

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

October 10 - October 16, 2022

Monday, 10/10	9:00 a.m.	Gaby & Rod O'Connor
Tuesday, 10/11	9:00 a.m.	Bess Mitchell
Wednesday, 10/12	9:00 a.m.	Monsignor Ralph Kuehner
	7:30 p.m.	Joseph Thomas Stehle Jr.
Thursday, 10/13	9:00 a.m.	Giuseppe Valentino
Friday, 10/14	9:00 a.m.	Don Smith
Saturday, 10/15	5:00 p.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
Sunday, 10/16	8:00 a.m.	Jimmy Gierula
	9:30 a.m.	Elizabeth Dillon Billmeier
	11:15 a.m.	Gerry Madden
	1:00 p.m.	Marcelo Cardenas
	5:00 p.m.	Eva Breeden

Please pray for the sick... Mary O'Grady, Rick Neimiller, Min Xiu, 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 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 October 9, 2022

Sunday:	2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/ Lk 17:11-19
Monday:	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/ Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:	Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday:	Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/ Lk 11:47-54
Friday:	Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday:	Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday:	Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/ 2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8

**PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, OCTOBER 10
IN OBSERVANCE OF THE COLUMBUS
DAY HOLIDAY**

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

I continue this series on the Doctors of the Church. Today I am writing about Saint John Chrysostom (344/54-407), who was born in Antioch in Syria. Chrysostom was not his last name. The name really means “the man with a golden mouth”—a reference to his gifts as a preacher and a public speaker. John’s father died when he was a baby. His mother, Anthusa, raised him. John studied under Libanius, a famous rhetorician in fourth century Antioch. As a young man for five years, he attended the Asceterius, a sort of seminary for young men, some of whom later became bishops, under the guidance of Diodore of Tarsus, who introduced John and his other students into the Antiochene school of biblical interpretation with its emphasis on the literal meaning and grammatical analysis of the text. Apparently, John also received baptism during these years. Then John spent four years with hermits on the nearby Mount Silpius. He left the monastic hermits when he fell ill and had to return to the Christian community in Antioch.

John was ordained a deacon in 381 and then a priest five years later. From 386 to 397 John preached at the cathedral at Antioch. These eleven years were perhaps the happiest and most fulfilling years of his life. While in Antioch John delivered courses of sermons on books of the Bible. In 397 John found himself the reluctant victim of an imperial trick that resulted in his becoming the Archbishop of Constantinople, then the greatest city in the Roman Empire.

Congregations today would find John’s preaching a great challenge. Often, he could preach up to two hours during which we could make various asides. But he would come back to his main point. In one of his asides he urged people to leave their wallets and pocketbooks at home as they had been plagued by pickpockets who were stealing money and possessions by the congregation listening to his sermon. Most pastors today, present company included, would not agree with that recommendation!

John’s lifestyle at the imperial court was not appreciated by some bishops who hoped to receive favors by hanging around in the hopes of getting the attention of the imperial family. John recommended that they go back to their dioceses and properly serve their people. He also offered a modest table to these bishops who were used to expensive foods and fine wines. John also did not like court protocol that accorded him precedence before the highest state officials. He did not want to be a kept man.

John’s zeal as a bishop prompted him to act in decisive ways. Bishops who bribed their way into office were deposed. Many of his sermons called for concrete steps to share wealth with the poor. The rich did not appreciate hearing from John that private property resulted from Adam’s fall from grace—any more than married men were bound to marital fidelity, just as their wives. When it came to charity and justice, John recognized no double standards.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What sins are holding me captive? How do I show my gratitude to God and to others for their forgiveness?

SATURDAY MORNING SPIRITUAL READING GROUP - ALL ARE INVITED

**A Shorter Summa
By Peter Kreeft**

If you have ever wished, you had the time and courage to read St. Thomas Aquinas' *Summa Theologica* perhaps now is the time to take advantage by reading along with fellow parishioners a shorter version accompanied by helpful media presentations.

