

Mass Intentions

April 22 - April 28, 2024

Monday, 4/22	9:00 a.m.	Randolph Larsen
Tuesday, 4/23	9:00 a.m.	Deacon Richard Walker, Jr.
Wednesday, 4/24	9:00 a.m.	Robert Lee Beall
	7:30 p.m.	Carol Carter
Thursday, 4/25	9:00 a.m.	Cecile Fecteau
Friday, 4/26	9:00 a.m.	Bill, Julie, & Tom Flanery
Saturday, 4/27	5:00 p.m.	Mary Frances Bussard
Sunday, 4/28	8:00 a.m.	Tom Hudecheck
	9:30 a.m.	Mary & Paul Thettayil
	11:15 a.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
	1:00 p.m.	Gioconda, Norma, Margott Montero
	5:00 p.m.	Rick Jenkins

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Maria Aparecida Salomão Vicente, mother of Reverend Saulo Vicente, Archdiocese of Washington, Matthew Lee, brother of Reverend Paul Lee, Shrine of St. Jude.

Please pray for the sick....Richard Yeast, Penny Friedman, Tony Bosnick, Diane Lacour Kustedjo, Annette Young, Gloria Reinoso, Moises Huerta, Wilfred de Castro, Mary Ellen Montrose, Jane Agricola, Jackie Carl, Jessica Ramirez, Patricia McGowan, 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 April 21, 2024

Sunday:	Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/ Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/ Mk 16:15-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday:	Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

Cardinal Gregory was in Rome recently for a Papal Foundation Board Meeting and to receive the Rector's Award at the annual Rector's Dinner at the Pontifical North American College where a number of Washington seminarians study for the priesthood. While in Rome, Cardinal Gregory gave an interview to Vatican News where he spoke about human dignity, particularly *Dignitas infinita*, the recently released Vatican Declaration on human dignity. I want to highlight some points he made on that occasion.

Cardinal Gregory told the interviewer that *Dignitas infinita* is "probably the most comprehensive summary" of Church teaching "that could be issued at this time."

Cardinal Gregory acknowledges that *Dignitas infinita* does not shy away from "hot-button" issues and has generated some controversy in some of the positions taken in the document. Then he adds, "But if you take the document as a whole, it is not a document about one specific issue beyond the fact that it treats human individuals, human people, as dignified in a way that is irreplaceable, that we never lose the dignity that God entrusts to us as He creates us." Cardinal Gregory remarks that *Dignitas infinita* is "humble in its context but is also very, very deeply rooted in Catholic moral and anthropological teachings." At the same time, he thinks that *Dignitas infinita* will be a "challenge" for people. "Everyone—maybe that is an overstatement—people will probably find something they will have to think about." "And to be perfectly honest, I think that's the sign of a successful document. It affirms that which you understand, accept, hold, or cling to, but it also stretches you to consider other dimensions of our ecclesial life, of our social life, that may pose a challenge."

To illustrate this, Cardinal Gregory cites the example of the death penalty. Our Archbishop notes that as the Catholic Church "continually strengthened its opposition to capital punishment," moving toward the position that is never really justified. "And for a number of people, that's going to be an issue," Cardinal Gregory says, while emphasizing that *Dignitas infinita* insists that even people who have committed heinous crimes "have not lost the dignity that they had from the day of their conception."

Cardinal Gregory then highlighted a number of issues of critical importance for the Archdiocese of Washington, notably the treatment of LGBTQ+ people and individuals concerned about gender identity. Specifically, he says that "[t]he document has to both recognize their human dignity, but also call them to accept and realize the fact God has given them the dignity of an identity in their creation."

The dignity of our migrant community is another area to which Cardinal Gregory calls our attention. At times migrants "are being denigrated" by those who have "very strong feelings" about immigration, while at the same time, questions are raised about how to "admit and respect people who come to our borders looking for the same life advantages" that the ancestors of current residents sought when they came to America in the past.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In what specific way can I lay down my life this week for someone who needs what I can give them?

ENGAGE WITH THE WORLD'S CHALLENGES IN A JUSTFAITH SMALL GROUP COMMUNITY

Have you wondered how to grapple with global challenges, such as poverty, climate change, racism, and food inequality? Joining the *JustFaith* program might be one avenue for you to engage. Beginning Saturday, May 4, join Fr. G and other parishioners at 10:30 am in the Kuehner Room to learn more about how to heal the world's wounds. Over seven weeks, participants will pray together, read books, watch videos, and discuss how we can seek justice in our community. At its conclusion, the program aspires to help participants experience a deeper faith, discover a small community of Christian care and vitality within our church, and spark a flame to minister in ways fulfilling to you.

