

Mass Intentions

June 26 - July 2, 2023

Monday, 6/26	9:00 a.m.	Bill, Julie, & Tom Flanery
Tuesday, 6/27	9:00 a.m.	Bill, Julie, & Tom Flanery
Wednesday, 6/28	9:00 a.m.	Bill, Julie, & Tom Flanery
	7:30 p.m.	Rev. Frederick Mc Intyre
Thursday, 6/29	9:00 a.m.	Bill, Julie, & Tom Flanery
Friday, 6/30	9:00 a.m.	Serge Triau
Saturday, 7/1	5:00 p.m.	Eugene Dudenhoeffer
Sunday, 7/2	8:00 a.m.	Mary Valentino
	9:30 a.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
	11:15 a.m.	John Becker, Jr.
	1:00 p.m.	Alexander O'Connor
	5:00 p.m.	Peter Boo

In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Nigel Pierre, George Mastronardi, uncle of Donna Zizzo.

Please pray for the sick... Richard Taylor, Rita Barcus, Pat Mooney, Mary Webb, Ursula Man, Anna Calabria, Maria De Los Angeles Concepcion, Caramia Caballero-Calabria, 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 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 June 25, 2023

Sunday:	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)/ Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33
Monday:	Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/ Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday:	Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/ Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday:	Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/ Mt 7:15-20
Thursday:	Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Friday:	Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/ Mt 8:1-4
Saturday:	Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54- 55/Mt 8:5-17
Next Sunday:	2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

THE CANTICLE OF CREATION

O Most High, all-powerful, good Lord God,
to you belong praise, glory,
honour and all blessing.

Be praised, my Lord, for all your creation
and especially for our **Brother Sun**,
who brings us the day and the light;
he is strong and shines magnificently.

O Lord, we think of you when we look at him.

Be praised, my Lord, for **Sister Moon**,
and for the stars

which you have set shining and lovely
in the heavens.

Be praised, my Lord,
for our **Brothers Wind and Air**
and every kind of weather

by which you, Lord,
uphold life in all your creatures.

Be praised, my Lord, for **Sister Water**,
who is very useful to us,
and humble and precious and pure.

Be praised, my Lord, for **Brother Fire**,
through whom you give us light in the darkness:
he is bright and lively and strong.

Be praised, my Lord,
for **Sister Earth**, our Mother,
who nourishes us and sustains us,
bringing forth

fruits and vegetables of many kinds
and flowers of many colours.

Be praised, my Lord,
for those who forgive for love of you;
and for those

who bear sickness and weakness
in peace and patience
- you will grant them a crown.

Be praised, my Lord, for our **Sister Death**,
whom we must all face.

I praise and bless you, Lord,
and I give thanks to you,
and I will serve you in all humility.

-- St. Francis of Assisi

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.

June 25, 2023

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

On what am I reluctant to take a stand? How can I bear witness more effectively and realistically?

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.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

ST MARTIN FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Are you looking for a simple, compassionate way to help our neighbors in need? The St. Martin Food Pantry Ministry is seeking adult volunteers to deliver food donations to the pantry in Gaithersburg. Volunteers usually deliver food on Sunday afternoons and make deliveries no more than twice in six months. To volunteer for the Food Pantry ministry, please e-mail Ministry Coordinators Carolyn Brauer at Carolyn_Brauer@yahoo.com or Christine Young at youngbody-work@hotmail.com.

WOMEN'S CANCER SUPPORT GROUP STILL GOES STRONG

Are you a female cancer survivor and seeking some spiritual support? Then, please join our parish's Women's Cancer Support Group, which meets on the last Sunday of every month at 12:30 pm. Convened by parishioners Doreen Dyer and Pam Kelley, the Women's Cancer support group will meet next on Sunday, June 25, at 12:30 pm in the Rectory's Assisi Room. Please join the group for spiritual support, friendship, and fellowship.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Adoration is held on Fridays
in the church 9:30 a.m. - 12 Noon.
All are welcome to attend.

PARKING LOT REPAVING WORK EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE JULY 5-6

On July 5-6, O'Leary Asphalt and Paving is expected to begin repairing and repaving our church campus' parking lots after Moderator of the Curia Auxiliary Bishop Juan Esposito-Garcia approved the contract in mid-June. The work is expected to take two days and will have a rain date of July 7.

