ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD



March 27 - April 2, 2023

9:00 a.m.	Brandt Boyle (L)
9:00 a.m.	Annie Durkin
9:00 a.m.	Wayne Flippin
7:30 p.m.	Alicia Church (L)
9:00 a.m.	Christine Lee Chadwick
9:00 a.m.	Marcella Kelemen
5:00 p.m.	Marie Galvin
8:00 a.m.	Yoong Suck
9:30 a.m.	Antonio Nabor
11:15 a.m.	Jessica Polissedjian
1:00 p.m.	Manuel Hernandez
5:00 p.m.	Pro populo
	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 1:00 p.m.

In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Regis Finn, husband of Renate Finn.

Please pray for the sick...Dr. Clement Lewsey, Roswell Hynson, Maryann Murphy, Jane Tseronis, John Guild, Thomas Hudecheck, Stella Lynne Tkaczyk, Diane Chapa, Rick Neimiller, Alicia Church, Christine Vilgos-Mitchell, Mark Patterson, Michael Waple, Sophia Jusko, Debra Price, Barbara Schmidt, Angelica Santos, Allison Brauer, Frank Knorr, Allan Degen, Bob Jones, 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 March 26, 2023

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/

Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or11:3-7, 17, 20-27,

33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/

Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30 **Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/

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Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/

Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/

Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20,

23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/ Mt 26:14—27:66 or

27:11-5 4

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

Today we encounter the first Doctor of the Church to live in the modern era: St. John of Ávila (1499 or 1500-1569), who lived during the first half of the sixteenth century. He was born on January 6, 1499 [or 1500] in Almodóvar del Campo (Ciudad Real, in the Archdiocese of Toledo). He was the only son of devout Catholic parents: Alonso Ávila and Catalina Gijón. When John was fourteen, he went to the University of Salamanca to study law. John had a profound conversion during his fourth term of studies at the university. At the end of that term he returned home to devote himself to prayer and meditation.

By 1520 John felt called to study for the priesthood. He went to the University of Alcalá de Henares to study theology and the humanities to prepare himself for that calling. In 1526 he was ordained a priest. Although he desired to go as a missionary to the West Indies, the Archbishop of Seville dissuaded him from taking that course of action and asked him to carry out his priestly ministry in Spain. For the next several years he devoted himself to preaching and spiritual direction while continuing to study theology at the College of Saint Thomas where he might have been granted the title of "Master."

In 1531 because of a misunderstanding over a homily that he had delivered, John was imprisoned. While he was in prison John began writing the first version of his great work, *Audi, Filia*. In those years he received the grace of an unusually profound insight into the mystery of God's love and the great benefits bestowed on humanity by Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Thereafter these were to be pillars of his spiritual life and central themes of his preaching.

After he was acquitted in 1533, he continued to preach with considerable success among the people and before the authorities. He chose to move to the Diocese of Córdoba where he received incardination. In 1536 the Archbishop of Granada summoned him because he desired to have John's counsel. There, in addition to continuing his work of evangelization, he completed his studies at the university.

Thanks to his insight into the times and his solid academic training, John was an outstanding theologian and a true humanist. He proposed the establishment of an international court of arbitration to avoid wars and patented a number of engineering devices. Above all he devoted himself to encouraging the Christian life of those who readily listened to his preaching and followed him everywhere. John was especially concerned with the education of men and young boys, especially those studying for the priesthood. He founded several minor and major colleges which, after the Council of Trent would become seminaries along the lines laid down by the Council. He also founded the University of Baeza, which was known for centuries for its success in training clerics and laity.

After traveling on a preaching tour through Andalusia and other regions of Central and Eastern Spain in 1554, John, who was already ill, withdrew to a simple house in Montilla (Córdoba), where he exercised his apostolate through an abundant correspondence and the preparation of several of his writings. The Archbishop of Granada wanted to take John as his theological expert to the last two sessions of the Council of Trent.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What spiritual darkness is Jesus calling me to come out of today? What difficulties can I anticipate in shedding these burial bands that separate me from God's grace?

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WASHING OF THE FEET ON HOLY THURSDAY

The parish Liturgy Committee is seeking volunteers to get their feet washed during the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, which falls on April 6. If you are interested in taking part in the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday, please contact the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407 during regular office hours.

