

Mass Intentions

July 24 - July 30, 2023

Monday, 7/24	9:00 a.m.	Barbara Lynn Beall
Tuesday, 7/25	9:00 a.m.	Anna Maria Kuzma
Wednesday, 7/26	9:00 a.m.	Bill, Julie, Tom Flanery
	7:30 p.m.	Reverend Peter R. Alliaia
Thursday, 7/27	9:00 a.m.	Amelia & Eugene Dudenhoeffer
Friday, 7/28	9:00 a.m.	Hugo Huaman
Saturday, 7/29	5:00 p.m.	Patsy Battista
Sunday, 7/30	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
	9:30 a.m.	Bill, Julie, Tom Flanery
	11:15 a.m.	Richard Bauer
	1:00 p.m.	Claude Chevriau
	5:00 p.m.	Catherine Therese Nga Nguyen

In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Christine Vilgos-Mitchell.

Please pray for the sick...Dennis Reising, Caroline Potolicchio, Christine Degen, Rodolfo Gamboa, Mary O'Sullivan, John McCarthy, Anna Calabria, Nicole Behrus-Weiss, Maryann Murphy, 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 July 23, 2023

Sunday:	Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/ Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
Monday:	Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/ Mt 20:20-28
Wednesday:	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27- 28/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday:	Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17
Friday:	Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Next Sunday:	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

Statuary Hall is a chamber of the United States Capitol devoted to sculptures of prominent Americans. Of the many men and women honored by the fifty States in Statuary Hall, four of them are Catholic priests. Our saint for this week is one of those four priests represented in Statuary Hall: Saint Damien de Veuster of Molokai. Joseph de Veuster was born in Treme-lo, Belgium in 1840 to a poor farmer and his wife. At the age of 13, he left school to help his parents on the farm. When he was nineteen, he entered the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary where he received Damien as his religious name. His older brother, Pamphile, was also a priest in this congregation. The Sacred Hearts Fathers agreed to provide pastoral care to the natives living on the Hawaiian Islands. Let me provide a little background to the pastoral situation the Sacred Hearts Fathers were taking on.

Westerners arrived in what is now the State of Hawaii late in the eighteenth century. They brought with them a number of diseases that the native population had not been exposed to. Within a century the ravages of the diseases had reduced the natives by 80%. One of the most dreaded diseases was Hansen's Disease or leprosy. By 1870 it had reached epidemic proportions. Since there was no known reliable treatment at the time, the authorities established a settlement on the remote island of Molokai where those suffering from Hansen's Disease were sent. Conditions there were unspeakable. For those put ashore on the island of Molokai, there was no return.

Father Pamphile de Veuster became ill and was not able to go with the band of priests selected for the work in the Hawaiian Islands. Damien volunteered to go in his place. Their religious superiors accepted this offer. In 1864 Damien was ordained a priest and began his work as a missionary in Hawaii. In 1873 he requested to be part of a team of chaplains working at the leper colony on the island of Molokai. A member of the team would go to Molokai for three months. When this proved to be unworkable, Damien volunteered to remain permanently at the leper colony on Molokai.

Upon his arrival he set out to instill in the residents a sense of self-worth and dignity. He established a burial society and proper sanitation. He constructed a church and helped build clean houses. Gradually the island was transformed into a proud and joyful community. From the beginning he realized that he needed to be close to his people. After some years he recognized that he had contracted Hansen's Disease and suffered the same isolation to which his flock had been subjected. One of the indignities he endured from his religious congregation occurred in how they made him receive the Sacrament of Penance. He would get into a boat and row out some distance until he would see a priest in another boat. Damien would have to shout out his sins and then receive absolution. Then both would row back to the places from which they had set out.

Fr. Damien was very pleased when the Franciscan Sisters of Syracuse arrived under the leadership of Mother Marianne Cope to help staff the colony in Kalaupapa. The Sisters nursed him in his final months until he died of leprosy on April 15, 1889.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What substantial service can I provide this week to someone who is elderly, whether a member of my family or not? What can I learn from this action?

