

Mass Intentions

January 15 - January 21, 2024

Monday, 1/15	9:00 a.m.	Richard Jenkins
Tuesday, 1/16	9:00 a.m.	St. Francis Parish Priests (L)
Wednesday, 1/17	9:00 a.m.	Tommy Hudecheck
	7:30 p.m.	Reverend Roderick McKee
Thursday, 1/18	9:00 a.m.	Shirley Niggel
Friday, 1/19	9:00 a.m.	Reverend Charles Breindel
Saturday, 1/20	5:00 p.m.	Eileen Costello
Sunday, 1/21	8:00 a.m.	Co Chui & Jose Lee
	9:30 a.m.	Zenaida Nabor
	11:15 a.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
	1:00 p.m.	Catherine Dillon Bullen
	5:00 p.m.	Michael Warren Breeden

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of David John Burnett, brother of Dianne Palmer, Mary Wagner, wife of John Wagner, Michelle Braam, sister of Reverend Ryan Braam.

Please pray for the sick... Laura Baldwin Steed, Ceil Noga, Suzanne Jubert, Jane Ruiz, Justin Hay, Bea Weiss, Laura Tseronis, Eduardo De Ausen, 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 January 14, 2024

Sunday:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/ Jn 1:35-42
Monday:	1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/ Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/ Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/ Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/ Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/ Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday:	Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/ 1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-2

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

This is a continuation of my column from last week in which I am presenting the Christmas message of Pope Francis to the city of Rome and to the world. (The text is from the Vatican website.)

To say “yes” to the Prince of Peace, then, means saying “no” to war, to every war and to do so with courage, to the very mindset of war, an aimless voyage, a defeat without victors, an inexcusable folly. This is what war is: an aimless voyage, a defeat without victors, an inexcusable folly. To say “no” to war means saying “no” to weaponry. The human heart is weak and impulsive; if we find instruments of death in our hands, sooner or later we will use them. And how can we even speak of peace, when arms production, sales and trade are on the rise? Today, as at the time of Herod, the evil that opposes God’s light hatches its plots in the shadows of hypocrisy and concealment. How much violence and killing takes place amid deafening silence, unbeknownst to many! People, who desire not weapons but bread, who struggle to make ends meet and desire only peace, have no idea how many public funds are being spent on arms. Yet that is something they ought to know! It should be talked about and written about, so as to bring to light the interests and the profits that move the puppet-strings of war.

Isaiah, who prophesied the Prince of Peace, looked forward to a day when “nation shall not lift up sword against nation”, a day when “men will not learn war anymore”, but instead “beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks” (2: 4). With God’s help, let’s make every effort to work for the coming of that day!

May it come in Israel and Palestine, where war is devastating the lives of those peoples. I embrace them all, particularly the Christian communities of Gaza, the parish of Gaza, and the entire Holy Land. My heart grieves for the victims of the abominable attacks of 7 October last, and I reiterate my urgent appeal for the liberation of those still being held hostage. I plead for an end to the military operations with the appalling harvest of innocent civilian victims, and call for a solution to the desperate humanitarian situation by opening to the provision of humanitarian aid. May there be an end to the fueling the violence and hatred. And may the Palestinian question come to be resolved through sincere and persevering dialogue between parties, sustained by strong political will and the support of the international community. Brothers and sisters, let us pray for peace in Palestine and in Israel.

My thoughts turn likewise to the people of war-torn Syria, and to those of long-suffering Yemen. I think too of the beloved Lebanese people, and I pray that political and social stability will soon be attained.

Contemplating the baby Jesus, I implore peace for Ukraine. Let’s renew our spiritual and human closeness to its embattled people, so that through the support of each one of us, they may feel the concrete reality of God’s love.

May the day of definitive peace between Armenia and Azerbaijan draw near. May it be advanced by the pursuit of humanitarian initiatives, by the return of refugees to their homes in legality and security, and by reciprocal respect for religious traditions and places of worship of each community.

Let’s not forget the tensions and conflicts trouble the region of the Sahel, the Horn of Africa and Sudan, as well as Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan.

May the day draw near when fraternal bonds will be consolidated on the Korean Peninsula by undertaking processes of dialogue and reconciliation capable of creating conditions of lasting peace.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What will I do during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity to be one with other Christians?