FR. JOHN'S SILVER ANNIVERSARY TO BE CELEBRATED MAY 21

On Sunday, May 21, Fr. John Dillon will celebrate his 25th anniversary as an archdiocesan priest at the 11:15 am Mass in the church. The celebration of Fr. John's Silver Anniversary will continue afterward in the Parish Center with a catered lunch. Please save the date to attend this momentous occasion and look out for other events commemorating our pastor's 25th anniversary. Please contact the Parish Office at (301) 840 -1407 with any questions.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

Prevented from traveling because of ill health, he drafted his *Memoriales*, which were to have great influence on the those who had gathered for that great assembly. On the morning of May 10, 1569, John died, surrounded by disciples and friends.

St. John of Avila was a contemporary, friend, and counselor of great saints and one of the most celebrated and widely esteemed spiritual masters of his time. St. Ignatius of Loyola, who held him in high regard, was eager for John to enter the nascent "Company" which was to become the Society of Jesus. Although John himself did not enter, he sent some thirty of his best students to the Society. Juan Ciudad, later St. John of God, the founder of the Order of Hospitallers, was converted by listening to the preaching of John of Avila and thereafter relied on John of Ávila as his spiritual director. St. Francis Borgia, later the General of the Society of Jesus, was another important convert thanks to the help of Fr. Ávila. St. Thomas of Villanova, Archbishop of Valencia, promoted Fr. Ávila's catechetical method in his diocese and throughout the south of Spain. Among Fr. Ávila's friends were St. Peter of Alcántara, Provincial of the Franciscans and Reformer of the Order and St. John de Ribera, Bishop of Badajoz, who asked John of Ávila to provide preachers to renew his diocese and later, as the Archbishop of Valencia, kept a manuscript in his library of eighty-two of John of Ávila's sermons. St. Teresa of Jesus, now a Doctor of the Church, underwent great trials before she was able to send John of Ávila the manuscript of her Autobiography. St. John of the Cross, also a Doctor of the Church, was in contact with John of Ávila's disciples who helped him in the Carmelite reform. Saint Bartholomew of the Martyrs, a Dominican, was acquainted with John of Ávila's life and holiness through common friends, and many others acknowledged the moral and spiritual authority of St. John of Ávila, who was named a Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012.

Until next week,......Fr. John

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE 2023

Please join us during Holy Week and the Triduum, as we commemorate the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

Palm Sunday, April 2

• 3:30 pm: Outdoor Stations of the Cross. *The Outdoor Stations are located behind the Rectory*.

Holy Thursday, April 6

• 7:30 pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper in the church. There will be Washing of the Feet. The Transfer of the Eucharist will occur, with the Blessed Sacrament to be reposed in the Kuehner Room off the Gathering Space, which will remain open for prayer until midnight.

Good Friday, April 7

- 11:30 am: Seven Last Words of Christ in the church.
- 1:30 pm: Family Stations of the Cross in the church.
- 3 pm: Stations of the Cross in the church.
- 4 pm: Stations of the Cross in Spanish in the church.
- 7:30 pm: Passion of the Lord service in the church. The adoration of the cross will take place by bowing or laying one's hands on it. There will be a collection for the Holy Land taken up at this service.

Holy Saturday, April 8

- 12 pm: Blessing of the baskets in the church. Fr. John will bless the baskets of food, as he has in past years.
- 3:30-4:30 pm: Confessions in English in the St. Clare Chapel of the Rectory and in English and Spanish in the church confessional.

Easter Vigil, April 8

• 8 pm: Easter Vigil in the church. *This will be a bilingual Mass*.

Easter Sunday, April 9

Masses to be celebrated at:

- 8 am
- 9:30 am
- 11:15 am 1 pm (Mass in Spanish)

There will be no Mass at 5 pm on Easter Sunday nor a virtual Mass.

We wish everyone a very happy and blessed Easter, as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord!

LENTEN REMINDERS

Stations of the Cross (Spanish) Friday 6:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross (English)** Friday 7:00 p.m.

Confession: In addition to Saturday afternoon (3:30-4:30 p.m.), Confessions will be heard each **Thursday evening** during Lent 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Rectory

2022-23 RELIGIOUSEDUCATION CLASSES

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 by zoom today, Sunday, March 26, 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.