WALKING WITH PURPOSE RESOURCES OFFER BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN IN THE PARISH

All women of the parish are invited to take part in one of two women's Bible study sessions beginning this fall in the Kuehner Room. The options include:

- *"Ordering Your Priorities: Building a Life Well Lived," 4:45-6 pm Mondays in the Kuehner Room. Start date to be determined.* Participants will use "Walking with Purpose" resources, which align with Church teaching. Designed to require limited at-home preparation, the course will take place over 18 weeks, with several week-long breaks around the holidays built into the schedule.
- *"Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point," 10:15-11:45 am Thursdays in the Kuehner Room. Start date to be determined.* This 22-week study has been divided into a nine-week session starting in September; an eight-week session starting in January; and a five-week session beginning in April. Multi-week holiday breaks have been built into the schedule. All women are welcome to join any or all trimesters.

For more information, contact coordinators Eileen Grams at ehgrams@yahoo.com or Lita Silva at litasilva4@gmail.com.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

At his request he was buried at Kalaupapa, but in 1936 the Belgian government succeeded in its request for his body to be returned to his native Belgium for burial there. Part of his body was returned to his beloved Hawaiian brothers and sisters at the time of his beatification in 1995. He was canonized in 2009. When Hawaii became a state in 1960, it selected Damien as one of two representatives in Statuary Hall at the U.S. Capitol.

Let me close with this comment made by Pope Saint John Paul II in the homily given on the occasion of the beatification of Father Damien: *"Holiness is not perfection according to human criteria; it is not reserved for a small number of exceptional persons. It is for everyone; it is the Lord who brings us to holiness, when we are willing to collaborate in the salvation of the world for the glory of God, despite our sin and our sometimes rebellious temperament."*

Until next week,
Fr. John

WEEKLY SESSIONS FOR THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS TO START IN MID-SEPTEMBER

Are you or someone you know ready to meet Jesus and journey with him as a member of the Catholic faith? Through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, those who wish to explore becoming a Catholic or complete the Sacraments of Initiation begin an encounter with Christ. The 10-month journey begins in mid-September, with participants meeting weekly with the RCIA team. If you or someone you know is ready to start this journey, please contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org. Spanish speakers can alternatively contact Deacon Will Garcia at wagarcia@comcast.net or Lourdes Garcia at legarcia@comcast.net for RCIA in Spanish. For everyone, keep this in prayer. God is full of surprises!

SUMMER IN THE CITY FOOD DRIVE COMING UP ON JULY 29-30

Next weekend, the John S. Mulholland Family Foundation, Inc. will sponsor the 10th Annual Summer in the City Food Drive, which benefits communities in need in the Washington DC area. All parishioners are invited to pick up a brown grocery bag from the Gathering Space this weekend, fill it with needed groceries, and return the donations to the Gathering Space on July 29-30. Needed items include:

- Canned tuna or chicken
- Dry cereal
- Canned vegetables
- Soup (Hearty varieties are best)
- Canned fruit
- Peanut butter and jelly (plastic containers only)
- Baked beans (cans) and rice (any size)
- Pasta and pasta sauce (plastic containers only)

For more information, please contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.

STILL TIME TO SIGN UP FOR THE PRAYER & LIFE WORKSHOP STARTING AUGUST 5

If you are looking for a new way to pray and meditate, then it's not too late to register for the Prayer and Life Workshop slated to begin Saturday, August 5, in the Rectory's Assisi Room. Participants will gather weekly from 9-11 am on Saturdays, meeting through November 18. Using a program designed by Fr. Ignacio Larrañaga, come learn new ways to pray and how to meditate on the Word of God. There is a \$14 registration fee but no cost to participate. Please register by August 19 by texting (240) 243-3701 or e-mailing tov.dmv@gmail.com. For more information, contact Deacon Will Garcia at wagarcia@comcast.net.