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

This year Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala will celebrate the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass to Celebrate the Vocation of Marriage on Saturday, February 10, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This celebration is to highlight the witness to the Catholic vocation of marriage and the beauty of God's plan for married life. Couples must register with the parish office by **Friday, January 26** to attend the Mass and/or to receive a certificate from Cardinal Wilton Gregory in honor of their anniversary year.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SUPPORTED THE EYEGLASSES & HEARING AID DRIVE!

Thank you to all our parishioners who donated generously to the eyeglasses and hearing aid drive conducted by Eagle Scout candidate Amber Cauchi during the month of December. Amber's Scout Troop 472 collected more than **400 pairs** of eyeglasses and eight hearing aids from the St. Francis community. All told, the Scout troop's members sorted and collected more than 900 pairs of eyeglasses in total. Parishioners are welcome to continue placing gently used eyewear and hearing aids in the Lions Club box that will remain in the Gathering Space. These items will support individuals who need them. For more information, please contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

May the Son of God, who became a lowly Child, inspire political authorities and all persons of goodwill in the Americas to devise suitable ways to resolve social and political conflicts, to combat forms of poverty that offends the dignity of persons, to reduce inequality and to address the troubling phenomenon of migration movements.

From the manger, the Christ Child asks us to be the voice of those who have no voice. The voice of innocent children who have died for lack of bread and water; the voice of those who cannot find work or who have lost their jobs; the voice of those forced to flee their lands and in search of a better future, risking their lives in grueling journeys and prey to unscrupulous traffickers.

Brothers and sisters, we are approaching the season of grace and hope that is the Jubilee, due to begin a year from now. May this time of preparation for the Holy Year be an opportunity for the conversion of hearts, for the rejection of war and the embrace of peace, and for joyfully responding to the Lord's call, in the words of Isaiah's prophecy, "to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to prisoners" (61:1).

These words were fulfilled in Jesus (cf. Luke 4:18), who was born today in Bethlehem. Let us welcome him! Let us open our hearts to him, who is the Savior, the Prince of Peace!

Until next week.

Fr. John

PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 15 IN OBSERVANCE OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY

**BIBLE STUDY GROUPS FOR WOMEN
ARE MEETING AGAIN IN THE KUEHNER ROOM**
Women of the parish are invited to join two separate small group Bible studies that reconvened last week in the Kuehner Room. New and longtime members are welcome to join the groups meeting from 4:45-6 pm on Mondays or from 10:15-11:45 am on Thursdays. For more information, please contact parishioner Eileen Grams at ehaleygrams@gmail.com or parishioner Lita Silva at litasilva4@gmail.com.

HAITI BENEFIT CONCERT TAKES PLACE ON JANUARY 20 IN THE CHURCH

In one week, come hear the Leesburg String Quartet perform at the Haiti Benefit Concert at 7 pm Saturday, January 20, in the church. The concert is free, but donations benefitting the Haiti Medical Mission are appreciated. All are welcome to a light reception in the Gathering Space following the concert.

This is a great opportunity for school-aged children to be introduced to a concert experience without having to pay the cost of a ticket to a larger venue. For more information, please contact Director of Music Ministry Janet Pate at sfadwmusic@gmail.com or Haiti Ministry Coordinator Dan Cardile at dancardile@yahoo.com.

DURING POVERTY AWARENESS MONTH, LEARN HOW YOU CAN HELP ADDRESS THIS ECONOMIC CONDITION

With January designated as Poverty Awareness Month, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development has developed daily reflections, videos, and other tools to help lay people better understand this economic condition and how communities are working to reduce it at the local level. As the national anti-poverty campaign for the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops, the CCHD invites people to visit its web site <https://www.povertyusa.org/> to learn how you can encounter poverty and act to address it. If you're interested in serving local ministries and organizations helping to alleviate poverty, then the St. Vincent de Paul Society, New Neighbors Interfaith Alliance, or Action in Montgomery may be for you. For more information, contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.

THANK YOU ST. FRANCIS PARISHIONERS SPIRIT TREE 2023

More than \$12,000 in food gift cards were delivered to Assumption Parish, ensuring Christmas meals for many recipients. Our refugee families received Target gift card donations over \$3,000 to help make their family's Christmas a joyful time, especially for the children. **Thank you for your generosity!**

2023-24 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 8

RE CLASS SCHEDULE REMINDERS

Religious Education classes will not meet this week, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, January 14, 15 & 16, in honor of the Martin Luther King Day holiday.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE SESSION: TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

Confirmation candidates will meet on Tuesday, January 16, for Confirmation class from 6:45-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

CATECHIST MEETING

There will be a Catechist Meeting for all Religious Education catechists next Sunday, January 21, from 12:30-2:00 pm in the Parish Center.

