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September 11 - September 17, 2023

Monday, 9/11	9:00 a.m.	Gilda Beyer
Tuesday, 9/12	9:00 a.m.	John Wilbert
Wednesday, 9/13	9:00 a.m.	Becky Lord
•	7:30 p.m.	Ranjith Leitan
	•	& Anthony Costa
Thursday, 9/14	9:00 a.m.	Don Smith
Friday, 9/15	9:00 a.m.	Father John M. Rizzato
Saturday, 9/16	5:00 p.m.	Selwyn & Flavia De Souza
Sunday, 9/17	8:00 a.m.	Alicia Church
•	9:30 a.m.	Charles Barnhart
	11:15 a.m.	Pro populo
	1:00 p.m.	Para Nuestros Hijos que no
	•	practican la fe'
	5:00 p.m.	Ade Graĥam

Please pray for the sick...Andre Polissedjian, Joan Misko, Mark Lynch, Christine Degen, Anna Calabia, 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 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 September 10, 2023

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/

Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11 **Tuesday:** Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/

Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/

Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/

Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8,

11/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/

Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

(8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21–35

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

I am continuing this series on Saints and Blesseds of the United States. This week I am featuring Blessed Stanley Francis Rother (1935-81) who has a special connection with my family. More on that below. Much of the material that I am presenting is taken from the website of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, his home diocese. Another useful source for this brief portrait of Blessed Stanley is an interview with his sister in the *National Catholic Register*.

Stanley Francis Rother was born on March 27, 1935, to Franz and Gertrude Rother. He was the oldest of their four children and grew up on a farm where he worked hard doing his required chores, attending school, playing sports, serving as an altar server, and enjoying the various activities associated with growing up in a small town.

His younger sister Betty Mae who became Sister Marita when she entered the Adorers of the Blood of Christ, remembers her brother Stanley as someone who showed leadership qualities. Stanley was a class officer at their parish school, he managed a sport program, and served as president of the Future Farmers of America. Sister Marita remembers her brother being a very responsible person.

When Stanley graduated from high school, he told his family that he wanted to be a priest. He began seminary in San Antonio, Texas. Unfortunately, he struggled academically at that seminary because he had not studied Latin in high school. When the seminary dismissed him, Stanley appealed to Bishop Victor Reed, the diocesan bishop in Oklahoma at the time, for another chance. Bishop Reed asked Father Joseph Dillon, a priest of the diocese at the time and a first cousin of my father, if he would meet with Stanley over the summer and let the bishop know if the vocation was salvageable. Father Joseph met with Stanley over the summer and recommended that he be sent to another seminary. On the strength of my cousin's recommendation Bishop Reed arranged for Stanley to attend Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. He was successful in his studies at Mount St. Mary's and was ordained a priest on May 25, 1963. He then served five years as an associate pastor in Oklahoma.

He sought and received permission to join the staff at the Oklahoma diocese's mission in Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala. He served the native tribe of Tz'utujil, who are descendants of the Mayans. Although Stanley had struggled with Latin earlier in his life, he learned Spanish and the Tz'utujil language in Guatemala. He celebrated Mass in their language and helped translate the New Testament into their language.

Father Rother was surrounded by extreme poverty among the Tz'utujil, who lived in one room huts and grew what they could on their small plots of land. He ministered to his parishioners in their homes, eating with them, visiting the sick, and assisting them with medical issues. He put his farming skills to use by helping them in the fields, bringing in different crops, and building an irrigation system.

While he served in Guatemala, a civil war raged between a U.S. backed militarist government and guerrilla forces. The Catholic Church was caught in the middle due to its insistence on catechizing and educating the people. During this conflict, thousands of Catholics were killed. In time he learned that his name had been entered onto a death list.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

With whom do I need to reconcile? How can I go about it fruitfully?

FIRST RCIA MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 20

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Program will kick off on Wednesday, September 20. If you or someone you know is ready to know Jesus Christ and journey with him as a member of the Catholic faith, then please plan to join us at the RCIA Program. Gatherings are largely held on Zoom, with at least one inperson meeting per month. For more information, 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.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY COLLECTION

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

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

He was asked to come back to the U.S. for his own safety, which he did with reluctance. After a short time at home, he asked for permission to return, stating that in the time of danger the shepherd could not run. Having received the permission, Stanley returned to Santiago Atitlan to continue the work of the mission.

Within a few months, three men entered the rectory around 1:00 a.m. on July 28, 1981, fought with Father Rother, and then murdered him. His death shocked the Catholic world. His parents were both alive at the time of his death. Sr. Marita remembers that her father was stronger in coping with the news of the murder of Father Rother. She doesn't think that her mother ever got over it and died a few years after the death of her son. No one was ever held responsible for his murder. The people of Santiago Atitlan mourned the loss of their leader and friend. They requested that his heart be kept in Guatemala where it remains today.

