

Mass Intentions

June 19 - June 25, 2023

Monday, 6/19	9:00 a.m.	Special Intention
Tuesday, 6/20	9:00 a.m.	John & Eileen Mullan
Wednesday, 6/21	9:00 a.m.	Poor Souls in Purgatory
	7:30 p.m.	Reverend Robert Guillen
Thursday, 6/22	9:00 a.m.	Anna Marie & Paul Kuzma
Friday, 6/23	9:00 a.m.	The Donohoe Family
Saturday, 6/24	5:00 p.m.	Patsy & Stella Battista
Sunday, 6/25	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
	9:30 a.m.	Denise Saladyga
	11:15 a.m.	Karen Becker
	1:00 p.m.	In Thanksgiving
	5:00 p.m.	Roger Fitzsimmons

In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Avelino F. Gonzalez, father of Reverend Avelino A. Gonzalez, Pastor Saint Mathias Church.

Please pray for the sick...Rita Barcus, Pat Mooney, Mary Webb, Ursula Man, Anna Calabria, Maria De Los Angeles Concepcion, Caramia Caballero-Calabia, Eugene Parks, Bill Orband, Nicole Behrus-Weiss, Maryann Murphy, 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 June 18, 2023

Sunday:	Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rom 5:6-11/ Mt 9:36—10:8
Monday:	2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/ Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday:	2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/ Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday:	2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15
Friday:	2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Mt 6:19-23
Saturday:	Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/ Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
Next Sunday:	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)/ Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

Today we begin a series of columns on American Saints and Blesseds. To be more specific, I mean those individuals who have been canonized or beatified and who lived and work in the United States of America. Some were born here. Others came to this country as children or adults. The saint we are looking at today is St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821).

Elizabeth was born two years before the American Revolution and grew up in a prosperous and staunchly Episcopalian family in New York City. At the age of twenty she married a successful young merchant named William Seton, with whom she had five children. Her fortunes changed when the Seton business failed, and William was stricken with tuberculosis ten years after they were married. William, Elizabeth, and one of their daughters traveled to Italy in the hope that being in a warmer climate will help restore him to health. Unfortunately, William did not survive the journey. Elizabeth was left a poor widow with five children to raise alone.

Elizabeth accepted hospitality from Italian friends and stayed with them for several months. Inspired by the faith of her hosts, Elizabeth decided to become a Catholic. Three points led her to become a Catholic. Belief in the Real Presence, devotion to the Blessed Mother, and the conviction that the Catholic Church led back to the apostles and to Christ. Upon her return to New York Elizabeth had to deal with the severe anti-Catholic prejudices among her family and their social circle. She was left isolated and penniless.

A priest in Baltimore invited Elizabeth to come and establish a school in his parish. She accepted this invitation and gradually attracted other women to join her. In 1809 they took religious vows as Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph. Mother Seton was their first superior. Mother Seton wore the standard garb of a widow, a black dress with a cape and a black cap. The others who joined Elizabeth Seton wore the same thing. The Sisters of Charity followed an adapted Rule of St. Vincent de Paul. Elizabeth was still able to raise her children, as well as live the life of a sister.

Before long schools and orphanages under her direction opened in several cities. By the time of her death on January 4, 1821, there were twenty such houses across the country. Elizabeth has been described as being a charming and cultured lady. The most significant challenges she faced in the last twelve years of her life were internal, stemming from misunderstandings, the heartache of a wayward son, interpersonal conflicts, the deaths of two daughters, other loved ones, and young sisters in the community. Her daughter Catherine survived her mother and in time became a Sister of Mercy in New York. Mother Catherine Seton died in 1891 at the age of ninety having been a member of the Sisters of Mercy for forty-four years. Mother Catherine Seton's Requiem Mass was said by her nephew Monsignor Robert Seton (a grandson of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton).

Mother Seton was beatified by Pope St. John XXIII on March 17, 1963, and canonized by Pope St. Paul VI on September 14, 1975.

