



Mass Intentions

April 11 - April 17, 2022

Monday, 4/11	9:00 a.m.	Bernard McLoughlin
Tuesday, 4/12	9:00 a.m.	Bette A. Burke
Wednesday, 4/13	9:00 a.m.	The Loh Families (L)

7:30 p.m. Deogenes Belmes

Holy Thursday, 4/14 No Daily Mass

7:30 p.m. For All Priests

Good Friday, 4/15 No Daily Mass**Holy Saturday, 4/16**
8:00 p.m. For the Newly Initiated**Easter Sunday, 4/17**
8:00 a.m. Jane Ruiz (L)
9:30 a.m. Don Smith
11:15 a.m. *Pro populo***No 5pm Sunday Mass****+ In Memoriam Aeternam +**

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Celestino Almeda.

Please pray for the sick...Debra Price, Barbara Schmidt, Mary Cutting, Angelica Santos, Allison Brauer, Frank Knorr, Allan Degen, Bob Jones, William Komlo, Sandra Kimball, Ed Dudenhoeffer, 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 April 10, 2022

Sunday:	Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56
Monday:	Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday:	Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday:	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16abc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday:	Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday:	Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/ Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Lk 24:1-12/Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, Lk 24:13-35
Next Sunday:	

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Pope Francis calls to walk together in synodality. He invites us to walk together on this path to reach out to people on the margins, especially to people whose voices have not been so readily heard in the past. It would be important to reach out actively to those who have been impacted by child abuse.

The Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection has prepared a very useful resource booklet as we mark April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. I want to make use of some of the points the Secretariat has made in this resource. Let's start with a couple of things that you may or may not have known...

Did you know that the Catholic Church is deeply committed to protecting children from abuse and holding people accountable for inflicting such pain? In December 2021, the revised *Book VI of the Code of Canon Law* went into effect. This is the most recent of several documents that specifically address the issue of the abuse of children. Other documents include *Vos estis lux mundi* and *Vademecum*. These documents expand the acts which are considered abusive, clarify the manner in which the cases are processed, and hold people accountable for their action or inaction with regard to the processing of a case. Of significant importance is attention given to the care of victim survivors and all who have been harmed. Bishops in the United States led the way for these changes with the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* twenty years ago. Today every diocese and eparchy must have in place systems for tending to those who have been harmed, protecting those in our care and seeking restorative justice.

Did you know what is happening in the diocese to protect children?

- Training is provided for all adults and youth to identify warning signs and develop strategies for maintaining a safe environment for all.
- A designated Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to receive reports and accompany victims through their journey.
- A volunteer independent Review Board assists the bishop in the review of cases and makes recommendations for moving forward.
- A Safe Environment Coordinator assists parish and school personnel with training and background screenings for anyone who may have access to children.
- An audit is conducted by an independent firm to evaluate implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. Findings are incorporated with those of other dioceses and made available in an annual report.

In a society that emphasizes productivity, pleasure, and independence, it is all the more important to accompany those in need of care and compassion. When a person is in pain and in need, we are called to remind them that they are not alone.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What sacrifice is God calling me to make?

WELCOME to the Family of Christ!

The following individuals and their families recently joined our St. Francis faith community during the month of March:

Erick & Monika Cava
Victoria Baramki & Neil Costello
Faith & John De Leon
Rateb & Rocio Rabie

The following child was baptized during the month of March:

Kyril Federico Kwesi Apau

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS ALL SOULS CEMETERY

Walk with Jesus on His journey to the Cross. Gather with us at All Souls Cemetery on Good Friday, March 30, 2018, at 12:00 noon to meditate on each step of Christ's journey of sacrifice to Calvary. Our Pastor, Father John will lead the Stations. For additional information on Good Friday Stations please contact All Souls Cemetery, (301) 428-1995.

PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

*April 14 - Holy Thursday
April 15 - Good Friday
April 18 - Easter Monday*

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

When a person has been beaten down and feeling insignificant, we are called to remind them of their worth and the unconditional love that is bestowed upon them.

It is important that we reaffirm the gift of childhood. We should acknowledge the joy of innocence. As the Lord watches over all of us, so too must we watch over each other. We need to impress on one another the moral obligation to care for one another and to respect one another. As a parent nurtures and protects a child, we are called to protect each other, and intervene if we see wrong doing.

