures of the Church? Do the decision-making methods of your parish help you to listen to all members of the community, including those who are on the peripheries of parish life? The second topic is **Celebration**. Here are some questions to consider to prepare for a discussion on this topic: How do prayer and liturgical celebrations, especially Sunday Mass, inspire and guide you? How do your prayer life and celebration of the Mass inspire and inform your personal decisions? How does the parish invite all Catholics, including cultural communities, youth, families, persons with disabilities and their families into the active life of the parish, especially Sunday Mass?

Until next week,  
*Fr. John*

### CONSIDER HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THE OFFERTORY APPEAL

As we begin a new year, please prayerfully consider how you can support our faith community through the parish offertory appeal, which Fr. John Dillon will speak about at the pulpit the weekend of January 15/16. This past week, all registered parishioners should have received written materials inviting them to "Take the Next Step" in their offertory support of our parish and its many ministries. Please review these materials and pray over your new or ongoing financial support for our parish. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407.

### REGULAR VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT AT THE LORD'S TABLE SOUP KITCHEN

The Lord's Table Soup Kitchen at Epworth United Methodist Church in Gaithersburg is seeking teams of five to six people to cook and serve meals for those who visit the soup kitchen for a hot meal. St. Francis parishioners are especially sought to make a regular monthly commitment, serving from 1-5 pm on the third Thursday of every month or any portion of the afternoon. People serve in cooking and serving roles.

Both adults and older teens are invited to engage in this service work, but all participants must be vaccinated. Those best suited for this volunteer work are energetic, friendly, willing to engage with people from all walks of life and can lift trays and some cookware. It is a great service opportunity for teams of families or a ministry looking for service work. For more information, contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at [abosnick@sfadw.org](mailto:abosnick@sfadw.org).

### DONATE TO A COAT DRIVE BENEFITTING CATHOLIC CHARITIES ON JANUARY 15/16

It is time to clean out your closets for gently used coats and outerwear! This weekend, 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](mailto:abosnick@sfadw.org).

### 2022 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER DANCE CANCELLED

Unfortunately we will not be having this wonderful event due to the increase in COVID cases. We are hopeful come 2023 we will all be gathering to enjoy a meal together and dance the night away.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWS

### RE CLASS SCHEDULE REMINDERS

Please note that Religious Education classes will not meet this 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.

### SUNDAY GROUP B ELEMENTARY CLASSES MEET NEXT ON JANUARY 23

### MONDAY & TUESDAY MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASSES MEET JANUARY 24 & 25

### 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](http://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

### 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.

### Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School

We are...St. Jude

[www.StJudeRockville.org](http://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](http://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-4<sup>th</sup> 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.adwcatholicschools.org](http://www.adwcatholicschools.org)

### OPEN HOUSE - MOTHER OF GOD SCHOOL

Mother of God Catholic School is having their annual **Open House on Sunday, January 30 from 11:00 - 2:00**. Offering the largest Catholic PreK in the area, a rigorous K-8 curriculum, and strong Catholic identity on a beautiful 18-acre campus. **Mother of God School: 20501 Goshen Road, Gaithersburg.** For more information, or to schedule a tour, contact Dominique Seraphin at 301.990.2089 ext. 11 or [admissions@mogschool.com](mailto:admissions@mogschool.com). *Come and see what a Catholic School Education can do for your child!*

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR

Shady Grove Pregnancy Center is hiring. Want to make a difference? Join the staff of the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center as Community Outreach Coordinator. Support the life-saving mission of SGPC in saving lives, helping women in need and supporting families. This flexible FT/PT position works in social media, digital marketing and advertising, writing and communications, fundraising projects, planning outreach activities that advance the SGPC name and services in the community. For a full job description email [excedirector@pregnancy-options.org](mailto:excedirector@pregnancy-options.org).

