

## ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

# Mass Intentions

**September 19 - September 25, 2022**

<b>Monday, 9/19</b>	9:00 a.m.	Alexander O'Connor
<b>Tuesday, 9/20</b>	9:00 a.m.	Jody Bosnick
<b>Wednesday, 9/21</b>	9:00 a.m.	Jody Bosnick
	7:30 p.m.	Missy Casimer Chery (L)
<b>Thursday, 9/22</b>	9:00 a.m.	Peggy Gleason
<b>Friday, 9/23</b>	9:00 a.m.	Serge Triau
<b>Saturday, 9/24</b>	5:00 p.m.	Patsy & Stella Battista
<b>Sunday, 9/25</b>	8:00 a.m.	Dodie Pope
	9:30 a.m.	William Kenny
	11:15 a.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
	5:00 p.m.	Joseph Schlarman

### + In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Xavier Joseph, husband of Thankamma Joseph.

**Please pray for the sick...**Min Xiu, Diane Comly, Carmella Spano, Mark Patterson, Michael Waple, Sophia Jusko, Debra Price, Barbara Schmidt, Mary Cutting, Angelica Santos, Allison Brauer, Frank Knorr, Allan Degen, Bob Jones, William Komlo, Sandra Kimball, Ed Dudenhoefter, 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 September 18, 2022

<b>Sunday:</b>	Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/ Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13
<b>Monday:</b>	Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 8:16-18
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/ Lk 8:19-21
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
<b>Thursday:</b>	Ecc 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/ Lk 9:7-9
<b>Friday:</b>	Ecc 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/ Lk 9:18-22
<b>Saturday:</b>	Ecc 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/ 1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

### THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

On Thursday, September 8, 2022, Queen Elizabeth II died at Balmoral Castle in Scotland. Shortly after the Queen's death, Pope Francis sent a telegram to King Charles III to express his condolences for the death of Queen Elizabeth. It is worthwhile to see what Pope Francis said to the new King of England:

*"Deeply saddened to learn of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. I offer heartfelt condolences to Your Majesty, the Members of the Royal Family, the People of the United Kingdom, the Members of the Royal Family, the People of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth."*

The Pope mentioned to King Charles that he joined with everyone who was mourning the loss of the Queen and praying for her eternal rest. The Pope also wanted to pay tribute to the Queen's life of unstinting service to the good of the British nation and the Commonwealth, to her example of devotion to duty, her steadfast witness of faith in Jesus Christ, and her firm hope in his promises. The Pope also commended "her noble soul" to the mercy of God the Father. The Holy Father concluded his remarks of condolence to King Charles with these words:

*"I assure Your Majesty of my prayers that Almighty God will sustain you with his unfailing grace as you now take up your high responsibilities as King. Upon you and all who cherish the memory of your later mother, I invoke an abundance of divine blessings as a pledge of comfort and strength in the Lord."*

I wanted to mark the passing of Queen Elizabeth in my column today as her state funeral will take place tomorrow. May she rest in peace!

I want to devote the rest of this column to the next Doctor of the Church in chronological order, Saint Basil the Great (329-379). Basil was born in an aristocratic Christian family that is particularly noteworthy for the number of saints in his family. Basil's grandmother, parents, and several siblings are all recognized as saints today. Basil was on his way to becoming a famous teacher when he decided to begin a life of gospel poverty. This change of direction came largely through the influence of his elder sister Saint Macrina. After he had studied various expressions of religious life, he established what was probably the first monastery in Asia Minor. Saint Basil is to the monks of the East what Saint Benedict is to the West. Basil's great influence upon Eastern monasticism remains to this day.

Basil was ordained a priest, aided the archbishop of Caesarea (located in southeastern Turkey) and in time became the archbishop of that see. He was opposed by a number of neighboring bishops—possibly because they saw reforms coming with Basil as the new archbishop.