Let me close by wishing everyone a prayerful Holy Week.

Until next week,

Fr. John Dillon

SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK, THE TRIDIUM & EASTER

Come join us at church for the most sacred week in our church calendar, Holy Week, which begins Sunday, April 10, and ends the evening of Easter Sunday, April 17. Please note that there are no signups for any of the Easter Masses. The parish will also offer a virtual Easter Mass premiering at 6 am Easter Sunday on the Parish YouTube Channel.

Palm Sunday, April 10

- 3 pm: Outdoor Stations of the Cross at the Outdoor Stations behind the Rectory.

Holy Thursday, April 14

- 7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper in the church.
 - * There will be no Washing of the Feet.
 - * The Transfer of the Eucharist will occur, with the Blessed Sacrament to be reposed in the new meeting room off the Gathering Space.

Good Friday, April 15

- 11:30 am: Seven Last Words of Christ in the church.
- 1 pm: Family Stations of the Cross in the church.
- 3 pm: Stations of the Cross in the church.
- 7:30 pm: Passion of the Lord service in the church.
 - * The adoration of the cross will take place by bowing.
 - * There will be a collection for the Holy Land taken up at this service.

Holy Saturday, April 16

- 12 pm: Blessing of the baskets in the church. *Fr. John will bless the baskets of food, as he has in past years.*

Easter Vigil, April 16

- 8 pm: Easter Vigil in the church

Easter Sunday, April 17

In-person Masses to be celebrated at:

- 8 am
- 9:30 am
- 11:15 am

There will be no Mass at either 1 pm or 5 pm on Easter Sunday.



**ANNUAL PLANT & FLOWER SALE
May 6, 7 & 8**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWS

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER HOLIDAYS

Religious Education classes will not meet during Holy Week and Easter week. Please make note of the schedule for the remaining Religious Education classes for this school year:

April 10, 11 and 12	No RE Classes (Holy week)
April 17, 18 and 19	No RE Classes (Easter week)
April 24, 25 and 26	RE Classes
April 30, May 1 and 2	Last RE Classes <i>(except for Confirmation classes)</i>

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE & PARENT MEETING

A reminder to Confirmation Candidates and Parents: There will be a meeting for students and parents on Wednesday, April 20, 6:45-8:30 pm in the Church.

FAMILY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

A special Stations of the Cross for children and families will be held in the Church on Good Friday, April 15 at 1:00 pm. The stations are an excellent way for families to honor Jesus on this special and solemn day in a way that children of all ages can understand.

UPCOMING SACRAMENTS AT ST. FRANCIS

Please pray for the children and young people of our parish who are preparing to receive First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation this Spring. First Eucharist will be celebrated at 1:00 pm on Saturday, April 30. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 26.

SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE CAMP!

St. Francis of Assisi Church invites children from age 4 to those who will complete the 5th Grade in June 2022 to join us at Vacation Bible Camp, June 27-July 1. Program details will be announced this spring! Watch our parish website for camper registration and information about volunteer opportunities for adults and teens: <https://sfadw.org/vbc>.

FACE MASKS ARE NOW OPTIONAL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

In light of updated guidance and recent policy changes regarding use of face masks in schools, we are updating our religious education program policy to be consistent with MCPS in following current CDC guidelines:

- Face masks are now optional for religious education program activities.
- Catechists, students, and family may choose to wear face masks and are welcome to do so.
- Individuals with COVID-19 symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should follow CDC guidance for isolation and quarantine and wear a mask regardless of the COVID-19 community Level.

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NEW DAY ADDED TO GET PHOTO FOR THE PICTORIAL DIRECTORY TAKEN

If you and your family haven't yet had a chance to get your photo taken for the pictorial directory, then you have another opportunity to do so. The parish added **Tuesday, April 26**, as another day to schedule an appointment to get photos taken. Please sign up for a photo appointment at the link on the homepage of our parish web site, www.sfadw.org. For more information on the picture taking process, please see <https://www.sfadw.org/50th-anniversary-picture-directory>.