In 2007, his cause for Canonization was opened. In June 2015, the Vatican voted to recognize formally Father Stanley Rother as a martyr. The rite of beatification was held on September 23, 2017, in downtown Oklahoma City—an event attended by more than 20,000 people from around the world—including my cousin Joseph Dillon. Blessed Stanley Rother is the first U.S.-born priest to be declared a martyr and to be beatified.

When Sr. Marita was asked her thoughts on her brother's beatification, she said that she was grateful to the Church for recognizing him. She was proud of him for not giving up, meeting his daily challenges, and trusting in God's promise to give him eternal life. She said that brother Stanley lived simply, gave his best, and was confident that he heard the Lord say to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Until next week, Father John

WELCOME to the Family of Christ!

The following individual and their family recently joined our St. Francis faith community during the month of August.

of August: Juan & Onelia Aguire

Jesus Almazan Mercy Coto

Juver & Santos Garcia

Simon Peter & Diana Kustedjo

Elsa Martinez

Daniel & Rana Oriolo Cristian & Samira Silva

Matthew & Mary Elizabeth Thompson

The following children was baptized during the month of

August: Bella Athena I. Custodio

Nadal Amedeo Mariotti Soliana Valentina Mariotti Mackenzie Esther Pondell Esme Valentina Tarectecan

JOIN THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITATION OF ADULTS TEAM

If you'd like to share your faith journey with people exploring becoming Catholic, then please consider joining the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults team. Team members gather weekly from mid-September to June to share their faith with people inquiring about the Catholic faith. Gatherings are largely held on Zoom, with at least one in-person meeting per month. Come share the richness of our faith by helping plant seeds in others! For more information, contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at ab-osnick@sfadw.org.

THE LORD'S TABLE SOUP KITCHEN LOOKING FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to serve at The Lord's Table (Gaithersburg Community Soup Kitchen, Inc.), helping to cook and dish up hot meals to those in need in the Gaithersburg area. Based at Epworth United Methodist Church in Gaithersburg, The Lord's Table serves hot meals from 3:30-4:30 pm Monday through Friday from October to April. St. Francis parishioners interested in serving would take on a once-a-month commitment to serve on a team from 1-5 pm; the service work can also be accomplished from 1-3 pm, during which one would cook food and clean dishes and cookware or from 3-5 pm, during which one would serve food and clean up. Volunteers who are middle school-aged and up are welcome, but middle schoolers must be accompanied by an adult. The service work qualifies for Student Service Learning (SSL) hours. For more information, contact Tony Bosnick, Director Social Concerns/Adult Faith Formation at abosnick@sfadw.org.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS MASS & ROSARY AT ALL SOULS CEMETERY

Since the earliest days of the Church, believers have found consolation and hope in the companionship of Our Lady in prayer at the cemetery. Gather with us at All Souls Cemetery on Friday, September 15, 2023, at 5:00 PM. For more information, please contact All Souls Cemetery at 301-428-1995.

2023-24 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 8 STARTS SOON!

Program calendars are posted on the parish website and have also been mailed to all who have registered.

We look forward to welcoming families starting next week:

"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 offered at two session times: 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. Classes start on September 24.

"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. Materials are ready for pick up starting today, September 10. The first online session for parents will be on September 17. The link to join will be sent to families registered for Homeschool RE.

It is not too late to register for this year's Religious Education program!

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. 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.

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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:
- o Sunday Session: September 10, 9:20-10:35 am
- o Monday Session: September 11, 4:45-6:00 pm
- o Grade 6-8 Catechists:
- o Monday Session: September 11, 6:45-8:00 pm
- o 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 (especially for our Elementary sessions on Sunday morning and Monday afternoon)
- 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.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

In honor of Our Lady of Fatima's second apparition, June 13, 1917, The World Apostolate of Fatima, Archdiocese of Washington Division "The Blue Army" Invites you to Rosary, Mass, Confession, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Blessing with St. Rafael Healing Oil on Tuesday, September 13 at 1:00 pm in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel, Basilica of the National Shrine, Michigan Ave, DC. For more information call 301-595-1770.

ST. FRANCIS PARISH PICNIC & ANIMAL BLESSING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR DETAILS

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

Dried Rice & Beans

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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RAFFLE

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

HOLIDAY BAZAAR CRAFTERS

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

We will be making crafts for the 2023 Holiday Bazaar on Wednesday September 13 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

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. Donelly 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

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!

