

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

July 25 - July 31, 2022

Monday, 7/25	9:00 a.m.	Anna Marie Kuzma
Tuesday, 7/26	9:00 a.m.	Ann Dougherty Dillon
Wednesday, 7/27	9:00 a.m.	Amelia & Eugene Dudenhoeffer
	7:30 p.m.	Myrna Reyes
Thursday, 7/28	9:00 a.m.	Hugo Huaman
Friday, 7/29	9:00 a.m.	Patricia Wildenberg
Saturday, 7/30	5:00 p.m.	Patsy Battista
Sunday, 7/31	8:00 a.m.	Sybil Theresa Joseph
	9:30 a.m.	Dawn Busey
	11:15 a.m.	Gerry Madden
	5:00 p.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Linda Platt Blum, sister of Joseph Platt, Michael Mulhern, cousin of Greg O'Brien, Jimmy Church, cousin of Alicia Church.

Please pray for the sick... Donna & Jay Ruffin, Mike Lapp, Ella Okulewicz, Michael Waple, Dan Gannis, Sophia Martinez, Aaron O'Sullivan, Romana Gomes, 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 July 24, 2022

Sunday:	Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/ Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
Monday:	2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/ Mt 20:20-28
Tuesday:	Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17-18/ Mt 13:44-46
Thursday:	Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53
Friday:	Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Saturday:	Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/ Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday:	Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

The deacons here usually preach once a month. On Sunday, July 17, 2022, I had the opportunity to hear all three deacons preach at different Masses. All three homilies were excellent! Deacon Jim Datovech made three points about prayer in the course of his homily on July 17th. I want to talk about his second point about prayer: God may or may not give us what we ask for, but he will always give us what we need.

The fourth section of the Catechism of the Catholic Church deals with Christian prayer. One of the questions handled in that section is "Why do we complain of not being heard?" Paragraph 2736 contains some good advice on this question:

Are we convinced that "we do not know how to pray as we ought"? Are we asking God for "what is good for us"? Our Father knows what we need before we ask him, but he awaits our petition because of the dignity of his children lies in their freedom. We must pray, then, with his Spirit of freedom, to be able truly to know what he wants.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church goes on to quote from the words of a treatise on prayer by Evagrius Ponticus, one of the most influential theologians of the late fourth century: "Do not be troubled if you do not immediately receive from God what you ask for; for he desires to do something even greater for you, while you cling to him in prayer."

This discussion of prayer that seems to go unanswered also brings to mind the story of a prayer that was found on the body of an anonymous Confederate soldier after one of the battles of the American Civil War. Let me quote this prayer for you:

I asked God for strength that I might achieve. I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey. I asked for health that I might do greater things. I asked for health that I might do greater things. I was given infirmity that I do better things. I asked for riches, that I might be happy. I was given poverty that I might be wise. I asked for power that I might have the praise of others. I was given weakness that I might find the need of God. I asked for all things that I might enjoy life. I was given life that I might enjoy all things. I got nothing that I asked for—but everything that I had hoped for. Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered. I am among all people most richly blessed.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

When have I failed to be generous with what I have or been inhospitable to those I meet? What would lead me to be generous and hospitable?

COMPLETE YOUR SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION THROUGH THE RCIA PROGRAM

Have you been baptized, but not received First Communion or been confirmed? This fall, join the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), which begins September 14, to complete your Sacraments of Initiation. The length of your formation depends on your readiness. For more information on how to fully enter the Catholic Church through RCIA, please contact Director of Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at (301) 840-1407 or e-mail him at abosnick@sfadw.org.

ARCHDIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS TO BE CELEBRATED AUGUST 20

Cardinal Gregory will celebrate the First Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass to celebrate the Vocation of Marriage at 9:30 am Saturday, August 20, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This First Annual Mass is a celebration of the living vocation of all couples who provide a Catholic witness to the beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Jubilarian anniversaries will still be honored in a special way during this Mass. The Mass will be recorded and posted on the Archdiocesan website so everyone can join the celebration. Couples are invited to register by August 5, 2022, with their parish to receive a certificate from Cardinal Gregory in honor of their anniversary; please contact the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407 to register for a certificate.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

Finally I am reminded of a story my mother told me many years ago about one of my great-grandfathers. One day he was scheduled to catch a train to go to an important event. When he got to the train station, he discovered that the train had already left the station. He had the wrong time. In his desperation he prayed, "Why O God did you let this happen to me!" Later he discovered that the train he was supposed to catch had derailed. Quite a number of passengers were killed. Many more were seriously injured. He was a chastened man as a result of this experience. The morale of the story, as my mother told me, was that God may not give us the thing for which we are asking. But he will always give us what we need.