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June 18, 2023

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

*How am I called to be a laborer for the harvest?
What concrete thing can I do this week to carry
out the mission of Jesus?*

PARISHIONERS GOT TO KNOW THEIR PASTOR BETTER AT "A COMMUNAL CONVERSATION WITH FR. JOHN"

On June 10, more than 50 parishioners enjoyed listening to Fr. John Dillon reflect on his 25 years of priestly ministry in the Archdiocese of Washington during "A Communal Conversation with Fr. John" in the church. Sponsored by the parish Communications Ministry, the event offered a capstone in celebrating our pastor, who marked his Jubilee on May 23. Following the dialogue, attendees retired to the Gathering Space to enjoy light refreshments and watch a 22-minute video tribute compiled by the Communications Ministry, featuring our pastor's family members and friends wishing Fr. John well. The dialogue was recorded and will be posted to our parish YouTube channel this month. If you are interested in joining the Communications Ministry, please contact Communications Coordinator Melissa Egan at megan@sfadw.org

SUMMER IN THE CITY FOOD DRIVE TO TAKE PLACE JULY 29/30

On July 29/30, St. Francis of Assisi parishioners are invited to donate to the Mulholland Family Foundation's Summer in the City Food Drive that benefits families in need in the Washington DC area. Representatives from the foundation will drop off bags prior to the collection weekend, so donors know what is needed. Please donate generously! For more information, please contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.

COME SEE THE PRIESTS IN CONCERT ON JUNE 18!

Looking for something to do on Father's Day? If so, then check out the Priests in Concert from 7-10 pm Sunday, June 18, at the Shrine of St. Jude -- Thaddeus Hall in Rockville. This concert fundraiser involving archdiocesan priests spiritually formed at the Redemptoris Mater - Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary of Washington will raise money to help area youth attend World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal, this August. Rumor has it that our own Fr. G will be singing backup vocals! Visit www.priestsinconcert.com to buy tickets. For more information, contact the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

I want to close this column on Mother Seton, our first native-born canonized saint, by offering some of her advice to her Sisters on how to grow in holiness: *"The first end I propose in our daily work is to do the will of God; secondly, to do it in the manner he wills it; and thirdly, to do it because it is his will."*

Until next week,
Fr. John



**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
TO ALL FATHERS & GRANDFATHERS**
*Thank you for all that you do for your family. May
God bless and keep you. Enjoy your day!*

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which is a way to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis with the funds to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brother and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, please visit www.obolodisanpietro.val/en.html.

PARKING LOT PROJECT DATES JULY 5 & 6 (Rain date July 7)

We ask for everyone's patience during this time.

*Thank you again for all your support of this
important Saint Francis Project.!*

WOMEN OF THE PARISH, COME WATCH "THE CHOSEN"

On Thursday, June 22, all women are invited to watch season 1, episode 2 of *The Chosen*. We will meet in the Kuehner Room at 10:15 am, watching a new episode throughout June and July on subsequent Thursday mornings. Even if you have watched this show previously, come as you are to see it again, discuss with others, and gain new perspectives. No preparation is needed! Light refreshments will be provided. Contact Lita Silva at litasilva4@gmail.com or Eileen Grams at ehaleygrams@gmail.com with questions.



**PARISH OFFICES WILL BE
CLOSED MONDAY, JUNE 19TH
IN OBSERVANCE OF THE
JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY.**

REGISTER NOW FOR 2023-24 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 8

Our parish offers families a choice of two options for religious education:

Option 1: "Classroom model" offering in-person classes taught by volunteer catechists and classroom aides:

- **Elementary (Kindergarten-Grade 5)** classes offered at two session times: Sunday 9:20-10:35 am and Monday 4:45-6:00 pm. Classes begin September 17 and 18. Calendar and additional information will be posted here by August 1.
- **Middle School (Grade 6, 7 & 8)** classes with students attending weekly. Two session times will be offered: Monday 6:45-8:00 pm and Tuesday 6:45-8:00 pm. Classes begin September 18 and 19. Calendar and additional information will be posted here by August 1.
- **Classes for children and youth with special needs** meeting on Sunday afternoons 3:30-4:30 pm (in-person or online). Calendar and additional information will be posted here by August 1.

