

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

May 2 - May 8, 2022

Monday, 5/2	9:00 a.m.	Gaby & Rod O'Connor
Tuesday, 5/3	9:00 a.m.	Alexander O'Connor
Wednesday, 5/4	9:00 a.m.	Don Smith
	7:30 p.m.	Donald Cronkite
Thursday, 5/5	9:00 a.m.	Winnie Gardner
Friday, 5/6	9:00 a.m.	Barbara Lynn Beall
	7:30 p.m.	Karen Mason
Saturday, 5/7	5:00 p.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
Sunday, 5/8	8:00 a.m.	For All Mothers
	9:30 a.m.	For All Mothers
	11:15 a.m.	For All Mothers
	5:00 p.m.	For All Mothers

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of former parishioner Betty White, Veronica Wiredu, Godofredo Villanueva, father of Rev. Gary Villanueva.

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 May 1, 2022

Sunday:	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
Monday:	Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday:	Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/7/Jn 10:27-30

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

Today we would normally celebrate Saint Joseph the Worker. But since today is the Third Sunday of Easter, Saint Joseph the Worker is omitted. But I am going to write about this Feast Day just the same! "May Day" has long been dedicated to labor and to working men and women in Communist countries. In response to this and to foster a deeper devotion to Saint Joseph, Pope Pius XII instituted this feast in 1955. The Holy Father hoped that by doing this he would accentuate the dignity of labor and bring a spiritual dimension to labor unions. It is appropriate that Saint Joseph, a working man who became the foster-father of Christ and patron of the universal Church, should be honored in this capacity on this day.

The Liturgy often teaches us what we should believe. This is certainly true for the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker. Both the texts for the Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours on the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker provide great instruction on the significance of human labor seen in the light of faith. The Collect (or Opening Prayer) states that God, the creator and ruler of the universe, has called men and women of every age to develop and use their talents for the good of others. The Office of Readings, taken from the document of the Second Vatican Council on the Church in the modern world, develops this idea. In every type of labor we are obeying the command of God given in Genesis 2:15: "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to till it and keep it." In Morning Prayer we have the following refrain that continues the theme: "Saint Joseph faithfully practiced the carpenter's trade. He is a shining example for all workers." Then, in the second part of the Collect (Opening Prayer), we ask that we may do the work God has asked of us and come to the rewards he has promised.

The liturgy for this feast vindicates the right to work, and this is a message that surely needs to be heard and heeded in our modern society. In many of the documents issued by Pope Saint John XXIII, Pope Saint Paul VI, the Second Vatican Council, and Pope Saint John Paul II, reference is made to the Christian spirit that should permeate one's work, after the example of Saint Joseph. In addition to this, there is a special dignity and value to the work in caring for the family. The Office of Readings in the Liturgy of the Hours for the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker contains this excerpt from the Vatican II document on the Church in the Modern World: "Where men and women, in the course of gaining a livelihood for themselves and their families, offer appropriate service to society, they can be confident that their personal efforts promote the work of the Creator, confer the benefits on their fellow-men, and help to realize God's plan in history" (no. 34).

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May 1, 2022

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How have I failed to recognize the Lord when he has appeared?

SOCK & UNDERWEAR COLLECTION FOR REFUGEE CHILDREN

St. Francis of Assisi Parish is collecting donations of new socks and underwear for refugee children *ages five and under*. Please place any donations in the marked box next to the St. Martin food collection box in the Gathering Space. The children and parents would be very grateful for donations of these necessary clothing items. For more information, please contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.

A REMINDER FROM FR. JOHN ... If anyone is living in a marriage that has not been recognized by the Catholic Church, it would be wise to consult with a priest to see whether that situation might be rectified. It could be as simple as repeating your marriage vows quietly in front of a priest and receiving the Church's blessing. In that way, one would become eligible to receive the Sacraments of the Church, especially the Eucharist

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

On December 8, 2020, Pope Francis issued an Apostolic Letter "With a Father's Heart (*Patris Corde*)" to mark the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. Let me close this column a brief reflection from that document on Saint Joseph as a working father:

Working persons, whatever their job may be, are cooperating with God himself, and in some way become creators of the world around us. The crisis of our time, which is economic, social, cultural and spiritual, can serve as a summons for all of us to rediscover the value, the importance and necessity of work for bringing about a new "normal" from which no one is excluded. Saint Joseph's work reminds us that God himself, in becoming man, did not disdain work. The loss of employment that affects so many of our brothers and sisters, and has increased as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, should serve as a summons to review our priorities. Let us implore Saint Joseph the Worker to help us find ways to express our firm conviction that no young person, no person at all, no family should be without work!

