

## ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

### Mass Intentions

**January 22 - January 28, 2024**

<b>Monday, 1/22</b>	9:00 a.m.	Betty Moosally
<b>Tuesday, 1/23</b>	9:00 a.m.	Deacon Robert Whitaker
<b>Wednesday, 1/24</b>	9:00 a.m.	Bill, Julie, Tom Flanery
	7:30 p.m.	Carmen Dambreville
<b>Thursday, 1/25</b>	9:00 a.m.	Tom Hudecheck
<b>Friday, 1/26</b>	9:00 a.m.	Tom Flynn
<b>Saturday, 1/27</b>	5:00 p.m.	Carole Berry
<b>Sunday, 1/28</b>	8:00 a.m.	Maria Dulce Calabia
	9:30 a.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
	11:15 a.m.	John Estampador
	1:00 p.m.	Fernando Nieto
	5:00 p.m.	Lois Kemp

#### + In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Cecile Feateau, mother of Reverend Raymond Fecteau.

**Please pray for the sick...** Laura Baldwin Steed, Mary Dean, 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 21, 2024

<b>Sunday:</b>	Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/ 1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
<b>Monday:</b>	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/ Mk 3:22-30
<b>Tuesday:</b>	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/ Mk 3:31-35
<b>Wednesday:</b>	2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/ Mk 4:1-20
<b>Thursday:</b>	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/ Mk 16:15-18
<b>Friday:</b>	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34
<b>Saturday:</b>	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16- 17/Mk 4:35-41
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/ 1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

#### THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

As we begin a new year, I thought that I would devote the next several columns to the topic of parish etiquette at Mass. Barbara Budde, Director of Social Concerns for the Diocese of Austin, Texas, wrote a pamphlet on this topic for the National Pastoral Life Center several years ago. When the National Pastoral Life Center closed in 2009, I contacted Ms Budde to ask if I could use material that she had written in that pamphlet on occasions such as this. With her blessing I am sharing some of her thoughts on the topic of parish etiquette. Today I shall spend the rest of this column talking about some general remarks about cultivating good parish etiquette.

#### Etiquette Concerns Habits

A former missionary priest once told this story of his work among a people whose lives were not ruled by chronological time. A baptism had been scheduled in a particular village. The hour came, and the priest, ready and waiting, invited those present to gather for the ceremony. Someone told him that it was not yet time. He consulted his watch and pointed out that it was the agreed upon hour, but the villagers would not let him begin. He discovered that among this people it was appropriate to begin only when everyone from the surrounding villages had arrived. He had to learn a new etiquette.

Decades ago, it was considered a good habit for a woman to carry a chapel veil in her purse to avoid the embarrassment of needing to pin a tissue to her hair. No longer. Today's world demands a new set of habits. The suggestions offered here [over the next few weeks] are simple reminders, intended to help all parishioners develop the habits that make our common worship full, rich, and prayerful.

Naturally there may be times when we arrive late, are unprepared, are dressed inappropriately, or forget to silence some electronic device that we've brought. Sometimes our children will be too noisy or fidgety. And accidents happen. How we act on such occasions is part of etiquette. But in the main etiquette concerns habits, not the rare slip or unavoidable occurrence.

Everyone who worships wholeheartedly and without needless distraction will appreciate the cultivation of good parish etiquette. All it takes is charity and practice.

Until next week,

**Fr. John**

#### POOR BOX DONATIONS

The donations for next weekend will go to Catholic charities Prison Ministry Outreach. *Thank you for your generosity.*

**January 21, 2024**

### **QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

*How do I go about inviting others to journey to the kingdom with me?*

### **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.

### **HOOPS FOR HAITI IS CHARGING DOWN THE LANE ON MARCH 9**

Are you ready for a day of basketball, fun and intergenerational fellowship? Please save the date for our annual Hoops for Haiti fundraiser, which will be tentatively held on Saturday, March 9, at Our Lady of Good Counsel High School in Olney. Please watch St. Francis of Assisi digital and print communications platforms for further details. For more information, please contact parishioner Wendel Hall at [whall@hallglobal.net](mailto:whall@hallglobal.net) or Dan Cardile at [dancardile@yahoo.com](mailto:dancardile@yahoo.com).