SHARING GOD'S LOVE

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. –John 3:16

As we enter Holy Week, we remember how our Lord suffered and died so that each and every one of us might be saved from sin and have eternal life. Reflect on God's infinite love for you. How have you responded to that love this Lent, and how can you share it with others? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

STAY UPDATED ON THE PARISH'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS ON THE WEBSITE

If you are interested in keeping up to date with what's happening with our 50th anniversary celebration, then please look at our 50th Anniversary page on the parish website: <https://www.sfadw.org/50thanniversarycelebration>. We continue to post upcoming events, as they are confirmed. For more information, please contact 50th Anniversary Planning Co-chairs Linda Foster at thebchmom@gmail.com or Sylvia Jones at decaffqueen@gmail.com. The next large event is the Parish Yard Sale from 8 am-12 pm Saturday, April 23, in the Parish Center. Please sign up to sort, price, and display items from Wednesday, April 20, to Friday, April 22, or to help at the event Saturday, April 23, at <https://sfaderwood.flocknote.com/signup/86564>. You can also volunteer by calling the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (continued)

FACE MASKS ARE NOW OPTIONAL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ACTIVITIES (continued)

We trust that we will work together as a community to ensure that each individual's decision regarding mask-wearing is respected. Thank you to all for your cooperation and support throughout this school year, especially in regards to following covid safety protocols.

Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School
We are...St. Jude
www.StJudeRockville.org
<http://www.facebook.com/stjuderockvillemd>

APPLY FOR BOOST TODAY Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today (BOOST) Program

BOOST provides scholarships for some students who are eligible for the free or reduced-price school meals program (FARMS) to attend eligible nonpublic schools. Awards are granted based on household income, with the lowest income served first. BOOST application deadline is April 29, 2022.

- All families who received a BOOST award for the 2021-2022 school year should receive an email with the information to access the application system.
- Families that are not currently receiving a BOOST Scholarship but would like to apply, the instructions are available at <http://marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/boost/index.aspx>.

Parents must upload their applications and complete federal 1040 tax form for the 2021 tax year. If you have questions, please contact boost.msde@maryland.gov.

GALA- MAY 7

Join us on May 7th for our 80's theme gala. It will be a fun evening of music, food, and friends. All money raised by this event will fund school building improvements (specifically storage cabinets for the lower school) as well as provide educational opportunities and scholarships to our families and students. We are asking you to consider participating in this event by donating an item or service that we can include in our auction. We are also seeking advertisers for the Gala website. We will be happy to display your company logo, literature, and materials at the event and on our auction website.

For more information or to purchase tickets go to <https://www.stjuderockville.org/giving/GALA2020>

PRE-K SUMMER FUN SKILL-SHARPENING CAMP 2022

Who: Rising Pre-K (4 and 5 year old students) (Limit of 15 students per session)

What: Play and learn. Summer fun!

Teachers: Mrs. Pat O'Connell/Mrs. Eileen Guihen

When: July 5-8 and July 11-14 (**Session One**) July 18-21 and July 25-28 (**Session Two**)

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, Monday-Thursday

Where: St. Jude Catholic School Pre-K 4 Classroom

Cost: \$360/session/child; family discount for second child enrolled (50% Deposit due upon registration; balance due by the first day of camp)

Camp themes: "Let's Go Camping!" and "How My Garden Grows" (Session One); "Fun at the Beach!" and "We Live In the Ocean!" (Session Two)

For more information contact

Patricia.O'Connell@stjuderockville.org.

Download the registration form at: <https://www.stjuderockville.org/school-information/flyers>.

**ANNUAL INDOOR YARD SALE
IN THE PARISH CENTER**

Saturday, April 23

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Time to spring clean - we welcome your stuff you want to get rid of!

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

Come for the whole time or just a few hours. Whatever time you can work will be appreciated! Sign-up in the Gathering Space!

Wednesday, April 20, 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 21, 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Friday, April 22, 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 23, 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS
IN THE PARISH CENTER**

Wednesday, April 20 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 21 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Friday, April 22 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

"NEW THIS YEAR"

WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING CLOTHING OR SHOES

WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING TEXTILES

(BLANKETS, SHEETS, TOWELS)

WE ARE UNABLE TO DO FURNITURE PICKUPS!

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 between now and June 30, 2022 and receive a year free Online Membership; go to www.kofc.org and click on "Join Us". If you wish you can join the Council later for only \$15. If interested in learning more, contact Gary Palmer (301-948-6494 or email gtdbpalmer@verizon.net).