Until next week,
Fr. John

ATTEND OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

The parish's 50th anniversary is right around the corner on June 5, 2022. Please put the following events on your calendar, as we prepare to celebrate our Golden Anniversary as an archdiocesan parish:

- 50th Anniversary Raffle: Tickets for our parish's 50th anniversary raffle fundraiser were recently mailed to parishioners' homes. The tickets cost \$20 apiece, with the drawing to take place on June 5. Please read more about the raffle at <https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/15904/documents/2022/4/50TH%20Festival%20Raffle.pdf>.
- Plant Sale, Friday, May 6, 3-8 pm; Saturday, May 7: 8 am-8 pm, and Sunday, May 8: 8 am-6 pm. Buy annuals, perennials and herbs to add color to your garden.
- Mass celebrated by Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory, 11:15 am Sunday, May 29, in the church. Reception to follow in the Gathering Space.
- Anniversary Mass celebrated by Fr. John Dillon, 11:15 am Sunday, June 5, in the church. Parish Festival to be celebrated afterward on the parish grounds.

For more information on our 50th anniversary celebration, please see <https://www.sfadw.org/50thanniversarycelebration>.



MOTHER'S DAY MASS CARDS

Cards will be available this weekend in the Gathering Space. This is a wonderful way to remember your Mother, Mother-in-law, Grandmother, Aunt or anyone special at all the Masses on Mother's Day. Please return your spiritual bouquet envelope to the parish office on or before Wednesday, May 4. Envelopes/names stay on the altar for the entire month of May.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTGOMERY COUNCIL, 2323

Friday Family Night, May 6th 6 -9 PM

Cuddy Hall 17001 Overhill Rd. Derwood. Food, Beverages and Wholesome Family Fun. We are continuing a Friday night tradition for the families of St. Mary's, St. Martin's and St. Francis. While the Knights are best known for charity and serving our Parishes, we like to have fun. We will provide the games, pizza, beverages and the building while you provide the Families! Family \$25.00 Adults \$10.00 Children \$5.00

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWS

SUNDAY GROUP A ELEMENTARY CLASSES MEET ON MAY 1

MONDAY ELEMENTARY CLASSES MEET ON MAY 2

MONDAY & TUESDAY MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASSES MEET ON MAY 2 & 3

This week (Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, May 1, 2 and 3) is the final week for in-person Religious Education classes for Kindergarten-Grade 8 for this school year. Thank you to all of our catechists and Religious Education families for all that you have done to support our children's continuing growth in faith! Student may keep their textbooks and families may wish to take time over the summer to complete any lessons that have been missed during the school year. Please also continue to pray together as a family, read the Bible regularly with your children, and join with the parish community for Mass on Sunday!

Registration for 2022-23 Religious Education classes is open! Registration forms and additional information can be found on the parish website at: <https://sfadw.org/children-grades-pre-k-8>. We look forward to the continuing participation of all of our families in our parish religious education program!

As we look ahead to next year's Religious Education program, please consider whether you can serve as a catechist for our children and young people. If you would like to learn more about this important ministry, please contact Susan Anderson, Director of Religious Education, at 301-258-9193.

REMINDERS FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Our Confirmation program continues as follows:

- **Confirmation Candidate Session:**
Mon., May 9, 6:45-8:30 pm
- **Rehearsal with Sponsor:**
Tues., May 24, 6:45-8:30 pm
- **Confirmation:**
Thur., May 26, 7:00 pm

CATECHESIS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Our parish offers catechetical sessions specifically designed for children and youth with special needs and their families. Our class meets next Sunday, May 15, 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.