**RALLY & MASS FOR LIFE & MARCH FOR LIFE  
GO ON JANUARY 21 IN WASHINGTON DC**

On Friday, January 21, four events celebrating the lives of unborn children will take place in Washington DC, with safety protocols in place for COVID. The Youth Rally and Mass for Life will be held at 8:30 am at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington DC and will be live streamed on the archdiocesan YouTube Channel. Seating in the cathedral is limited to local Catholic youth, and there is no general admission. Read more at <https://adw.org/youth-rally-mass-life/>.

At noon, the outdoor March for Life Rally and March for Life will begin on the Washington Mall; the rally will be livestreamed on the March for Life web site, Facebook page, and YouTube channel. Please join us online or in person to show your support for the unborn! Read more on the March for Life at <https://marchforlife.org/>.

Youth Minister Travis Tomon is trying to organize a group of St. Francis youth to attend some of the day's events. If you are interested in learning more, please e-mail him at [sfayouth@sfadw.org](mailto:sfayouth@sfadw.org)

On a related note, the parish Right to Life Ministry continues to pray the Rosary from 8-11 am every Saturday at Jackson Place in Rockville, coinciding with the time abortions take place at the onsite abortion facility. All are welcome to join them, especially on January 22, the day after the Rally and March for Life. For more information on the parish Right to Life Ministry, contact Ministry Coordinator Lita Silva at [lita-silva4@gmail.com](mailto:lita-silva4@gmail.com).

**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](http://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](mailto: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.

**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 Coordinators Carolyn Brauer at [carolyn\\_brauer@yahoo.com](mailto:carolyn_brauer@yahoo.com) or Christine Young at [youngbodywork@hotmail.com](mailto:youngbodywork@hotmail.com). One cannot help but feel blessed when practicing doing love in action!

**SEE RECORDING OF DR. JOHN GRABOWSKI'S  
TALK ON CHALLENGING ISSUES OF FAITH**

If you missed Dr. John Grabowski's talk on December 16 on "Challenging Issues for Faithful Catholics," then you can now view it on our Parish YouTube Channel. Dr. Grabowski, Ordinary Professor of Moral Theology/Ethics at The Catholic University of America, addressed the seeming disconnect on the Church's teachings on Catholic social justice and political issues and dignity of life issues, saying that both are grounded in the dignity of the human person made in the image and likeness of God. Watch the video at <https://www.sfadw.org/50th-anniversary-talks>. For more information, please contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at [abosnick@sfadw.org](mailto:abosnick@sfadw.org).

**GET FAMILIAR WITH BILLS TOUCHING ON  
CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING DURING  
MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION**

On January 12, the Maryland General Assembly began its new legislative session, during which many issues related to Catholic Social Teaching will be considered. Please become familiar with these issues involving education, children and families, dignity of life, and social and economic justice that state legislators may consider during this session. You can read more on the Maryland Catholic Conference web site at [www.mdccatholic.org/issues](http://www.mdccatholic.org/issues). You can also be apprised of legislative alerts regarding the movement of bills touching on Catholic Social Teaching by signing up for the Catholic Advocacy Network at [www.mdccatholic.org/joincan](http://www.mdccatholic.org/joincan).

**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](mailto:marywjordan17@gmail.com). Order the book at <https://www.amazon.com/Spiritual-Work-Racial-Justice-Meditations/dp/1625248369>.

## 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](http://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace).

## 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](http://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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jim.shanahan@cc-dc.org) or phone: 202-262-1419).

## 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](mailto:mcdonald@adw.org) or call Deborah McDonald at 301-853-4466.

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://ourladyofbethesda.org). Or call 301-365-0612. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

## SOUTHERN MARYLAND NEW CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF ST. MARY'S

Chesterton Academy of St. Mary's is named for the great English writer and Catholic convert, G.K. Chesterton (1874-1936). Chesterton is a model for our school because he exemplified the Catholic faith through a life filled with joy, wonder, and gratitude. Chesterton just started this school year and is still accepting 9th, 10th and 11th graders and is located at 29530 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte MD 20622. If you would like more information on the academy please visit [www.chestertonstmarys.org](http://www.chestertonstmarys.org).