Option 2: "Homeschool model" offering parents the opportunity to teach their children at home with textbook resources and support provided by the parish, including online parent meetings and additional events (in-person and online) for students and families. Calendar and additional information will be posted here by August 1.

Registration fee: \$125.00 per child

(Return form by August 15 to receive \$25 discount off total registration.)

Family discounts are available for 3 or more children. Please call for more information.

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

Registration forms and additional information can be found on the parish website at: <https://sfadw.org/children-grades-pre-k-8>.

Completed forms can be mailed to the parish, dropped off in person at the Rectory Office (Monday-Friday, 8 am-4 pm), or returned as digital copies via email to sfareligioused@sfadw.org.

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.

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. **Please note: students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will attend their grade-level Religious Education classes as well as monthly Confirmation sessions.**

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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 everyday, then being a substitute is for you! Please contact the main office for more information (301) 926-7888.

BOOST Scholarship is open until June 30, 2023! We highly encourage everyone who is registered to apply!
<https://marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/boost/index.aspx>

Contribute to our **PRINCIPAL SCHOLARSHIP** & help us raise \$20,000 by June 21! An anonymous donor will match our goal if we earn that much by June 21. Spread the news!

Don't wait until the last minute to work on Summer Reading and Math—let us help you out!

All Grades & All Subjects

Mr. Mike Norris Mike.Norris@stjuderockville.org

Ms. Becky Sella Rebecca.Sella@stjuderockville.org

Math K-8, Reading K-5, Spanish 5-8

Mrs. Pat O'Connell Connell@stjuderockville.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (continued) Registering for Sacramental Preparation (continued)

Families requesting sacramental preparation for their child are asked to mark their registration form accordingly so that additional information can be provided. Please note that there is a separate materials fee for sacramental preparation programs. More details will be provided at the parent meetings next year.

St. Francis of Assisi Church Vacation Bible Camp: June 26-30, 2023

For children age 4 through those who are completing 5th grade in June 2023.

This summer's program will be offered in-person, 9 am to 12:15 pm daily. VBC Family Program & Social at 7 pm on Thursday, June 29.

Parents of registered campers and accepted teen volunteers: Watch your email for additional information and updates as we prepare for VBC!

Registration is now closed.

Please pray for our campers and volunteers as we share this week of faith and fun!



ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY SHORTAGES

Dry Unsweetened Cereal

Pasta Sauce

Macaroni & Cheese

Canned Soup

Canned Beans (Black, Kidney)

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

Canned Vegetables

Baby Formula: Similac Blue & Similac Orange, and/or domestic or foreign equivalents/substitutes. Size 3 and 6 diapers, 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.

Help is needed at the Pantry on Sundays! If you can spare a few hours on a Sunday afternoon and want to help, please call Sylvia Jones (240) 755-2247.

*We need your help in order to help those in need!
Thank you for all you do!*

FREE VIRTUAL WORKSHOP TEACHES THOSE LIVING WITH CANCER TO CO-EXIST FULLY WITH THEIR DIAGNOSIS

Are you living with a cancer diagnosis? Holy Cross Health is offering a free virtual, six-week course that will give you the tools and skills to build confidence around managing health, staying active, and enjoying life while living with a cancer diagnosis. This evidence-based workshop will help participants share their successes and build a common source of support.

You will learn:

- Ways to manage symptoms, such as pain, frustration, isolation and poor sleep.
- How to get help when you need it.
- How cancer changes your body.
- How cancer can affect relationships.
- How to work with your health care team.
- Ways to make decisions about treatments and complementary therapies.

The virtual workshop will meet on Wednesdays, from June 21-July 26, from 6:30-9 pm via Microsoft Teams; participants may join with a computer and webcam or by phone. Register for the event by June 19 at <https://www.holycrosshealth.org/health-and-wellness/classes-and-support-groups/> or call (301) 754-8800.