### **ST JUDE REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

#### **OPEN HOUSE**

#### **PRE-K 3-8TH GRADE**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024**

**10:30 AM-2:00 PM**

**THADDEUS ROOM**

**301-946-7888, Ext. 102**

**A REMINDER FROM FR. JOHN ...** If anyone is living in a marriage that has not been recognized by the Catholic Church, it would be wise to consult with a priest to see whether that situation might be rectified. It could be as simple as repeating your marriage vows quietly in front of a priest and receiving the Church's blessing. In that way, one would become eligible to receive the Sacraments of the Church, especially the Eucharist.

### **SAVE THE DATES**

#### **FOR THE LENTEN PARISH MISSION TALKS**

In this year of Eucharistic Revival, the Adult Faith Formation Ministry will offer a Lenten Parish Mission in English based on the liturgy during the upcoming Lenten season. Please plan to attend the Lenten Parish Mission, which will take place at 7:45 pm Fridays in the church. The speakers will include the following clergy members and lay people:

- February 16: Fr. John Dillon
- February 23: Anastacia Wooden
- March 8: Dan and Anne Cardile, C.C. English, and Trish Olin
- March 15: Fr. Thomas Weinandy

To deepen parishioners' reflection and understanding of the liturgy, the parish will also offer a parish wide small group study of the book, "The Liturgy: The Source and Summit of Our Christian Life," by Corinna Laughlin. More details will be released in coming weeks. For more information, please contact Director of Adult Faith Formation and Social Concerns Tony Bosnick at [abosnick@sfadw.org](mailto:abosnick@sfadw.org).

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS**

To begin celebrating Catholic Schools Week (January 28-February 2), all St. Francis Catholic School students are invited to wear your school uniform when you attend Mass next weekend.

### **FEBRUARY DATES TO KEEP IN MIND VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER-DANCE "Disco"**

Parish Center  
Saturday, February 3  
6:30 pm - 10:pm

RSVP in the Gathering Space or call the Parish Office.



SHROVE TUESDAY

### **FAMILY PANCAKE SUPPER**

Parish Center  
February 13  
5 pm - 8 pm

Watch the bulletin for additional details.



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

### **CATECHIST MEETING**

There will be a Catechist Meeting for all Religious Education catechists today, 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 today, 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.

### **SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE CAMP JUNE 24-28**

St. Francis of Assisi Church invites children from age 4 to those who will complete the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade in June 2024 to join us at Vacation Bible Camp, June 24-28. Program details will be announced later this spring! Watch our parish website for camper registration and information about volunteer opportunities for adults and teens: <https://sfadw.org/vbc>.

### **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](http://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.

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## **Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School**

**We are...St. Jude**

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

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

### **REGISTER NOW FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

**Apply for ADW Tuition Assistance before 2/16**

Registration is open for all current families 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 [Ellen.Donnelly@StJudeRockville.org](mailto:Ellen.Donnelly@StJudeRockville.org).

### **United in Faith and Community**

#### **SJRCS Catholic Schools Week At a Glance**

Saturday, 1/27 - 5 PM Opening Mass  
Sunday, 1/28 - 10:30-2 Open House in Thaddeus Room  
Monday, 1/29 - Service Day supporting Centro Tepeyac - Baby supplies collection  
Tuesday, 1/30 - 9-11:30 Career Day  
Wednesday, 1/31 - Student Appreciation Day, 11:45-12:45 Family Lunch & Out of Uniform  
Thursday, 2/1 - 10-12 International Day  
Friday, 2/2 - Teacher Appreciation Day, 9 AM Closing Mass

### **Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program**

The application window for tuition assistance opened on Monday, October 2, 2023. Application deadline for high schools was 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/>

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (continued)**

### **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.

## 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.*

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING TAE KWON DO?

