

## ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

### Mass Intentions

May 23 - May 29, 2022

<b>Monday, 5/23</b>	9:00 a.m.	Fr. John Dillon (L) Ordination Anniversary
<b>Tuesday, 5/24</b>	9:00 a.m.	James Galvin
<b>Wednesday, 5/25</b>	9:00 a.m.	Peggy Gleason
	7:30 p.m.	Deacon Richard Mattocks
<b>Thursday, 5/26</b>	9:00 a.m.	Sally Heaney
<b>Friday, 5/27</b>	9:00 a.m.	Barbara Bunting
<b>Saturday, 5/28</b>	5:00 p.m.	Kathleen Chin
<b>Sunday, 5/29</b>	8:00 a.m.	Jack Donahue
	9:30 a.m.	Frances D'Aurora
	11:15 a.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
	5:00 p.m.	Jack & Maureen Ferraro

#### + In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Jody Bosnick, wife of Tony Bosnick and Len Baklarz, father of Lenny Baklarz.

**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 22, 2022

<b>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
<b>Monday:</b>	Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/ Jn 15:26—16:4a
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/ Jn 16:5-11
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
<b>Thursday:</b>	Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 16:16-20 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/ Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/ Lk 24:46-53
<b>Friday:</b>	Acts 18:9-18/ Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23
<b>Saturday:</b>	Acts 18:23-28/ Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/ Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/ Lk 24:46-53 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/ Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26

#### THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

Last Sunday Pope Francis canonized ten men and women. Investigations by the Congregation of the Causes of Saints of these ten individuals acknowledged inexplicable healings that occurred through their intercession. It is important to remember, though, that the Catholic Church does not look first for the supernatural events that we identify as miracles in the life of a person reputed to be holy. The first thing the Church looks for is evidence that the person was martyred for Christ or lived a heroically virtuous life. These qualities were evident in the five individuals from Italy, three from France, one from India, and one from the Netherlands. I will give a brief introduction to five of them today and will write about the other five next week. Those canonized last week will bring to 909 the number of saints whom Pope Francis has officially recognized during his pontificate. The 909 include the 813 Martyrs of Otranto who were killed in that southern Italian city in 1480 and declared saints in 2013. Here are the first five of the ten who were canonized on May 15, 2022 in the order presented by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints.

Saint Devasahayam Pillai, an Indian layman and father who was born to an upper-caste Hindu family in 1712 and converted to Christianity in 1745. His refusal to participate in Hindu ceremonies and his preaching about “the equality of all people,” denying the Hindu caste system, led to his arrest, torture, and his death in 1752. He was beatified by Angelo Cardinal Amato on December 2, 2012.

Saint César de Bus, the founder of the Fathers of Christian Doctrine, a religious congregation dedicated to education, pastoral ministry, was born in France in 1544. Up to the time that he had a conversion experience when he was in his early 30s he enjoyed partying and life in general. After his conversion he began to dedicate himself to prayer and helping the poor. Ordained to the priesthood in 1582, he was a pioneer in educating the laity in the faith. He even used illustrations that he painted himself as well as songs and poetry composed by himself for this purpose. He died in 1607. Pope Saint Paul VI beatified him on April 27, 1975.

Saint Luigi Maria Palazzolo, was born in Italy in 1827 and ordained to the priesthood in 1850. He founded the Congregation of the Sisters of the Poor. When Father Palazzolo was ordained, there was an abundance of clergy and like the majority of priests from wealthy families who stayed at home and generously dedicated themselves to good works. Dom Luigi chose to devote himself to young people at an oratory in a poor neighborhood. He opened a school that offered evening classes in reading and writing to men and boys before opening a separate oratory for girls and establishing the Sisters of the Poor to run it. He was beatified on March 19, 1963 by Pope Saint John XXIII.

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May 22, 2022

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

*How can I extend the Lord's peace in my community, in my parish, in my family?*

#### 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.

#### **ASCENSION THURSDAY (May 26)**

*This year Ascension Thursday is not a Holy Day of Obligation. The feast day transfers to the following Sunday, May 29.*

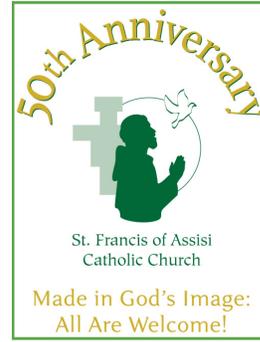
#### **THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)**

Saint Giustino Maria Russolillo, was an Italian, who, on the day he was ordained to the priesthood in 1913, vowed to establish a religious order whose purpose was to promote vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. His first attempt at this did not succeed because of opposition from his bishop. Eventually he was able to establish the Society of Divine Vocations and the Vocationist Sisters. He was beatified on May 7, 2011 by Angelo Cardinal Amato.

Saint Charles de Foucauld was born in France in 1858. Although he stopped practicing his faith when he was a teenager, he was impressed at seeing how devoted Muslims were to pray when he was on a trip in Morocco. This was the inspiration for him to return to the practice of the Catholic faith and eventually to join the Trappists. After living in monasteries in France and in Syria, Charles believed that he was called to an even more austere life as a hermit. After being ordained to the priesthood in 1901, he lived among the poor and finally settled in Tamanrasset, Algeria. In 1916, Charles was killed by a band of marauders. His writings inspired the foundation, after his death, of the Little Brothers of Jesus and the Little Sisters of Jesus. He was beatified on November 13, 2005 by José Cardinal Saraiva Martins.