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**September 18, 2022**

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

*How can I be a prudent steward of the wealth with which God has blessed me? Where do I regard my "true wealth" (Luke 16:11)?*



ST. FRANCIS PARISH PICNIC  
BLESSING OF ANIMALS

**SAVE THE DATE - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2  
12:30 - 4:00 PM**

**Please see today's bulletin insert for more details.**

**RSVP by Sunday, September 25.  
Sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space.**

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

Arianism, a heresy which denied the divinity of Christ, was at its height when Basil became the archbishop. Emperor Valens was a firm supporter of the Arian position. He put great pressure on Basil to remain silent and admit heretics to communion. Basil remained firm, and Valens backed down. When Saint Athanasius of Alexandria died, Basil became the defender of the faith. He worked very hard to unite and rally his fellow Catholics who were crushed by tyranny and torn by internal dissension. Basil was misunderstood and misrepresented. He was accused of heresy by some and of ambition by others. About these experiences, Basil once remarked, "For my sins I seem to be unsuccessful in everything."

Basil was very dedicated to providing good pastoral care for his flock. He preached twice a day to large crowds and built a hospital that was well-regarded in his time. His concern for the poor and hungry might have begun when he worked in a soup kitchen as a teenager. He also came to the assistance of those women who wanted to escape from a life of prostitution. Above all, Basil was best known as an orator. Even though his writings were not generally recognized in his day, Basil is recognized today as an outstanding teacher of the faith. Seventy-two years after his death the Council of Chalcedon described him as "the great Basil, minister of grace who has expounded the truth to the whole earth." He was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Saint Pius V in 1568.

Until next week,  
**Fr. John**

**A NEW SPANISH MASS TO BEGIN AT  
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH ON  
OCTOBER 2**

As you may have heard Fr. John Dillon announce at Masses last weekend, our parish will soon offer a Mass in Spanish, beginning October 2, 2022. The Mass will be celebrated by our new parochial vicar, Fr. Grzegorz Okulewicz, at 1 pm on Sundays. As a parish community, we are excited to expand liturgical offerings to the Spanish-speaking community, whose population now makes up 40 percent of the schools in our Derwood zip code. In coming weeks, please see our parish web site for more information about the Spanish Mass. Thank you!

**SUMMER IN THE CITY FOOD DRIVE TAKES  
PLACE ON SEPTEMBER 24 & 25**

On September 24 and 25, please bring non-perishable food items to church to support the Summer in the City Food Drive, benefitting the food insecure in Washington DC's inner-city neighborhoods. All food collected in the St. Martin's Food Pantry bins that weekend will be given to the John S. Mulholland Family Foundation, which, in turn, serves some of the poorest families in Washington DC. Please give generously! For more information, please contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at (301) 840-1407.

**PARISH DIRECTORY**

We are still working on the 2022 Parish Directory and thank everyone for their participation and patience. We've had a few bumps along the way but are hoping to have the finished product to everyone in October. **Thanks again for your patience!**

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -  
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

In today's Gospel, we see that prudent decisiveness means we recognize all our choices in daily living are really choices for eternal life. Admission into heaven is something money cannot buy. The only currency that has any value to secure our entrance is that of love. For more information about potentially joining our St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference at St. Francis, please contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at (301) 840-1407.

**FROM FR. "G"** Thank you to everyone for your support and prayers with regards to Ella's passing, her funeral, my trip home to celebrate her funeral Mass. Your support was overwhelming and I am very grateful for all you have done for me. You will all be remembered in my prayers.

**God Bless You.....Fr. "G"**

**2022-23 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**  
**START THIS WEEK!**

*We look forward to welcoming families to this year's two program options:*

**Option 1: "Classroom model"** offering in-person classes for children in Kindergarten through Grade 8:

- **Elementary (Kindergarten-Grade 5) classes** offered at two session times: Sunday 9:20-10:35 am and Monday 4:45-6:00 pm. **Classes start Sept. 18/19.** Please note: *To keep class sizes small, an alternating week schedule may be needed at some grade levels for Sunday morning classes, with students attending in-person classes on alternating weeks and completing a lesson at-home between each in-person class. We will inform you if this applies to a child in your family.*
- **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 start Sept. 19/20.**
- **Classes for children and youth with special needs** meeting on Sunday afternoons 3:30-4:30 pm (in-person or online). **Our first class meets online today, Sunday, September 18 from 3:30-4:30 pm.**

**Option 2: "Homeschool 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. Our first online parent meeting was held last Sunday, September 11. Parents who missed this meeting can contact the religious education office to receive a recorded version of the presentation. If you have not already done so, please be sure to pick up materials for the Homeschool Option from the Church Gathering Space as soon as possible.

