

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

October 2 - October 8, 2023

Monday, 10/2	9:00 a.m.	Alexander O'Connor
Tuesday, 10/3	9:00 a.m.	Serge Triau
Wednesday, 10/4	9:00 a.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
	7:30 p.m.	Frances D'Aurora
Thursday, 10/5	9:00 a.m.	Thomas Hawes, Jr.
Friday, 10/6	9:00 a.m.	Barbara Lynn Beall
	7:30 p.m.	Petrona De Joya
Saturday, 10/7	5:00 p.m.	Christine Vilgos-Mitchell
Sunday, 10/8	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
	9:30 a.m.	Honorable John Coady Dillon
	11:15 a.m.	Paul Pini
	1:00 p.m.	Reid Robilloto
	5:00 p.m.	Kevin O'Brien

Please pray for the sick... Callie Mc Gowan, Diana Marie Lacour Kustedjo, Lisan Collins, Andre Polissedjian, Joan Misko, Mark Lynch, Christine Degen, Anna 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 October 1, 2023

Sunday:	Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/ Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32
Monday:	Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/ Mt 18:1-5, 10
Tuesday:	Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday:	Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday:	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/ Lk 10:1-12
Friday:	Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday:	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/ Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday:	Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

POOR BOX DONATIONS

The donations for next weekend will go to Shady Grove Pregnancy Center. *Thank you for your generosity.*

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

Blessed James Miller was born in 1944 near Steven's Point, Wisconsin. He was the oldest of five siblings of a farming family of which he was always proud. He loved farm work, but he started thinking about the priesthood as a high school student. The Christian Brothers who taught at the Catholic High School he was attending encouraged him to consider being a teaching brother. In 1959, at the age of 15, he joined the juniorate of the LaSalle Christian Brothers in Glencoe, Missouri. A juniorate is essentially a high school of boys thinking of a joining the religious congregation. The juniorate was also a self-sufficient farm that the students helped to run. After finishing high school, he entered the novitiate of the LaSalle Christian Brothers and then was sent to the University of Minnesota at Winona to study Spanish.

Brother James was not considered the most pious among the young brothers. He had a tendency to be late for prayers and was seldom the last person to leave the chapel. On the other hand, he had a great generosity, simplicity, and friendliness that made him beloved by all. He had a deep faith in God, a sincere willingness to help others, and a hearty laugh. He was a young brother who created union and harmony among the LaSalle Christian Brothers. He loved to talk about farming and recounted stories from his high school days in Missouri. He could drive a tractor with confidence and was very handy with tools. Later on, his students would call him "Brother Fix-It."

After earning a master's in Spanish, Brother James was assigned to Cretin High School in St. Paul Minnesota where he taught English, Spanish, and religion. He also coached football and took on much of the building maintenance at Cretin High School. He was initially called Brother Leo William, but later returned to his baptismal name when this option was made available. In Central America he was known as Brother Santiago.

Brother James told his superiors that he deeply desired to serve the poor in the missions. His superiors made note of this when he was admitted to perpetual vows in 1969.

Shortly after his final profession, one of the brothers at the LaSalle Christian Brothers mission in Bluefields, Nicaragua became ill. Brother James was sent to replace him. He took over the sixth-grade classroom in the school and assumed responsibility for the building maintenance. Then he taught in their high school, ran the bookstore, and started a soccer team. He did whatever needed to be done—quietly and without fanfare.

After four years in Bluefields he was sent to Puerto Cabeza on the east coast of Nicaragua to be the director of the school. This mission flourished under his leadership. He increased enrollment from 300 to 800. At Puerto Cabeza he built an industrial arts complex, offices, and a science building. He founded a volunteer fire department and trained the firemen himself. He also taught a full class schedule and did the building maintenance. Often, he would be seen sweeping the floors, cleaning the bathrooms, handling plumbing problems, and doing building repairs. The Somoza government was impressed with his work and contracted him to build rural schools.

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October 1, 2023

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How would my behavior change if I reorient myself toward others? What could I do this week that I hadn't planned to do and for whom?

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 11:00 AM IN THE CHURCH

If your son or daughter is 4th grade or above and interested in becoming an altar server, please call the Parish Office (301) 840-1407 to reserve a spot in our training session.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

When the Sandinista Revolution toppled with dictatorship of Anastasio Somoza, his superiors feared for him and recalled him to the United States in 1979 because he had collaborated with the previous government to build schools. Brother James was committed to improving the lot of the poor but was decidedly nonpolitical. He obeyed with a heavy heart and taught once again at Cretin High School for two years.

