

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

November 6, 2023

Monday, 11/6	9:00 a.m.	Rod & Gaby O'Connor
Tuesday, 11/7	9:00 a.m.	Xavier Joseph
Wednesday, 11/8	9:00 a.m.	Lea Sullivan
	7:30 p.m.	Deacon Edward Danko
Thursday, 11/9	9:00 a.m.	Reverend Frederick McIntyre
Friday, 11/10	9:00 a.m.	Maria Teresa Valentino
Saturday, 11/11	5:00 p.m.	For All Veterans
Sunday, 11/12	8:00 a.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
	9:30 a.m.	Bill, Thomas, Julie Flanery
	11:15 a.m.	Paul Timothy Haynos
	1:00 p.m.	Gloria Gonzalez
	5:00 p.m.	Edward Trebicki

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Donald Maltz, father of Donna Ruffin.

Please pray for the sick... Anna Calabria, Caramia Caballero-Calabria, Maria de Los Angeles Concepcion, Eduardo De Ausen, Kathy McKee, Vincent Emanuele, Joan Misko, Christine Degen, 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 November 5, 2023

Sunday:	Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/ 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12
Monday:	Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/ Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday:	Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday:	Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/ 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Friday:	Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/ Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday:	Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/ 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

POOR BOX DONATIONS

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

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

Eusebio Kino was born in the principality of Trent in 1645. When he was twenty, he entered the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) hoping to become a missionary in Asia. Instead, he was sent to New Spain where he was assigned to what was considered “the outskirts of Christendom”—an area comprising present day Sonoma in Mexico and southern Arizona. During the next twenty-four years he covered on horseback or on foot this very large territory, which was approximately twenty thousand square miles.

Father Kino was an able mapmaker and an astronomer who drew detailed and accurate maps. He was able to prove that Baja California was not an enormous island—something that had been commonly accepted before his time.

Father Kino’s missionary efforts were very successful. Among the Puma Indians he would sit and converse with them—building friendly relations with the Native Americans—before he would preach to them. In the end he established twenty-four missions and performed thousands of baptisms. He was a staunch opponent of compelling the Indians to work in the silver mines. His speaking up on their behalf resulted in complaints from those who wanted to enslave the Native Americans. Attempts were made to have him reassigned elsewhere. Fortunately, these efforts were not successful, and he was able to continue his work.

Father Kino introduced cattle ranching into the territory. The success of his own ranch covered the costs of his mission work. Even with all his labors, he was able to write twenty books on cartography, astronomy, cartography, and religion. He died on March 15, 1711. In 1965 a statue of Father Kino was donated to the United States Capitol’s National Statuary Hall as one of the two statues from the State of Arizona. On July 11, 2020, Pope Francis declared Father Eusebio Kino Venerable—a step along the way toward his possible canonization.

Until next week,

Fr. John

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY PEG SMITH!

*One of the original parishioners of
Saint Francis.*

God Bless You on your special day!

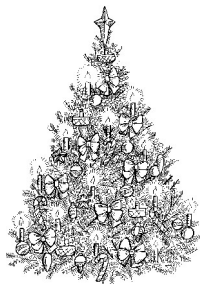
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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

When do I fail to practice what I preach? What change must I make to do so as effectively as Paul and his fellow disciples?

PLEASE TAKE PART IN OUR PARISH OFFERTORY APPEAL BY NOVEMBER 12

Over the next week, all St. Francis of Assisi families and households are invited to pray over how they might contribute to the parish offertory appeal, in thanksgiving for the many blessings we have received as individuals, families and as a parish community. Registered parishioners should have received a mailing from Fr. John the week of October 23 with a letter and pledge card; please fill these out and return them to the Parish Office or in the offertory basket by Sunday, November 12. Pledge cards can also be found in the pew pockets of the church. For more information, please call the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407.



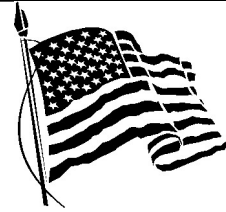
VOLUNTEERS, BUYERS NEEDED AT THE PARISH CHRISTMAS TREE SALE, NOVEMBER 25-DECEMBER 10

It's hard to believe, but our annual Christmas Tree Sale will take place Saturday, November 25 to Sunday, December 10. With a two-week sales season, the Christmas Tree Ministry still needs lots of volunteers to set up the tree lot, offload the trees, stake them, and sell the trees. Men and women are invited to sign up for as many shifts as possible at <https://sfaderwood.flocknote.com/signup/142558>. **This online signup will be the only means by which to sign up this year.**

A few points before the sale begins:

- The Christmas Tree Sale will open at 9 am Saturday, November 25, and Ministry Coordinator Brian Pettit anticipates we will sell out of our 205-tree inventory quickly. The trees will arrive at the parish grounds between 9-10 am Friday, November 24.
- The 205 trees we will receive are all the supplier can give us; in addition, we are doing business with a new vendor. Also, due to continuing tree shortages, freight surcharges, and inflation, the trees will be more expensive than last year.
- We will also get only 48 wreaths to ensure we don't have a surplus in the end.

