

## ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

### Mass Intentions

**April 10 - April 16, 2023**

<b>Monday, 4/10</b>	9:00 a.m.	Gilda Beyer
<b>Tuesday, 4/11</b>	9:00 a.m.	Raymond Meixner
<b>Wednesday, 4/12</b>	9:00 a.m.	Father John M. Rizzato
	7:30 p.m.	Thomas & Agnes Mc Cann
<b>Thursday, 4/13</b>	9:00 A.M.	Edmund Mullan
<b>Friday, 4/14</b>	9:00 p.m.	Don Smith
<b>Saturday, 4/15</b>	5:00 p.m.	Marcella Kelemen
<b>Sunday, 4/16</b>	8:00 a.m.	Walter & Mary Piczak
	9:30 a.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Vic & Frances Hoffman
	1:00 p.m.	Cheryl Palacios
	5:00 p.m.	Lita Silva (L)

#### **In Memoriam Aeternam +**

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Donna Alexander, mother of Paul Alexander, Reverend Frederick H. Mc Intyre, Archdiocese of Washington.

**Please pray for the sick...** Henry Lapp, Beatrice Weiss, Dr. Clement Lewsey, Roswell Hynson, Maryann Murphy, Jane Tseronis, Stella Lynne Tkaczyk, 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 Dudenhofer, 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 April 9, 2023**

<b>Sunday:</b>	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10
<b>Monday:</b>	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35
<b>Thursday:</b>	Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48
<b>Friday:</b>	Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14
<b>Saturday:</b>	Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

### **THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR**

***Christ is Risen, alleluia! He is risen indeed, alleluia!***

Happy Easter to all who are at Mass on this most glorious Easter day. I want to give a special word of welcome to our visitors who are joining us for Mass today. I hope that you feel very welcome, for indeed you are! I am going to pause this week from my current series of writing about the Doctors of the Church. I will continue the series next week. I want to focus on this very great day in our liturgical calendar. Often on Easter when I greet people after the Masses, people stop and ask me questions. Let me mention some questions that I have been asked over the years on Easter Sunday and then answer the questions.

**What do we mean when we say that Jesus rose again from the dead? I thought that he died and rose only once.**

This is very true: Christ died only once and rose only once. Both the Nicene and Apostles' Creed say that Jesus "rose again from the dead." The Greek word for resurrection is *anastasis*. Greek is, of course, the language in which the New Testament is written. *Anastasis* is a compound word. The prefix *ana* means "up" or "again." Stasis is related to our word "stand." When the New Testament was translated into Latin from Greek, the word *resurrectio* was used to translate *anastasis*. The Latin word *resurrectio* is also a compound word. The prefix *re* means again. The Latin word *surgere* is related to the English word "surge" and means to "rise" or "stand." The Latin word imitates the component parts of the Greek word.

When you see the word translated into English, often you see the translation "rose again" as a way to capture both parts of the Latin and Greek words. Fr. Paul Turner, a noted pastor and liturgist, remarks that all this means is that Jesus rose in a more complete way than he did when he got up in the morning. He rose into new life. We say that he "rose again" as a way of saying that he rose in a powerful way.

**What do people mean when they talk about making their Easter duty?**

Today most people present themselves for Communion when they attend Mass. But that was not always the case. For many centuries people received communion infrequently. As the Church stressed the belief in the real presence of Christ, people felt unworthy to receive Communion. To handle this situation, the bishops gathered at the Fourth Lateran Council (1215) required the faithful who had reached the age of discretion (typically the age of seven) to confess their sins at least once a year to their own parish priest and to receive the sacrament of the Eucharist reverently at least once a year at Easter. A version of this rule is still in the Code of Canon Law of the Roman Catholic Church. After their first communion, each of the faithful must receive Holy Communion at least once year during the Easter season (the fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost). But for a just cause, people may receive at another time of year. When Catholics reach the age of discretion, they are obliged to confess grave sin at least once a year to any priest, which many people have done during Lent to prepare for their Easter communion. This recommendation in canon law is a minimal requirement. I think that we should confess grave sin right away so that we can receive communion every Sunday!

