

Mass Intentions

August 28 - September 3, 2023

Monday, 8/28	9:00 a.m.	Briget & Joseph
Tuesday, 8/29	9:00 a.m.	Ricky D'Alarcao
Wednesday, 8/30	9:00 a.m.	Rose Girello
	7:30 p.m.	David Fiels
Thursday, 8/31	9:00 a.m.	Gilbert Reising
Friday, 9/1	9:00 a.m.	Barbara Lynn Beall
	7:30 p.m.	DeCastro Family (Birthday Thanksgiving)
Saturday, 9/2	5:00 p.m.	James Genovese
Sunday, 9/3	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
	9:30 a.m.	Alicia Church
	11:15 a.m.	Michael Potter
	1:00 p.m.	Alexander O'Connor
	5:00 p.m.	Elsie Mastronardi

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Lisa Devlin, wife of Peter Devlin.

Please pray for the sick... Mark Lynch, Laura Tseronis, Christine Degen, Anna Calabria, Maria De Los Angeles Concepcion, Caramia Caballero-Calabia, 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 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 August 27, 2023

Sunday:	Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/ Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20
Monday:	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29
Wednesday:	1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/ Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/ Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/ Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday:	Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/ Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

Rose Philippine Duchesne was born in Grenoble, France in 1769, in a well-to-do family. From her father she learned political skills and from her mother she learned a love for the poor. When she was nineteen, she entered the Visitation Order without asking her parents and remained in the convent despite parental opposition. While she was still a novice the French Revolution began. Convents, particularly of cloistered communities like the Visitation nuns, were suppressed. Even though she was forced to leave the convent, she began taking care of the poor and sick, opened a school for street urchins, and risked her life helping priests in the underground.

Once the Reign of Terror was over and the situation cooled down a bit, she personally rented her old convent, now in shambles. Most of the former nuns were not interested in reestablishing the Visitation Monastery. Only four nuns were left. In 1804, they joined the recently established Society of the Sacred Heart whose young superior, Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat would become a life-long friend. In time the members of this new institute became known as the Religious of the Sacred Heart.

In a short-time Philippine (now known in the congregation as Mother Duchesne) was a superior and supervisor of the novitiate and a school. For the next fourteen years she undertook various assignments requested by Mother Barat. When Philippine was a little girl, she heard tales of missionary work in Louisiana. She hoped that one day could be a missionary among Native Americans. In 1817, Bishop William Dubourg, bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana and the two Floridas, came to see Mother Barat to ask for Sisters to work in the Louisiana Territory recently purchased by President Thomas Jefferson from the French government. Mother Duchesne was chosen to go with four nuns to work in the Louisiana Territory. When they finally arrived after an eighteen-week journey, they met with one of many disappointments in her life. The bishop had no place for them to live and work. Instead, he sent her to what she sadly called "the remotest village in the United States," Saint Charles, Missouri. Mother Duchesne founded there the first free schools for girls west of the Mississippi. Conditions were primitive, and the winters were especially harsh. In time they had to move from Saint Charles to Florissant, Missouri. While the sisters endured challenges of frontier life, the community grew, building schools and orphanages, including a school for Indians. Eventually, additional houses were opened near New Orleans, St. Louis, and elsewhere.

Finally, at seventy-two, in poor health and retired as the Superior of the Religious of the Sacred Heart in the United States, she had the opportunity to fulfill her dream to do missionary work personally with Native Americans. A mission was founded at Sugar Creek, Kansas, among the Potawatomi. She was taken along at the insistence of the Jesuits who were opening the mission. Although she could not learn the language, they soon named her "Woman-Who-Prays-Always." While others taught, she prayed. The story is told that the Native American children wanted to check to see if she really was a woman who always prays.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What I have learned about God and God's will through prayer?

