

# Mass Intentions

**October 23 - October 29, 2023**

<b>Monday, 10/23</b>	9:00 a.m.	Don Smith
<b>Tuesday, 10/24</b>	9:00 a.m.	Poor Souls in Purgatory
<b>Wednesday, 10/25</b>	9:00 a.m.	Robert F. & Belen Ruiz
	7:30 p.m.	Edward Trebicki
<b>Thursday, 10/26</b>	9:00 a.m.	Reverend Donald Brice
<b>Friday, 10/27</b>	9:00 a.m.	George Mastronardi
<b>Saturday, 10/28</b>	5:00 p.m.	Selwyn & Flavia De Souza
<b>Sunday, 10/29</b>	8:00 a.m.	Maria Dulce Calabia
	9:30 a.m.	Yohnny Rias
	11:15 a.m.	Kevin Moore
	1:00 p.m.	Sheila Marbury (L)
	5:00 p.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>

## + In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Frances Bussard and Deacon Richard L. Walker, Jr., Archdiocese of Washington.

*Please pray for the sick...* Kathy McGee, Vincent Emanuele, Callie Mc Gowan, Diana Marie Lacour Kustedjo, Lisan Collins, 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 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 October 22, 2023

<b>Sunday:</b>	Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/ 1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21
<b>Monday:</b>	Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/ Lk 12:13-21
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/ Lk 12:39-48
<b>Thursday:</b>	Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53
<b>Friday:</b>	Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/ Lk 12:54-59
<b>Saturday:</b>	Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/ 1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-4

## THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

Pierre Pétuel was born on March 30, 1895. He served in the French army during the First World War. He was wounded at Verdun and received the distinction of five citations and the Croix de Guerre. After the war he entered the Capuchin Franciscan Friars where he received the religious name Marie-Benoît. He was sent to Rome where he earned a doctorate in theology. In 1940, he returned to France where he was stationed at Marseilles.

At Marseilles he found thousands of refugees trying to escape the horrors of World War II. He determined that he would help them. Father Marie-Benoît explained why he did so: "We Christians claim to be spiritual children of the patriarch Abraham. This should be enough reason to exclude any kind of anti-Semitism whatsoever, anti-Semitism being an ideology which we Christians cannot in any way share and be part of." Father Marie-Benoît set up an operation to smuggle Jews successfully out of an increasingly hostile France. His first headquarters was the Capuchin friary in Marseilles where he organized a massive forging operation to produce passports, baptismal certificates, and other documents that would enable refugees to cross the border into Spain and Switzerland. This was often done in collaboration with Jewish organizations and the French resistance.

In November 1942, the Nazis occupied France's Free Zone, which included Marseilles. This closed off the possibility of helping Jews escape to Spain and Switzerland. He turned his attention to those areas of France controlled by the Italians. Traveling to Nice, he convinced the Italian officials to permit Jews to cross over to the Italian Zone. He was also working on a plan for Jews to be transported to Northern Africa. However, this was foiled when the Germans occupied Northern Italy and the Italian-occupied zone of France.

Father Marie-Benoît then briefly returned to France to carry out "the Spanish part of his plan." With the authority from the Spanish government to decide which Jews qualified as being of Spanish descent, he managed to save another 2,600 people. There is no record of how many of them actually had Spanish blood.

At the urging of his friends who knew that the Gestapo aimed to capture him, Father Marie-Benoît disappeared and eventually turned up in Rome as Father Benedetti. Once established in Rome, he was elected to the board of the Delegation for the Assistance of Jewish Emigrants (DELASEM), the central Jewish welfare organization in Italy of which he eventually became president. After he became president, he transferred the headquarters of DELASEM to the International College of the Capuchins. Once again, he established an operation to forge documents at the International College. His office was raided several times by the Gestapo early in 1945. Father Benedetti was persuaded to go into hiding when most of the rest of the officers of DELASEM were arrested, tortured, and executed. Somehow, he managed to elude the Gestapo which was in hot pursuit of him and survive the war.

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**October 22, 2023**

## **QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

*What can I do concretely to repay to God what belongs to God? How does giving back to God make me feel richer?*



### **MONTHLY BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS RESUME ON NOVEMBER 11/12**

St. Francis Health Ministry volunteers will once again offer monthly blood pressure screenings after Masses in the St. Clare Room on the second weekend of each month beginning November 11/12.