In 1981 he got his opportunity to return to the missions. This time he was sent to Guatemala as the subdirector of the LaSalle Christian Brothers mission in Huehuetenango where the brothers worked among the indigenous people who were descendants of the Mayans. These people were increasingly marginalized as their homes and farmlands were taken over by commercial agricultural interests.

In 1981, Guatemala was in one of the most violent stages of a decade-long conflict. The government military frequently tried to round up Indian boys, including students, to serve in the army. Each time the brothers heard one of their boys had been picked up by the soldiers at the market or on the streets, they went to the military station and reclaimed them. Sometimes, the brothers had to insist and would not take no for an answer. Brother James was often the one who went to rescue the boys.

Aware of the violence, the family and friends of Brother James had tried to dissuade him from taking the assignment in Guatemala. Though he acknowledged their concerns, he accepted the risks. He knew that he could be killed, and on February 13, 1982, while he stood helpless and alone on a ladder fixing the school building, three men shot him at point blank range. Some speculated that his killing was meant as warning to the Christian Brothers to stop interfering with the army's practice of rounding up Indian boys to serve in the army. Brother James was formally declared a martyr in 2018 and beatified at a Mass in Guatemala City on December 7, 2019.

Let me close his story by quoting an excerpt from a letter that he wrote to his sister a month before he was murdered: *"I am personally weary of violence, but I continue to feel a strong commitment to the suffering poor of Central America.... I pray to God for the grace and strength to serve Him faithfully by my presence among the poor and oppressed of Guatemala. I place my life in His Providence and place my trust in Him."*

Until next week.

Fr. John

FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF MASS IN SPANISH TO BE CELEBRATED OCTOBER 1 AND 8

On Sunday October 1, we celebrate the first anniversary of establishing our Mass in Spanish at 1 pm Sundays in the church. Through the leadership of Fr. John Dillon and Parochial Vicar Fr. Grzegorz Okulewicz, the Mass in Spanish now averages about 150 Spanish-speaking and bilingual worshippers each week, boasts a growing choir, and nurtures a fervent desire to celebrate the cultural traditions found in love of God and the Blessed Mother of those in attendance.

We extend a warm welcome to all those who have worshipped with us at the Mass in Spanish each week. We also thank Deacon Will Garcia and his wife, Lourdes, for their tireless commitment to serve the needs of those in our Spanish-speaking and bilingual faith community.

Worshippers at the Mass in Spanish on October 1 are invited to enjoy refreshments in the Gathering Space after today's liturgy. On Sunday, October 8, our parish community will warmly mark the milestone with our communal celebration at the Parish Picnic. Please RSVP for that event at <https://sfaderwood.flocknote.com/signup/136318>.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN STARTS NEXT WEEK

The Shady Grove Pregnancy Center helps pregnant women facing difficult choices have options, including counseling, ultrasounds, parenting classes, and material aid (diapers, cribs, infant car seats, and baby clothes). Your donation enables the organization to provide these services free of charge to women who desperately need to hear about alternatives to abortion. Beginning Saturday, October 7, you'll find baby bottles for the center's Baby Bottle Campaign in the Gathering Space. Please pick one up and fill it with coins, currency, or a check made out to Shady Grove Pregnancy Center. Don't forget to put 'St. Francis BBC' in the memo. Please return all bottles by October 29, 2023. To give online, use this link to access our parish's unique giving page: <https://donate.givedirect.org/?cid=15939>

WHEN WE RECEIVE, WE HAVE MUCH TO GIVE

In two weeks, you'll be learning about the many gifts our parish has received over the past year and how we, in turn, can give back to our parish through our parish offertory appeal. Through the Amen Generosity program, we learn that the blessings God has given us inspire us to respond happily and joyfully to ways we can enhance our parish ministries and the church building itself. Please stay tuned during our first Inspiration Weekend on the weekend of October 13/14. For more information, contact the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407.

**REMINDER.....
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8
3:00 PM
IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH**

2023-24 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 8



Religious Education classes have started, and we are looking forward to a wonderful year! Space is still available in many classes and children are welcome to start attending once registration is received and processed. Registration forms can be found on the parish web site (<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 sfareligioused@sfadw.org.

Registration fee: \$125.00 per child

If payment of registration fees poses a financial hardship, please contact us and allow us to assist you.

Children must be registered before they can begin classes.

Questions? Call the Religious Education Office at 301-258-9193 or email sfareligioused@sfadw.org.

