

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

May 15 - May 21, 2023

Monday, 5/15	9:00 a.m.	Don Smith
Tuesday, 5/16	9:00 a.m.	Yee Ping Lau
Wednesday, 5/17	9:00 a.m.	Fr. John M. Rizzato
	7:30 p.m.	Edward Schneider
Thursday, 5/18	9:00 a.m.	Kathleen Caponiti
Friday, 5/19	9:00 a.m.	Special Intention
Saturday, 5/20	5:00 p.m.	Patsy & Stella Battista
Sunday, 5/21	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
	9:30 a.m.	Reba Waple
	11:15 a.m.	25th Anniversary Mass
		Fr. John Dillon (L)
	1:00 p.m.	Martin, Otilia, Guillermo Lopez
	5:00 p.m.	Cristian Pe Benito

In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Dan Gercht.

Please pray for the sick... Alicia Church, Paul Matouski, Jan LaPina, Richard Taylor, Jack Egan, Anna Calabria, Cece Joseph, Nicole Behrus-Weiss, Dr. Clement Lewsey, Maryann Murphy, 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 May 14, 2023

Sunday:	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21
Monday:	Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/ Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/ Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20
Friday:	Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/ Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday: Ascension:	Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/ Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20:

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

St. Lawrence of Brindisi is perhaps the only Doctor of the Church to have led an army to battle. The army of Holy Roman Emperor Rudolph II under the command of archduke Matthias confronted a much larger Turkish force in the city of Szekesfehervar located in central Hungary on October 9, 1601. The Capuchin friar Lawrence of Brindisi was serving as a chaplain for archduke Matthias and his army. Friar Lawrence had been sent by Pope Clement VIII to spread the Capuchin reform of the Franciscan order and to encourage the faithful in Austria and Bohemia to hold true to their Catholic faith. Before the battle began, Friar Lawrence addressed the troops. He encouraged them to fight boldly and promised them victory as he shouted: "Forward! Victory is ours." Then riding his horse and waving his crucifix he led them against the Turks. Even though he was exposed to every danger he was unharmed by it all. The Christian army triumphed, and Friar Lawrence was hailed as a hero. His crucifix was later treated as a relic.

The future Friar Lawrence was born in 1559 at Brindisi as Julius Caesar de Rossi. When his father died when he was seven, his mother entrusted him to the care of the Conventual Franciscan friars who were stationed in Brindisi. A few years later he and his mother moved to Venice. It was there that he became acquainted with the Capuchins. When he was sixteen, he entered the Capuchins and received the name Lawrence. A very able student, Friar Lawrence did well in his theological studies. He also showed a facility for learning Latin, Greek, Hebrew, and Syriac. He also learned French and German. Thanks to his mastery of so many languages, he was able to carry out a busy apostolate among the different categories of people. As an effective preacher, his knowledge not only of the Bible but also rabbinic literature was so profound that the rabbis were convinced that he was a Jewish convert to Christianity.

After his ordination to the priesthood in 1582, he spent seven years as a lecturer in theology and novice master before becoming the Minister Provincial of the Tuscan province and then a member of the General Council of the Capuchin Order. It was during this period that Lawrence was called upon to travel beyond the Alps to set up new houses, combat heresy, and eventually to serve as a military chaplain. In 1602 he was elected Minister General of the Capuchins. After Lawrence declined a second term as Minister General, Pope Pius V sent him to the court of the Holy Roman Emperor in Vienna with the mandate to work for the conversion of heretics. The Holy Roman Emperor was a member of the Hapsburg family and dynasty.

Both Jesuits and Capuchins became involved in the political maneuverings of this age of conflict between Protestants and Catholics—conflicts that also involved political and dynastic ambitions. In France, the Capuchin Friar Joseph of Paris became the right-hand man of Cardinal Richelieu in his anti-Hapsburg policies between 1624 and 1638. Between 1609 and 1618 Friar Lawrence exercised a rather similar, if somewhat less partisan, role as a diplomat for the papacy, the Hapsburgs, and especially for his close friend Duke Maximilian of Bavaria.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How can I respond with grace and respect to someone who maligns me or strongly disagrees with me? Can I imagine my response defusing the disagreement?