*Until next week.....Fr. John*

**April 9, 2023**

### **QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

*How has my life been transformed since three years ago? What can I make new in my life, in my community in the world?*

### ***WELCOME to the Family of Christ!***

The following individuals and their families recently joined our St. Francis faith community during the month of March:

Juan Araujo & Hazel Latalladi  
Paul & Stephanie Albuquerque  
Daniel & Emily Andrade  
Tony & Ada Arias-Cruz  
Rosario & Fatima Castillo  
Gregory & Debora Delacruz  
Patrick & Cynthia Donnelly  
Laura Arboleda Jimenez  
Lucas & Angel Mozeyko  
Jeffrey & Lizette Rivera

The following children were baptized during the month of March:

James Dejesus Araujo  
Haylee M. Araujo  
Kaylee Maria Araujo  
Milos Andres Meliotis  
Scarlett Rose Resig

### **2023 LENTEN FOOD DRIVE**

Thank you to everyone who donated food or money to this year's Lenten Food Drive. St. Francis was the only parish who collected food to be donated to Saint Martin's Food Pantry. Also over \$1,000 was donated to help volunteers shop for needed food/supplies. If you are interested in helping at the Saint Martin's Food Pantry on Sunday afternoons, please contact Sylvia Jones, (240) 755-2247 or decaffqueen@gmail.com.

### **PLEASE MIND THE CRACKS (IN OUR PARKING LOT)**

The parish staff would like to ask that all parishioners and visitors to our campus exercise caution regarding multiple large cracks and subsequent uneven terrain in the church's asphalt parking lots. Crews recently marked many of the cracks with green paint so they can be more easily seen. Please exercise the utmost caution when exiting and entering your cars and when walking into the church and returning to your vehicle. The parish's administrative team is reviewing five bids to cost out the repair of the parking lots. It is estimated that the parking lots will be resurfaced sometime this summer. In the meantime, please keep your eyes open and mind the cracks.

### **PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED**

***April 10 - Easter Monday***

### **CLERGY, PARISH MINISTRIES PLAN DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION**

As we approach Divine Mercy Sunday on Sunday, April 16, the parish's Couples for Christ Ministry and the Young Adults Ministry are collaborating to commemorate this special feast day on which Jesus Christ promised a complete renewal of Baptismal graces if Catholics offer a sincere Confession and receive Holy Communion on the First Sunday after Easter.

The parish's Divine Mercy Sunday celebration began with a nine-day virtual novena that started on Good Friday and will continue through Saturday, April 15. It culminates on Divine Mercy Sunday on April 16 with the following proposed events:

- 3 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet sung in the church.
- 5 pm regularly scheduled Mass in the church.
- 6:30-7:30 pm: Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the church. During this time, at least two priests will be available for Confessions.
- 7:30 pm: Planned fellowship with food.

As the celebration comes near, the parish will update the schedule of events on the web site on the Lenten and Easter page and in electronic communications. For more information, please call the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407.

### **CRS RICE BOWLS ARE DUE BACK**

If your family took part in the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl program this past Lent, please return the rice bowl and your donations to either the designated box in the Gathering Space or to the Parish Office during regular business hours. You can also make your household's donations online to Catholic Relief Services at [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org). Thank you for participating in this Lenten program showing solidarity with our brothers and sisters in foreign lands!

### **THERE'S STILL TIME TO DONATE TO THE TREE BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT**

Are you interested in remembering a loved one through St. Francis of Assisi's Tree Beautification Project? There is still space on the memorial plaque to recognize loved ones, whose family members or friends have given to the fund. The parish will use donations for grounds improvement this spring in recognition of Earth Day on April 20 and Arbor Day on April 28. If you would like to take part, a donation of \$200 is requested for the remembrance opportunity. Please contact Parish Secretary Donna Zezo at (301) 840-1407 to secure a remembrance leaf.

