

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

September 4 - September 10, 2023

Monday, 9/4	9:00 a.m.	All Workers
Tuesday, 9/5	9:00 a.m.	Gaby & Rod O'Connor
Wednesday, 9/6	9:00 a.m.	John Wilbert
	7:30 p.m.	Reverend Frederick McIntyre
Thursday, 9/7	9:00 a.m.	Dominick D'Aurora
Friday, 9/8	9:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving (Haile Family)
Saturday, 9/9	5:00 p.m.	Kate Harkins
Sunday, 9/10	8:00 a.m.	Haile Family (L)
	9:30 a.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Esperanza Campos
	1:00 p.m.	Tony Hernandez
	5:00 p.m.	Alicia Church

Please pray for the sick...Joan Misko, Mark Lynch, 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 Dudenhoefter, 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 September 3, 2023

Sunday:	Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/ Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
Monday:	1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/ Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday:	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/ Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/ Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Saturday:	Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday:	Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/ Mt 18:15-20

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

Today's column is devoted to Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich (1901-1927). Teresa Demjanovich was born to a Ruthenian family who had emigrated to New Jersey. She was a very intelligent young woman who graduated from high school at the age of 15. Although she wished to enter religious life, she delayed this to take care of her parents who were both terminally ill. While a student at the College of St. Elizabeth she received a startling vision, which she described in these words: *"I was saying my Rosary here at the window seat when suddenly the grounds outside appeared in dazzling light and the blessed Mother was clearly seen by me."*

In 1925 Teresa entered the Sisters of Charity in Convent Station, New Jersey. As a novice she received the name Miriam Teresa. Her spiritual director quickly discerned her special gifts. He asked her to write his conferences to the novices - even though she was a novice herself. Only after she died did her spiritual director reveal that she was the true author of his conferences. The conferences that she had written for her spiritual director to use with the novices were entitled *Greater Perfection*. The theme of the conferences was that the way of holiness was compatible with every state in life: "Union with God is the spiritual height God calls everyone to achieve - not only religious but anyone, who chooses, who wills to seek this pearl of great price, who specializes in the traffic of eternal good, who constantly says 'yes' to God." Once they were published, Sr. Miriam Teresa's reflections found a wide following.

In November 1926 Sister Miriam Teresa became gravely ill. She was allowed to make her profession of religious vows a month before her death on May 8, 1927, at the age of twenty-six. Her beatification in October 2014 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, N.J. was the first beatification celebrated in the United States.

Let me finish this column with this quotation from Blessed Miriam Teresa: *"Keep the ways of the Lord.... The way of the cross is the path of self-sacrifice and denial. Only a humble soul can walk this path securely."*

Until next week,
Fr. John

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

September 2/3 2023

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In what ways do I find it difficult to deny my own desires, priorities, and will, to follow Christ? How can my faith in the resurrection ease my willingness to do so?

2023 WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON PORTUGAL

The pilgrims to the 2023 World Youth Day wish to thank all Saint Francis parishioners for participating in World Youth Day fundraisers and for supporting their quest to attend this momentous occasion. Thank you Saint Francis your generosity was greatly appreciated by all travelers!

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS PROGRAM BEGINS THIS MONTH

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 (RCIA), 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. The RCIA team is also looking for new members who can help accompany those who are exploring our Catholic faith tradition. If you feel called to share your faith journey with people who are embarking on theirs, then please contact Tony at the e-mail address above.

YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY RECONVENES ON SEPTEMBER 10

Next weekend, the parish's Young Adults Ministry will reconvene for its first full program year at St. Francis. Join young adults ages 18-40 at 6:30 pm Sunday, September 10, in the Rectory's Youth Room, as they gather for food, fellowship, and faith sharing. The young adults gather twice a month; to join them or for more information, please contact Fr. Grzegorz Okulewicz at (301) 840-1407. We look forward to welcoming you!



ST. FRANCIS PARISH PICNIC
BLESSING OF ANIMALS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8
WATCH THE BULLETIN
FOR DETAILS

MAUI DISASTER RELIEF SECOND COLLECTION SEPTEMBER 2/3

St. Francis will be taking up a second collection this weekend. There are envelopes in the pew pockets for your use in donating. Please make your check out to St. Francis with "Maui 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.

SIGN UP SEPTEMBER 2/3 OR 9/10 FOR THE WALKING WITH PURPOSE BIBLE STUDY COURSES

Starting September 2/3, all women of our parish are invited to sign up and take part in one of two women's Bible study sessions beginning this fall in the Kuehner Room. Through the Walking with Purpose program, women can study Scripture among their peers and discuss how the readings apply to their lives. **All content is delivered in English.**

The options include:

- "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 multi-week holiday breaks.
- "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.