Vacation Bible Camp 2022

Registration opens this weekend for **Vacation Bible Camp 2022 — MONUMENTAL! Celebrating God's Greatness** — an epic desert adventure filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences! Daily art projects, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. At MONUMENTAL! VBC, kids explore the vastness of God's power and the depth of his love for each of them. Our program runs June 27-July 1 from 9:00 am to 12:15 pm in the Parish Center, and includes a family program on Thursday evening, June 30.

Information and registration form for VBC 2022 can be found on our parish website: <http://sfadw.org/vbc>. Please feel free to share the flyer enclosed with potential campers and volunteers (teens and adults).

Spaces fill quickly! Be sure to return your registration form and payment as soon as possible to secure your child's place at VBC. Registrations will be processed in the order received. To allow time to order t-shirts and supplies, registration will close on June 1, 2022.

ADULTS & TEENS (GRADES 6-12 AS OF JUNE 2022) CAN SHARE THE FUN AS WELL AS VBC VOLUNTEERS!

Teens can apply by completing the Teen Volunteer Application found on the VBC page of the parish website. Applications must be received by May 15 and placement will be announced by May 20. Teen volunteer positions fill quickly!

Adults interested in volunteering for VBC, please contact Susan Anderson, Director of Religious Education: (301) 258-9193 or sanderson@sfadw.org

ENCOURAGE MINISTRY

EnCourage is a ministry dedicated to the spiritual needs of parents, siblings, children, and other relatives and friends of persons who have same-sex attractions. Standing by the true teaching of the Catholic Church, EnCourage members support one another and their loved ones through discussion, prayer, and fellowship. Please contact Fr. John for more information at 301-840-1407 or email him at jdillon@sfadw.org.

Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School

We are...St. Jude

www.StJudeRockville.org

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

APPLY NOW!

SJRCS has limited openings in grade 1, 2 and 3 for the 2022-2023 school year. To apply go to <https://www.stjuderockville.org/admissions/apply-now> or schedule an appointment with Mrs. Donnelly to visit our school. She can be reached at Ellen.donnelly@stjuderockville.org or 301-946-7888.

GALA- MAY 7

Join us on May 7th for our 80's theme gala. Get your tickets now for 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. For tickets go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-jude-regional-catholic-school-gala-2022-tickets-292085554757>

UPCOMING RETREATS

OUR LADY OF BETHESDA RETREAT CENTER

7007 BRADLEY BLVD, BETHESDA MD

Take a Personal "Retreat" Day 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.

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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).

HELP THE GABRIEL PROJECT

The Gabriel Project Cluster of Montgomery County serves mothers and their families in crisis pregnancies. **Please help us provide spring and summer clothing for our client families.** New or gently used clothing is appreciated, or go to our website, www.gpmoco.org. Click on our Amazon wish list and choose from any number of spring and summer items. We also need women volunteers to serve as Angel Friends. *Please pray about joining our team of over 70 Angel Friends;* bilingual Angel Friends are especially needed. If you have any questions, please contact Natalie Ray at natalieanneray@gmail.com.

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.

SUMMER KICK-OFF BAND BASH BENEFIT AT ST. JUDE'S PARISH ON MAY 21

Circle Saturday, May 21st as a night to join friends to listen and groove to the music of local DC group, The Jameson Greene Band. It's for a great cause: The World Villages for Children, a global charity run by the Sisters of Mary who provide food, care, and education to 20,000 boys & girls in 8 countries around the globe. These wonderful Sisters and the school children they lead and mentor are spiritually guided by their chaplain, Fr. Dan Leary, formerly of St. Andrew's Parish in Silver Spring.

It will be a fun night of music with friends along with barley and grape-infused adult beverages at St. Jude's in Rockville. This event can be enjoyed for just \$35/per person! It's a great way to jump into summer and benefit a wonderful cause.

Doors open at 7:30 pm!

Online Pre-Registration Required for All Attendees
www.worldvillages.org/summer/ (Donations gratefully accepted!)