Please plan accordingly to get your Christmas tree and wreath early in the sales season. And don't forget to sign up to volunteer at the tree lot – we need your help to make this festive parish fundraiser a success! For more information, contact Brian at brianpettit@pettitcompanies.com.



VETERANS DAY
Friday, November 10
PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION 2023

The Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Washington Collection is this weekend, November 4/5. Our priests enrich our lives in many ways: they baptize our children, comfort us in the confessional, witness our marriage vows and hold our loved ones' hands as the Lord calls them home. Let us come together to help provide care and housing for our retired priests so they can live their retirement in dignity. Please use the envelope mailed to you earlier this month, the envelope included in your monthly offertory envelope packet or the special envelope in the pews. You can also donate through Faith Direct or visit adw.org/rpc to support the collection online via credit card or cryptocurrency. Please be generous according to your means. **Thank you!**

AFGHAN COUPLE TO TELL STORY ABOUT THEIR JOURNEY SEEKING REFUGE IN THE UNITED STATES ON NOVEMBER 8

Please join us at 7:30 pm Wednesday, November 8, in the church to hear a first-person testimony about the plight of refugees entering the United States from Afghanistan. Refugees Mohammed and Somaya will share the story of their family's last months in Afghanistan during the Taliban takeover, their escape to the United States, and their life in Montgomery County since arriving. St. Francis volunteers, as members of the New Neighbors Interfaith Alliance, are working with the family to help them establish their new lives here. Please join us for this informative evening; the Communications Ministry also plans to record the event for those who cannot attend.

PILGRIMS TO MEDJUGORJE SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES ON NOVEMBER 9

Are you interested in hearing from our parishioners who recently attended the Medjugorje pilgrimage? Please attend a sharing session at 5:30 pm Thursday, November 9, in the Kuehner Room, when pilgrims from the recent trip to Medjugorje led by Fr. G will share their stories and experiences on their trip. All are welcome!

2023-24 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 8



FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETINGS

A reminder to families of children preparing to celebrate First Reconciliation this year: the next First Reconciliation Parent Meetings will be held on Wednesday, November 15 or Thursday, November 16 from 7:30-9:00 pm in the Parish Center. Parents are asked to attend one of these meetings. If you have questions, please call the Religious Education Office, 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: sanderson@sfadw.org.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration is held on Fridays
in the **Rectory Chapel**
9:30 a.m. - 12 Noon.

SPIRIT TREE

Next weekend the Spirit Tree will be up. Once again we will be providing gift cards for the families of Assumption Parish and our Refugee Families. Please take a tag from the Spirit Tree to help a family with a gift card.

There will be envelopes next to the tree for you to use to return your gift. The families really welcomed the gift cards last year. They have asked for gift cards from Giant, Safeway, Aldi, Lidl and Target in card amounts of \$25 and \$10. You can donate as many cards as you want for each family. Cards should be returned on or before Monday, December 11th.

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.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

In honor of Our Lady of Fatima, 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, November 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.

YOU DON'T DESERVE TO BE ABUSED

Domestic violence refers to a pattern of violent and coercive behavior by one adult over another in an intimate relationship. It can consist of repeated severe beatings or subtle forms of abuse, including threats and control. If you experience any form of abuse, please know that there is help. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233. To learn more about domestic violence, please visit www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace.

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, Baby wipes, Pediasure.

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 to bake for Millie's Bake Shop this weekend. Store bought or homemade items will be great. Baked goods can be dropped off at the Parish Center November 10.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please sign up this weekend to volunteer. ***Any time you can spare will be greatly appreciate!***

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

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

Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program

The application window for tuition assistance will open on Monday, October 2, 2023. Application deadline for high schools: Friday, December 15, 2023. Application deadline for K-8: Friday, February 16, 2024. A Catholic education is a blessing that we want to make available to every family in our Archdiocese. We work hard to keep Catholic education as affordable as possible. We are committed to help you find the financial resources that you need. Follow the link!