#### ***Why check my blood pressure?***

Because it is the only way for you to know! Often high blood pressure has no symptoms. Unless it is measured and treated, the damage high blood pressure causes can go undetected, leaving you at greater risk for heart attack and stroke. Fortunately, having your blood pressure measured is simple, quick and provided free by your St. Francis Health Ministry team.

#### ***Health Ministry Seeks Volunteers for Monthly Blood Pressure Screenings***

To provide blood pressure screenings on a regular basis, more volunteers are needed to perform this service. The Health Ministry welcomes back former volunteers and invites parishioners with medical/clinical training to join this team. Former and new volunteers will choose the Mass convenient for them in the hope that monthly blood pressure screenings will be available after all Masses.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Health Ministry Coordinator Betty Baklarz at (301) 412-1909.

## ***THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)***

On December 1, 1966, Father Marie-Benoît was honored with the Medal of the Righteous among the Nations by the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority in Jerusalem (Yad Vashem). His name was also placed in their Hall of Names on that occasion for his courage and self-sacrifice in the saving of approximately 4,000 Jews.

Father Marie-Benoît died on February 5, 1990. President Lyndon Johnson once praised him in a speech when he stated that Father Benoît's actions should inspire the American people in the protection and preservation of rights of citizens, irrespective of race, color, or religion.

Until next week,  
**Fr. John**

## **WON'T YOU SAY "AMEN"**

### **TO OUR PARISH OFFERTORY APPEAL**

On October 28/29, Fr. John Dillon will ask adult parishioners to consider how they'll say 'Amen' to our parish offertory appeal. Registered parishioners should have received an invitation from Fr. John to participate, along with pledge materials indicating at what levels you'd like to support our parish's mission and ministries. Let us all pray over how we can move our church mission forward and give thanks to God for his blessings in our lives.

## **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY/ PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH**

Reminding us of Our Lord's commission to spread the Gospel to all nations, this second collection supports Church missions in more than 1,150 dioceses throughout Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. This national collection will be taken up this weekend. Please be generous according to your means. *Thank you!*



Change for Life  
Baby Bottles

## **COMMEMORATE RESPECT LIFE MONTH BY UPHOLDING THE LIVES OF MOTHERS AND BABIES**

As we celebrate Respect Life Month as a faith community, we are invited to engage in large and small acts to demonstrate our respect for the dignity of human life. These could include:

- Picking up a baby bottle in the Gathering Space to contribute to the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center's Baby Bottle Campaign. Fill a bottle with coins, currency, or a check made out to Shady Grove Pregnancy Center; don't forget to put 'St. Francis BBC' in the memo. You can also access our parish's unique giving page at <https://donate.givedirect.org/?cid=15939>.
- Joining your fellow parishioners along the sidewalk in front of the Jackson Place abortion center, 932 Hungerford Drive in Rockville, after 8 am Saturday, November 4. The vigil is part of the 40 Days for Life campaign taking place from September 27-November 5.

For more information, please contact Respect Life Ministry Coordinator Lita Silva  
[litasilva4@gmail.com](mailto:litasilva4@gmail.com).

## **POOR BOX DONATIONS**

The donations for next weekend will go to Olney Help. *Thank you for your generosity.*

## 2023-24 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 8



### HOMESCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PAR- ENT MEETING: OCTOBER 29

Parents of children registered for our Homeschool Option Religious Education Program are asked to join us by Zoom at 1 pm next Sunday, October 29, for our Unit 2 Overview. Families registered for the Homeschool option will receive an email with link to join.

### CATECHESIS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Our parish offers catechetical sessions specifically designed for children and youth with special needs and their families. Our class meets in-person next Sunday, October 29, from 3:30 -4:30 pm. If you would like to learn more about these sessions, please call Susan Anderson, Director of Religious Education, at 301-258-9193.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Students in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Religious Education classes will participate in a special Youth Group program on Sunday, October 29, from 6:15-8:00 pm in the Parish Center. Monday and Tuesday Middle School classes will not be held on October 30 and 31 and all students are asked to attend the Sunday program instead. If you have questions, please call the Religious Education Office, 301-258-9193.

*Please note: Sunday and Monday Elementary Classes (Kindergarten-Grade 5) will meet as scheduled on October 29 and October 30.*

### 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.

## 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](mailto:sander-son@sfadw.org).

### JOYFUL GREETERS NEEDED

St. Francis is in need of additional Joyful Greeters as the Christmas season approaches. With multiple masses on both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and regular greeters traveling, we are in need of volunteers for this special ministry. It requires very little extra time and is a wonderful way to meet parishioners and strengthen our community. If you are interested, please contact Helen Hayes : [hlhayes1129@gmail.com](mailto:hlhayes1129@gmail.com).