### **FR JOHN'S SILVER ANNIVERSARY TO BE CELEBRATED MAY 21**

On Sunday, May 21, Fr. John Dillon will celebrate his 25<sup>th</sup> 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 joyful celebration and look out for other events commemorating our pastor's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Please contact the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407 with any questions.



## 2022-23 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

### 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 16, 17 & 18	RE Classes
April 23, 24 & 25	RE Classes
April 30, May 1 & 2	RE Classes
May 7, 8 & 9	Last RE 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.

### FIRST EUCHARIST PREP DAY SATURDAY, APRIL 15

Children preparing to receive First Eucharist will attend a day of preparation on Saturday, April 15 from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Please pray for these children who will receive this Sacrament on Saturday, April 29.

### 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 on Sunday, April 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.

### UPCOMING SACRAMENTS AT ST. FRANCIS

Please pray for the children and young people of our parish who are preparing to receive First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation this Spring. First Eucharist will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 29. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23.

### 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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>.

## TOP GOLF OUTING FOR TWEENS & TEENS ON APRIL 10

Calling all middle school- and high school-aged youth at our parish! The St. Francis Youth Ministry is planning a Top Golf trip from 11 am to 1 pm Monday, April 10 at Top Golf in Germantown. We are having a fun social event for our tweens and teens to enjoy. This is the last day of Spring Break for MCPS students and only costs \$10 for two hours of Top Golf. To RSVP, contact David Heller at [jasjdh@gmail.com](mailto:jasjdh@gmail.com) or [sfayouth@gmail.com](mailto:sfayouth@gmail.com).



**HAPPY EASTER!** Our CRS Rice Bowl journey has ended, but our prayers, fasting and almsgiving continue as we seek a closer relationship with God and our global family. Let us hold in our hearts our sisters and brothers in Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya and commit to share our Easter joy with people in our local community and around the world. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl in the Gathering Space (CRS RICEBOWL BOX) or the Parish Office by Sunday April 16th. or donate online at [crsricebowl.org/donate](http://crsricebowl.org/donate).

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

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

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

### REGISTER NOW FOR 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration is open for all interested families! We are a PreK3-8th grade Catholic school. Come and witness a faith-filled school with high academic standards and happy students! MAP scores above the National Average! Tours are available by appointment. Please contact Ellen Donnelly at [Ellen.Donnelly@StJudeRockville.org](mailto:Ellen.Donnelly@StJudeRockville.org).

**SUBSTITUTES ARE NEEDED!** If you are a retired teacher or someone who would like to teach children, but not everyday, then being a substitute is for you! Please contact the main office for more information (301) 926-7888.

**BOOST Scholarship is open!** We highly encourage everyone who is registered to apply! <https://marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/boost/index.aspx>

**REGISTER NOW FOR THE 8TH ANNUAL BULLDOG BOLT!** April 22, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.! One registration form per family is required.

**SJAA ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT** - mark your calendars to join us this year on June 12th at the Northwest Golf Course!



**MOTHER'S DAY PLANT SALE  
MAY 12-MAY 14**

**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, 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.***

***Thursday, April 20, 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.***

***Friday, April 21 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.***

***Saturday, April 22, 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.***

**DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS  
IN THE PARISH CENTER**

***Wednesday, April 19 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.***

***Thursday, April 20 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.***

***Friday, April 21 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.***

**WE ARE NOT 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!**

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL HEARS  
REPORTS FROM BUSY PARISH MINISTRIES**

The parish's six-month-old Spanish Ministry continues to grow in numbers, as our church expands its bilingual offerings to welcome our new parishioners, reported Fr. Grzegorz Okulewicz to the Parish Pastoral Council at its meeting March 23 on Zoom.

Fr. G reported that weekly attendance at the Mass in Spanish has ticked up from 115 people to 140 people at the Sunday liturgy. He also mentioned that, for the first time ever, the Easter Vigil Mass on April 8 would be bilingual, with every other reading in Spanish and two short homilies given in English and Spanish.