Questions: Larry Kilmer; lkilmer@heights.edu; 301-717-7970

THE JUSTICE THOUGHT

This week we would like to tell you about Venerable Pierre Toussaint who is on the path to being the first Haitian American saint. The Venerable Pierre Toussaint did not let his status as a black man in the 1850's prevent him from being a true Christian. "In view of his lifelong commitment to helping others, Pierre Toussaint is credited as a founder of Catholic charitable works in the United States".¹

Several resources were reviewed in preparing this article and to share this anecdote and quote: "He was urged to retire, to enjoy all his wealth. He responded, 'I'd have enough for myself but if I stopped working, I'd not have enough for others.'"²

Some facts about Pierre Touissant³

- Born a slave in Haiti (1766) and died a freeman in New York City (1853).
- Life in New York City:
 - *Hairdresser, entrepreneur, and philanthropist.
 - *Raised funds for the first Catholic orphanage.
 - *Began the city's first school for black children.
 - *Provided funds for the Oblate Sisters of Providence, a religious community of black nuns founded in Baltimore.
 - *Cared for the sick and the dying during the Yellow Fever epidemic.
- December 1989, remains of Pierre Toussaint transferred from Lower Manhattan to St. Patrick's Cathedral in midtown Manhattan; he is the only lay person buried there.⁴
- December 1996, Pope John Paul II proclaimed him as the Venerable Pierre Toussaint, as part of the canonization process.⁵

Pray and reflect: Let us remember that because we are called by Christ, as was Venerable Pierre Touissant, we cannot sit idly by, and only enjoy our comforts, while so many suffer. We are called to aid the poor and the oppressed. In doing so we become much closer to Christ and His children. Let us ask ourselves, "What am I doing to help the poor and oppressed?"

¹<https://blackandindianmission.org/venerable-pierre-toussaint>

²<https://adriandominicans.org/Equity-and-Inclusion/venerable-pierre-toussaint-1766-1853>

³<https://archny.org/ministries-and-offices/cultural-diversity-apostolate/black-ministry/venerable-pierre-toussaint/>

⁴<https://archny.org/ministries-and-offices/cultural-diversity-apostolate/black-ministry/venerable-pierre-toussaint/>

⁵<https://slaveryandremembrance.org/people/person/?id=PP051>

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THE JUSTICE THOUGHT (continued)

Act: What will you do, specifically, over the next weeks/months to help the poor? The oppressed?

Interested in learning more about Venerable Pierre Touissant and/or actively praying for his canonization?

A) Watch this two-minute video: **Cause for Pierre Toussaint's Canonization Energized on the 168th Anniversary of His Death** - <https://netny.tv/episodes/currents/cause-for-pierre-toussaints-canonization-energized-on-the-168th-anniversary-of-his-death/>

B) Offer the prayer for the Canonization of the Venerable Pierre Toussaint

"Lord God, source of love and compassion, we praise and honor You for the virtuous and charitable life of our brother in Christ, Venerable Pierre Toussaint.

Inspired by the example of our Lord Jesus, Pierre worshiped You with love and served Your people with generosity. He attended Mass daily and responded to the practical and spiritual needs of friends and strangers, of the rich and the poor, the sick and the homeless of the 19th century, New York.

If it is your will, let the name of Venerable Pierre Toussaint be officially raised to the rank of Saint, so that the world may know this Haitian New Yorker who refused to hate or be selfish, but instead lived to the full commandments of heaven and the divine law of love—love for God and for neighbor.

By following his example and asking for his prayer, may we, too, be counted among the blessed in heaven.

We ask for this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

ONLINE GIVING - FAITH DIRECT

Spring is in full bloom – God's glory is all around us! If you want to help St. Francis of Assisi flourish, now is the perfect time to make the switch to eGiving. You can sign up from your computer, Smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift; you'll be growing our ministries that share the Good News of God's love. Your recurring gifts will sustain and strengthen our parish. You'll provide us with consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/MD110, or text 'Enroll' to 301-804-2584. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. God bless You.....**Fr. John Dillon, Pastor**



ANNUAL PLANT & FLOWER SALE
May 6, 7 & 8