ST. MARY'S ROCKVILLE MEAL PACKING EVENT

St. Mary's Parish in Rockville is hosting a **Refugee Meal Packing Kit Event on Saturday, June 24 from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm**. Meal kits packed will be delivered quickly to Poland for Ukrainian Refugees and to Turkey and Syria for earthquake victims. Please consider donating to support the purchase of food to be distributed. A goal of \$21,000.00 raised to package 60,000 meals is desired. Donations will be gratefully accepted thru PayPal: <https://bit.ly/3ww14n1>. **Checks payable to: The Outreach Program** may be mailed to St. Mary's Parish 520 Veirs Mill Rd. Rockville, MD 20852. Many volunteers are also needed on June 24th. Signup via <https://bit.ly/3MUhVHv>. Any questions, contact Mary McCormick at mary.e.mccormick22@gmail.com.

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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).

BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE IN A POST ROE AMERICA

Featured Speaker: Jeanne Mancini

President - March for Life Education & Defense Fund

Tuesday, June 20 7:00 p.m.

St. John Neumann Church

9000 Warfield Road

Gaithersburg MD

As we approach the one-year anniversary of the Supreme Court Dobbs decision overturning Roe v Wade, Jeanne will speak about the current state of pro-life policy in our country, and seek to help you find and more fully embrace your role in building a culture of life.

The evening will include the talk, an opportunity to venerate a relic of St. Gianna and a light reception to follow.

Anuncios para el boletín del 18 del junio de 2023:

Los feligreses conocieron mejor a su párroco en “Una conversación comunitaria con el P. John”

El 10 de junio, más de 50 feligreses disfrutaron escuchando al P. John Dillon reflexionar sobre sus 25 años de ministerio sacerdotal en la Arquidiócesis de Washington durante “Una conversación comunitaria con el P. John” en la iglesia. Patrocinado por el Ministerio de Comunicaciones de la parroquia, el evento culminó con la celebración de nuestro párroco, quien marcó su Jubileo el 23 de mayo. Después del diálogo, los asistentes se retiraron al Espacio de Reunión para disfrutar de refrigerios y ver un video- tributo de 22 minutos compilado por el Ministerio de Comunicaciones, presentando a los familiares y amigos de nuestro párroco deseándole lo mejor al Padre John.

El diálogo fué grabado y se publicará en el canal de YouTube de nuestra parroquia este mes. Si está interesado en unirse al Ministerio de Comunicaciones, comuníquese con la Coordinadora de Comunicaciones Melissa Egan en megan@sfadw.org.

Mujeres de la parroquia, vengan a ver “The Chosen”