Wise words indeed!

Until next week,

Fr. John

Eucharistic



Adoration

Adoration is held on Fridays
in the church 9:30 a.m. - 12 Noon.
All are welcome to attend.

ONE OF THE ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY BOXES HAS BEEN MOVED TO THE RECTORY PORCH

Beginning Monday, July 18, the parish relocated one of our St. Martin Food Pantry boxes to the Rectory porch, so donations can be placed there when the church is locked after 2:30 pm every day. Any donations to the food pantry can be placed in the box on the porch at your convenience; to see a list of needed items, please read Fr. John's Saturday Flocknote message or today's bulletin. Thanks for supporting the St. Martin Food Pantry Ministry, especially during this time of acute need.

COME TO MASSES TO PRAY FOR THE UNBORN

This summer, area Catholics are gathering near the Potomac Family Planning Center, an abortion facility located in the Jackson Place business complex in Rockville, to pray for the unborn and celebrate Mass on some Saturday mornings. Our parish's Right to Life Ministry invites all parishioners to attend the Masses, which Fr. James Glasgow will celebrate at 7 am in the parking lot, on July 30, August 20, and September 10. Other Saturday Masses may be scheduled.

Please arrive on time so that the group can have an adequate count for communion. After Benediction, please make your way promptly to your cars or the sidewalk to pray to avoid drawing attention by the abortion escorts who bring people into the abortion facility. For more information, please contact Right to Life Ministry Coordinator Lita Silva at litasilva4@gmail.com.

SUMMER VACATION MASS TIMES

While traveling this summer, don't forget to visit www.masstimes.org for Mass times and locations across the country.

MOVING/CHANGE OF ADDRESS/E-MAIL

Please notify our Parish Office, 301-840-1407 or sfaparishoffice@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.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
PROGRAM NEWS
REGISTER FOR 2022-23 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
FOR CHILDREN
IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 8**

Our parish offers families a choice of two options for religious education:

Option 1: "Classroom model" offering in-person classes with modifications in place as needed to comply with covid safety protocols:

- **Elementary (Kindergarten-Grade 5) classes** offered at two session times: Sunday 9:20-10:35 am and Monday 4:45-6:00 pm. If smaller class sizes are needed for covid safety, students will attend in-person classes on alternating weeks and complete a lesson at-home between each in-person class.
- **Middle School (Grade 6, 7 & 8) classes** with students attending weekly. Two session times will be offered: Monday 6:45-8:00 pm and Tuesday 6:45-8:00 pm.
- **Classes for children and youth with special needs** meeting on Sunday afternoons 3:30-4:30 pm (in-person or online).

Option 2: "Home school model" offering parents the opportunity to teach their children at home with textbook resources and support provided by the parish, including online parent meetings and additional events (in-person and online) for students and families.

Registration fee: \$125.00 per child
(\$25 discount for registrations received by 8/15/2022)
If payment of registration fees poses a financial hardship,
please contact us and allow us to assist you.

Registration forms and additional information can be found on the parish website <https://sfadw.org/children-grades-pre-k-8>.

Completed forms can be mailed to the parish, dropped off in person at the Rectory Office (Monday-Friday, 8 am-4 pm), or returned as digital copies via email to sfareligious@sfadw.org.

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Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School

We are...St. Jude

www.StJudeRockville.org

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

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

**THE SCHOOL OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR
VACATION**

July 19th through August 1st

It will be reopened for business on August 2nd. If you wish to visit us, our hours are 9-1 Tuesday through Thursday.