RSVP FOR FR. JOHN'S JUBILEE RECEPTION AND SEND HIM WELL WISHES

It's almost here! On Sunday, May 21, Fr. John Dillon will celebrate his Jubilee (25th anniversary as an archdiocesan priest) at the 11:15 am Mass in the church. After the Mass, please come down to the Parish Center anytime between 12:30-3 pm for the reception, where lunch will be served. RSVPs are requested by 10 pm Sunday, May 14, so we can give an accurate headcount to the caterer. Please RSVP to <https://sfaderwood.flocknote.com/signup/122000>.

Parish staff also invite a representative from each household to pick up a 'Share a Memory' card from the table in the Gathering Space, fill it out with well wishes for Fr. John, and return it by Saturday, May 20 either to the box on the table or in the collection basket. Thanks for submitting well wishes to our pastor on his Silver Anniversary! For more information, contact the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407.

Blessings to all Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers & Aunts on Mother's Day



PRAYER & LIFE WORKSHOP HELPS PEOPLE TO PRAY

Forge a connection with yourself and get closer to God by learning to deepen prayer and biblical meditation during a 16-session Prayer and Life Workshop designed by Father Ignacio Larrañaga that will change your life.

Start: Saturday, August 5, 2023, in the Rectory's Assisi Room, 9-11 am (Weekly session)

Registration deadline: August 19

Materials: Participation Fee \$14

For additional information, text (240) 243-3701 or e-mail tov.dmv@gmail.com.

GAITHERSBURG MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

Gaithersburg Meals on wheels has a continuing need for drivers to deliver hot and cold meals at lunchtime to the elderly and shut-ins in the Gaithersburg area. Meals are prepared at Asbury Methodist Village, 333 Russell Avenue and picked up by drivers between 10:30 and 11:15 a.m., Monday-Friday. Containers are provided for carrying the meals, and delivery takes about one hour, with eight to 12 clients on each route. Volunteers are asked to drive either once a week, or once every other week. Children are welcome to accompany parents. Training is provided. Please call 301-216-4200, or Ralph Chite at 240-715-8658.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FUNDRAISING EVENT

On Saturday, May 20 from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 p.m. the Knights will host a charity fund raising auction. All proceeds will go to benefit the Stephen Stiller Tunnel to Towers Foundation. Find it in your heart to donate usable items that are in good condition that can be put up for auction. Items such as good-clean working small kitchen appliances, sporting good items (golf clubs, football, baseball, lacrosse), up to date PCs, laptops or tablets, LP or original (CD) collections, gently used books, board games, nostalgic items—cameras, Xbox, Gameboys, electric train sets, collectables, paintings, militaria, small power hand tools exercise equipment (no weight sets/treadmills-large-heavy items), pet related items, men's-women's-child bikes, camping equipment. The list is in no way all-inclusive. Donates items may be left in the church Gathering Space between May 14-19. Admission is \$8 for adults and children over 10 years old. Location: Cuddy Hall, 17001 Overhill Road, Derwood.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

One of Friar Lawrence's most successful diplomatic successes was in gaining the support of Philip III of Spain for the Catholic League that Maximilian had organized to oppose the Evangelical League of Protestant princes (1509-1510).

Worn out by his many activities and travels, Friar Lawrence retired to Naples in 1618 only to be called out of retirement for one final diplomatic mission. The nobility of Naples, chafing under the oppression of the Spanish viceroy, Dom Pedro Osuna, asked Friar Lawrence to appeal to the King of Spain to have the viceroy removed. In secrecy Friar Lawrence traveled first to Madrid and then to Lisbon to meet the king. Difficult negotiations followed. Osuna was eventually recalled but not before Friar Lawrence, exhausted from all his travels and diplomatic activities, had died on July 22, 1619. Friar Lawrence was canonized in 1881 by Pope Leo XIII and proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Saint John XXIII in 1959.