### WHY NOT MAKE A CHANGE THIS FALL IN THE WAY YOU SUPPORT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI?

This season, rich in the symbolism of harvest and sowing, offers a beautiful reminder: your acts of generosity reverberate, touching countless lives. Sign up with eGiving through Faith Direct, which is the most convenient and secure way for you to make your weekly offering to St. Francis of Assisi. Making either one-time or automatic contributions through Faith Direct will also save valuable time for both you and our parish staff. To enroll, please visit [faith.direct/MD110](https://faith.direct/MD110) or call Faith Direct Customer Service.....866-507-8757.

### ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON PASTORAL CENTER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Office for Catechesis, located in the Pastoral Center, is seeking an Administrative Assistant. This role will coordinate all Living Catholic and Faith Formation courses and will report to the Secretary for Catechesis. We are seeking strong administrative support, Microsoft Office and writing skills. Spanish language, a plus. 40 hours per week plus occasional weekend events as needed. Please email your resume and letter of interest to Lisa Calla-Russ [calla-russl@adw.org](mailto:calla-russl@adw.org).

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

## 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, Peditasur.

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.

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

### JEWELRY DONATIONS

Please drop the jewelry off at the parish office or leave your treasured items in the mailbox on the Rectory porch if the office is closed.

### SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

We are looking for silent auction items such as Time Shares, Sports Tickets, Theater Passes, etc. for our Fall Bazaar. For more information or to make arrangements to donate, please call the Parish Office, Donna, (301) 840-1407.

### THEME BASKETS FOR SILENT AUCTION

If you would like to make up a theme basket for the Silent Auction, please call the Parish Office to let us know you are donating a special basket. Theme Baskets are always a big hit! *Please drop off your Theme Basket no later than Thursday, November 9th.*

### SHABBY CHIC

If you have "good quality" items that you would like to donate to the Shabby Chic, please drop them off on Wednesday, November 8, 12 Noon-6 pm in the Parish Center. No clothing or shoes.

### GIFT CARDS OR GIFT CERTIFICATES

If you have unused gift cards or gift certificates that you received but know you'll never use, please consider donating them to the Silent Auction. You can drop them off at the Parish Office or put them in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Bazaar."

### MILLIE'S BAKE SHOP

We will be asking parishioners to sign-up for Millie's Bake Shop at the end of October. Please watch the bulletin for more details. Store bought goodies again this year please.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We will be asking for volunteers at the end of October so please watch the bulletin for volunteer sign-up dates.

## Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School

We are...St. Jude

[www.StJudeRockville.org](http://www.StJudeRockville.org)

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

### 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](mailto:jeanne.donatelli@stjuderockville.org).

### SIP & SHOP

Join us for our First Annual Sip and Shop at St. Jude Regional Catholic School.

November 14th from 6:30pm-9:30pm

For Vendors, there is a \$100 Table fee and then any sales you make go directly to you!

If interested, please send an email to [elizabethdonatelli.1993@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethdonatelli.1993@gmail.com). Payment to reserve your table can be made either by Credit Card, Cash, or Check.

\*To Reserve your Spot, Payment is Due by October 30th\*

We are looking forward to making this a yearly tradition!

### Knights of Columbus

Montgomery Council #2323 will host a  
**Family Night / Happy Hour, Friday November 3rd.**  
Enjoy an Evening with Family and Friends

*All Welcome*

6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Father Cuddy Hall, 17001 Overhill Road, in Derwood  
Tickets will be sold at the door

Payment by Credit Card Available

\$30 for Families,

\$12 per individual and free for children age 7 and under  
Dinner includes

Pit beef barbecue, chicken tenders, grill cheese sandwiches, sides, beer, wine, soft drinks, and a sundae bar!

Games and activities available

Follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/kofc2323](http://www.facebook.com/kofc2323)

Council 2323 is reviving a Friday night tradition

for the families of

St. Mary's, St. Martin's and St. Francis.

### 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](mailto:johnd2323@comcast.net) or 240-354-6648. *Vivat Jesus!*



SCAN ME

## Anuncios del boletín del 22 de octubre de 2023:



### **Los exámenes mensuales de presión arterial se reanudarán el 11 y 12 de noviembre**

Los voluntarios del Ministerio de Salud de St. Francis ofrecerán una vez más exámenes mensuales de presión arterial después de las Misas en el salón St. Clare el segundo fin de semana de cada mes a partir del 11/12 de noviembre.