PARENT MEETING FOR HOMESCHOOL OPTION RE

Our Online Parent Meeting: Holy Week/Easter/Unit 5 Overview for families sharing in this year's homeschool religious education program will be from 1-2 pm on Sunday, March 26. Families registered for the Homeschool option will receive an email with link to join.

FAMILY STATIONS OF THE CROSS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A special Stations of the Cross for children and families will be held in the Church on Good Friday, April 7 at 1:30 pm. The stations are an excellent way for families to honor Jesus on this special and solemn day in a way that children of all ages can understand.

Children & Teens (Kindergarten – Grade 8) are invited to volunteer as readers and prayer leaders. No rehearsal is required. Instructions and material are provided ahead of time so children can practice reading at home. To volunteer as a reader, please contact the Religious Education Office at sfareligioused@sfadw.org, or 301-258-9193.

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER HOLIDAYS

Religious Education classes will not meet during Holy Week and Easter week. Please make note of the schedule for the remaining Religious Education classes for this school year:

April 2, 3 & 4 April 9, 10 & 11	No RE Classes (Holy week) No RE Classes (Easter
•	week)
April 16, 17 & 18	RE Classes
April 23, 24 & 25	RE Classes
April 30, May 1 & 2	RE Classes
May 7 8 & 9	Last RF Classes

(except for Confirmation classes)

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE & PARENT MEETING

A reminder to Confirmation Candidates and Parents: There will be a meeting for students and parents on Wednesday, April 12, 6:45-8:30 pm in the Church.

SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE CAMP: JUNE 26-30

St. Francis of Assisi Church invites children from age 4 to those who will complete the 5th Grade in June 2023 to join us at Vacation Bible Camp, June 26-30. Program details will be announced later this spring! Watch our parish website for camper registration and information about volunteer opportunities for adults and teens: https://sfadw.org/vbc.

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH GROUP

Regular updates on upcoming Youth Group activities will be posted in the Youth Ministry Flocknotes as well as in the bulletin and the parish calendar. Questions? Send an email to sfayouth@sfadw.org or phone the rectory at 301-840-1407 for more information.

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

www.StJudeRockville.org http://www.facebook.com/stjuderockvillemd

St. Jude Regional Catholic School Presents Sister Act Jr.!

When: March 31st & April 1st at 7:00pm (doors open at

6:30pm)

Where: St. Jude Thaddeus Room

How: Tickets sold online and at the door; \$10/adults, \$8/students

Defend the BOOST Scholarship Program for Our Kids! This is a special call to action to defend the BOOST Scholarship Program and ensure it is funded for next year and for future students. Please take a minute now to make your voice heard. Visit this link for more information and to send your email to state legislators today! https://p2a.co/q36ngM4 Thank you!

SHADY GROVE PREGNANCY CENTER ULTRASOUND MODELS NEEDED!

Are you pregnant? Thinking of becoming pregnant? Please join us for a free ultrasound during our week of Nurse Sonographer Training, March 27-31. We need women who are not pregnant, and pregnant women at every stage for a limited OB/GYN ultrasound. Note this is not a diagnostic sonogram to rule out pregnancy complications. You will receive a picture of your ultrasound and be entered into our raffle for an awesome gift basket! Call 301-963-6223 to sign-up.



THE POWER OF SACRIFICE: Lent can feel like a long time. Sometimes we'd like to skip right to Easter! But through prayer and sacrifices, we share in Christ's suffering and prepare for the joy of his resurrection. This Lent, we've learned how people in Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya made sacrifices so their families and communities can thrive. How have your Lenten sacrifices helped your family and community and community and communities around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to Learn more.

ANNUAL INDOOR YARD SALE IN THE PARISH CENTER

Saturday, April 22 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Time to spring clean - we welcome your stuff you want to get rid of!

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

Come for the whole time or just a few hours. Whatever time you can work will be appreciated! Sign-up in the Gathering Space next weekend!