Fr. John Dillon would like to thank those donors who generously gave to cover the balance of this project, which was bid at \$185,000. "Most of all, I want to thank you for supporting me in undertaking such a large project for our parish," he said. "Your generosity was overwhelming, and I am thankful for your support."

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL TIES UP SEVERAL LOOSE ENDS AT FINAL MEETING BEFORE SUMMER BREAK

At their final meeting of the fiscal year on June 15, five members of the Parish Pastoral Council learned the repaving of the church's parking lots should start July 5-6 and last approximately two days.

Following Washington Auxiliary Bishop Juan Esposito-Garcia's approval of the contract with O'Leary Asphalt and Paving, Fr. John Dillon said he was pleased that parishioners' donations paid for the bulk of the project's balance. The project's price tag on the winning bid was \$185,000. "It really puts us in a better financial situation," Fr. John said of the donations. "It's very gratifying."

Under other business, the council also:

- Learned there is an archdiocesan Mass commemorating Juneteenth at 10 am Sunday, June 18, at Mount Calvary Catholic Church in Forestville, MD.
- Learned the National Black Congress would begin its meeting July 23 at National Harbor. Fr. John said he could free some funds to help subsidize the cost of a St. Francis parishioner to attend.
- Learned the Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary agreed to provide a sizeable grant to the Haiti Committee to help send money to our sister parish to cover the cost of hot lunches for students at the Bon Pasteur School.
- Heard the status of a financial mentoring program about which parish Finance Committee member Ron Hays is studying to consider instituting it in the parish.
- Learned Fr. John is considering bringing back the New Parishioner Welcome Receptions.

The council, a consultative body to the pastor, is now on hiatus through September. See past minutes of Parish Pastoral Council meetings at <https://www.sfadw.org/pastoral-council-meeting-minutes>. For more information about the Parish Pastoral Council, please contact Fr. John at (301) 840-1407.

**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 sfareli-giouised@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.***

**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!

All parishioners are invited to share in one or both of the following VBC outreach projects through monetary donations:

- 1) We are fundraising for City of Agape Charitable Foundation which provides Bibles to prisons, nursing homes, homeless shelters, counseling/emergency centers, as well as a variety of parish-based retreats offered throughout the U.S. in both English and Spanish. For every \$25 raised, three Bibles can be provided for people who need them.
- 2) We are also raising funds for food supplies purchased for "breakfast bags" for local homeless shelters. Campers will be preparing these "breakfast bags" as part of our Day 5 Art Project.

VBC volunteers will be collecting donations at Masses next Sunday. Donations can also be sent to the parish office marked "VBC outreach."

***Thank you for joining us in these efforts to
SHINE JESUS' LIGHT!***

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

MOTHER OF GOD SCHOOL

20501 Goshen Road, Gaithersburg MD 20879

Preschool 3's & 4's

Kindergarten - 8th Grade

Authentically Catholic/Academically Excellent

Financial Assistance Available

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Contact Information:

301-990-2088, Ext. 12

admissions@mogschool.com

mogschool.com

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!***

BOOST APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 30

If you are interested in your child attending Catholic school next school year and you need financial help, then **families must submit a completed application by June 30** to apply to receive a state BOOST scholarship for this fall. BOOST can be used to send a child to a Maryland Catholic (or other nonpublic) school. Current families must reapply to renew their scholarships. The Maryland General Assembly authorized \$9 million for BOOST in the session that ended in April. The sole eligibility criterion is that recipient students must be eligible for free or reduced-price school meals. Students currently in public schools who wish to transfer to a nonpublic school, students already in private school who need financial support to remain, and children starting school may apply. The BOOST website, marylandpublicschools.org/boost, includes the application, virtual session links for parent questions (June 27 and 29) and a list of participating schools. Most Maryland Catholic schools participate. For more information, contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.

ENCOURAGE MINISTRY

EnCourage is a ministry dedicated to the spiritual needs of parents, siblings, children, and other relatives and friends of persons who have same-sex attractions. Standing by the true teaching of the Catholic Church, EnCourage members support one another and their loved ones through discussion, prayer, and fellowship. Please contact Fr. John for more information at 301-840-1407, Ext. 12 or email him at jdillon@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 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>

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

The SJAA Golf Tournament was a hit! Thank you to all who came out to play and support a wonderful cause!