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.

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES ON OCTOBER 8, 9 AND 10

There will be no Religious Education classes on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, October 8, 9 and 10. In lieu of class, we hope that all RE families will plan to attend the Parish Picnic on Sunday, October 8.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (continued)

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE & PARENT MEETING: OCTOBER 11

For those who have registered for this year's Confirmation Program, there will be a meeting for students and parents on Wednesday, October 11, from 6:45-8:30 pm in the Parish Center. Letters with additional information are being mailed to families with children registered for Confirmation this year. If you have any questions about this meeting or our Confirmation program, please call Susan Anderson at 301-258-9193.

Ministry Opportunity in Religious Education at St. Francis, Derwood

Our Religious Education Office is looking to hire a part-time Program Assistant. Interested candidates must be available to work Sunday mornings (8-11 am) and some Saturdays during the school year. Job responsibilities include supporting Sunday morning Religious Education classes (September-May), supporting Sacramental Preparation programs, and assisting the Director of Religious Education with program activities. The qualified candidate should have excellent interpersonal skills, ability to organize and follow through with details, and must satisfactorily complete a criminal record and background check per the Archdiocese regulations for employees working with children and young people. Please forward your resume and letter of interest to: sander-son@sfadw.org.

LAST OPPORTUNITY TO SIGN UP FOR THE PARISH PICNIC ON OCTOBER 8

In just seven days, we'll be celebrating St. Francis of Assisi's Feast Day and our Parish Picnic! Come out with your family from 12:30-4 pm Sunday, October 8, on the parish grounds for delicious food, games, crafts, face painting, and a Moon Bounce. Simply Fresh will cater a barbecue lunch served from 12:30-3:30 pm in the Parish Center, while parishioners of all ages can enjoy ice cream from 1-3:30 pm. The Blessing of Animals will be held at 3 pm in front of church. Our parish will also be celebrating the first anniversary of our Mass in Spanish at the 1 pm liturgy in the church. All Mass goers are then welcome to join us in the Parish Center for the catered lunch. Please RSVP to attend the lunch by going to <https://sfaderwood.flocknote.com/signup/136318> or fill out a flyer in the Gathering Space. All RSVPs are due Sunday, October 1. For more information, please call the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407. Hope to see you there

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

We will be making crafts for the 2023 Holiday Bazaar on Wednesday October 4 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.

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, Baby wipes, Pediasure.

Ensure
Adult Pull-ups Medium, 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!

DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING

Have you experienced shame and had feelings of sadness, regret or guilt after abortion or the use of the abortion pill?

You are not alone! Any woman, who has gone through an abortion, is invited to attend an *Entering Canaan Day of Prayer and Healing on Saturday, October 14, 2023*. You will find the Sacraments, a caring retreat team, a witness talk, and a non-judgmental atmosphere, to heal from this shame and other negative emotions that come after abortion. Exact location and participation is confidential, due to the personal nature of this experience. For more information, contact Project Rachel Ministry, sponsored by The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington: 301-982-2008. You are welcome to email, just remember that email is not a confidential means of communication hope@adw.org.

Also **New Support Groups** are forming for women in September 2023 in Southern Maryland and in Montgomery County. Come and participate in these weekly meetings with others in a safe and welcoming environment. Call to reserve your space: 301-982-2008.

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.

Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School We are...St. Jude

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

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

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. St. Jude Thaddeus...Pray for us! To apply, email Jeanne Donatelli, Principal at jeanne.donatelli@stjuderockville.org

Join us at OKTOBERFEST

October 21, 2023
6:30pm-10:30pm
Thaddeus Room

Ticket Prices

\$30/person - Early Bird
\$40/person starting Sept. 30th
\$45/person at the door

Ticket price includes traditional German food such as brats, potato salad, sauerkraut, and pretzels. And of course, wein and bier!

Bring your friends!