The St. Francis of Assisi Tae Kwon Do Club is a free parish class where you can learn the Korean martial art of Tae Kwon Do, the art of kicking and punching. Deacon Will Garcia, a 4<sup>th</sup> degree black belt, instructs the classes, which are held at 6:30 pm Thursdays and 9 am Saturdays in the Parish Center. Students practice basic moves and forms and learn self-defense techniques, all of which are non-contact. The goal of the class is for students to become more aware of their mental and physical potential and to develop the attributes of respect, dignity, and humility. If you are interested in joining the club, please contact Deacon Will Garcia at (301) 330-0095.

## 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](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org), call 443-400-7017, or e-mail [3015@HelpOurMarriage.org](mailto:3015@HelpOurMarriage.org). *There is hope!*

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration is held on Friday mornings  
in the Church

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon  
All are welcome to attend.

## SIGN-UP TO RECEIVE LEGISLATIVE ALERTS FROM THE CATHOLIC ACTION NETWORK

With the 446<sup>th</sup> legislative session of the Maryland General Assembly underway, it's critical to be aware of bills impacting the dignity of life, social justice, education, and juvenile justice reform that will come before that body. Please sign up to receive action alerts from the Catholic Action Network, a tool used by the Maryland Catholic Conference, to stay abreast of state legislative proposals important to Catholics. By registering, you'll be able to choose to receive word when the General Assembly is voting on issues impacting life, social justice, juvenile justice reform and education – all facets of Catholic social teaching. Sign up for the network at <https://www.mdcatholic.org/joincan/>. For more information, contact Director of Adult Faith Formation and Social Concerns Tony Bosnick at [abosnick@sfadw.org](mailto:abosnick@sfadw.org).

## ANNULMENT WORKSHOP OFFERED IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH

Are you a Catholic who might need an annulment? Would you like to know more about them or what the process is? Get the facts at one of these informative sessions:

- A workshop in English will be held from 7-8:30 pm Friday, January 26, at St. Francis of Assisi Parish's Kuehner Room.
- A workshop in Spanish will be held from 3-4:30 pm Sunday, January 28, at St. Martin of Tours Parish in Gaithersburg.

For more information, please call the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407.

## 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!*



## MOURNING THE DEATH OF A CHILD

The Compassionate Friends (TCF) is an organization that can offer help to bereaved parents. TCF is an informal support group of mothers and fathers who know and understand the tragic impact that the death of a child has on a family. St. Francis parishioners Barbara and George Beall have been active members of TCF since their daughter died of cancer in 2004. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm at Potomac Presbyterian Church. There are no professional counselors, only parents who are willing to share their experiences with non-judgmental and understanding listeners. Everything is confidential, and there are no fees of any kind. If you would like more information, or to receive a TCF brochure, please call George or Barbara at (301) 253-8740. Their e-mail address is [oldedish@starpower.net](mailto:oldedish@starpower.net). You may contact them for help any time of the day or night.

## **Anuncios del boletín del 21 de enero de 2024:**

### ***¿Está interesado en aprender Tae Kwon Do?***

El Club de Tae Kwon Do San Francisco de Asís es una clase parroquial gratuita donde podrá aprender el arte marcial coreano del Tae Kwon Do, el arte de patear y golpear. El diácono Will García, cinturón negro de cuarto grado, imparte las clases, que se llevan a cabo los jueves a las 6:30 pm y los sábados a las 9 am en el Centro Parroquial. Los estudiantes practican movimientos y formas básicos y aprenden técnicas de defensa personal, todas ellas sin contacto.

El objetivo de la clase es que los estudiantes sean más conscientes de su potencial físico y mental y desarrollen los atributos de respeto, dignidad y humildad. Si está interesado en unirse al club, comuníquese con el diácono Will García al (301) 330-0095.