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).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOST FAMILY NIGHT ON JULY 7

Knights of Columbus

Montgomery Council #2323 will host a
Family Night / Happy Hour, Friday, July 7.

Enjoy an Evening with Family and friends

All Welcome

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Father Cuddy Hall, 17001 Overhill Road, Derwood, MD.

Tickets will be sold at the door

Payment by Credit Card Available

\$25 for Families,

\$10 for individuals, Free for age 10 and under

Dinner includes

Bar-B-Que Pork, Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Grill Cheese sandwiches, Sides, Beer, Wine and soft Drinks

Games and activities available

Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kofc2323

Council 2323 is reviving a Friday night tradition
for the families of

St. Mary's, St. Martin's & St. Francis of Assisi parishes.

Anuncios para el boletín del 25 del junio de 2023:

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@sfdw.org.

Semana de la Colecta

Hoy es la Colecta Peter's Pence, una colecta a nivel mundial que apoya la labor de la Iglesia universal, incluyendo la labor de la Santa Sede y las obras de caridad del papa Francisco. Tomen esta oportunidad para unirse al papa Francisco y sean un signo de misericordia para nuestros hermanos y hermanas que sufren. Por favor, sean generosos hoy. Para más información, visiten www.obolodisanpietro.va/es.html.

¿Está buscando una manera simple y compasiva de ayudar a nuestros vecinos necesitados? El Ministerio de Despensa de Alimentos de St. Martin está buscando voluntarios adultos para entregar donaciones de alimentos a la despensa en Gaithersburg. Los voluntarios generalmente entregan los alimentos los domingos por la tarde y hacen entregas no más de dos veces en seis meses. Para ser voluntario para el ministerio de Despensa de Alimentos, llame a la Oficina Parroquial al (301) 840-1407.

Un mensaje de servicio público: el personal arquidiocesano ha notado un aumento en las estafas de phishing, en las que los feligreses pueden recibir correos electrónicos de remitentes que fingen ser miembros del clero y piden dinero. A los destinatarios a menudo se les pide que compren tarjetas de regalo o envíen fondos debido a una emergencia. Recientemente, estas reclamaciones fraudulentas se han expandido a mensajes de texto en dispositivos móviles. La estafa del teléfono móvil es aún más arriesgada porque los autores del fraude pueden recibir códigos de tarjetas de regalo a través de fotos o mensajes de texto. También pueden reproducir, a través de Artificial Intelligence, la voz de alguien conocido que le puede llamar a su teléfono para estafarlo. Confirme siempre con la persona que usted conoce. Tenga en cuenta que nuestros miembros del clero y el personal de la parroquia no solicitan tarjetas de regalo ni otros fondos a través de ningún medio electrónico, excepto para campañas establecidas, como la Campaña Arquidiocesana o nuestro propio proyecto Spirit Tree durante el Adviento. En caso de duda, llame a la Oficina Parroquial para verificar la validez de una apelación. Gracias.

Peregrinación a Medjugorje con el P. Grzegorz

Okulewicz Del 12 al 20 de octubre, únase a nosotros en un viaje espiritual a Medjugorje ubicado en Bosnia y Herzegovina. Desde 1981, Nuestra Señora se ha estado apareciendo a seis niños, ahora adultos y dando mensajes al mundo. ¡Experimenta la simplicidad, la belleza y la paz!

El programa incluirá:

- Santa Misa diaria
- Adoración
- Subir a la Colina de las Apariciones y a la Montaña de la Cruz
- Charlas de sacerdotes y videntes (según disponibilidad)
- Visitas al Cenacolo, la Aldea de las Madres y la Capilla de la Divina Misericordia en Surmanci
- Excursión opcional de un día a Dubrovnik

El costo será de aproximadamente \$ 1,850, que cubre el precio de la tarifa aérea de ida y vuelta desde los aeropuertos de Washington, todos los traslados, desayuno y cena, y un guía de habla inglesa. Esta estimación se basa en un precio de la tarifa aérea de \$1,000 dólares y está sujeta a cambios o aumentos. El costo de una habitación compartida es de \$850 o \$1,000 para una habitación individual.

Para obtener información, comuníquese con Magdalena Pettey al (301) 765-0554 correo electrónico: mkpettey@me.com.

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