**LOOKING FOR A WONDERFUL, SPIRIT FILLED
SCHOOL?**

St. Jude has limited openings in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades. Contact the front office 301-946-7888, email

Ellen.Donnely@stjuderockville.org or register on our website www.stjuderockville.org.

"TODAY A READER, TOMORROW A LEADER!"

The SJRCS Free Little Library for children is open! Please take a book and return it when you have finished reading it. The library is located just outside the main entrance to the school.

WE ARE HIRING!

If you are interested in teaching at a Christ centered school with high academic standards, we would like to speak with you. We are looking for qualified individuals to teach 3rd grade, middle school Spanish and math, and middle school religion. For more information, please contact Ellen Donnelly at 301-946-7888.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (continued)

Registering for Sacramental Preparation

Sacramental preparation for 1st Reconciliation, 1st Eucharist, Confirmation, and Christian Initiation for Children/Teens (CIC/CIT) is not grade specific and involves preparation in addition to grade level Religious Education classes. At minimum, children are expected to have participated in religious education in the year prior to preparing for a sacrament. **Please note: students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will attend their grade-level Religious Education classes as well as monthly Confirmation sessions.**

Families requesting sacramental preparation for their child are asked to mark their registration form accordingly so that additional information can be provided. Please note that there is a separate materials fee for sacramental preparation programs. More details will be provided at the parent meetings next year.

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.

ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY SHORTAGES

Canned Soup
Meals in a Can (stew, pasta, chili, etc.)
Canned Fruit
Canned Beans
Dry Unsweetened Cereal
Pasta

Diapers - Sizes 4, 5, 6
Baby Wipes
Pediasure
Baby Formula (Equivalents/substitutes for US produced Similac Blue and Similac Orange (sensitive).

Ensure for Adults
Adult Unisex Pullups - Sizes S/M/L

Paper Bags (Trader Joe size or similar).
Plastic Newspaper Bags
Plastic Grocery Bags
12-egg cartons (Plastic)

Please place donations in the St. Martin's Food Pantry Bin in the Gathering Space or the Rectory front porch if the church is locked.

MOURNING THE DEATH OF A CHILD

The Compassionate Friends (TCF) is an organization that can offer help to bereaved parents. TCF is an informal support group of mothers and fathers who know and understand the tragic impact that the death of a child has on a family. St. Francis parishioners Barbara and George Beall have been active members of TCF since their daughter died of cancer in 2004. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm at Potomac Presbyterian Church. There are no professional counselors, only parents who are willing to share their experiences with non-judgmental and understanding listeners. Everything is confidential, and there are no fees of any kind. If you would like more information, or to receive a TCF brochure, please call George or Barbara at (301) 253-8740. Their e-mail address is oldedish@starpower.net. You may contact them for help any time of the day or night.

SHADY GROVE PREGNANCY CENTER SEEKING LICENSED SONOGRAPHER

Do you have a heart for working, in a life affirming ministry, with women facing an unplanned pregnancy? The Shady Grove Pregnancy Center, in Gaithersburg, MD, is seeking a part time Licensed Sonographer to perform limited obstetrical ultrasounds. For details, please contact Executive Director Kathleen Garcia at (301) 963-6223.

ST FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS YOUTH GROUP

JULY:

July 24 6:30pm to 8pm (Youth Room)

AUGUST:

August 7 6:30pm to 8pm (Youth Room)

August 21: 6:30pm to 8pm (Youth Room)

Youth Ministry is looking for teens and adults to help us plan future events. If you'd like to get involved or just have an idea to share, please reach out to sfayouth@sfadw.org. Thank you for all you do, and we look forward to meeting you!

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. If interested in learning more, contact Gary Palmer (301-948-6494 or email gtdbpalmer@verizon.net).

HELP YOUR MARRIAGE

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on September 2nd - 4th, please visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.org, call (443) 400-7017, or email us at: 3015@HelpOurMarriage.org.