Wednesday, April 19, Thursday, April 20, Friday, April 21 Saturday, April 22, 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS IN THE PARISH CENTER

Wednesday, April 19
Thursday, April 20
Friday, April 21
2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

WE ARE <u>NOT</u> ACCEPTING CLOTHING OR SHOES Computers, encyclopedias, entertainment centers, large exercise equipment, magazines, mattresses, rugs, sofa bed sleepers, tires, tube TV's

SORRY, BUT WE ARE UNABLE TO DO FURNITURE PICKUPS!

THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN ST. FRANCIS DAY ON MARCH 11

On March 11 -- St. Francis Day for 40 Days for Life -- parishioners Eileen and Todd Grams, Isabel Seyed-Ali, Mary Ott and her husband, and Director of Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick all attended the prayer vigil for the unborn near the Earl Mcleod abortion facility in Rockville. Respect Life Ministry Coordinator Lita Silva thanked all who participated. "It was so inspiring to see them come to pray," she said. With abortions taking place every Saturday from 9 am to noon at the facility, all are always welcome to come and pray the Rosary for the babies and their parents.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic -relief.

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS ALL SOULS CEMETERY

Walk with Jesus on His journey to the Cross. Gather with us at All Souls Cemetery on Good Friday, April 7, 2023, at 12:00 noon to meditate on each step of Christ's journey of sacrifice to Calvary. Our Pastor, Father John will lead the Stations. For additional information on Good Friday Stations please contact All Souls Cemetery, (301) 428-1995.

LAST DAY TO TAKE PART IN THE ARCHDI-OCESAN LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Sunday, March 26, is the last day to participate in Catholic Charities' Lenten Food Drive to benefit the St. Martin's Food Pantry. Please contribute grocery and non-perishable food items, including the following:

Canned Fruit

Pasta

Pasta Sauce

Dry Unsweetened Cereal

Canned Soup

Canned Beans (Black, Kidney)

Meals in a can (stew, canned pasta, chili

Macaroni & Cheese

Baby Food: Numbers 1 & 2.

Diapers: Size 1 Baby Wipes Pediasure

Glucerna

Adult Unisex Pullups - Small, Medium & Large

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

Please place all donations in the St. Martin Food Pantry box in the Gathering Space or in the bin on the Rectory porch. Food Pantry volunteers on March 26 are also invited to load up cars to transport the bags of food to St. Martin's. Thanks for your support!

JOIN KOFC MONTGOMERY COUNCIL 2323 FOR THEIR LAST LENTEN FISH DINNER OF 2023 ON MARCH 31

Enjoy the Lenten season with your family, friends, and the parish community. The third and final fish dinner will be from 6-8 pm Friday, March 31, at Father Cuddy Hall, 17001 Overhill Road, Derwood MD. Tickets will be sold at the door -- \$12 for Adults and \$6 for children 6 and under.

Dinner includes fried fish, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, and dessert. Beer, wine, soda, and coffee are included. The children's menu includes fish sticks, sides, dessert soda. This dinner will support the <u>Fisher House Foundation - NSA Bethesda</u>, a charity which supports lodging for families of those receiving treatment at Walter Reed Medical Center. Prepayment for dinners or online donations via credit card is available under the News & Announcement Tab of the KofC Montgomery Council Website: https://uknight.org/CouncilSite/index.asp? CNO=2323

For further information please contact: Steven Willer saw.kofc.fs2323@gmail.com or (202) 809-6784 - Texts Accepted. Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kofc2323

"Sit Down Dinner or Carry out Available" Thank you for your Continued Support!

Anuncios para del boletín del 26 de marzo de 2023:

Horario Semana Santa y Semana Santa 2023:

¡Únase a nosotros durante la Semana Santa y el Triduo, mientras conmemoramos el sufrimiento, la muerte y la resurrección de nuestro Señor Jesucristo!

Domingo de Ramos, 2 de abril

• 3:30 pm : Vía Crucis al aire libre. Las estaciones al aire libre están ubicadas detrás de la rectoría.

Jueves Santo, 6 de abril

• 7:30 pm: Misa de la Última Cena del Señor en la iglesia. Habrá Lavatorio de los Pies. Se llevará a cabo la Transferencia de la Eucaristía, con el Santísimo Sacramento reposando en la Sala Kuehner fuera del Espacio de Reunión, el cual permanecerá abierto para la oración hasta la medianoche.