At the end of his audience on October 3, 2007 that was devoted to St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Pope Benedict sums up his life and activity in this way:

Saint Lawrence of Brindisi teaches us love Sacred Scripture, to increase in familiarity with it, to cultivate daily relations of friendship with the Lord in prayer, so that our every action, our every activity, may have its beginning and its fulfillment in him. This is the source from which to draw so that our Christian witness may be luminous and able to lead the people of our time to God.

Until next week,
Fr. John



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

REMINDERS FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Our Confirmation program continues as follows:

- Confirmation Candidate Session: Mon., May 15, 6:45-8:30 pm
- Rehearsal with Sponsor: Mon., May 22, 6:45-8:30 pm
- Confirmation: Tues., May 23, 7:00 pm



REGISTER NOW FOR VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2023

Register now for **Vacation Bible Camp 2023 — STELLAR! Shine Jesus' Light** — the summer event that helps kids discover what it means to shine Jesus' light in everyday life. At our Totally Catholic Stellar VBC, kids explore how Jesus shined hope, love, forgiveness, and joy to the world — and how we can do the same with his power! You can expect a week full of faith discoveries, memorable music, and epic adventures that help kids grow in friendship with Jesus! Awesome Bible-learning experiences, daily art projects, Sciency-Fun Gizmos, team-building games, unforgettable Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life.

Our program runs June 26-30 from 9:00 am to 12:15 pm in the Parish Center, and includes a family program on Thursday evening, June 29. Information and links to registration forms for VBC 2023 can be found on our parish website: <http://sfadw.org/vbc>.

Spaces fill quickly! Be sure to register as soon as possible to secure your child's place at VBC. Registrations will be processed in the order received. Cost is \$75 per camper. To allow time to order t-shirts and supplies, registration will close on May 28, 2023.

ADULTS & TEENS (GRADES 6-12 AS OF JUNE 2023) CAN SHARE THE FUN AS WELL AS VBC VOLUNTEERS!

All teen volunteer positions have been filled and Teen Volunteer Applications are no longer being accepted.

Those who have applied can expect to receive acceptance letters and placement information by Wednesday, May 17.

Adults interested in volunteering for VBC, please contact Susan Anderson, Director of Religious Education: (301) 258-9193 or sanderson@sfadw.org

We are...St. Jude

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.

SUBSTITUTES ARE NEEDED! If you are a retired teacher or someone who would like to teach children, but not every day, 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>

Join us for our 25th Annual St. Jude Athletic Association Golf Tournament on Monday, June 12th at Northwest Golf Course! Registration includes a giveaway hoodie, lunch, 18 holes of golf, and a golf cart! Visit this link for more information and to register! <https://reg.sportspilot.com/106507/login> If you're unable to join us, you can also donate to help us continue to provide outstanding athletics to the youth of the Shrine of St. Jude parish. Whatever amount you can give will help!

<https://reg.sportspilot.com/106507/leagues?search=St%20Jude%20Athletics%20Donations>

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT, FRIDAY, MAY 19 6-8PM!
Sponsored by HAS!

THANK YOU TO OUR CATECHISTS AND FAMILIES!

Thank you to our catechists and volunteers who have helped to make this a successful year for our Religious Education Program. Our parish is blessed to have so many wonderful catechists who volunteer their time each week to teach and share the faith. We pray that God will continue to bless each of them with his gifts of joy and peace!

We also thank all of our Religious Education families for all that you have done to support our children's continuing growth in faith! Students may keep their textbooks and families may wish to take time over the summer to complete any lessons that have been missed during the school year. Please also continue to pray together as a family, read the Bible regularly with your children, and join with the parish community for Mass on Sunday!

REGISTER NOW FOR 2023-24 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Registration for 2023-24 Religious Education classes opens this weekend as well. Registration forms and additional information can be found on the parish website at: <https://sfadw.org/children-grades-pre-k-8>. We look forward to the continuing participation of all of our families in our parish religious education program! As we look ahead to next year's Religious Education program, please consider whether you can serve as a catechist for our children and young people. If you would like to learn more about this important ministry, please contact Susan Anderson, Director of Religious Education, at 301-258-9193.

ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY SHORTAGES

Canned Fruit
Canned Soup
Canned Vegetables
Pasta
Pasta Sauce

Dry Unsweetened Cereal
Canned Beans (Black, Kidney)
Meals in a can (stew, canned pasta, chili)

Baby Formula: Similac Blue & Similac Orange, and/or domestic or foreign equivalents/substitutes.

Diapers: Sizes 4, 5 & 6

Baby Wipes
Pediasure

Adult Unisex Pullups—Small, Medium & Large
Glucerna

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!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Happy Mother's Day! Husbands, give the mother of your children a weekend away with you. Grow more in love than ever on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Jul 14-16, 2023 in ROCKVILLE, MD and Sep 22-24, 2023 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://moments4marriage.org> or contact us at applications@moments4marriage.org or 301-541-7007.

RESOURCES FOR THOSE IMPACTED BY MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. If you or a family member are experiencing a mental illness, the archdiocesan Office of the Deaf and Disabilities recommends the following resources:

- Catholic Resources ADW Office of Deaf and Disabilities Ministry: <https://adw.org/living-the-faith/special-needs/>
- National Catholic Partnership on Disability: <https://ncpd.org/disability-ministry/mental-illness>
- Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers <https://catholicmhm.org>
- Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries: <https://sanctuarymentalhealth.org>
- St. Jerome's Counseling Center <https://stjermomes.org/counseling-program> Community Resources
- NAMI Maryland (find local chapters): <http://namimd.org>
- NAMI DC: <https://www.namidc.org>
- 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Call or text 9-8-8 available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Catholic Charities Behavioral Health Services: <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/behavioralhealth/>

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORIE WITH FR. GRZEGORZ OKULEWICZ

From October 12-20, join us on a spiritual journey to Medjugorje located in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Since 1981, it is said that Our Lady has been appearing to six children, now adults and giving messages to the world. Experience simplicity, beauty, and peace!

The program will include:

- Daily Holy Mass
- Adoration
- Climb Apparition Hill and Cross Mountain
- Talks by priests and visionaries (upon availability)
- Visits to Cenacolo, Mother's Village, and the Divine Mercy Chapel in Surmanci
- Optional day trip to Dubrovnik

The cost will be approximately \$1,850, which covers the price of roundtrip air fare from Washington airports, all transfers, breakfast and dinner, and an English speaking guide. This estimate is based on an air fare price of \$1,000 and is subject to change or increase. The cost of a shared room is \$850 or \$1,000 for a single.

For information, please contact Magdalena Pettey, at (301) 765-0554 or email: mkpettey@me.com

E-GIVERS PLEASE NOTE

If you are using Faith Direct or other means of e-giving and are no longer in need of your contribution envelopes, please notify the parish office to discontinue your envelopes. You will keep your same parishioner number, you will just stop receiving the envelopes and will save the parish the expense of printing and mailing the envelopes to your home. Questions? Please call the parish office, 301-840-1407. **Thank you!**

GABRIEL PROJECT

The Gabriel Project Cluster of Montgomery County serves mothers and their families in crisis pregnancies. Mother's Day is only a few weeks away. This is a great time to support our client moms and their families who have said yes to life. Diapers, as well as new or gently used clothing, are greatly appreciated, or go to our Website, www.gpmoco.org. Click on our Amazon wishlist and choose from any number of items. **We have a list of over 12 clients that need cribs, but we need more men volunteers for our crib installers team.** We continue to need women volunteers to serve as Angel Friends. We don't want to turn away any pregnant mother who is needing help. Please pray about joining our team of over 90 Angel Friends who stay in touch with client mothers during their pregnancies. We especially need bi-lingual women to serve as Angel Friends. Questions? Contact Betty Baklarz lbaklarz@yahoo.com.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS/E-MAIL/ PHONE NUMBER

Please notify the Parish office of any changes in your address, e-mail or phone number. This helps us keep our Parish Database current. You can call the office (301) 840-1407 or email dzezzo@sfdaw.org. Thank you.