WALKING WITH PURPOSE

START DATES FOR BIBLE STUDY COURSE ARE SET

If you're a Catholic woman who has wanted to study Scripture but has never taken the plunge, then now is your time. Through the Walking with Purpose program, 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. **All content is delivered in English.**

- **"Ordering Your Priorities: Building a Life Well Lived,"** 4:45-6 pm Mondays in the Kuehner Room. Open house: September 18; Classes start: September 25. 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 20 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. Open house: September 14; Classes start: September 21. This 22-week study has been divided into a nine-week session starting in September; a nine-week session starting in January; and a four-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)

One day they were able to sneak in behind her when she knelt and sprinkled bits of paper on her habit and came back hours later to find them undisturbed. Philippine died in 1852 when she was eighty-three. Beatified by Pope Pius XII in 1940, she was canonized by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1988.

Let me conclude with this quotation from St. Rose Philippine Duchesne: *"We cultivate a very small field for Christ, but we love it, knowing that God does not require great achievements but a heart that holds nothing back for self."*

Until next week,
Fr. John

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

MAU DISASTER RELIEF SECOND COLLECTION SEPTEMBER 2/3

St. Francis will be taking up a second collection the weekend of September 2/3. We will have envelopes in the pew pockets for your use in donating. Please make your check out to St. Francis with "Mauri Disaster Relief" in the memo line. You can also donate through Catholic Charities USA (catholiccharitiesusa.org) or 1-800-919-9338. All collected funds will be forwarded to those areas in need of assistance.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) BEGINS IN MID-SEPTEMBER

Are you or someone you know ready to truly know Jesus Christ and journey with him as a member of the Catholic faith? Through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, participants 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.

LAST WEEKEND TO SIGN-UP FOR THE CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

August 26/27 is the final weekend for adults in our parish to sign up for the Christian Life Program, an integrated course leading into a renewed understanding of God's call to all Christians, including married couples and single adults. Facilitated by the Couples for Christ Ministry, the course will meet from 12-3 pm on Saturdays in September and early October in six weekly sessions.

Speakers for the course will include:

- Fr. John Dillon
- Fr. Grzegorz Okulewicz
- Deacon Jim Datovech
- Deacon Will Garcia
- Aspirant Ed DeAussen
- Parishioner Wendel Hall

Please sign-up for this faith formation opportunity at the designated table in the Gathering Space. For more information, please contact parishioner Cris Flores at cris_jflores@yahoo.com or Liza Flores at liz_bflores@yahoo.com

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

Please be sure to return your registration no later than September 1 so that we can be ready to welcome your child as our program begins!

If you have questions about this year's program, or would like to register in person, stop by the Religious Education information table in the Gathering Space after Sunday Masses today, August 27!

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.
- **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.
- **Classes for children and youth with special needs** meeting on Sunday afternoons 3:30-4:30 pm (in-person or online). Classes start September 24.

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.

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.

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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!

**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.

We are HIRING! Come work with us! Our team is looking for:

5th/6th Grade ELA Teacher
Second Grade Teacher

If you are interested please email our Principal Jeanne Donatelli, Jeanne.Donatelli@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.

The 2023 Fr. Kapaun Outdoor Mass is on Friday, September 22nd at 9:00am. Mass will take place on the Mercury side parking lot. All are invited! Special invite to all active and retired military, police, firefighters, and all first responders are invited. Let's fill our parking lot and pray together for the Sainthood of Fr. Kapaun. **Fr. Kapaun... pray for us!**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (continued)
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 a 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.

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. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY SHORTAGES

Pasta
Pasta Sauce
Macaroni & Cheese
Meals in a can (Stew, Canned Pasta, Chili, etc.)
Canned Soup
Oatmeal/Cereal
Canned Beans
Canned Fruit

Baby Formula: Similac Blue & Similac Orange, and/or domestic or foreign equivalents/substitutes. Diapers size 4 & 5, Baby wipes, Pediasure.

Ensure
Adult Pull-ups Medium, Large, Extra-large

Paper Bags (Walmart or 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 YOUR MARRIAGE

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the September program beginning with a weekend on 1-3 September 2023 call (443) 400-7017, or email 3015@HelpOurMarriage.org or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org

PRAYERS FOR OUR SERVICE MEN/WOMEN

Please continue to pray for all those parishioners, family members and friends who are serving in the military services. We have a prayer list posted in the Gathering Space for those who are serving in these areas. Please help us to keep it current by letting us know of any parishioner who is currently deployed so we can add them, and also those who have returned so that we can remove their names. Please continue to keep all of our military personnel in your prayers.