In other business, the council also heard ministry reports, including those from:

- Youth Ministry, whose middle school- aged and high school-aged members recently assembled 200 food packets to be distributed to area homeless shelters.
- New Neighbors Interfaith Alliance, whose members are currently serving more than 150 people in 25 local refugee families. This group includes 20 families from Afghanistan.
- Knights of Columbus Council 2323, whose members had thus far sponsored two successful Lenten fish dinners and recently welcomed seven new members.

To read past minutes of the Parish Pastoral Council, please see them at [www.sfadw.org/pastoral-council-meeting-minutes](http://www.sfadw.org/pastoral-council-meeting-minutes). If you are interested in serving on the council, please contact Fr. John Dillon at the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407.

**ST. MARTIN'S FOOD  
PANTRY SHORTAGES**

Canned Fruit

Pasta

Pasta Sauce

Dry Unsweetened Cereal

Canned Soup

Canned Beans (Black, Kidney)

Canned Vegetables

Canned Soup

Meals in a can (stew, canned pasta, chili)

Dry Rice/Beans

Baby Food: Numbers 1 & 2.

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 donations in the St. Martin's Food Pantry Bin in the Gathering Space or the Rectory front porch if the church is locked. ***Many thanks to everyone who can help us help those in need!***

**WOMEN'S CANCER SUPPORT GROUP  
MEETS NEXT ON APRIL 30**

Are you a female cancer survivor in need of spiritual support? Please come to the parish's Women's Cancer Support Group that meets at 12:30 pm the last Sunday of the month in the Assisi Room of the Rectory. Convened by parishioners Doreen Dyer and Pam Kelley, the group follows the format of prayer, discussion, and reflection in English, followed by refreshments. Currently, they are discussing the first chapter of the book, "Fighting cancer with the help of your Catholic faith." Please join them for spiritual support, friendship, and fellowship!

**IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

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, April 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

***A REMINDER FROM FR. JOHN ...*** If anyone is living in a marriage that has not been recognized by the Catholic Church, it would be wise to consult with a priest to see whether that situation might be rectified. It could be as simple as repeating your marriage vows quietly in front of a priest and receiving the Church's blessing. In that way, one would become eligible to receive the Sacraments of the Church, especially the Eucharist.

## **Anuncios para el boletín del 9 de abril de 2023:**

### ***El clero y los ministerios parroquiales planean la celebración del Domingo de la Divina Misericordia***

A medida que nos acercamos al Domingo de la Divina Misericordia el domingo 16 de abril, el Ministerio de Parejas por Cristo de la parroquia y el Ministerio de Adultos Jóvenes están colaborando para conmemorar esta fiesta especial en la que Jesucristo prometió una renovación completa de las gracias bautismales si los católicos ofrecen una confesión sincera y reciben la Santa Comunión el primer domingo después de Pascua.

La celebración del Domingo de la Divina Misericordia de la parroquia empezó con una novena virtual de nueve días que comenzó el Viernes Santo y continuará hasta el sábado 15 de abril. Culmina el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia el 16 de abril con los siguientes eventos propuestos:

- 3:00 pm: Coronilla a la Divina Misericordia cantada en la iglesia.
- 5:00 pm Misa regular en la iglesia.
- 6:30-7:30 pm: Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento en la iglesia. Durante este tiempo, al menos dos sacerdotes estarán disponibles para confesiones.
- 7:30 pm: Compañerismo planificado con comida.

A medida que se acerque la celebración, la parroquia actualizará el calendario de eventos en el sitio web en la página de Cuaresma y Pascua y en las comunicaciones electrónicas. Para obtener más información, llame a la Oficina Parroquial al (301) 840-1407.

### ***Tenga cuidado con las grietas (en nuestro estacionamiento)***

El personal de la parroquia quisiera pedir que todos los feligreses y visitantes de nuestro campus tengan cuidado con las múltiples grietas grandes y el subsiguiente terreno irregular en los estacionamientos de asfalto de la iglesia. Los equipos marcaron recientemente muchas de las grietas con pintura verde para que se puedan ver más fácilmente. Tenga la máxima precaución al salir y entrar de sus automóviles y al entrar a la iglesia y regresar a su vehículo.