*Calendars are posted to the parish website and are also being mailed to all who have registered.*

**Please note that children must be registered before they can begin classes.**

There's still opportunity to participate in our parish religious education program and children are welcome to start classes once registration is received and processed. Find registration forms on the parish web site (<https://sfadw.org/children-grades-pre-k-8>), in the Church Gathering Space, and in the Parish Office. Classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. 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 [sfareligioused@sfadw.org](mailto:sfareligioused@sfadw.org).

**Registration fee: \$125.00 per child**

*If payment of registration fees poses a financial hardship, please contact us and allow us to assist you.*

Questions? Call the Religious Education Office at 301-258-9193 or email [sfareligioused@sfadw.org](mailto:sfareligioused@sfadw.org).

**Please share this information with others, especially those who will be new to our program!**

***RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (continued)***

**Registering for Sacramental Preparation**

Sacramental preparation for 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Ways to Serve**

The entire parish community shares responsibility for faith formation and the support of many volunteers makes our programs successful. There are a variety of ways to serve, including weekly, monthly, and "as needed" commitments:

- Catechist
- Classroom Aide
- Substitute Catechist
- Support for Service Projects
- Support for Art Projects (at home preparation)
- Help with Sacramental Celebrations & Special Events

Please consider supporting our Religious Education program as a volunteer! To learn more, please call the Religious Education Office at 301-258-9193.

**Catechetical Sunday Blessing of Catechists at all Masses Saturday, September 17 and Sunday, September 18**

*Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.*

Today we celebrate Catechetical Sunday with the blessing of Catechists at all Masses. In the Blessing of Catechists, those who have been designated by the community to serve as catechists are called forth to be commissioned for this important ministry. Please pray for our catechists, our students and families as together we teach and share the faith this year!.

**IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS SERVING THE LEAST AMONG US**

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) is a Jesuit-sponsored organization that provides men and women, age 50 and older (retired or semi-retired) with substantive opportunities to serve others and transform lives. IVC matches the skills, talents and life experiences of these volunteers with nonprofit organizations that assist the materially poor or address issues related to poverty. A unique feature of IVC is a spiritual reflection component that helps volunteers discover the deeper meaning in their service, and their lives. To learn more about IVC, contact Mike Goggin, Senior Director, IVC of the National Capital Area: 202-277-4447 or [mgoggin@ivcusa.org](mailto:mgoggin@ivcusa.org), or visit [www.ivcusa.org](http://www.ivcusa.org).

### ANNUAL KOC CASH INCENTIVE RAFFLE

This weekend, representatives from Montgomery Council 2323 of the Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets for the Maryland State Council Annual Cash Incentive Raffle after all Masses. The tickets are \$1.00 each. Montgomery Council 2323 receives \$.60 for each ticket sold, and the entire proceeds will benefit the Pope John Paul II Seminary. The Grand Prize is \$20,000 cash. Please support this worthy cause.

### 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](mailto:gtdbpalmer@verizon.net)).

### ST. FRANCIS ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR Saturday, November 12, 2022

#### HOLIDAY BAZAAR CRAFTERS

We started making crafts for the 2022 Holiday Bazaar. We will gather again on Wednesday September 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. If you enjoy being creative and socializing with fellow parishioners, please plan on attending. Also, projects can be taken home to work on. For additional information, please call the Parish Office, 301- 840-1407.

### TAKE PART IN OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL TREE PLANTING & BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

It's not too late to remember a loved one through the parish's Memorial Tree Planting and Beautification Project, which will culminate next month. Parishioners can still make a \$200 contribution to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary fundraiser, which establishes a general fund for the preparation of the ground/soil, purchase, installation, and maintenance of 12 trees to replace dead or dying ones on the parish grounds. A blessing of the trees will take place on Sunday, October 16. Read more about the project at <https://www.sfadw.org/memorial-tree-planting-project>. To contribute, you can either download and print the donation form from the web link above or visit the Parish Office to fill out a donation form and drop off your contribution. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407.