Viernes Santo, 7 de abril

- 11:30 am: Sermón de las Siete Palabras en la iglesia.
- 1:30 pm: Vía Crucis de la Familia en la iglesia.
- 3:00 pm: Vía Crucis en la iglesia.
- 4 pm: Vía Crucis en español en la iglesia.
- 7:30 pm: Servicio de la Pasión del Señor en la iglesia. La adoración de la cruz se hará con una reverencia ó con la imposición de las manos sobre ella. En este servicio se hará una colecta para la Tierra Santa.

Sábado Santo, 8 de abril

- 12 pm: Bendición de las canastas en la iglesia. Padre John bendecirá las canastas de alimentos, como lo ha hecho en años anteriores.
- 3:30-4:30 pm: Confesiones en inglés en la Capilla St. Clare de la Rectoría y en inglés y español en el confesionario de la iglesia.

Vigilia Pascual, 8 de abril

• 8:00pm: Vigilia Pascual en la iglesia. *Esta será una misa bilingüe*.

Domingo de Pascua, 9 de abril

Misas a celebrar:

- 8 am
- 9:30 am
- 11:15 am
- 1:00 pm (español)

No habrá Misa a las 5 pm el Domingo de Resurrección ni Misa virtual.

¡Les deseamos a todos una muy feliz y bendecida Pascua, mientras celebramos la Resurrección de nuestro Señor!

Se Buscan voluntarios para participar en el Lavatorio de los Pies del Jueves Santo

El Comité de Liturgia de la parroquia está buscando voluntarios para el Lavatorio de los Pies durante la Misa de la Última Cena del Señor el Jueves Santo, que se celebrara el 6 de abril. Si está interesado en participar en el Lavatorio de los Pies, comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial al (301) 840-1407 durante el horario regular de oficina.

El Aniversario de Plata del Padre John se celebrará el 21 de mayo

El domingo 21 de mayo, el P. John Dillon celebrará su 25 aniversario como sacerdote arquidiocesano en la Misa de las 11:15 am en la iglesia. La celebración del Aniversario de Plata de P. John continuará después en el Centro Parroquial con un almuerzo servido. Guarde la fecha para asistir a esta ocasión trascendental y esté atento a otros eventos que conmemoran el 25 aniversario de nuestro pastor. Comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial al (301) 840-1407 si tiene alguna pregunta.

Gracias a todos los que participaron con San Francisco el 11 de marzo

El 11 de marzo, Día de San Francisco por 40 Días por la Vida, los feligreses Eileen y Todd Grams, Isabel Seyed-Ali, Mary Ott y su esposo, y el Director de Formación de Fe para Adultos, Tony Bosnick, asistieron a la vigilia de oración por los no nacidos cerca del centro de aborto Earl Mcleod en Rockville. La Coordinadora del Ministerio Respeto por la Vida, Lita Silva, agradeció a todos los que participaron. "Fue muy inspirador verlos venir a orar", dijo. Con abortos que se realizan todos los sábados de 9 am a mediodía en las instalaciones, todos son siempre bienvenidos a venir y rezar el Rosario por los bebés y sus padres.

Último día para participar en la colecta de alimentos de Cuaresma de la Arquidiócesis

El domingo 26 de marzo es el último día para participar en la colecta de alimentos de Cuaresma de Caridades Católicas en beneficio de la Despensa de Alimentos de San Martín. Contribuya comestibles y alimentos no perecederos, incluídos los siguientes:

Pañales talla 1

Galletas (dulces y no dulces) y condimentos comunes

Fruta enlatada

Pasta

Salsa para pasta

Cereal seco sin azúcar

Guiso enlatado, pasta enlatada y chili

Vegetales enlatados

Sopa enlatada

Frijoles enlatados

Arroz y frijoles secos

Alimentos para bebés números 1 y 2

Toallitas húmedas para bebé

Glucerna

Pullups unisexo para adultos en tallas pequeña, mediana y grande

Coloque todas las donaciones en la caja de la Despensa de Alimentos de San Martín en el Espacio de Reunión ó en el contenedor en el balcón de la Rectoría. Los voluntarios de la Despensa de Alimentos también están invitados el 26 de marzo a cargar los vehículos para transportar las bolsas de alimentos a San Martín. ¡Gracias por su apoyo!