<https://adwcatholicsschools.org/tuition-assistance/archdiocesan-tuition-assistance-program/>

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.

Sacred Heart Memorial Garden in Memory of Mrs. Mary Strong - We honored and celebrated the life of Mrs. Mary Strong, a former St. Jude teacher and community member of over four decades! She will be lovingly remembered with this dedicated garden, featuring her favorite flowers, hydrangeas. Until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

SJRCS SIP & SHOP

Free Admission
Crafts, Food, Jewelry, Home Decor, and More!
6:30pm-9:30pm
November 14th
Thaddeus Room
Must be 21+ to attend.

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 5 de noviembre de 2023:

Se necesitan voluntarios y compradores en la venta de árboles de Navidad de la parroquia, del 25 de noviembre al 10 de diciembre

Es difícil de creer, pero nuestra venta anual de árboles de Navidad se llevará a cabo del sábado 25 de noviembre al domingo 10 de diciembre. Con una temporada de ventas de dos semanas, el Ministerio del Árbol de Navidad todavía necesita muchos voluntarios para establecer el lote de árboles, descargar los árboles, estacarlos y venderlos. Se invita a hombres y mujeres a inscribirse en tantos turnos como sea posible en <https://sfaderwood.flocknote.com/signup/142558>. **Esta inscripción en línea será el único medio para inscribirse este año.**

Algunos puntos antes de que comience la venta:

- La venta de árboles de Navidad se abrirá a las 9 am el sábado 25 de noviembre, y el coordinador del ministerio, Brian Pettit, anticipa que agotaremos nuestro inventario de 205 árboles rápidamente. Los árboles llegarán a los terrenos de la parroquia entre las 9 y las 10 de la mañana del viernes 24 de noviembre.
- Los 205 árboles que recibiremos son todo lo que este proveedor nos puede proporcionar; Además, estamos haciendo negocios con un nuevo proveedor. Debido a la continua escasez de árboles, los recargos por flete y la inflación, los árboles serán más caros que el año pasado.
- También obtendremos solo 48 coronas para asegurarnos de que al final no tengamos un excedente.

Planifique en consecuencia para obtener su árbol de Navidad y corona a principios de la temporada de ventas. Y no olvide inscribirse para ser voluntario en el lote de árboles: ¡Necesitamos su ayuda para que esta recaudación festiva de fondos de la parroquia sea un éxito! Para obtener más información, póngase en contacto con Brian en brianpettit@pettitcompanies.com.

Una pareja afgana contará su viaje en busca de refugio en Estados Unidos el 8 de noviembre

Únase a nosotros a las 7:30 pm el miércoles 8 de noviembre en la iglesia para escuchar un testimonio en primera persona sobre la difícil situación de los refugiados que ingresan a los Estados Unidos desde Afganistán. Los refugiados Mohammed y Somaya compartirán la historia de su familia durante los últimos meses en Afganistán, durante la toma del poder por parte de los talibanes, su huida a Estados Unidos y su vida en el condado de Montgomery desde su llegada. Los voluntarios de St. Francis, como miembros de la Alianza Interreligiosa de Nuevos Vecinos, están trabajando con la familia para ayudarlos a establecer sus nuevas vidas aquí. Únase a nosotros para esta velada informativa; el Ministerio de Comunicaciones también planea grabar el evento para aquellos que no puedan asistir.

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.

Peregrinos a Medjugorje comparten sus experiencias el 9 de noviembre

¿Está interesado en escuchar a nuestros feligreses que recientemente asistieron a la peregrinación a Medjugorje? Asista a una sesión de intercambio a las 5:30 pm el jueves 9 de noviembre en la Sala Kuehner, cuando los peregrinos del reciente viaje a Medjugorje dirigidos por el Padre G compartirán sus historias y experiencias en su viaje. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

Por favor, participe en nuestra Campaña del Ofertorio Parroquial antes del 12 de noviembre

Durante la próxima semana, todas las familias y hogares de San Francisco de Asís están invitados a orar sobre cómo podrían contribuir a la campaña del ofertorio parroquial, en acción de gracias por las muchas bendiciones que hemos recibido como individuos, familias y como comunidad parroquial. Los feligreses registrados deben haber recibido un correo del P. John la semana del 23 de octubre con una carta y una tarjeta de compromiso; por favor llénelos y devuélvalos a la Oficina Parroquial o en la canasta del ofertorio antes del domingo 12 de noviembre. Las tarjetas de compromiso también se pueden encontrar en los bolsillos de los bancos de la iglesia. Para obtener más información, llame a la Oficina Parroquial al (301) 840-1407.