CROSS WALK - ONE DAY PILGRIMAGE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Join Fr. James Morrison, Fr. James Glasgow, and others for a day pilgrimage walking through Maryland and DC historical Catholic Churches. The pilgrimage begins at St. Mary's Rockville historic Chapel (520 Veirs Mill Road, Rockville, MD) with an 8:00 am Mass. The eleven-mile walk, with a life size cross, will include visits to Holy Cross in Garrett Park, Holy Redeemer in Kensington, Our Lady of Lourdes in Bethesda, and will end at St. Ann's in Washington, D.C. Bring water and lunch. Dinner is provided but do RSVP. St. Ann's is metro accessible to return to St. Mary's for your trip home. Come rain or shine. ***Please RSVP by September 8th to FrJames@ololrcc.org.***

HOLIDAY BAZAAR CRAFTERS

ST. FRANCIS ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR Saturday, November 11, 2023

We will begin making crafts for the 2023 Holiday Bazaar on Wednesday September 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. If you enjoy being creative and socializing with fellow parishioners, please plan on attending. Also, projects can be taken home to work on. For additional information, please call the Parish Office, 301- 840-1407.

FR. BOXIE TO BE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT CATHOLIC WOMEN'S EVENT ON SEPTEMBER 9

Catholic women seeking inspiration may find it at an upcoming program sponsored by the Washington Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women on Saturday, September 9. The Catholic women's organization will host Howard University Chaplain Fr. Robert Boxie III, who will speak on the topic of "Sisters Believing in the Power of the Cross: Living Like It Matters" during an event from 9 am-3 pm September 9 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Upper Marlboro. Many parishioners will remember Fr. Boxie, who served as the parochial vicar at St. Francis approximately seven years ago. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$10 for high school and college students. A boxed lunch will be made available if pre-ordered. To register or for more information, please contact Gail Carter at gcarte713@verizon.net or Yvette White at ypgoodman49@gmail.com.

MARYLAND CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE "HOLY WOMEN, HOLY LIVES"

Come to a conference for Catholic women from 9 am-5 pm Saturday, November 11, 2023, at St. John the Evangelist Church, Severna Park, MD. The event will conclude at 5:30 pm with a Vigil Mass celebrated by Bishop Bruce Lewandowski and music by the Basilica of the Assumption *Schola Cantorum*. This day-long conference is an opportunity for women from around the state to come together and deepen their faith, hear from dynamic Catholic speakers and enjoy fellowship. The conference is for women of any age or stage of life. This year, we are excited to also offer talks in Spanish and provide limited childcare services to make the conference accessible to even more women. Tickets are \$60 for adults and \$30 for students and religious. The ticket cost includes breakfast, lunch, snacks, and swag bags! Scholarships and limited childcare are available. You can register at the following www.marylandcatholicwomen.com.

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Anuncios para el boletín del 27 de agosto de 2023:

A mediados de septiembre comienza el Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (RICA)

¿Está usted o alguien que conoce listo para conocer verdaderamente a Jesucristo y viajar con él como miembro de la fe católica? A través del Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos, los participantes que deseen explorar 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 hispanohablantes pueden comunicarse alternativamente con el diácono Will García en wagarcia@comcast.net o Lourdes García en legarcia@comcast.net para RICA en español.

Se establecen las fechas de inicio de los cursos de estudio bíblico Caminando con Propósito

Si eres una mujer católica que ha querido estudiar las Escrituras pero nunca ha dado el paso, ahora es tu momento. A través del programa Caminando con Propósito (*Walking with Purpose*), 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 el Salón Kuehner. Todo el contenido se da en inglés.

Las opciones incluyen:

- “Ordenando Sus Prioridades: Construyendo una Vida Bien Vivida,” 4:45-6 pm los lunes en el Salón Kuehner. Jornada de puertas abiertas: 18 de septiembre; Las clases comienzan: 25 de septiembre. Los participantes utilizarán los recursos de "Caminando con propósito", que se alinean con las enseñanzas de la Iglesia. Diseñado para requerir una preparación limitada en el hogar, el curso se llevará a cabo durante 20 semanas, con varias pausas de una semana durante las vacaciones integradas en el programa.