QUO VADIS CAMP

This camp is for high school age young men, will be held at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary from Sunday, July 31, to Wednesday, August 3, 2022. For four days, high school age young men who desire to grow in holiness will have an opportunity for Mass, prayer, and Eucharistic Adoration, as well as time for recreation, sports, and fraternity. Quo Vadis Camp is run by priests and seminarians of the Archdiocese of Washington. Bus transportation will be available. Please register now at <https://dcpriest.org/quo-vadis-camp-2022>. If you have questions, please contact the Office of Priest Vocations at vocations@adw.org or call 202-636-9020.

RIGHT TO LIFE OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

This year, Right to Life of Montgomery County will again have a pro-life booth at the Montgomery County Fair, August 12-20. If you are interested in helping out at the booth please call Tharpa Roberts, (301) 962-5611 or email Tharpa_rtl-omc@snk.mail.com. If you volunteered in 2021, Tharpa will be calling you to see if you can help again this year.

OUR LADY OF BETHESDA RETREAT CENTER UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Take a Personal "Retreat" Day this Summer!

Aug 12 / Sep 16

Are your days overcrowded, jam-packed, and busy, busy, busy? Take a break this summer and enjoy your very own personal retreat at Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center. 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. We also have monthly Mini-Retreats for women and Evenings of Reflection for men. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

Experience the Week-Long Spiritual Exercises this Summer!

For Priests: Aug 21-26

The Week-Long Spiritual Exercises are for those well familiar with mental prayer, silence, and the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises. This longer format permits more personal prayer time. With longer periods of silence, you are challenged to stretch your soul, thus engaging deeper intimacy with God. The retreat master and other spiritual directors will be available for the daily colloquy to help you detect and understand the movements of the Holy Spirit. Find more details on our website www.ourladyofbethesda.org or call 301-365-0612. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Registration is required so that we can properly prepare.

Silent Retreat Weekends This Summer!

For Women: Aug 5-7

For Men: Aug 19-21

We encourage you to spend a summer weekend growing in your faith and become spiritually stronger. Explore your mission in life and experience His Presence in the silence! These retreats are based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Registration is required. Cost: \$250 per person. Find more information and links to register on the website www.ourladyofbethesda.org. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, A Place to Encounter Christ! 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Plan your next retreat today!

Evening Reflection for Couples

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

Married and Engaged couples are invited to an Evening of Reflection especially for you! Plan to join us for a holy date night that will help you prepare your marriage for Lent and beyond. The evening will begin with mass and include a delicious dinner, talk, time for quiet reflection and the opportunity for confession. \$60 per couple. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Registration is required so that we can properly prepare. We also have monthly Mini-Retreats for women and Evenings of Reflection for men. Visit us at www.ourladyofbethesda.org or call 301-365-0612.

CALLING ALL FRESHMEN, TRANSFER STUDENTS TO JOIN THE CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER AT UMD

If your child, grandchild, niece or nephew is starting at the University of Maryland, College Park, this fall, then please tell him or her to connect with other young Catholics at the Catholic Student Center. All Catholic students are invited to come take part in Masses, a free Wednesday Night Dinner, Bible study, retreats and more. Learn more by navigating to <https://catholicterps.org>. You can also learn more about upcoming events on the following webpage: <https://catholicterps.org/event/welcome-class-of-2024>.

BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE - WHERE DO WE GO POST-ROE?

All Catholics are welcome to a discussion about the U.S. Supreme Court decision and its implications for the local pro-life movement here in Maryland at 7 pm Friday, July 29, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Bethesda. The Bethesda 40 Days for Life Campaign will sponsor the event. For more information, contact parishioner Lita Silva at litasilva4@gmail.com.

ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER & JOUSTING TOURNAMENT

St. Mary's in Barnesville cordially invites all to join in their 147th Annual Chicken Dinner/Jousting Tournament on Saturday, July 30, 12 Noon - 6:00 pm, or until sold out. Meals are \$20, available as carry-outs or for outdoor dining. Good food is the focal point of the picnic. Jousting Tournament runs 1-4pm and free to spectators. There will also be a snack bar, baked goods, cake-wheel, crafts, country store, white elephant stand, live music of "Sookey Jump." Mass will be offered in the Shrine Church at 4pm. St. Mary's is located at 18230 Barnesville Road. For more information call 301-972-8660. All events are socially distanced, sanitizer available.

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