**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.

Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School

We are...St. Jude

www.StJudeRockville.org

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

We hope you're having a great summer! We are praying for you! Please keep our teachers and students in your prayers!

SUMMER CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Pray a Rosary everyday! Email us a picture to jeanne.donatelli@stjuderockville.org

CHALLENGE FROM LAST WEEK:

Spend some time with Jesus in Adoration!

**STILL A FEW SPOTS LEFT! 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.

Don't wait until the last minute to work on summer reading and math! Let us help you out!

Mr. Mike Norris

ALL grades - ALL subjects

Email: Mike.Norris@stjuderockville.org

Mrs. Pat O'Connell

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

Email: Patricia.O'Connell@stjuderockville.org

Ms. Becky Sella

ALL grades - ALL subjects

Email: Rebecca.Sella@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.

RIGHT TO LIFE OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

This year, Right to Life of Montgomery County will again have a pro-life booth at the Montgomery County Fair, August 11-19. If you are interested in helping out at the booth please call Tharpa Roberts, (301) 962-5611 or email Tharpa rtl-omc@snk.mail.com. If you volunteered in 2022, Tharpa will be calling you to see if you can help again this year. Your help is greatly appreciated.

ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY SHORTAGES

Pasta
Pasta Sauce
Canned Soup
Canned Beans (Black, Kidney)
Meals in a can (stew, canned pasta, chili)
Canned Vegetables
Canned Fruit
Tuna/Canned Meat
Oatmeal

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

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!*

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).

TEAMS OF OUR LADY

Teams of Our Lady is a movement of Christian Marriage Spirituality that brings together couples united by the Sacrament of Matrimony and who wish, together, to deepen the graces of their Sacrament. It offers married couples a pathway toward love, happiness, and holiness. The movement's aim is to help couples live fully their Sacrament of Marriage. Interested in learning more, contact Fr. John at 301-840-1407 or email him at jdillon@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.

TEACHERS NEEDED MOTHER OF GOD SCHOOL

Mother of God School is recruiting for a Pre-Algebra Teacher, PE Teacher, Technology teacher for grades K-5, and a variety of full and part-time para-educators, extended care employees, and substitutes. MOG School is a Private Catholic PreK through 8th-grade school, affiliated with the Archdiocese of Washington. At Mother of God, faith is not an extra but an integral part of everything we do! Interested candidates should contact our Principal, Melissa Sloan, principal@mogschool.com or (301)990-2088 ex 30.

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

Pre-K 3s Openings for Fall 2023

Contact Information:

301-990-2088, Ext. 12

admissions@mogschool.com

GABRIEL PROJECT CLUSTER OF MONTGOMERY

Want to put your pro-life beliefs into action? Leroy Carhart has died but the facility where he performed late term abortions is still open for business. Women need to know, before they get pregnant, about the help that the Gabriel Project Cluster of Montgomery provides. You can help a pregnant mother in several ways. Women volunteers (especially bilingual English and Spanish speaking women) are needed to assist client mothers. This includes keeping in touch with them via text, phone, or email during their pregnancy; bringing them needed items, such as diapers, baby clothes, etc., that are provided by the project; and praying for them. The average time commitment would be approximately 1 - 4 hours per month. Men are also needed to set up cribs or to pick up donations once or twice per month. Donations of diapers, formula, baby clothes, children's clothes, and maternity clothes are also appreciated. Please visit our Website for more information at www.gpmoco.org or contact: Betty Baklarz at lbbaklarz@yahoo.com.

SUMMR VACATION MASS TIMES

While travelling this summer, don't forget to visit www.masstimes.org for Mass times and locations across the country .