Sign up for either course in the Gathering Space on September 2/3 or 9/10. For more information, contact coordinators Eileen Grams at ehgrams@yahoo.com or Lita Silva at litasilva4@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY COLLECTION

This Archdiocesan collection will be taken on September 9/10. CUA, guided by Catholic intellectual tradition, provides students with academically rigorous educational programs every year from this collection. Please give according to your means.

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

*We look forward to welcoming families
to this year's two program options.*

*Program calendars are posted on the parish website,
and are also being mailed to all who registered.*

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.

**CHILDREN MUST BE REGISTERED
BEFORE THEY CAN BEGIN CLASSES.**

There's still opportunity to participate in our parish religious education program and children are welcome to start classes once registration is received and processed.

Registration forms can be found on the parish website at <https://sfadw.org/children-grades-pre-k-8>, in the Church Gathering Space, and in the Parish Office. Classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

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-gioused@sfadw.org.

Registration fee: \$125.00 per child

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.*

**Catechetical Sunday Blessing of Catechists at all Masses
Saturday, September 16 and Sunday, September 17**

Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

When you attend Mass this weekend, all parish catechists and Catholic school teachers will be invited to present themselves for a blessing as part of the Prayer of the Faithful. For new and returning catechists, we thank you for allowing us to pray for you and bless your ministry.

**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 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 in the fall.

Religious Education Catechist Meetings

Religious education catechists are asked to note the following Catechist Meetings by Session (in the Parish Center):

✦ **Grade K-5 Catechists:**

- Sunday Session: September 10, 9:20-10:35 am
- Monday Session: September 11, 4:45-6:00 pm

○ **Grade 6-8 Catechists:**

- Monday Session: September 11, 6:45-8:00 pm
- Tuesday Session: September 12, 6:45-8:00 pm

Ways to Serve

The entire parish community shares responsibility for faith formation and the support of many volunteers makes our programs successful. There are a variety of ways to serve, including weekly, monthly, and "as needed" commitments:

- Catechist
- Classroom Aide
- Substitute Catechist
- Support for Service Projects
- Support for Art Projects (at home preparation)
- Help with Sacramental Celebrations & Special Events

Please consider supporting our Religious Education program as a volunteer! To learn more, please call the Religious Education Office at 301-258-9193.

**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.***

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.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RAFFLE

Next weekend, representatives from Montgomery Council 2323 of the Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets for the Maryland State Council's Annual Cash Incentive Raffle after all Masses. The tickets are \$1.00 each. Montgomery Council 2323 receives \$0.60 for each ticket sold. The proceeds that the Council receives will benefit various Council activities, but mainly support for the Pope John Paul II Seminarians and the Coats for Kids program. The coats will be given to Fr. John for distribution to needy children. Please support this worthy cause.

Knights of Columbus

Montgomery Council #2323 will host a
Family Night / Happy Hour, Friday, September 15.

Enjoy an Evening with Family and friends
All are welcome

6:30 to 9 pm

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

Tickets will be sold at the door
Payment by Credit Card Available
\$25 for Families,

\$10 for individuals, Free for children 7 and under
Dinner includes

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

Games and activities available

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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.

Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School

We are...St. Jude

www.StJudeRockville.org

We are so excited to introduce our new teachers for the school year!

Ms. Hanlon - Pre-K4

Mrs. Cordero - Pre-K4

Ms. Step - 2nd grade

Mrs. Barish - 3rd grade

Mrs. Miller - 7 & 8 ELA

Mr. Tapia - Spanish

Ms. Dunston - Resource

KICKING OFF THE SCHOOL YEAR! What a blessing to welcome our PreK3-, 3/4-, and 4-year-olds, as well as our kindergarteners and 5th graders at orientation! They will do great!

**Accepting Applications for: 5th and 6th Grade
English/Language Arts Teacher**

COME SEE YOURSELF AT SJRCS! We are looking for passionate and dedicated educators for the 2023-2024 school year. Along with true Catholic identity, high school prep academics, and a welcoming community of parents, students, faculty, and staff, SJRCS boasts a diverse enrollment where those of every race and culture can see themselves and feel at home. To apply, email Jeanne Donatelli, Principal at jeanne.donatelli@stjuderockville.org

Have you heard Mrs. Donatelli's PSA??

Listen to EWTN/Guadalupe Radio 1160AM or 103.1FM to hear Mrs. Donatelli speaking about St. Jude Regional Catholic School on the radio! Thank you, Joe Schuler, Development Director at Guadalupe Radio for hosting Mrs. Donatelli, Mrs. Balog, and Mrs. Donnelly at the EWTN station! "God wants you to be in the world, but so different from the world that you will change it. Get cracking." -Mother Angelica

MOURNING THE DEATH OF A CHILD

The Compassionate Friends (TCF) is an organization that can offer help to bereaved parents. TCF is an informal support group of mothers and fathers who know and understand the tragic impact that the death of a child has on a family. St. Francis parishioners Barbara and George Beall have been active members of TCF since their daughter died of cancer in 2004. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm at Potomac Presbyterian Church; **all content is delivered in English.** There are no professional counselors, only parents who are willing to share their experiences with non-judgmental and understanding listeners. Everything is confidential, and there are no fees of any kind. If you would like more information, or to receive a TCF brochure, please call George or Barbara at (301) 253-8740. Their e-mail address is oldedish@starpower.net. You may contact them for help any time of the day or night.