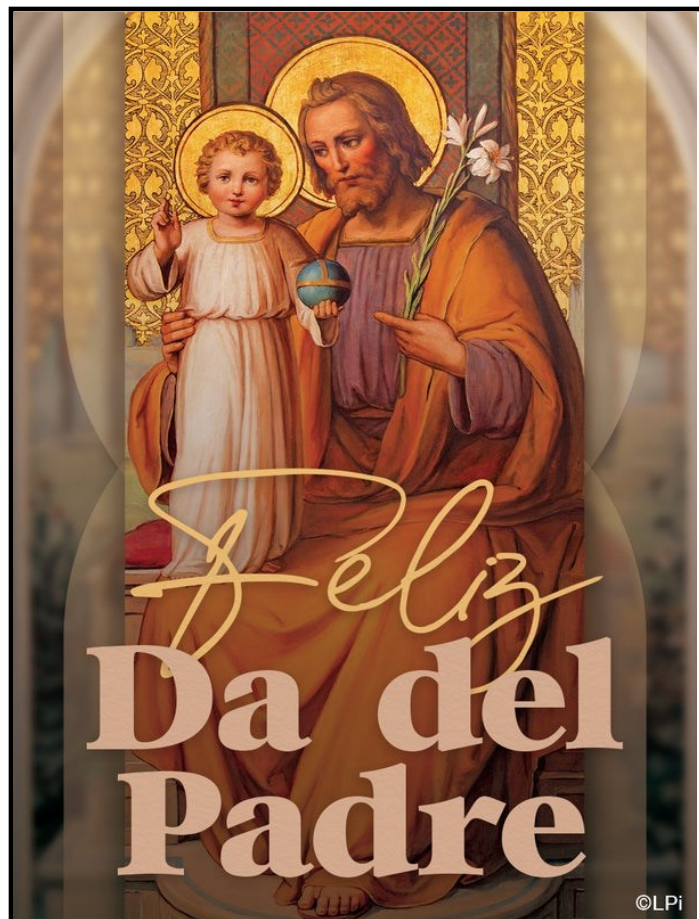
El jueves, 22 de junio, todas las mujeres están invitadas a ver de la temporada 1, el episodio 2 de *The Chosen*. Nos reuniremos en la Sala Kuehner a las 10:15 am para ver un nuevo episodio durante junio y julio, los jueves por la mañana. Incluso si ha visto este programa anteriormente, venga tal como está para verlo nuevamente, discutirlo con otros y obtener nuevas perspectivas. ¡No se necesita preparación! Se proporcionarán refrigerios ligeros. Póngase en contacto con Lita Silva en litasilva4@gmail.com ó Eileen Grams en ehaleygrams@gmail.com si tiene preguntas.

Colecta de Alimentos Verano en la Ciudad se llevará a cabo el 29 y 30 de julio

El 29 y 30 de julio, los feligreses de San Francisco de Asís están invitados a donar a la Colecta de Alimentos Verano en la Ciudad de la Fundación de la Familia Mulholland que beneficia a las familias necesitadas en el área de Washington DC. Los representantes de la fundación dejarán bolsas antes del fin de semana de recolección, para que los donantes sepan lo que se necesita. ¡Por favor done generosamente! Para obtener más información, comuníquese con el Director de Asuntos Sociales y Formación de Fe para Adultos Tony Bosnick en abosnick@sfadw.org.

Semana antes de la Colecta

La próxima semana realizaremos la Colecta Peter's Pence, para apoyar a la Iglesia universal y la labor de la Santa Sede, incluyendo la ayuda al papa Francisco para que pueda llevar a cabo sus obras de caridad. Estas obras benefician a nuestros hermanos y hermanas en la periferia de la sociedad, incluyendo a las víctimas de guerra, de opresión y de desastres. Por favor, sean generosos. Para más información, visiten www.obolodisanpietro.va/es.html.



Taller virtual gratuito enseña a quienes viven con cáncer a coexistir plenamente con su diagnóstico

¿Está viviendo con un diagnóstico de cáncer? Holy Cross Health ofrece un curso virtual gratuito de seis semanas que le brindará las herramientas y habilidades para generar confianza en torno al manejo de la salud, mantenerse activo y disfrutar de la vida mientras vive con un diagnóstico de cáncer. Este taller basado en evidencia ayudará a los participantes a compartir sus éxitos y construir una fuente común de apoyo.

Aprenderá:

- Maneras de controlar los síntomas, como el dolor, la frustración, el aislamiento y la falta de sueño.
- Cómo obtener ayuda cuando la necesita.
- Cómo el cáncer cambia su cuerpo.
- Cómo el cáncer puede afectar las relaciones.
- Cómo trabajar con su equipo de atención médica.
- Maneras de tomar decisiones sobre tratamientos y terapias complementarias.

El taller virtual se reunirá los miércoles, del 21 de junio al 26 de julio, de 6:30-9 pm a través de Microsoft Teams; los participantes pueden unirse con una computadora y una cámara web ó por teléfono. Regístrese para el evento antes del 19 de junio en <https://www.holycrosshealth.org/health-and-wellness/classes-and-support-groups/> ó llame al (301) 754-8800.