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 next Sunday, January 21, 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.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Children of St. Francis of Assisi Parish will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, January 27 at 10:00 am. Please pray for these children as they prepare for and receive the gift of God's forgiveness in this beautiful Sacrament.

SNOW/EMERGENCY CANCELLATION POLICY

If Montgomery County Public Schools are closed for weather, and if schools are dismissed early, Religious Education classes are also cancelled. This applies to Sunday classes as well if Montgomery County Public Schools announces cancellation of weekend school activities.

Cancellation announcements will be posted:

- On the parish website: www.sfadw.org
- On the St. Francis Parish Facebook page: "St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church"
- On the Religious Education Office phone voicemail: 301-258-9193.

Whenever in doubt, please use your own judgment about local weather and driving conditions, and err on the side of safety when making decisions about bringing your child to class.

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.

Note: From mid-2021 to early 2022, members of our parish's Ad-hoc Committee on Racism compiled Justice Thoughts – short essays to help our parish family think more deeply about racism in the context of our Catholic faith. They are restarting this regular column with this piece by parishioner Vincent Price.

The Justice Thought

Does Our Family Love Lead to Justice?

On December 31, we celebrated the Feast of the Holy Family. By listening to God, the Holy Family allowed God to lead them from the Incarnation through the Resurrection. In the reading from Colossians on Holy Family Sunday, St. Paul encourages us as "God's chosen ones holy and beloved" to clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience (see Colossians 3: 12-21).

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. constantly referred to the "Beloved Community." Dr. King's term "beloved community" invokes the Holy Family as a perfect model. As Catholics we are both a family and a community of faith. We believe that all mankind belongs to the family of God.

The Son of God, Jesus Christ, our Lord and brother, commands us to "Love your neighbor as you love yourself" (Mark 12: 30-31). He demonstrated that love by showing a great concern for the poor and marginalized.

The Holy Family is God's family in social justice action. In following the example of the Holy Family, we will truly be of the community and brotherhood of God's Family. When we emulate the Holy Family, our love brings about the justice of God's love.

By parishioner Vincent Price

Member of the Ad-hoc Committee on Racism

TWO-SESSION WORKSHOP ON NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING TO BE OFFERED IN ENGLISH & SPANISH

On Saturday, January 13, Beth Berard, a certified practitioner for the Creighton Model System, will teach two sessions in English on natural family planning beginning at 10:30 am in the Kuehner Room. The first session is for men 18 and older, while the second session starting at noon is targeted to women. Female minors ages 15-17 may also attend the second session, if accompanied by a female adult. The session material will draw from Church teaching on sexuality, as well as Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body. A second two-session workshop in Spanish will also be held after the 1 pm Mass on Sunday, February 11, in the Kuehner Room. For more information, contact Fr. Grzegorz Okulewicz at the Parish Office.

THROUGH GIANT FOOD'S COMMUNITY BAG PROGRAM, HELP SUPPORT OUR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

There's still time to support our parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society this month, while buying groceries your family needs at the Giant Food at 18250 Flower Hill Way. Through Giant Food's Community Bag Program, every purchase from January 1-31 of a purple reusable Because You Care bag for \$2.50 will yield a \$1 donation to our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please help us raise monies for this charitable organization that helps and befriends the poor and vulnerable in our community! For more information, contact Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.

ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY SHORTAGES

Pasta
Pasta Sauce
Macaroni & Cheese
Meals in a can
Canned Soup
Oatmeal/Cereal
Canned Beans
Canned Vegetables
Canned Fruit
Dried Rice & Beans
Tuna/Canned Meat/Canned Fish

Baby Formula: Similac Blue & Similac Orange, and/or domestic or foreign equivalents/substitutes and baby wipes.

Paper Bags (Wegmans 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.

May God bless you for whatever help you can provide.

FEAST OF THE WORD OF GOD TO BE CELEBRATED ON JANUARY 21

On Sunday, January 21, we will commemorate the sixth feast of Sunday of the Word of God. In 2019, Pope Francis created by papal decree this feast day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study, and dissemination of the Word of God." It is observed on the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time.