I will continue the brief biographies of our newly canonized saints in my column for next week.

Until then,  
**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>.



**GOD BLESS YOU  
FATHER JOHN  
ON THE 24TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF YOUR ORDINATION  
MAY 23, 2022**

## 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

### 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.



### THANK YOU!!

Thank you to all who supported the Annual St. Francis Plant Sale Mother's Day weekend! Thank you also to the volunteers who braved the weather elements on all three sale days!

*You are the best!*



### 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)

### FORMED

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- 1) Go to [sfadw.formed.org](http://sfadw.formed.org)
- 2) Click "Register" and enter your name, email address, and desired password
- 3) You're all ready to access the inspiring and Engaging content on FORMED!
- 4) Enjoy and share with others in our local community!

FORMED is available 24/7 for you to grow in your faith. St. Francis has purchased this gift for parish use.

**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.**

**VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT TO HELP AT MIGRANT  
CENTER ASSISTING MALE MIGRANTS**

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington is collaborating with MigrantHelpDMV to assist migrants who are being bussed to the Washington DC area from Texas. The entity is seeking volunteers to help with cleaning, refreshing supplies, and talking with migrants at its respite center. Currently, there are only a few people providing support and they could really use your help. Please note that the respite center serves men only. To protect the safety of friends and volunteers, please do NOT disclose the location of the respite center on social media. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Catholic Charities' Events and Outreach Coordinator Taylor Diego at [taylorstkye.diego@cc-dc.org](mailto:taylorstkye.diego@cc-dc.org).

**2022 ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE**

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](http://appeal.adw.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.

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS AND  
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION**

This national collection, scheduled for the weekend of May 28/29 makes it possible for people worldwide to watch papal programs and view papal documents online. Locally it supports the broadcast of Sunday Mass for the homebound and the website for The Catholic Standard. Please be generous according to your means.

**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

**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  
All Proceeds Benefit

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

Food and Beverages available

Admission \$8.00, 5 and under free

Brother Joe Forsha event director

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 2323, ALL WELCOME!**  
Join the Knights of Columbus Council 2323 for its **Fifth Sunday Rosary** at 7 pm Sunday, May 29, at St. Francis of Assisi Church. Start the week off right with a Rosary led by Fr. John Dillon. The Fifth Sunday Rosary has been a long tradition for the Knights as we come together to pray. Please join us because our country and the world need our prayers now, more than ever.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
UKRAINE SOLIDARITY FUND**

The Knights of Columbus Montgomery Council 2323 would like to thank all parishioners who attended the 2022 Lenten Fish Fries and thank those who donated to the Ukraine Solidarity Fund. Your donations totaled \$300 dollars and will help provide temporary shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing, communications, and religious supplies. These items will be immediately distributed by Polish and Ukrainian Knights of Columbus Councils to the war refugees of Ukraine.

## 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).

## 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).

## Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School

*We are...St. Jude*

[www.StJudeRockville.org](http://www.StJudeRockville.org)

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

Instagram: [stjuderockville](https://www.instagram.com/stjuderockville)

**Join our 3-5 Grade Girls On The Run as they run in the Spring 2022 5k** The end of season celebratory 5k is a key component of each season, honoring girls' accomplishments and providing a tangible sense of achievement. Established as the culminating event of the program, the 5k brings together all GOTR running buddies, coaches, family and friends for a celebratory event recognizing personal achievement.

**Date:** Sunday, May 22

**Location:** Westfield Montgomery Mall, northeast parking lot (across the street from Home Depot) <https://www.girlsontherunofmoco.org/>

**2022 Kayleigh Anne Bowman Memorial Guardian Angel Scholarship winner** Congratulations to Yesenia Araniva, the 2022 Kayleigh Anne Bowman Memorial Guardian Angel Scholarship winner. Out of all the amazing students who applied, 7th grader Yesenia was chosen. Thank you to the Bowmans for the blessings they provide to our students through this scholarship year after year.

## *Fundraising Tastes Great!*

### *Support SJRCS at:*

Ledo Pizza Rockville

1319 Rockville Pike

Rockville, MD

Dine in or order out!

Tuesday, May 24th

4PM – 8pm

Online code:306-159-855

<https://order.ledopizza.com/menu/ledo-pizza-rockville?>

**Model United Nations Conference** Congratulations to our middle school students who attended a Model UN Conference at St. Vincent Pallotta High School. The conference included middle schools for the first time this year. Delegates were assigned roles of Star Wars characters and were assigned the task of creating a new government for the galaxy. Olivia Vincent and Vincent Dinh were awarded "Outstanding Delegate" awards and Janica Belen and Yesenia Araniva and who received "Honorable Mention" awards.

## AMAZONSMILE ENABLES ST. FRANCIS TO INCREASE FUNDRAISING THROUGH ONLINE SHOPPING

St. Francis parishioners can support our church whenever they're shopping online at Amazon.com. St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church is a recipient of AmazonSmile, which enables the church to receive 0.5 percent of the price of eligible AmazonSmile purchases you make. **Go to our Home Page, Give, Give Now** and start shopping!

## MOVING/CHANGE OF ADDRESS/E-MAIL

Please notify our Parish Office, 301-840-1407 or [sfparishoffice@sfadw.org](mailto:sfparishoffice@sfadw.org), of any changes in your address, phone number or e-mail address. Thank you for helping to keep our database up-to-date.