### ***Talleres sobre anulación ofrecidos en inglés y español***

¿Es usted un católico que podría necesitar una anulación?  
¿Quiere saber más sobre ellos o cuál es el proceso? Conozca los datos en una de estas sesiones informativas:

Se llevará a cabo un taller en inglés de 7 a 8:30 pm el viernes, 26 de enero en el Salón Kuehner de la Parroquia San Francisco de Asís.

Se llevará a cabo un taller en español de 3 a 4:30 pm el domingo, 28 de enero en la parroquia San Martín de Tours en Gaithersburg.

Para obtener más información, llame a la Oficina Parroquial al (301) 840-1407.

### ***Los aros para Haití ya vienen cerca el 9 de marzo***

¿Estás listo para un día de baloncesto, diversión y compañerismo intergeneracional? Guarde la fecha para nuestra recaudación de fondos anual Hoops for Haiti, que se llevará a cabo el sábado, 9 de marzo en la escuela secundaria Our Lady of Good Counsel en Olney. Mire las plataformas de comunicaciones impresas y digitales de San Francisco de Asís para obtener más detalles. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con el feligrés Wendel Hall en [whall@hallglobal.net](mailto:whall@hallglobal.net) o con Dan Cardile en [dancardile@yahoo.com](mailto:dancardile@yahoo.com).

**UN RECORDATORIO DEL P. JOHN ...** Si alguien está viviendo en un matrimonio que no ha sido reconocido por la Iglesia Católica, sería prudente consultar con un sacerdote para ver si esa situación podría ser rectificada. Puede ser tan simple como renovar sus votos matrimoniales en silencio frente a un sacerdote y recibir la bendición de la Iglesia. De esa manera, uno puede ser elegible para recibir los sacramentos de la Iglesia, especialmente la Eucaristía.

## ***Reserve las fechas para las charlas misioneras parroquiales de Cuaresma***

En este año de Avivamiento Eucarístico, el Ministerio de Formación de Fe para Adultos ofrecerá una Misión Parroquial de Cuaresma en inglés basada en la liturgia durante la próxima temporada de Cuaresma. Haga planes para asistir a la Misión Parroquial de Cuaresma, que se llevará a cabo los viernes a las 7:45 pm en la iglesia. Los oradores incluirán los siguientes miembros del clero y laicos:

- 16 de febrero: P. John Dillon
- 23 de febrero: Anastacia Wooden
- 8 de marzo: Dan y Anne Cardile, C.C. English, y Trish Olin
- 15 de marzo: P. Thomas Weinandy

Para profundizar la reflexión y la comprensión de la liturgia de los feligreses, la parroquia también ofrecerá un estudio en grupos pequeños del libro “La Liturgia: La fuente y cumbre de nuestra vida cristiana” (*The Liturgy: The Source and Summit of Our Christian Life*), de Corinna Laughlin. Sepublicarán más detalles en las próximas semanas. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con el Director de Formación de Fe para Adultos y Asuntos Sociales, Tony Bosnick, en [abosnick@sfadw.org](mailto:abosnick@sfadw.org).

## ***Regístrese para recibir alertas legislativas de la Red de Acción Católica***

Con la 446.ª sesión legislativa de la Asamblea General de Maryland en marcha, es fundamental estar al tanto de los proyectos de ley que afectan la dignidad de la vida, la justicia social, la educación y la reforma de la justicia juvenil que se presentarán ante ese organismo. Regístrese para recibir alertas de acción de la Red de Acción Católica, una herramienta utilizada por la Conferencia Católica de Maryland, para mantenerse al tanto de las propuestas legislativas estatales importantes para los católicos. Al registrarse, podrá elegir recibir noticias cuando la Asamblea General vote sobre cuestiones que afectan la vida, la justicia social, la reforma de la justicia juvenil y la educación - todas facetas de la enseñanza social católica. Regístrese en la red en <https://www.mdcatholic.org/joincan/>. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con el Director de Formación de Fe para Adultos y Asuntos Sociales, Tony Bosnick, en [abosnick@sfadw.org](mailto:abosnick@sfadw.org).