How can we celebrate Sunday of the Word of God as a domestic church? We can enshrine the Bible in our homes, making it the center of our family lives. We can make a new commitment to reading a chapter of the Bible each day, either alone or together with our family. Or you can read it with others by joining your fellow parishioners at Liturgy of the Hours -- Morning and Evening Prayer -- at 7:30 am and 7:30 pm each day. Find the link at <https://www.sfadw.org/ordinary-time>.

Here are three resources that may help you better know sacred

- Scripture: Word on Fire at <https://www.wordonfire.org/>
- The Moral Minute with Fr. Thomas Petri, O.P. at <https://dhs.edu/moral-minute-signup/>
- Resources from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops at <https://www.usccb.org/committees/divine-worship/sunday-word-god>

For more information, contact Director of Social Concerns & Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at ab-osnick@sfadw.org.

POOR BOX DONATIONS

The donations for next weekend will go to UMAN (Upper Montgomery Assistance Network). *Thank you for your generosity.*

Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School

We are...St. Jude

www.StJudeRockville.org

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

REGISTER NOW FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration is open for all current and new families! We are a PreK3-8th grade Catholic school. Come and witness a faith-filled school with high academic standards and happy students! MAP scores above the National Average! Tours are available by appointment. Please contact Ellen Donnelly at El-len.Donnelly@StJudeRockville.org.

Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program

The application window for tuition assistance opened 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://adwcatholicalschools.org/tuition-assistance/archdiocesan-tuition-assistance-program/>

SAVE THE DATE

April 20, 2024 OLYMPIC GALA

Going for Gold

More information to come!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration will be held on Friday
in the Church

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

All are welcome 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

HELP FOR MARRIAGES IN TROUBLE

Is your marriage going down the right road or is it a little off track? Looking for a better way? The Retrouvaille Program is for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. It is a Christian marriage program, Catholic in origin, in which couples of all faiths or no faith background are encouraged to attend. It can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy, and heal.

For confidential information about or to register for the weekend on 26-28 January 2024, please visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org, call 443-400-7017, or e-mail 3015@HelpOurMarriage.org. *There is hope!*

Anuncios del boletín para el 13 y 14 de enero de 2024:

(Nota: Desde mediados de 2021 hasta principios de 2022, los miembros del Comité Ad-hoc sobre el Racismo de nuestra parroquia compilaron Pensamientos de Justicia, ensayos cortos para ayudar a nuestra familia parroquial a pensar más profundamente sobre el racismo en el contexto de nuestra fe católica. Están reiniciando esta columna regular con este artículo del feligrés Vincent Price).

El pensamiento de la justicia: ¿El amor de nuestra familia conduce a la justicia?

El 31 de diciembre celebramos la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia. Al escuchar a Dios, la Sagrada Familia permitió que Dios los guiara desde la Encarnación hasta la Resurrección. En la lectura de Colosenses en el Domingo de la Sagrada Familia, San Pablo nos anima como "escogidos de Dios, santos y amados" a vestirnos de compasión, bondad, humildad, mansedumbre y paciencia (ver Colosenses 3:12-21).

El Reverendo Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. se refería constantemente a la "Amada Comunidad". El término "amada comunidad" del Dr. King invoca a la Sagrada Familia como un modelo perfecto. Como católicos, somos una familia y una comunidad de fe. Creemos que toda la humanidad pertenece a la familia de Dios.

El Hijo de Dios, Jesucristo, nuestro Señor y hermano, nos manda "Ama a tu prójimo como a ti mismo" (Mc 12, 30-31). Demostró ese amor mostrando una gran preocupación por los pobres y marginados.

La Sagrada Familia es la familia de Dios en la acción de justicia social. Siguiendo el ejemplo de la Sagrada Familia, seremos verdaderamente de la comunidad y hermandad de la Familia de Dios. Cuando emulamos a la Sagrada Familia, nuestro amor produce la justicia del amor de Dios.