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Anuncios del Boletín para 23 de julio de 2023:

Las sesiones semanales para el Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos comenzarán a mediados de septiembre

¿Está usted o alguien que conoce listo para conocer a Jesús y viajar con él como miembro de la fe católica? A través del Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos -RICA, aquellos que desean convertirse en católicos o completar los Sacramentos de Iniciación comienzan un encuentro con Cristo. El viaje de 10 meses comienza a mediados de septiembre, y los participantes se reúnen semanalmente con el equipo de RICA. Si usted o alguien que conoce está listo para comenzar este viaje, comuníquese con el Director de Asuntos Sociales y Formación de Fe para Adultos, Tony Bosnick, en abosnick@sfadw.org. Los de habla hispana pueden comunicarse alternativamente con el diácono Will García en wagarcia@comcast.net o Lourdes García en legarcia@comcast.net para RICA en español. Para todos, mantenga esto en oración. ¡Dios está lleno de sorpresas!

Campaña Anual de Alimentos de Verano en la Ciudad se realizará del 29 al 30 de julio

El próximo fin de semana, John S. Mulholland Family Foundation, Inc. patrocinará la 10ª Campaña Anual de Alimentos de Verano en la Ciudad, que beneficia a las comunidades necesitadas en el área de Washington DC. Todos los feligreses están invitados a recoger una bolsa de supermercado marrón del Espacio de Reunión este fin de semana, llenarla con los comestibles necesarios y devolver las donaciones al Espacio de Reunión del 29 al 30 de julio.

Los artículos necesarios incluyen:

- Atún ó pollo en lata
- Cereales secos
- Vegetales enlatados
- Sopa (las variedades tipo "hearty" (densas ó robustas) son las mejores)
- Fruta enlatada
- Mantequilla de maní y mermelada (solo recipientes de plástico)
- Frijoles horneados (latas) y arroz (cualquier tamaño)
- Pasta y salsa para pasta (sólo recipientes de plástico)

Para obtener más información, comuníquese con el Director de Asuntos Sociales y Formación de Fe para Adultos Tony Bosnick en abosnick@sfadw.org.

Los recursos de Caminar con Propósito ofrecen oportunidades de estudio bíblico para las mujeres de la parroquia

Todas las mujeres de la parroquia están invitadas a participar en una de las dos sesiones de estudio bíblico para mujeres que comienzan este otoño en la Sala Kuehner. Las opciones incluyen:

- *"Ordenando sus prioridades: construyendo una vida bien vivida"*, 4:45-6 pm los lunes en la Sala Kuehner. Fecha de inicio por determinarse. Los participantes utilizarán los recursos de "Caminar con propósito", que se alinean con la enseñanza de la Iglesia. Diseñado para requerir una preparación limitada en el hogar, el curso se llevará a cabo durante 18 semanas, con varios descansos de una semana alrededor de las vacaciones incorporadas en el programa.
- *"Abriendo tu corazón: el punto de partida"*, 10:15-11:45 am los jueves en la Sala Kuehner. Fecha de inicio por determinarse. Este estudio de 22 semanas se ha dividido en una sesión de nueve semanas a partir de septiembre; una sesión de ocho semanas a partir de enero; y una sesión de cinco semanas a partir de abril. Se han incorporado vacaciones de varias semanas en el calendario. Todas las mujeres son bienvenidas a unirse a cualquiera o todos los trimestres.

Para obtener más información, comuníquese con las coordinadoras Eileen Grams en ehgrams@yahoo.com o Lita Silva en litasilva4@gmail.com.

Aún está tiempo para inscribirse en el Taller de Oración y Vida a partir del 5 de agosto

Si está buscando una nueva forma de orar y meditar, entonces no es demasiado tarde para inscribirse en el Taller de Oración y Vida programado para comenzar el sábado 5 de agosto en la Sala de Asís de la Rectoría. Los participantes se reunirán semanalmente de 9 a 11 am los sábados, reuniéndose hasta el 18 de noviembre. Usando un programa diseñado por el P. Ignacio Larrañaga, ven a aprender nuevas formas de orar y cómo meditar en la Palabra de Dios. Hay una cuota de inscripción de \$14, pero no hay costo para participar. Regístrese antes del 19 de agosto enviando un mensaje de texto al (240) 243-3701 o enviando un correo electrónico tov.dmv@gmail.com. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con el diácono Will García en wagarcia@comcast.net.