The Saturday Morning Spiritual Reading Group will be embarking on this endeavor with the guidance of the Dominicans and the **Thomistic Institute**. We'll be using videos produced by the **Institute** designed to make the material understandable and relatable, pertinent to our world today.

We meet on Saturday mornings at 8:00 AM. You can join us in person at church with your coffee or Zoom in from home.

For more information email Trish Olin at mpo-lin@comcast.net or call 240-355-5753.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

John's style of life offended some powerful people, including the Empress Eudoxia. Another enemy was Theophilus, Archbishop of Alexandria. Theophilus had hoped that he might be promoted from being Archbishop of Alexandria to Archbishop of Constantinople. If that wasn't to be the case, he lobbied for a candidate whom he could easily manipulate and control. He came to realize that he would not be able to control or manipulate John. In 403 Theophilus presided at a synod (known as the Synod of the Oak) near Constantinople that deposed John. John was banished twice; the first time for only a short while. But during the second time he died (on September 14, 407) while being forced to travel in harsh conditions.

As Fathers Leonard Foley and Pat McCloskey have observed, "John Chrysostom's preaching, by word and example, exemplifies the role of the prophet to comfort the disturbed and to disturb the comfortable. For his honesty and courage, he paid the price of a turbulent ministry as bishop, personal vilification, and exile. John's life was a great demonstration of this advice given in the *Decree on the Pastoral Office of Bishops* at the Second Vatican Council: "Bishops 'should set forth the ways by which are to be solved very grave questions concerning the ownership, increase, and just distribution of material goods, peace and war, and brotherly relations among all people.'"

Until next week,
Fr. John

WELCOME to the Family of Christ!

The following individual and their family recently joined our St. Francis faith community during the month of September:

Christian & Evelyn Culque
Richard & Erika Hutko
John & Carolina Mann
Paul & Jessica Minnaert
Richard & Allison Robinson

The following child was baptized during the month of September:

Sarah Asheley Greer

SHADY GROVE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN STARTS THIS WEEK

From October 8-30, St. Francis of Assisi parishioners can support the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center through its well-known "Baby Bottle Campaign," either online or in person. The pregnancy center helps pregnant women facing difficult choices with options -- counseling, ultrasounds, parenting classes, and material aid. Please pick up a baby bottle from the Gathering Space and return it by October 30. For more information, please contact Director of Social Concerns Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.

COME ATTEND THE BLESSING OF THE TREES ON OCTOBER 16

On Sunday, October 16, Fr. John Dillon will host the Blessing of the Trees after the 11:15 am Mass, capping off the parish's Memorial Tree Planting and Beautification Project. The initiative -- supported by a \$200 memorial donation from about 50 parish households -- created a general fund that prepared the ground and soil, purchased, installed and will maintain 12 hardwood trees that were planted on the parish grounds September 21 to replace dead or dying trees. During the blessing, Fr. John will bless each of the four Maple, four American Sycamores, and four red oak trees that were planted on September 21. Please come out to witness the blessing of God's creation on our parish grounds! For more information, contact Director of Social Concerns Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.

ADDED TIMES FOR CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be offered in English by Fr. William in the St. Clare Chapel of the Rectory 3:30-4:30 pm and in English and Spanish in the Church by Fr. "G" from 3:30-4:30 pm. Just a reminder Confessions are also available by appointment.

A partir del 1 de octubre (sábado), el Padre "G" ofrecerá el Sacramento de la Confesión en inglés y español en el confesional en la iglesia de 3:30 a 4:30. Además, las confesiones están disponibles con cita previa.

2022-23 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Religious Education classes resume this week! Space is still available and we welcome families who have not yet registered for classes to contact us. Registration forms can be found in the Gathering Space, the Parish Offices, and also on the parish website.

Children must be registered before they can begin classes.

Questions? Call the Religious Education Office at 301-258-9193 or email sfareligioused@sfadw.org.

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.

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 fall parent meetings.

HOMESCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PARENT MEETING: OCTOBER 9

Parents of children registered for our Homeschool Option Religious Education Program are asked to join us by Zoom at 1 pm today, Sunday, October 9, for our Unit 1 Overview. Families registered for the Homeschool option will receive an email with link to join.

FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING

There will be a First Reconciliation Parent Meeting on Wednesday, October 12, at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center for those who have registered their children for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist preparation this year. Letters with additional information will be mailed to families with children registered for sacraments this year. If you have questions, please call the Religious Education Office, 301-258-9193.

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 next class meets online on Sunday, October 16 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.

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ST FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS YOUTH GROUP

OCTOBER

October 9: 6:30pm to 8pm (Parish Center)
October 23 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.

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

www.StJudeRockville.org

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

Celebrating 66 years (1956-2022)

OPEN HOUSE

October 18, 2022

9:00 - 11:30 am

&

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Tours will take place where families can meet the principal, administration and see the students in action. Ambassador parents speaking Spanish and Amharic will be available for tours. Questions please call 301-946-7888.

ROSARY PRAYER-A-THON STARTS ON OCTOBER 31

To combat mass shootings and violence in our communities, the Council of Catholic Women-Archdiocese of Washington is sponsoring a Rosary prayer-a-thon starting on October 31 and ending on All Souls Day, November 2. To sign up, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084fa5a929aa8-adoration1> and select a 30-minute time slot. By doing this, you commit to praying the Rosary and any other prayers you choose for peace in our communities.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (continued)

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.

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).

KOC ANNUAL TOOTSIE ROLL & MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Montgomery County Council 2323 of the Knights of Columbus will be conducting a Tootsie Roll Drive for those with Special Needs and also a Membership Drive. Please look for the Knights after Mass this weekend and support their effort.

ST. FRANCIS ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR Saturday, November 12

JEWELRY DONATIONS

Please drop the jewelry off at the parish office or leave your treasured items in the mailbox on the Rectory porch if the office is closed.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

We are looking for silent auction items such as Time Shares, Sports Tickets, Theater Passes, etc. for our Fall Bazaar (November 12). For more information or to make arrangements to donate, please call the Parish Office, Donna, (301) 840-1407.

THEME BASKETS FOR SILENT AUCTION

If you would like to make up a theme basket for the Silent Auction, please call the Parish Office to let us know you are donating a special basket. Theme Baskets are always a big hit! *Please drop off your Theme Basket no later than Thursday, November 10th.*

SHABBY CHIC

If you have “good quality” items that you would like to donate to the Shabby Chic, please drop them off on Wednesday, November 9, 12 Noon-6 pm in the Parish Center. No clothing or shoes,

GIFT CARDS OR GIFT CERTIFICATES

If you have unused gift cards or gift certificates that you received but know you’ll never use, please consider donating them to the Silent Auction. You can drop them off at the Parish Office or put them in the collection basket in an envelope marked “Bazaar”.

MILLIE’S BAKE SHOP

We will be asking parishioners to sign-up for Millie’s Bake Shop at the end of October. Please watch the bulletin for more details. Store bought goodies again this year please.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We will be asking for volunteers at the end of October so please watch the bulletin for volunteer sign-up dates.

NEW MASS IN SPANISH USHERS IN ADDITIONAL LITURGICAL, SACRAMENTAL OPPORTUNITIES

Our inaugural Mass in Spanish at 1 pm Sunday, October 2, was a beautiful celebration, with more than 130 people in attendance. As clergy, parish staff, and the Spanish Ministry continue building up this community of faith within our larger one, please be reminded of two new services our parish is offering to serve Spanish speakers:

- People who would like to offer a Mass intention for the liturgy in Spanish at 1 pm Sundays should do so at least 10 days before the Mass they would like to offer. These intentions can be made either by calling the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407 or by coming into the office during parish business hours: 8 am-4 pm Mondays through Fridays.
- Fr. Grzegorz Okulewicz or another Spanish speaking priest will hear Confessions in English and Spanish from 3:30-4:30 pm Saturdays in the confessional in the church. This is offered in addition to Confession heard in the St. Clare Chapel of the Rectory by Fr. William Brailsford during the same timeframe.

ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORT & RESPECT LIFE SHOULD GET OUR ASSISTANCE

As we celebrate Respect Life Month in October, our Respect Life Ministry recognizes the missions and services of local organizations that help pregnant women. Please support these organizations with your time and financial resources:

- Shady Grove Pregnancy Center, 16220 Frederick Road, Suite 118, Gaithersburg, 20877. Website: www.pregnancy-options.org.
- Rockville Women’s Center, 12530 Parklawn Drive, Suite 170, Rockville, 20852. Website: www.rockvillewomenscenter.com.
- Centro Tepeyac Women’s Center (Spanish speaking), 12247 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, 20902. Website: www.centrotepeyac.org or <https://tepeyacobgyn.com/>.
- Gabriel Project Cluster, 2001 Veirs Mill Road, P.O. Box 626, Rockville, 20848-4815. Website: www.gpmoco.org.

For more information, contact Respect Life Ministry Coordinator Lita Silva at litasilva4@gmail.com.

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

HOLIDAY BAZAAR CRAFTERS

There will be **no crafting** on October 5 & 12. We will start again on October 19 and continue until Bazaar week. Please feel free to join us when we are gathering. We meet in the Parish Center at 7 pm.

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!

IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA'S "MIRACLE OF THE SUN"

October 13, 1917

The World Apostolate of Fatima, Archdiocese of Washington Division "**The Blue Army**" invites you to **Rosary, Mass, Confession, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and healing prayers. Thursday, October 13 at 1:00pm** in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel, Basilica of the National Shrine, Michigan Ave, DC. For more information call 301-595-1770

OUR LADY OF BETHESDA RETREAT CENTER

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. 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.

TAX & FINANCIAL PROFESSIONALS NEEDED TO PROVIDE PRO BONO MISSION SERVICES

Five years ago, Catholic Charities launched the Financial Stability Network (FSN) to help lower income families and individuals in the archdiocese to achieve their specific financial goals. *Pro bono* financial services offered included preparation of tax returns, individualized financial coaching, and financial education workshops. Given the economic downturn and the surge of new migrants in our community, the number of families in need of this help has increased greatly. We have a dedicated group of tax and other financial professionals who provide these mission services but need a few more dedicated volunteers to address the growing demand. If you are interested in joining the FSN team, or know someone who would be a good fit, please contact Deacon Jim Shanahan at jim.shanahan@cc-dc.org or at (202) 772-4310.

"SAINT MARY MAGDALENE - AT THE FEET OF JESUS" a one-woman drama about repentance and God's mercy, comes to Saint Peter's Catholic Church on Sunday, October 30th at 2:30 PM. This compelling story brings familiar Bible stories to life, and transports us to the time of Jesus and the Blessed Mother. Mary Magdalene was one of the few disciples to remain at the foot of the cross and to announce the Resurrection. Catholic performer Nancy Scimone portrays Mary Magdalene. No tickets needed; a free-will offering will be accepted. Performance is in Saint Peter's Hall and runs 65 minutes. A reception with light refreshments follows. 2900 Olney-Sandy Spring Rd., Olney, MD 20832; For more details, please contact Saint Peter's Office of Social Concerns at 301-774-0162 (MaryMagdaleneDrama.com)

SETON SHRINE UPCOMING EVENTS

Back from the Dead Cemetery Walks

The Seton Shrine's popular faith drama resumes this October, and tickets are selling fast! Hear what the saints have to say about their visions of hell, and learn about the meaning of suffering in the afterlife in this powerful experience. Visit setonshrine.org to reserve your tickets today.

Hands-On Living History Activities

Every 2nd and 4th Saturday at the Seton Shrine, historic hands on activities are offered for families of all ages. From pen and ink, colonial games, and more, you'll learn something new each time.

Virtual Memento Mori Book Club

Teens and young adults welcome! Beginning Oct. 13th, the Seton Shrine is offering a virtual book club series on the importance of remembering the Last Things: death, judgement, heaven and hell. Visit setonshrine.org/bookclub to learn more.

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 is 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.