Por el feligrés Vincent Price

Miembro del Comité Especial sobre el Racismo

Fiesta del Domingo de la Palabra de Dios que se celebrará el 21 de enero

El domingo 21 de enero conmemoraremos la sexta fiesta del Domingo de la Palabra de Dios. En 2019, el Papa Francisco creó por decreto papal esta fiesta, que está dedicada a "la celebración, el estudio y la difusión de la Palabra de Dios". Se celebra el Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario. ¿Cómo podemos celebrar el Domingo de la Palabra de Dios como una iglesia doméstica? Podemos consagrar la Biblia en nuestros hogares, convirtiéndola en el centro de nuestra vida familiar. Podemos comprometernos de nuevo a leer un capítulo de la Biblia cada día, ya sea solos o junto con nuestra familia. O puede leerlo con otros uniéndose a sus compañeros feligreses en la Liturgia de las Horas, la oración de la mañana y de la tarde, a las 7:30 a.m. y 7:30 p.m. todos los días. Encuentre el enlace en <https://www.sfadw.org/ordinary-time>. Aquí hay tres recursos que pueden ayudarte a conocer mejor las Sagradas Escrituras:

- Palabra en llamas en <https://www.wordonfire.org/>
- El Acta Moral con el P. Thomas Petri, O.P. en <https://dhs.edu/moral-minute-signup/>
- Recursos de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos en <https://www.usccb.org/committees/divine-worship/sunday-word-god>

Para obtener más información, comuníquese con el Tony Bosnick, al abosnick@sfadw.org.

Los grupos de estudio bíblico para mujeres se reúnen de nuevo en el Salón Kuehner Las mujeres de la parroquia están invitadas a unirse a los estudios bíblicos en grupos pequeños que se reunieron la semana pasada en el Salón Kuehner. Los miembros nuevos y antiguos son bienvenidos a unirse a los grupos que se reúnen de 4:45 a 6 pm los lunes y de 10:15 a 11:45 am los jueves. Para obtener más información, llame a la feligresa Eileen Grams al ehaleygrams@gmail.com o a la feligresa Lita Silva al litasilva4@gmail.com.

¡Gracias a los que apoyaron la campaña de anteojos y audífonos! Gracias a todos nuestros feligreses que donaron generosamente a la colecta de anteojos y audífonos realizada por la candidata a Eagle Scout Amber Cauchi durante el mes de diciembre. La Tropa Scout 472 de Amber recolectó más de 400 pares de anteojos y ocho audífonos de la comunidad de St. Francis. En total, los miembros de la tropa Scout clasificaron y recolectaron más de 900 pares de anteojos en total. Los feligreses son bienvenidos a continuar colocando anteojos y audífonos usados en buen estado en la caja del Club de Leones que permanecerá en el Espacio de Reunión. Estos artículos apoyarán a las personas que los necesiten. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con el Director de Asuntos Sociales y Formación en la Fe para Adultos, Tony Bosnick, al abosnick@sfadw.org.

Concierto benéfico de Haití se llevará a cabo el 20 de enero en la iglesia En una semana, venga a escuchar al Cuarteto de Cuerdas de Leesburg tocar en el Concierto Benéfico de Haití a las 7 pm el sábado 20 de enero en la iglesia. El concierto es gratuito para todos, pero se agradecen las donaciones en beneficio de la Misión Médica de Haití. Todos son bienvenidos a una recepción ligera en el Espacio de Reunión después del concierto. Esta es una gran oportunidad para que los niños en edad escolar conozcan la experiencia de un concierto sin tener que pagar el costo de un boleto para un lugar más grande. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con la Directora del Ministerio de Música, Janet Pate, en sfadwmusic@gmail.com, o con el Coordinador del Ministerio de Haití, Dan Cardile, en dancardile@yahoo.com.

Durante el Mes de Concientización sobre la Pobreza, aprenda cómo puede ayudar a abordar esta condición económica Con enero designado como el Mes de Concientización sobre la Pobreza, la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano ha desarrollado reflexiones diarias, videos y otras herramientas para ayudar a los laicos a comprender mejor esta condición económica y cómo las comunidades están trabajando para reducirla a nivel local. Como la campaña nacional contra la pobreza de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos, la CCHD invita a las personas a visitar su sitio web <https://www.povertyusa.org/> para aprender cómo puede encontrar la pobreza y actuar para abordarla. Si está interesado en servir a los ministerios y organizaciones locales que ayudan a aliviar la pobreza, entonces la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl, la Alianza Interreligiosa de Nuevos Vecinos o Acción en Montgomery pueden ser para usted. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con el Director de Preocupaciones Sociales y Formación en la Fe para Adultos, Tony Bosnick, en abosnick@sfadw.org.