### 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. To learn more about domestic violence, please visit [www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace](http://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace).

### BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN STARTS ON OCTOBER 6

This fall, a parish-based Bible study program for adult women will begin at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Walking with Purpose is a ministry that develops Catholic Bible studies consistent with Church teaching. The program incorporates at-home scripture study, weekly small group discussion, and talks on relevant study material. *Ordering Your Priorities: Building a Life Well Lived* is a practical, eight-lesson Bible study. Beginning October 6, the sessions will be held Thursdays from 10:15-11:45 am in the Kuehner Room.

#### Session 1 - October 6

Connect Coffee Talk 1: *Building the Good Life* (We will begin with coffee, watch a video presentation, and end with small group discussion. **No home study needed beforehand.**)

#### Session 2 - October 13

At-home scripture study, coffee, and small group discussion.

#### Session 3 - October 20

At-home scripture study, coffee, and small group discussion.

#### Session 4 - October 27

At-home scripture study, coffee, and small group discussion.

#### Session 5 - November 3

At-home scripture study, coffee, and small group discussion.

#### Session 6 - November 10

At-home scripture study, coffee, and small group discussion.

#### Session 7 - November 17

At-home scripture study, coffee, and small group discussion.

#### Session 8 - December 1

Connect Coffee Talk 2: To the Heights We will begin with coffee, watch a video presentation, and end with small group discussion. **No home study needed beforehand.**

All adult women are welcome – please come as you are! Participants should plan to order the *Ordering Your Priorities: Building a Life Well Lived* study guide at <http://www.walkingwithpurpose.com> before the first gathering on October 6. Study guides can be made available at no charge. For more information, contact parishioners Lita Silva at [litasilva4@gmail.com](mailto:litasilva4@gmail.com) or at (240) 380-4280 or Eileen Grams at [ehaleygrams@gmail.com](mailto:ehaleygrams@gmail.com) or at (240) 899-7229.

### ST FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS YOUTH GROUP

#### SEPTEMBER

September 25: 6:30pm to 8pm (Parish Center)

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](mailto:sfayouth@sfadw.org).

## ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY SHORTAGES

Canned Fruit  
Canned Beans  
Dry Unsweetened Cereal  
Pasta  
Pasta Sauce  
Dry Rice/Beans  
Mac & Cheese  
Meals in a can (stew, canned pasta, chili, etc.)

Diapers - Sizes Newborn, 3, 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.

*Special thanks go to all those helping us to help our neighbors in need!*

## OUR LADY OF BETHESDA RETREAT CENTER UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**Take a Personal "Retreat" Day this Fall!**

**Oct 28/Nov 18**

Are your days overcrowded, jam-packed, and busy, busy, busy? Take a break this fall 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](http://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.

## MOVING OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS/E-MAIL/ PHONE NUMBER

Please notify our Parish Office, 301-840-1407 or [sfaparishoffice@sfadw.org](mailto: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.

*Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School*

*We are...St. Jude*

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*Invites All Law Enforcement Officers, their  
Families, and Friends  
to attend a special mass at*

*The Shrine of St. Jude Catholic Church*

**12701 Veirs Mill Rd.  
Rockville, MD. 20853**

*Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am*

*Feast day of St. Michael the Archangel  
(Patron Saint of Law Enforcement)*

**Chaplain Raymond L. Fecteau – Presiding**

*Join us to pray for those in law enforcement and  
their families*

## LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR NEW PAROCHIAL VICAR DURING THE

### “GETTING TO KNOW FR. G” EVENT

Did you miss the “Getting to Know Fr. G” event that happened on Saturday, August 27, in the church? If so, then you can now watch the edited video of the event on our parish YouTube Channel at <https://youtu.be/WTUxK52XKU0>. Come learn more about our new parochial vicar Fr. Grzegorz Okulewicz, who was interviewed by Communications Coordinator Melissa Egan in the church about his lifelong faith formation in The Neocatechumenal Way; his culture shock upon arriving at the Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary of Redemptoris Mater in Hyattsville, MD; and the most poignant moment of the ordination. For more information about the parish Communications

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