El equipo administrativo de la parroquia está revisando cinco ofertas para costear la reparación de los estacionamientos. Se estima que los estacionamientos serán repavimentados en algún momento este verano. Mientras tanto, mantén los ojos abiertos y cuidado con las grietas.

### ***Los Platos de Arroz de Catholic Relief Services deben ser devueltos***

Si su familia participó en el programa Plato de Arroz de Catholic Relief Services esta Cuaresma pasada, por favor devuelva el plato de arroz y sus donaciones a la caja designada en el Espacio de Reunión ó a la Oficina Parroquial durante el horario regular de trabajo. También puede hacer las donaciones de su hogar en línea a Catholic Relief Services en [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org). ¡Gracias por participar en este programa de Cuaresma mostrando solidaridad con nuestros hermanos y hermanas en tierras extranjeras!

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

***Todavía hay tiempo para donar al Proyecto de embellecimiento de árboles*** ¿Está interesado en recordar a un ser querido a través del Proyecto de Embellecimiento de Árboles de San Francisco de Asís? Todavía hay espacio en la placa conmemorativa para reconocer a los seres queridos, cuyos familiares ó amigos han donado al fondo. La parroquia utilizará las donaciones para mejoramiento de los terrenos esta primavera en reconocimiento del Día de la Tierra el 20 de abril y el Día del árbol el 28 de abril. Si desea participar, se solicita una donación de \$200 por la oportunidad de dejar un recuerdo. Comuníquese con la Secretaria Parroquial Donna Zezzo al (301) 840-1407 para asegurar un espacio de recuerdo.

### ***Consejo Pastoral Parroquial Escucha Informes de Ministerios Parroquiales Atareados***

P. Grzegorz Okulewicz informó al Consejo Pastoral Parroquial en su reunión del 23 de marzo via Zoom que el ministerio en español de la parroquia de seis meses continúa creciendo en número, a medida que nuestra iglesia amplía sus ofrecimientos bilingües para dar la bienvenida a nuestros nuevos feligreses.

Padre G informó que la asistencia semanal a la misa en español aumentó de 115 personas a 140 personas en la liturgia dominical. También mencionó que, por primera vez, la Misa de la Vigilia Pascual del 8 de abril sería bilingüe, con lecturas alternas en español y dos breves homilias en inglés y español. En otros asuntos, el consejo también escuchó informes ministeriales, incluidos aquéllos de:

- Ministerio Juvenil, cuyos miembros en edad de escuela intermedia y secundaria reunieron recientemente 200 paquetes de alimentos para distribuirlos en los refugios para personas sin hogar del área.
- Alianza Interreligiosa Nuevos Vecinos, cuyos miembros están sirviendo actualmente a más de 150 personas en 25 familias de refugiados locales. Este grupo incluye 20 familias de Afganistán.
- El Consejo de Caballeros de Colón 2323, cuyos miembros hasta ahora han patrocinado dos exitosas cenas de pescado de Cuaresma y recientemente dieron la bienvenida a siete nuevos miembros.

Para leer las actas anteriores del Consejo Pastoral Parroquial, véalas en [www.sfadw.org/pastoral-council-meeting-minutes](http://www.sfadw.org/pastoral-council-meeting-minutes). Si está interesado en servir en el consejo, comuníquese con el Padre John Dillon en la parroquia al (301) 840-1407.

***UN RECORDATORIO DEL P. JOHN ...*** Si alguien está viviendo en un matrimonio que no ha sido reconocido por la Iglesia Católica, sería prudente consultar con un sacerdote para ver si esa situación podría ser rectificada. Puede ser tan simple como renovar sus votos matrimoniales en silencio frente a un sacerdote y recibir la bendición de la Iglesia. De esa manera, uno puede ser elegible para recibir los sacramentos de la Iglesia, especialmente la Eucaristía.