ADULTS ONLY

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/octoberfest-tickets-717787972147?aff=oddtcreatorcind&fbclid=IwAR0bqfTmR946ZUlnbr5GJfEU0I5L398SBaFbqmHVQhPz6_J8VMEznps7i6M

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTGOMERY COUNCIL 2323

Montgomery Council 2323 is recruiting new members. Join the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world and the "strong right arm" of the Catholic Church. We are dedicated to charity, unity, fraternity and family while having a lot of fun doing good for others! For a limited time only get **one year free** online membership by clicking on the QR Code! For more information contact Membership Director, John DeMare, johnd2323@comcast.net or 240-354-6648. *Vivat Jesus!*



SCAN ME

Anuncios del boletín el 1 de octubre de 2023:

La campaña de biberones comienza la próxima semana

El Centro de Embarazos Shady Grove ayuda a las mujeres embarazadas que enfrentan decisiones difíciles a tener opciones, que incluyen asesoramiento, ultrasonidos, clases para padres y ayuda material (pañales, cunas, asientos para bebés y ropa para bebés). Su donación permite a la organización proporcionar estos servicios de forma gratuita a las mujeres que necesitan desesperadamente escuchar sobre alternativas al aborto.

A partir del sábado 7 de octubre, encontrará biberones para la Campaña de biberones del Centro en el espacio de reunión. Por favor, recoja uno y llénelo con monedas, billetes o un cheque a nombre de Shady Grove Pregnancy Center. No olvide poner 'St. Francis BBC' en el memo.

Por favor, devuelva todas las botellas antes del 29 de octubre de 2023. Para donar en línea, use este enlace para acceder a la página única de donaciones de nuestra parroquia: <https://donate.givedirect.org/?cid=15939>

Última oportunidad para inscribirse en el picnic parroquial el 8 de octubre

¡En solo siete días, celebraremos la fiesta de San Francisco de Asís y nuestro picnic parroquial! Salga con su familia de 12:30 a 4 pm el domingo 8 de octubre en los terrenos de la parroquia para disfrutar de deliciosa comida, juegos, manualidades, pintura facial y un rebote lunar. Simply Fresh ofrecerá un almuerzo de barbacoa servido de 12:30 a 3:30 pm en el Centro Parroquial, mientras que los feligreses de todas las edades pueden disfrutar de helados de 1 a 3:30 pm. La Bendición de los Animales se llevará a cabo a las 3 pm frente a la iglesia.

Nuestra parroquia también celebrará el primer aniversario de nuestra Misa en español en la liturgia de la 1 pm en la iglesia. Todos los asistentes a la Misa son bienvenidos a unirse a nosotros en el Centro Parroquial para el esperado almuerzo.

Por favor, confirme su asistencia para asistir al almuerzo yendo a <https://sfaderwood.flocknote.com/signup/136318> o llene un folleto en el Espacio de reunión. Todas las confirmaciones de asistencia deben presentarse el domingo 1 de octubre. Para obtener más información, llame a la Oficina Parroquial al (301) 840-1407. ¡Esperamos verlo allí!

Primer aniversario de la misa en español que se celebrará el 1 y 8 de octubre

El domingo 1 de octubre, celebramos el primer aniversario de haber iniciado nuestra Misa en Español a la 1 pm los domingos en la iglesia. A través del liderazgo del P. John Dillon y el Vicario Parroquial P. Grzegorz Okulewicz, la Misa en español ahora tiene un promedio de 150 fieles bilingües y de habla hispana cada semana, cuenta con un coro creciente y alimenta un ferviente deseo de celebrar las tradiciones culturales que se encuentran en el amor de Dios y la Santísima Madre de los asistentes.

Extendemos una cálida bienvenida a todos aquellos que han adorado con nosotros en la Misa en español cada semana. También agradecemos al diácono Will García y a su esposa, Lourdes, por su incansable compromiso de servir a las necesidades de aquellos en nuestra comunidad de fe bilingüe y de habla hispana.

Los fieles en la Misa en español el 1 de octubre están invitados a disfrutar de refrigerios en el Espacio de Reunión después de la liturgia de hoy. El domingo 8 de octubre, nuestra comunidad parroquial marcará calurosamente el hito con nuestra celebración comunitaria en el Picnic Parroquial. Por favor, confirme su asistencia para ese evento en <https://sfaderwood.flocknote.com/signup/136318>.

Cuando recibimos, tenemos mucho que dar

En dos semanas, aprenderá sobre los muchos dones que nuestra parroquia ha recibido durante el año pasado y cómo, a su vez, podemos retribuir a nuestra parroquia a través de nuestra apelación de ofertorio parroquial. A través del programa Amén Generosidad, aprendemos que las bendiciones que Dios nos ha dado nos inspiran a responder feliz y gozosamente a las formas en que podemos mejorar nuestros ministerios parroquiales y el edificio de la iglesia en sí. Por favor, estén atentos durante nuestro primer fin de semana de inspiración el fin de semana del 13 y 14 de octubre. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial al (301) 840-1407.