- “Abriendo tu corazón: el punto de partida”, los jueves de 10:15 a 11:45 am en el Salón Kuehner. Jornada de puertas abiertas: 14 de septiembre; Inicio de clases: 21 de septiembre. Este estudio de 22 semanas se ha dividido en una sesión de nueve semanas que comienza en septiembre; una sesión de nueve semanas a partir de enero; y una sesión de cuatro semanas a partir de abril. Las pausas de vacaciones de varias semanas se han incorporado al horario. Todas las mujeres son bienvenidas a unirse a cualquiera ó todos los trimestres.

Para obtener más información, comuníquese con los coordinadores Eileen Grams en ehgrams@yahoo.com ó Lita Silva en litasilva4@gmail.com.

Último fin de semana para inscribirse en el Programa de Vida Cristiana El 26 y 27 de agosto es el último fin de semana para que los adultos de nuestra parroquia se inscriban en el Programa de Vida Cristiana, un curso integrado que conduce a una comprensión renovada del llamado de Dios a todos los cristianos, incluidas las parejas casadas y los adultos solteros. Facilitado por el Ministerio Parejas para Cristo, el curso se reunirá de 12 a 3 pm los sábados de septiembre y principios de octubre en seis sesiones semanales.

Los oradores del curso incluirán:

Padre John Dillon	Padre Grzegorz Okulewicz
Diácono Jim Datovech	Diácono Will García
Aspirante Ed DeAussen	
Parroquiano Wendel Hall	

Regístrese para esta oportunidad de formación en la fe en la mesa designada en el Espacio de Reunión. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con el feligrés Cris Flores en cris_jflores@yahoo.com ó Liza Flores en liz_bflores@yahoo.com.

Padre Boxie será el orador principal en el evento de mujeres católicas el 9 de septiembre

Las mujeres católicas que buscan inspiración pueden encontrarla en un próximo programa patrocinado por el Consejo Arquidiocesano de Mujeres Católicas de Washington el sábado, 9 de septiembre. La organización de mujeres católicas recibirá al capellán de la Universidad de Howard, el P. Robert Boxie III, quien hablará sobre el tema

“Hermanas que creen en el poder de la cruz: Vivir como si fuera importante” durante un evento de 9 am a 3 pm el 9 de septiembre en la iglesia católica St. Joseph en Upper Marlboro. Muchos feligreses recordarán al P. Boxie, quien se desempeñó como vicario parroquial en St. Francis hace aproximadamente siete años. Los boletos cuestan \$ 30 para adultos y \$ 10 para estudiantes de secundaria y universitarios. Un almuerzo empacado estará disponible si se solicita con anticipación. Para registrarse ó para obtener más información, comuníquese con Gail Carter en gcarter713@verizon.net ó Yvette White en ypgoodman49@gmail.com.

Conferencia de Mujeres Católicas de Maryland

“Mujeres Santas, Vidas Santas” Venga a una conferencia para mujeres católicas de 9 am a 5 pm el sábado, 11 de noviembre de 2023 en la Iglesia St. John the Evangelist, Severna Park, MD. El evento concluirá a las 5:30 pm con una Misa de Vigilia celebrada por el Obispo Bruce Lewandowski y música de la Basílica de la Asunción *Schola Cantorum*. Esta conferencia de un día de duración es una oportunidad para que las mujeres de todo el estado se reúnan y profundicen su fe, escuchen a oradores católicos dinámicos y disfruten del compañerismo. La conferencia es para mujeres de cualquier edad ó etapa de la vida. Este año, nos complace ofrecer también charlas en español y brindar servicios limitados de cuidado de niños para que la conferencia sea accesible para aún más mujeres. Los boletos cuestan \$60 para adultos y \$30 para estudiantes y religiosos. ¡El costo del boleto incluye desayuno, almuerzo, refrigerios y bolsas de regalos! Becas y cuidado de niños limitado están disponibles. Regístrese en: www.marylandcatholicwomen.com