Anuncios en el boletín del 2 al 3 de septiembre de 2023:

El programa Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (RICA) comienza este mes

¿Está usted ó alguien que conoce listo para conocer verdaderamente a Jesucristo y caminar con él como miembro de la fe católica? A través del Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos, los participantes que deseen explorar cómo convertirse en Católicos ó 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 ó alguien que conoce está listo para comenzar este viaje, comuníquese con el Director de Asuntos Sociales y Formación de Fe de Adultos, Tony Bosnick, en abosnick@sfadw.org. Los hispanohablantes también pueden comunicarse con el diácono Will García en wagarcia@comcast.net ó Lourdes García en legarcia@comcast.net para RICA en español. El equipo de RICA también está buscando nuevos miembros que puedan ayudar a acompañar a quienes están explorando nuestra tradición de fe católica. Si se siente llamado a compartir su viaje de fe con personas que se están embarcando en el suyo, comuníquese con Tony a la dirección de correo electrónico mencionada anteriormente.

El Ministerio de Jóvenes Adultos se reúne nuevamente el 10 de septiembre

El próximo fin de semana, el Ministerio de Jóvenes Adultos de la parroquia se volverá a reunir para su primer año de programa completo en St. Francis. Únase a los adultos jóvenes de 18 a 40 años a las 6:30 p. m. el domingo, 10 de septiembre en el Salón para Jóvenes de la Rectoría, mientras se reúnen para comer, tener compañerismo y compartir la fe. Los jóvenes se reúnen dos veces al mes; para unirse a ellos ó para obtener más información, comuníquese con el P. Grzegorz Okulewicz al (301) 840-1407. ¡Esperamos darles la bienvenida!

De luto por la muerte de un niño

Compassionate Friends (TCF) es una organización que puede ofrecer ayuda a los padres en duelo. TCF es un grupo de apoyo informal de madres y padres que conocen y comprenden el trágico impacto que la muerte de un niño tiene en una familia.

Los feligreses de St. Francis, Barbara y George Beall, han sido miembros activos de TCF desde que su hija murió de cáncer en 2004.

Las reuniones se llevan a cabo el primer jueves de cada mes a las 7 pm en la Iglesia Presbiteriana en Potomac; **todo el contenido se entrega en inglés**. No hay consejeros profesionales, sólo padres que están dispuestos a compartir sus experiencias con oyentes comprensivos y sin prejuicios. Todo es confidencial y no hay honorarios de ningún tipo.

Si desea obtener más información ó recibir un folleto de TCF, llame a George ó Barbara al (301) 253-8740. Su dirección de correo electrónico es oldedish@starpower.net. Puede comunicarse con ellos para obtener ayuda en cualquier momento del día ó de la noche.

Regístrese el 2/3 de septiembre ó el 9/10 para los cursos de estudio bíblico Caminando con Propósito

A partir del 2 y 3 de septiembre, todas las mujeres de nuestra parroquia están invitadas a inscribirse y participar en una de las dos sesiones de estudio bíblico para mujeres que comenzarán este otoño en el Salón Kuehner. A través del programa Caminando con Propósito, las mujeres pueden estudiar las Escrituras entre sus compañeros y discutir cómo las lecturas se aplican a sus vidas. **Todo el contenido se entrega 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”, 10:15-11:45 am los jueves 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; un período de sesiones de nueve semanas que comenzará en enero; y una sesión de cuatro semanas que comenzará en abril. Se han incluido en el calendario vacaciones de varias semanas. Todas las mujeres pueden unirse a cualquiera ó todos los trimestres.

Regístrese para cualquiera de los cursos en el Espacio de Reunión el 2/3 ó 9/10 de septiembre. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con las coordinadoras Eileen Grams en ehgrams@yahoo.com ó Lita Silva en litasilva4@gmail.com.

Caballeros de Colón

El Consejo Montgomery #2323 organizará una **Noche Familiar/Happy Hour, viernes 15 de septiembre.**

Disfrute de una velada con familiares y amigos.

Todos son bienvenidos

6:30 a 9 pm

Padre Cuddy Hall, 17001 Overhill Rd., Derwood, MD.

Las entradas se venderán en la puerta

Pago con tarjeta de crédito disponible

\$25 por familia,

\$10 por individuos, gratis para niños menores de 7 años

La cena incluye

Cerdo Bar-B-Que, Bratwurst, Sándwiches de queso a la parrilla, Acompañamientos, Cerveza, Vino y refrescos

Juegos y actividades disponibles.

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