#### **¿Por qué controlar mi presión arterial?**

¡Porque es la única manera de que lo sepas! A menudo, la presión arterial alta no presenta síntomas. A menos que se mida y se trate, el daño que causa la presión arterial alta puede pasar desapercibido, dejándolo en mayor riesgo de sufrir un ataque cardíaco y un derrame cerebral. Afortunadamente, medir su presión arterial es simple, rápido y lo proporciona de forma gratuita el equipo del Ministerio de Salud de St. Francis.

#### **Ministerio de Salud busca voluntarios para exámenes mensuales de presión arterial**

Para proveer exámenes de presión arterial de forma regular, se necesitan más voluntarios para realizar este servicio. El Ministerio de Salud da la bienvenida nuevamente a voluntarios antiguos e invita a feligreses con formación médica/clínica a unirse a este equipo. Los voluntarios antiguos y nuevos elegirán la Misa que les resulte más conveniente con la esperanza de que los exámenes mensuales de presión arterial estén disponibles después de todas las Misas. Para obtener más información ó ser voluntario, comuníquese con la Coordinadora del Ministerio de Salud, Betty Baklarz, al (301) 412-1909.

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#### **¿Por qué no hacer un cambio este otoño en la forma en que apoyas a St. Francis of Assisi?**

Esta temporada, rica en el simbolismo de la cosecha y la siembra, ofrece un hermoso recordatorio: vuestros actos de generosidad resuenan, tocando innumerables vidas. Regístrese con eGiving a través de Faith Direct, que es la forma más conveniente y segura de hacer su ofrenda semanal a St. Francis of Assisi. Hacer contribuciones únicas o automáticas a través de Faith Direct también ahorrará un tiempo valioso tanto para usted como para nuestro personal parroquial.

Para inscribirse, visite [faith.direct/MD110](https://faith.direct/MD110) o llame al Servicio al Cliente de Faith Direct al 866-507-8757.

¡Paz y bendiciones a su familia!



### **Conmemore el Mes del Respeto a la Vida defendiendo la vida de madres y bebés**

Mientras celebramos el Mes del Respeto a la Vida como comunidad de fe, se nos invita a participar en actos grandes y pequeños para demostrar nuestro respeto por la dignidad de la vida humana. Estos podrían incluir:

- Recoger un biberón en el Espacio de Reunión para contribuir a la Campaña de Biberones del Centro de Embarazo Shady Grove. Llene una botella con monedas, billetes ó un cheque a nombre de Shady Grove Pregnancy Center; no olvide poner 'St. Francis BBC' en el memorando. También puede acceder a la página de donaciones única de nuestra parroquia en <https://donate.givedirect.org/?cid=15939>.
- Unirse a sus compañeros feligreses a lo largo de la acera que está al frente del Centro de Abortos de Jackson Place, 932 Hungerford Drive en Rockville, después de las 8 am del sábado, 4 de noviembre. La vigilia es parte de la campaña 40 Días por la Vida que se está llevando a cabo del 27 de septiembre al 5 de noviembre.

Para obtener más información, comuníquese con la Coordinadora del Ministerio Respeto a la Vida, Lita Silva, en [litasilva4@gmail.com](mailto:litasilva4@gmail.com).

#### **Caballeros de Colón**

El Consejo Montgomery #2323 organizará una Noche Familiar / **Happy Hour**, viernes 3 de noviembre.

Disfrute de una velada con familiares y amigos

**Todos están bienvenidos**

6:30 pm a 9:00 pm

Father Cuddy Hall, 17001 Overhill Road, en Derwood

Las entradas se venderán en la puerta

Pago con tarjeta de crédito disponible

\$30 por familia,

\$12 por persona y gratis para niños de 7 años ó menos

La cena incluye

Barbacoa de carne de res, filetes de pollo, sándwiches de queso a la parrilla, acompañamientos para la comida, cerveza, vino, refrescos, y una barra de helado!

Juegos y actividades disponibles.

Síganos en Facebook en [www.facebook.com/kofc2323](https://www.facebook.com/kofc2323)

El Consejo 2323 está reviviendo una tradición de los viernes por la noche para las familias de St. Mary, St. Martin y St. Francis