Sign up for the *JustFaith* program this month by contacting Fr. G at gokulewicz@sfadw.org or Director of Social Concerns Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org. Learn more at justfaith.org.



WAYS TO CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

Find a state park or forest or community event to volunteer – trash pick-up, garden, plant trees!

Find ways to reduce litter – reusable shopping bags, buy products in recyclable containers, and re-purpose containers.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

Cardinal Gregory believes that *Dignitas infinita* “is a very balanced document, and a very balanced way to look at the whole range of issues that call to mind [the question] ‘How can we better respect human dignity at every moment of its existence.’”

Until next week,
Fr. John

WE WELCOME WASHINGTON AUXILIARY BISHOP EVELIO MENJIVAR TO OUR CHURCH

We welcome Washington Auxiliary Bishop Evelio Menjivar to our church this weekend, as he celebrates the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, April 21, and installs parishioner Eduardo DeAusen as an acolyte. As an acolyte, Ed will assist the priests and deacons during liturgical celebrations, especially at Mass. This step brings Ed one step closer to his ordination in June 2025 as a permanent deacon. May God bless you, Ed!



MASS CARDS

Cards will be available next weekend in the Gathering Space (English & Spanish). This is a wonderful way to remember your Mother, Mother-in-law, Grandmother, Aunt or anyone special at all the Masses on Mother's Day. Please return your spiritual bouquet envelope to the parish office on or before Tuesday, May 7. Envelopes/names stay on the altar for the entire month of May.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL: CHURCH MISSIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

The national collection to support the needs of the Catholic Home Missions and Black & Indian Missions in the United States will be taken next weekend, April 27-28. Please help these struggling Churches by being generous according to your means.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration is held on Fridays
in the Church
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

All are welcome to attend.

POOR BOX DONATIONS

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



2023-24 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 8

UPCOMING SACRAMENTS AT ST. FRANCIS

Please pray for the children and young people of our parish who are preparing to receive First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation this Spring. First Eucharist will be celebrated at 10:00 am and 1:00 pm on Saturday, April 27. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at 7:00 pm on Monday, May 20.

REGISTRATION FOR 2024-25 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES OPENS THIS WEEKEND AS WELL

Registration forms and additional information can be found on the parish website at: <https://sfadw.org/children-grades-pre-k-8>. We look forward to the continuing participation of all of our families in our parish religious education program! Save on registration fees by returning your registration form by Aug. 15, **save even more by returning your registration form by June 15** (fees can be paid at a later date). We also look forward to welcoming new families and invite all parishioners to share program information with family, friends and neighbors!

As we look ahead to next year's Religious Education Program, please consider whether you can serve as a Catechist for our children and young people. If you would like to learn more about this important ministry, please contact Susan Anderson, Director of Religious Education, 301-258=9193.

Knights of Columbus

Family Night , Friday May 10th

Montgomery Council #2323 will host
an evening with Family and friends

All Welcome

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Father Cuddy Hall, 17001 Overhill Rd., Derwood Md.

Tickets will be sold at the door

Payment by Credit Card Available

\$25.00 for Families,

\$12.00 individuals, Free for age 7 and under

Dinner includes

Pulled Pork , Bratwurst, Chicken tenders, Sides,

Beer, Wine and soft Drinks

Games and activities available

Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kofc2323

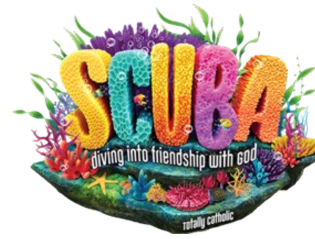
Come and enjoy a Friday night tradition for the families
of

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

Friday Night=Sundae Night,

Make your own dessert.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2024



Registration opens this weekend for **Vacation Bible Camp 2024 — SCUBA!** — the summer event that helps kids dive into friendship with God. At our Totally Catholic Scuba VBC, kids dive deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. Each day of VBC, kids will be immersed in a single Bible point, Saint, Catholic ID, and Scripture as they share a variety of activities and discover what living water is really all about!

Our program runs June 24-28 from 9:00 am to 12:15 pm in the Parish Center, and includes a family program on Thursday evening, June 27.

Information and registration form for VBC 2024 can be found on our parish website: <http://sfadw.org/vbc>. **Spaces fill quickly!** Be sure to return your registration form and payment as soon as possible to secure your child's place at VBC. Registrations will be processed in the order received. To allow time to order t-shirts and supplies, registration will close on May 15, 2024.

