

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

May 9 - May 15, 2022

Monday, 5/9	9:00 a.m.	Jackie Komlo
Tuesday, 5/10	9:00 a.m.	Rebecca Rucker Pritchard
Wednesday, 5/11	9:00 a.m.	Winnie Gardner
	7:30 p.m.	Angelyn Marzan
Thursday, 5/12	9:00 a.m.	Mary Veise
Friday, 5/13	9:00 a.m.	Bob Worley
Saturday, 5/14	5:00 p.m.	Don Smith
Sunday, 5/15	8:00 a.m.	Edward & Helen Ann Hanner
	9:30 a.m.	Frank Cimino
	11:15 a.m.	Sally Heaney
	5:00 p.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Reverend Robert S. Pittman, SSS, Archdiocese of Washington, Paul Arthur Willer, father of Steven Willer.

Please pray for the sick... Fr. William Brailsford, 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 8, 2022

Sunday:	Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/ Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/ Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/ Jn 15:9-17
Next Sunday:	Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/ Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-3

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

Happy Mother's Day to all the Mothers, Grandmothers, Step-mothers, and Godmothers who are reading this column. The holiday was first celebrated in the United States in 1907 when Anna Jarvis had the first Mother's Day service of worship at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia. Her proposal to make Mother's Day a recognized holiday in the United States began in 1905, the year when her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, died. When Anna Jarvis proposed this Congress in 1908, her request was turned down with some members of Congress joking that they would also have to establish a Mother-in-law holiday as well. This initial setback did not keep Anna Jarvis from her goal of making Mother's Day a recognized holiday. Owing to her efforts all of the states observed the holiday by 1911 with some having a Mother's Day as a local holiday. In due course President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation in 1914 that designated Mother's Day, held on the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday.

You may not realize it but Catholics have been celebrating Mother's Day, in a way, since the first few centuries of the Church. The fourth Sunday of Lent was traditionally a day to return to your mother church (home parish) and leave an offering there. Known also as Mothering Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent naturally evolved into a day when people honored their mothers as well.

Devotion to Mary, the Mother of God and our spiritual mother particularly during the month of May gave this holiday depth for Catholics far beyond giving flowers or candy on Mother's Day. Chosen by God above all other women, Mary's faith and obedience paved the way for the Incarnation. According to St. Thomas of Villanova (patron of my alma mater, Villanova University), "If in this world any creature ever loved God with her whole heart, her whole soul, and with her whole mind, she was the creature."

Let's also remember to pray for our mothers today if they have died. This will certainly be something that I do today as the fifth anniversary of my mother's death will be later this month. May our mothers who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith rest in peace!

Let me close with this blessing for Mother's Day that can be found in the *Book of Blessings*. You might have heard it at Mass today!

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. R/. Amen.

Until next week,
Fr. John

May 8, 2022

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How can I be the kind of person to shepherd someone else?

***Blessings to all Mothers, Grandmothers,
Godmothers & Aunts on Mother's Day***



COME TO THE CONCERT BENEFITTING UKRAINIAN CHURCHES ON MAY 15

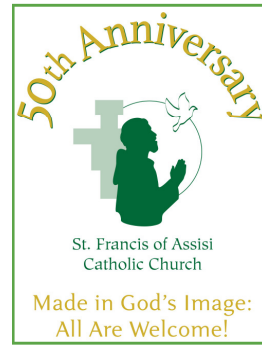
Come join us at 7:30 pm Sunday, May 15, in the church for a Ukraine Benefit Concert to be sponsored by the St. Francis of Assisi Music Ministry. The concert will feature cellist Stephen Czarkowski, violinist Andrew Nixon, and Director of Music Ministry Janet Pate on the piano, performing works by international composers, such as Myroslav Skoryk and Astor Piazzolla. There will be no tickets sold for this benefit concert benefitting churches in Ukraine, but onsite donations are appreciated. Please make out checks to 'St. Francis of Assisi Church' and put in the memo line, 'Ukraine Relief.' Hope to see you and your family there!

ON MAY 21, JOIN US FOR CLEANUP DAY OF PARISH GROUNDS

Would you like to breathe in some fresh air, spend time with fellow parishioners, and help clean up the parish grounds? If so, then join us for a Parish Cleanup Day from 9 am-12 pm Saturday, May 21, on the parish grounds. Led by the Garden Care Ministry, parishioners will help spread mulch at the Outdoor Stations of the Cross, replant grasses, and do other general cleanup work. Families and ministries are welcome, but children under 18 should be supervised and accompanied by their parents. For more information, contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.

OUR PARISH IS AT 72% OF GOAL FOR THE ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Fr. John Dillon is pleased to announce that our parish is at 72 percent of our parish goal as of April 28, 2022, thanks to 188 parish families making a gift to this year's Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the many important charitable ministries of our archdiocese! If you haven't made your 2022 gift, we encourage you to do so today by visiting appeal.adw.org, going to the homepage of our web site, www.sfadw.org, or taking a brochure in the Gathering Space. Every donation makes a difference in uplifting our local Church to serve our brothers and sisters in need. Thank you for your support.



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: 3-8pm, Saturday, May 7: 8am-8pm; and Sunday, May 8: 8am-6pm. Buy annuals to add color to your garden or a nice hanging basket for Mom on Mother's Day.
- Tour of Outdoor Prayer Spaces, Sunday, May 22, 2pm. Ministry leaders to explain the history and significance of the Outdoor Stations of the Cross, the Mary Garden, and the Peace Pole. Light refreshments to follow in front of the church.
- 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>.