Anuncios del boletín del 14 de mayo de 2023

RSVP para la recepción de aniversario del P. John y enviarle buenos deseos

¡Ya casi está aquí! El domingo 21 de mayo, el P. John Dillon celebrará su Jubileo (25º. aniversario como sacerdote arquidiocesano) en la Misa de las 11:15 am en la iglesia. Después de la Misa, por favor venga al Centro Parroquial en cualquier momento entre las 12:30-3.00 pm para la recepción, donde se servirá el almuerzo. Las confirmaciones de asistencia se solicitan antes de las 10 pm del domingo 14 de mayo, para que podamos dar un recuento preciso al servicio de catering. Por favor, confirme su asistencia a <https://sfaderwood.flocknote.com/signup/122000>.

El personal de la parroquia también invita a un representante de cada hogar a recoger una tarjeta de "Compartir un recuerdo" de la mesa en el Espacio de Reunión, llenarla con buenos deseos para el P. John y devolverla antes del sábado 20 de mayo, ya sea a la caja en la mesa o en la canasta de recolección. ¡Gracias por enviar buenos deseos a nuestro pastor en su Aniversario de Plata! Para obtener más información, comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial al (301) 840-1407.

El Taller de Oración y Vida Ayuda a las Personas a Orar

Conecta contigo mismo y acércate a Dios aprendiendo a profundizar la oración y la meditación bíblica durante un Taller de Oración y Vida de 16 sesiones diseñado por el Padre Ignacio Larrañaga que cambiará tu vida.

Inicio: sábado, 5 de agosto de 2023, en la Sala de Asís de la Rectoría, 9-11 am (Sesión semanal). Fecha límite de inscripción: 19 de agosto. Materiales \$14, participación gratuita. Para información adicional, envíe un mensaje de texto (240) 243-3701 o envíe un correo electrónico a tov.dmv@gmail.com.

Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial

Es un fin de semana designado para darle a las parejas casadas la oportunidad de examinar sus vidas y ayudarles a comunicarse mejor. Decídanse a vivirlo, con fe en que la Gracia de Dios hará posible que sólo en un Fin de Semana ustedes renueven su amor, fortalezcan su relación de esposos y hagan a sus hijos más felices.

Regístrese hoy para asistir al próximo fin de semana del Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial del 10 al 12 de noviembre de 2023 en el Beach Cove Resort en NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC. <https://luchaportumatrimonio.org/applyWeekend.php?hl=es>

Para obtener más información, visite nuestro sitio web: <https://wwme.org/?lang=es> o póngase en contacto con nosotros en aplicaciones@luchaportumatrimonio.org o (301) 710-5554.

Bendiciones a todas las Madres, Abuelas, Madrinas y Tías en el Día de la Madre



Recursos para las personas afectadas por problemas de salud mental

Mayo es el Mes de Concientización sobre la Salud Mental. Si usted o un miembro de su familia está experimentando una enfermedad mental, la Oficina Arquidiocesana de Sordos y Discapacidades recomienda los siguientes recursos:

- Recursos Católicos ADW Oficina del Ministerio de Sordos y Discapacidades: <https://adw.org/living-the-faith/special-needs/>
- Asociación Nacional Católica sobre Discapacidad: <https://ncpd.org/disability-ministry/mental-illness>
- Asociación de Ministros Católicos de Salud Mental <https://catholicmhm.org>
- Ministerios de Salud Mental Santuario: <https://sanctuarymentalhealth.org>
- Centro de Consejería de San Jerónimo <https://stjeromes.org/counseling-program> Recursos Comunitarios
- NAMI Maryland (encuentre capítulos locales): <http://namimd.org>
- NAMI DC: <https://www.namidc.org>
- Línea de vida de suicidio y crisis 9-8-8 Llame o envíe un mensaje de texto al 9-8-8 disponible las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana
- Servicios de Salud del Comportamiento de Caridades Católicas: <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/behavioralhealth/>