DRAMA CLUB CAR WASH Sunday, September 10, 8am-2pm

COME TO THE 40 DAYS FOR LIFE KICKOFF EVENT ON SEPTEMBER 15

Are you interested in taking a stand for life? Come attend the 40 Days for Life Kickoff Event from 6-9 pm Friday, September 15, at St. Mary's Catholic Church Chapel and School Gym in Rockville. Sponsored by the 40 Days for Life campaigns in Rockville and Bethesda, the event's schedule is as follows:

- 6 pm: Holy Hour and Meditation by Fr. James Glasgow on "The Eucharist and the Dignity of Life"
- 7 pm: Talk by Matt Britton, general counsel of 40 Days for Life
- 8 pm: Reception

The event precedes the Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign, which runs from September 27 to November 5. During the campaign, parishes and parish groups are invited to pray at local abortion clinics for mothers and their unborn children. For more information, contact Respect Life Coordinator Lita Silva at litasilva4@gmail.com.

Anuncios del boletín del 9 al 10 de septiembre de 2023:

Venga al evento de lanzamiento de 40 Días por la Vida el 15 de septiembre

¿Está interesado en tomar una posición por la vida? Venga a asistir al evento de lanzamiento de 40 Días por la Vida de 6 a 9 pm el viernes 15 de septiembre en la Capilla y Gimnasio de la Escuela de la Iglesia Católica de Santa María en Rockville. Patrocinado por las campañas 40 Días por la Vida en Rockville y Bethesda, el calendario del evento es el siguiente:

- 6 pm: Hora Santa y Meditación del P. James Glasgow sobre "La Eucaristía y la Dignidad de la Vida"
- 7 pm: Charla de Matt Britton, consejero general de 40
 Días por la Vida
- 8 pm: Recepción

El evento precede a la Campaña de Otoño 40 Días por la Vida, que se extiende del 27 de septiembre al 5 de noviembre. Durante la campaña, se invita a las parroquias y grupos parroquiales a orar en las clínicas locales de aborto por las madres y sus hijos por nacer. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con la Coordinadora de Respeto a la Vida, Lita Silva, en litasilva4@gmail.com.

Primera reunión de RICA programada para el 20 de septiembre

El Programa Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos comenzará el miércoles 20 de septiembre. Si usted o alguien que conoce está listo para conocer a Jesucristo y viajar con él como miembro de la fe católica, entonces planee unirse a nosotros en el Programa RICA. Las reuniones se llevan a cabo principalmente en Zoom, con al menos una reunión en persona por mes. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con el Director de Asuntos Sociales y Formación de Fe para Adultos, Tony Bosnick en <u>abosnick@sfadw.org</u>. Los de habla hispana pueden comunicarse alternativamente con el diácono Will Garcia en <u>wagarcia@comcast.net</u> o Lourdes García en <u>legarcia@comcast.net</u> para RICA en español.

Únete al equipo del Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos

Si desea compartir su viaje de fe con personas que exploran convertirse en católicos, considere unirse al equipo de Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos. Los miembros del equipo se reúnen semanalmente desde mediados de septiembre hasta junio para compartir su fe con las personas que preguntan sobre la fe católica. Las reuniones se llevan a cabo principalmente en Zoom, con al menos una reunión en persona por mes. ¡Ven a compartir la riqueza de nuestra fe ayudando a plantar semillas en otros!

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

El comedor de beneficencia Lord's Table en busca de nuevos voluntarios

Se necesitan voluntarios para servir en The Lord's Table (Gaithersburg Community Soup Kitchen, Inc.), ayudando a cocinar y preparar comidas calientes a los necesitados en el área de Gaithersburg. Con sede en la Iglesia Metodista Unida Epworth en Gaithersburg, The Lord's Table sirve comidas calientes de 3:30 a 4:30 pm de lunes a viernes de octubre a abril.

Los feligreses de San Francisco interesados en servir asumirían un compromiso una vez al mes para servir en un equipo de 1 a 5 pm; El trabajo de servicio también se puede realizar de 1-3 pm, durante el cual uno cocinaría alimentos y limpiaría platos y utensilios de cocina o de 3-5 pm, durante el cual uno serviría comida y limpiaría. Los voluntarios que están en edad de escuela intermedia y superiores son bienvenidos, pero los estudiantes de secundaria deben estar acompañados por un adulto. El trabajo de servicio califica para las horas de Aprendizaje de Servicio Estudiantil (SSL).

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

Mujeres de nuestra parroquia invitadas a conocer y saludar al grupo arquidiocesano

El Consejo de Mujeres Católicas-Arquidiócesis de Washington invita a todas las mujeres de nuestra parroquia a su Segundo Encuentro y Saludo Anual de 9 am a 1 pm el sábado 30 de septiembre en la Iglesia de San Felipe Apóstol, 5416 Henderson Way, en Camp Springs, MD. La reunión comenzará con una Misa e Instalación de Oficiales, seguida del Rosario, Adoración Eucarística, almuerzo y compañerismo.

Para reservar su asiento, vaya a https://www.eventbrite.com/e/701819810947?
aff=oddtdtcreator. Para obtener más información, envíe un correo electrónico archdioceseccw@gmail.com.