

## ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

### Mass Intentions

**May 16 - May 22, 2022**

<b>Monday, 5/16</b>	9:00 a.m.	Monsignor John Brady, Jr.
<b>Tuesday, 5/17</b>	9:00 a.m.	Deogenes Belmes
<b>Wednesday, 5/18</b>	9:00 a.m.	Angelyn Marzan
	7:30 p.m.	Peggy Corner
<b>Thursday, 5/19</b>	9:00 a.m.	John Francis Stehle
<b>Friday, 5/20</b>	9:00 a.m.	Bryan Strittmatter
<b>Saturday, 5/21</b>	5:00 p.m.	Patsy & Stella Battista
<b>Sunday, 5/22</b>	8:00 a.m.	Deacon Andy Espinosa
	9:30 a.m.	Beatrice De Paola
	11:15 a.m.	Catherine Dillon Bullen
	5:00 p.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>

#### + In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of James McAleer, brother of Robert McAleer.

**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 15, 2022

<b>Sunday:</b>	Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/ Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
<b>Monday:</b>	Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/ Jn 14:21-26
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/ Jn 14:27-31a
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
<b>Thursday:</b>	Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
<b>Friday:</b>	Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/ Jn 15:12-17
<b>Saturday:</b>	Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/ Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

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

I have been impressed by a call to prayer issued by Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chair of the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Pro-Life Activities, in response to the leak of a draft opinion in the Supreme Court Case of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. Let me quote what he says:

*"The leak related to the U.S. Supreme Court case of Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization reminds us of the urgent need of prayer and action at this pivotal moment in our country.*

*"As Catholics, we care about every unborn child and mother. Our Church has consistently witnessed in word and deed that life begins at the moment of conception. As the bishops shared in our statement Standing with Moms in Need: we pledge to 'redouble our efforts to accompany women and couples who are facing unexpected or difficult pregnancies, and during early years of parenthood, offering them loving and compassionate care through initiatives such as Walking with Moms in Need and countless others.'*

*"At the same time, as we await the Court's decision, we urge everyone to intensify their prayer and fasting that the final decision of the Court will bring about the reversal of Roe and Casey.*

*"We hope and pray for a change in our laws and stand ready to help all pregnant women in need in each of our communities.*

*"Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us and guide us."*

Archbishop Lori mentioned the USCCB statement *Standing with Moms in Need* in his call to prayer. I think it would be helpful to mention some of the items to which the Bishops urge our dioceses, parishes, and Catholic agencies and institutions to recommit themselves:

- To redouble our efforts to accompany women and couples who are facing unexpected or difficult pregnancies, and during the early years of parenthood, offering them loving and compassionate care through initiatives such as *Walking with Moms in Need* and countless others.
- To ensure our Catholic parishes are places of welcome for women facing challenging pregnancies or who find it difficult to care for their children after birth, so that any mother needing assistance will receive life-affirming support and be connected with appropriate programs and resources where she can get help.
- To help Catholics recognize the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in their communities, enabling parishioners to know these mothers, to listen to them, and to help them obtain the necessities of life for themselves and their children.

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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

*How can I open the door of faith to someone else?*

### COME TO THE CONCERT BENEFITTING UKRAINIAN CHURCHES ON MAY 15

Come join us at 7:30 pm tonight, 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

Ministry leaders, would you like to have an opportunity for fellowship outside of your service mission? Come together with members of your ministry, spend time with fellow parishioners, and help clean up the parish grounds at the 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](mailto:abosnick@sfadw.org).

### THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

- To be witnesses of love and life by expanding and improving the extensive network of comprehensive care including pregnancy help centers, maternity homes, and Catholic health care and social service agencies.
- To proclaim with a clear and united voice that our society can and must protect and care for both women and their children.
- To redouble our advocacy for laws that ensure the right to life for unborn children and that no mother or family lacks the basic resources needed to care for their children, regardless of race, age, immigration status, or any other factor.
- To continue to support and advocate for public policies and programs directed toward building up the common good and fostering integral human development, with a special concern for the needs of immigrants and low-income families.

Until next week,  
**Fr. John**



### ATTEND OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

The parish's 50<sup>th</sup> 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:

- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Raffle: Tickets for our parish's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary raffle fundraiser were mailed to parishioners' homes. The tickets cost \$20 apiece, with the drawing to take place on June 5. Please return your ticket request form along with your check to receive your raffle tickets. If you need a request form you can call the Parish Office to have one mailed to you. You can read more about the raffle on our website.
- 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 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, please see <https://www.sfadw.org/50thanniversarycelebration>.

### PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

Please pray for parishioner Miriam Steenson as she becomes a Carmelite Nun. Sister Miriam will be clothed as a Carmelite in Fairfield, Pennsylvania this month. Sister Miriam's family is asking for prayers for her and the Carmelite Nuns she will be joining. **God bless you Sister Miriam.**

**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

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWS

### REMINDERS FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Our Confirmation program continues as follows:

- **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 today, 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 today, 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](mailto:sanderson@sfadw.org)

### Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School *We are...St. Jude*

[www.StJudeRockville.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:huffd2323@gmail.com).

**TOUR OF OUTDOOR PRAYER SPACES ON MAY 22**

Do you know the history of our outdoor prayer spaces at St. Francis of Assisi? If you would like to learn more about the Outdoor Stations of the Cross, the Mary Grotto and the Peace Pole, then please join us for a tour of these outdoor space at 2 pm Sunday, May 22, on the parish grounds. Join Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick and others for this tour, which is part of the parish's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and is open to the public. A small fellowship with refreshments will follow the tour in front of the church. For more information, call the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407.

**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/](http://www.worldvillages.org/summer/) (Donations gratefully accepted!)

**Questions:** Larry Kilmer; [lkilmer@heights.edu](mailto:lkilmer@heights.edu); 301-717-7970

**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](http://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](mailto:gtdbpalmer@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

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

**Open to All!**

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

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Brother Joe Forsha event director

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## Annual Memorial Day Mass ALL SOULS CEMETERY

**Monday, May 30, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.**

**Celebrant:**

**Bishop Mario E. Dorsonville**

**Inclement Weather:**

**Mass will be held under a tent at All Souls Cemetery in the event of rain.**

### **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>.

### **JOIN A SERIES ON THE REAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN THE EUCHARIST**

The Archdiocesan Office for Family Life is co-sponsoring a hybrid spiritual series with the Council of Catholic Women on the theme, Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, using the book "Real Presence, What does It Mean and Why Does It Matter?" by Timothy P. O'Malley. Offered every Wednesday (virtually and in-person) from May 25 – June 8 from 7– 8:30 pm with an in-person gathering on Wednesday, June 15 from 5:30 – 8 pm at St. Matthias Catholic Church, Lanham, MD.

To register, go to <https://realpresenceseries.eventbrite.com>; the fee for all sessions is \$15. Participants are responsible for purchasing their own book through the following link: [www.avemariapress.com/products/real-presence](http://www.avemariapress.com/products/real-presence) or by calling (800) 282-1865. For more information, contact the Office of Family Life at [visiblesign@adw.org](mailto:visiblesign@adw.org) or (301) 853-4546.

### **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](http://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](mailto:natalieanneray@gmail.com).

### **JUSTICE THOUGHT**

An inspiration for us, as we reflect on racial injustices and our failure to recognize Jesus in our neighbor, may be Harriet Tubman. Harriet was a saintly woman who escaped from slavery and then returned to free hundreds of other slaves through the Underground Railroad. It is both painful and compelling to think her story took place right here in Maryland.

Harriet accomplished her heroic work by listening to God's voice. The courage and confidence she derived from her relationship with God led her through narrow escapes and rugged, exhausting journeys. She was her *brother's keeper*, literally, as she risked her life to free others who were enslaved.

They called her "Moses" because she delivered her own people from slavery.

Perhaps her gift to us is her faith in God and trust in His constant care for her. Amid her suffering and chronic pain (Harriet sustained a serious head injury when young), she placed her full confidence in Him. Harriet called on God to be her guide in every situation yet did not marvel when He delivered her. She already knew He would.

She was a devout Christian. Although she never learned to read or write, she knew the scriptures by heart; she cited them in ordinary conversations with people and when she spoke publicly. She was spiritually wise and evangelized at every opportunity. This holy woman prayed for the conversion of her slave owner, willing his good; something very hard for one to do when being oppressed. Pope Francis speaks of the saints in our midst. Not all of them are canonized but they can by their powerful example lead us to a deeper conversion.

#### **Questions:**

1. In what ways do I publicly witness to the Christian life?
2. Our parish has so many saints who work tirelessly in the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the St. Martin's Food Pantry, the Knights of Columbus, the Haiti Mission and with Pax Christi welcoming and settling refugees. Do one or more of these ministries offer *me* a way to be *my brother's keeper*?

#### **Sources:**

1. <https://www.soulshpherd.org/harriet-tubman>
2. *Living as Missionary Disciples* A Resource for Evangelization  
<https://www.USCCB.org>

### **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).