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN AN AREA
REBUILDING TOGETHER PROJECT**

On April 30-May 1, St. Francis parishioners who are interested in taking part in a Rebuilding Together service day project are invited to partner with another area faith community or community group to help an older person or person with special needs make small repairs and improvements on their home. This annual service day project calls on parishioners with home improvement or landscaping skills to use their talents in completing these maintenance and improvement projects to help homeowners in need. For more information, contact Director of Social Concerns Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org or see a list of groups taking part in National Rebuilding Day 2022 at <https://rebuildingtogethermc.org/blog/NRD-2022>.

THE JUSTICE THOUGHT

This week we would like to tell you about Venerable Augustus Tolton, an African American priest who lived in the late 1800s and faced discrimination within the Catholic Church because of his race. Nonetheless, he persisted in carrying out his mission. He is an inspiration.

Some facts about Fr. Augustus Tolton:¹

- Son of slaves who escaped to Illinois and there gained their freedom.
- Denied admittance into U.S. seminaries and religious orders because of his race.
- Welcomed by the Franciscans into St. Francis College (now Quincy University) in Quincy, IL.
- In the 1880s:²
 - Entered seminary in Rome (expecting to become missionary priest in Africa).
 - Ordained and sent back to Quincy, IL, to be a missionary in the United States serving the Black community.

As explained by Cameron Bellm in her book *No Unlikely Saints: A Lenten Pilgrimage with Sacred Company*,³ this assignment (back in the U.S.) was intended to force the American Church forward in its treatment of Black Catholics. The Cardinal said, "America has been called the most enlightened nation. We will see if it deserves the honor."⁴

- Fr. Tolton's second mission was in Chicago where he established St. Monica's Church.⁵
- 2010 - Cardinal Francis George in Chicago announced a cause for Tolton's canonization.⁶
- 2019 - Pope Francis declares that Fr. Augustus Tolton lived a life of heroic virtue, elevating him to Venerable Fr. Augustus Tolton.⁷

Note: The first Black priest in the United States was actually James Healy (son of an Irish father and a Black mother). The fact that Healy, who was ordained in June 1854, became America's first Black priest was never made public.⁸ Members of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Racism will write a future Justice Thought about James Healy and his siblings.

Reflect and Act:

1. Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gku6d3Mo0mw> (1:57 minute video by FaithCounts). As you watch this video, ask yourself if you would have the courage to persist (and profess your faith and evangelize) in the face of such discrimination. Why/why not?

2. Pray (April 15 - 23): The Novena for the Spiritual Welfare of the African American Community (<https://tolton.archchicago.org/documents/1604561/1604725/Tolton+Novena/208c0f0e-e229-48f9-8b75-38aa019c406a>) is requesting "intercession of Fr. Augustus Tolton...for the Spiritual Welfare of the Black American Community." Why April 15-April 23? Cited as one of the three ideal times for this Novena as it prefacing the date of Fr. Tolton's ordination. Two other times recommended are: Prefacing his Birth: March 23 to March 31 and Prefacing his Death: June 30 to July 8.⁹

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UPCOMING RETREATS

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

Take a Personal "Retreat" Day Apr 7 / May 13

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. 20817.

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.

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THE JUSTICE THOUGHT (continued)

¹ <https://www.stfrancis.edu/augustus-tolton/>

² <https://tolton.archchicago.org/about/life-and-times>

³ Bellm, Cameron. *No Unlikely Saints: A Lenten Pilgrimage with Spiritual Company* (Brick House in the City, 2020), 20.

⁴ Joyce Diriga, *Augustus, Tolton: The Church is the True Liberator* (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2018), 34 as cited by Bellm, Cameron.

⁵ <https://tolton.archchicago.org/about/life-and-times>

⁶ <https://www.stfrancis.edu/augustus-tolton/>

⁷ <https://tolton.archchicago.org/about/tolton-canonization-timeline>

⁸ <https://www.patheos.com/blogs/mcnamarasblog/2011/02/%E2%80%9Ci-no-longer-call-you-slaves%E2%80%9D-the-healy-brothers-1830-1910.html>

⁹ <http://www.toltonnovena.org>