Members of the Yard Sale Committee want to thank everyone who donated "treasures" to our Annual Yard Sale. We also want to say thank you to those volunteers who spent many hours organizing and pricing items that were sold. Most important of all we want to thank those parishioners and their friends who came out to shop and support the Yard Sale.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWS

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

PARENT MEETING FOR HOMESCHOOL OPTION RE

Our Online Parent Meeting/Reflection & celebration for families sharing in this year's home school religious education program will be from 1-2 pm next Sunday, May 15. Families registered for the Home school 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 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.

THANK YOU TO OUR CATECHISTS AND FAMILIES!

Thank you to our catechists and volunteers who have helped to make this a successful year for our Religious Education Program. Our parish is blessed to have so many wonderful catechists who volunteer their time each week to teach and share the faith. We pray that God will continue to bless each of them with his gifts of joy and peace!

We also thank all of our 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>. Save \$25 on registration fees by returning your registration forms by Aug. 15. 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.



Vacation Bible Camp 2022

Register today 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

Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School

We are...St. Jude

www.StJudeRockville.org

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

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.

**RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES TO BE
ADDRESSED AT KOC TALK ON MAY 17**

Christine King, a member of the Steering Committee for the New Neighbor Interfaith Alliance, will be the featured speaker at 8 pm Tuesday, May 17, at a talk sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Montgomery Council 2323. The talk will take place at the Father Cuddy Hall, 17001 Overhill Road in Derwood.

Hear from Chris, a St. Francis of Assisi parishioner, and other members of the New Neighbor Interfaith Alliance about the resettlement of refugees in Montgomery County. Light refreshments will be served. Learn about available volunteer positions with the New Neighbor Interfaith Alliance. For more information, contact Dan Huff at huffd2323@gmail.com.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

In honor of Our Lady of Fatima's first apparition, May 13, 1917. The World Apostolate of Fatima, Archdiocese of Washington Division "*The Blue Army*" invites you to Rosary, Mass, Confession, and Blessing with St. Rafael Healing oil Friday, May 13 at 1:00 pm in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel, Basilica of the National Shrine, Michigan Ave, DC. For more information call 301-595-1770

**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

TEAMS OF OUR LADY

Teams of Our Lady is a movement of Christian Marriage Spirituality that brings together couples united by the Sacrament of Matrimony and who wish, together, to deepen the graces of their Sacrament. It offers married couples a pathway toward love, happiness, and holiness. The movement's aim is to help couples live fully their Sacrament of Marriage. Interested in learning more, contact Fr. John at 301-840-1407 or email him at jdillon@sfiadw.org.

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 gtbdpalmer@verizon.net).

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MONTGOMERY COUNCIL, 2323**

Cuddy Hall 17001 Overhill Rd. Derwood MD. 20855

**Texas Hold 'Em Tournament, May 21st 6 -9 PM
Play Starts at 6:30**

Visit Father Cuddy Hall and learn about our programs supporting many charities.

Hear about our Faith programs that strengthen Catholic families and our insurance programs. We have several social and fellowship programs.

No obligation, stay as little or as long as your schedule allows.

Food and Beverages available

Brother Guy Frederico event director

**Live Auction and Fun & Games,
June 18th 12:00 – 3:00 PM**

Open to All!

Visit Father Cuddy Hall for Live Auction, an Afternoon of Fun, Games, Food and Beverages

All Proceeds Benefit

**Tunnels to Towers Honoring America's First Responders,
Veterans and their Families**

Food and Beverages available

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Brother Joe Forsha event director

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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.

ST. ANN'S HOPE BLOSSOMS 2022 BENEFIT

Sister Mary Bader, DC and Pam & Dennis Lucey invite you to attend *Hope Blossoms 2022*, benefiting St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families.

Honorees: Judy and John Ritz And Steve Heidenberger †

Date: **Wednesday, May 11, 2022: 6pm to 8pm,**

Location: Columbia Country Club: 7900 Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815. To purchase tickets please visit: www.stanns.org/events Questions? Please contact: Carolyn Boyle: 301.559.5500 or: cboyle@stanns.org

**DISCUSS MARY'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE
EUCHARIST ON MAY 22**

All Catholic women are invited to join the Washington Council of Catholic Women at its next virtual Tea and Reflection at 3 pm Sunday, May 22, to explore Mary's relationship to the Holy Eucharist. Basing their discussion on St. Pope John Paul II's encyclical, *On the Eucharist in its Relationship to the Church*, attendees will discuss how Mary guides us to the Eucharist, our Lord's presence in the Eucharist shining through us, and Mary's Magnificat expressing our spirituality.

Please join us at this free event and share your reflections. To register, please go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/325964467497>.

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.

SHADY GROVE PREGNANCY CENTER
STAFF, VOLUNTEER & BOARD MEMBER
OPENINGS

STAFF

Licensed RN/Sonographer - This is a part-time, paid position. To apply, send your resume to execdirector@pregnancy-options.org.

Administrative Assistant - This is a part-time, paid position. To apply, send your resume to execdirector@pregnancy-options.org.

VOLUNTEER

Pregnancy Options Counselors

Baby Closet Support

Baby Equipment Inspector

Church Liaisons

If interested, email training@pregnancy-options.org.

BOARD MEMBER

Treasurer

Board Members

If you have skills or experience in any of the following fields: treasurer, medical, marketing, business management, grant writing, public relations please contact execdirector@pregnancy-options.org.

Questions regarding any of these positions please call 301-963-6223.

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 are 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.

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 greatly 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.* We especially need bi-lingual Angel Friends. If you have any questions, please contact Natalie Ray at natalieanneray@gmail.com.