ADULTS & TEENS (GRADES 6-12 AS OF JUNE 2024) CAN SHARE THE FUN AS WELL AS VBC VOLUNTEERS!

Teens can apply by completing the Teen Volunteer Application found on the VBC page of the parish website: <http://sfadw.org/vbc>. Applications must be received by April 30 and placement will be announced by May 10. Teen volunteer positions fill quickly!

TENTATIVE ROUTE FOR NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION IN OUR AREA THIS JUNE

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage has released the parade route for the Eucharistic procession along the Seton Route in Maryland and the District of Columbia this June. The tentative schedule for the procession through our area is as follows:

- June 5: St. John Church in Westminster (Eucharistic procession and Benediction)
- June 6: National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg (Mass and Eucharistic procession)
- June 7: Basilica of the Assumption in Baltimore (Mass and Eucharistic procession)
- June 7: Conclusion of walk at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Baltimore
- June 8: National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC (Procession to various sites in the area)
- June 9: National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC (Mass at 12 pm)

For updates, go to <https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/> and click on the 'Routes' link.

ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY SHORTAGES

Canned Soup
Canned Fruit
Pasta & Pasta Sauce
Meals in a Can (stew, canned pasta, chili)
Tuna/Canned Meat/Canned Fish
Canned Beans
Macaroni & Cheese
Canned Vegetables
Dry Unsweetened Cereal/Oatmeal
Dry Rice/Beans

Diapers: Nos. 1,3,5 & 6. Baby wipes and Pediasure.

ENSURE for Adults, **MEDIUM SIZE DEPENDS ONLY**,
NO LARGE Size.

Paper Bags (Wegmans or Trader Joe size or similar).
Plastic Newspaper or Grocery Bags

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.

Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School

We are...St. Jude

www.StJudeRockville.org

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

REGISTER NOW FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

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.

SPRING OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, April 23rd
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Maryland BOOST Scholarship Coalition

Broadening Options & Opportunities for Students Today

Apply now at MSDE's application website

[https://www.marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/boost/
index.aspx](https://www.marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/boost/index.aspx)

All you need is a PDF of your recent tax return to apply.
**The deadline to apply is May 3, but we recommend com-
pleting the application as soon as possible.**

If you are a current BOOST family, please remember you
must fill out the application each year to renew your scholar-
ship. BOOST recipients and their siblings are prioritized by
the State.

EVENTS AT-A-GLANCE

Mark Your Calendars!

Family Game Night: Friday, May 10th
HAS Meeting Wednesday, May 22nd

Montgomery Connects: Free Chromebooks

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/computer

Limit one per Maryland resident. You do not have to be a US
citizen. Make an appointment online, must be physically pre-
sent to receive the device (including children). Bring your ID,
proof of address (can be ID), and every person who has an
appointment.

MOTHER'S DAY - GABRIEL PROJECT

The Gabriel Project Cluster of Montgomery County serves
mothers and their families in crisis pregnancies. Mother's
Day is only a few weeks away. This is a great time to support
our client moms and their families who have said yes to life.
Diapers, as well as new or gently used clothing, are greatly
appreciated, or go to our Website, <http://www.gpmoco.org>.
Click on our Amazon Wishlist and choose from any number
of items. We continue to need women volunteers to serve as
Angel Friends. We don't want to turn away any pregnant
mother who is needing help. Please pray about joining our
team of over 90 Angel Friends who stay in touch with client
mothers during their pregnancies. We especially need bi-
lingual women to serve as Angel Friends. Questions? Con-
tact....Betty Baklarz@ 301 412-1909.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: TEMPORARY SECRETARIAL POSITION SAINT PATRICK'S, ROCKVILLE

Are you organized, detailed-oriented, and eager to gain
valuable office experience? Saint Patrick' is hiring a tem-
porary secretarial position! If you have basic secretarial
skills and thrive in a fast paced environment, this could be
the perfect opportunity for you. Responsibilities include
answering phones and directing calls, basic clerical tasks,
providing general office support as needed, managing
schedules and appointments. Requirements: Basic com-
puter skills (Microsoft Office, email), strong communica-
tion skills, ability to multitask and prioritize tasks effec-
tively. To apply, send your resume and cover letter to Jen-
nifer.Seo@StPatrickADW.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTGOMERY COUNCIL 2323

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



SCAN ME

FATIMA/SPAIN EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL PILGRIMAGE

From July 17-21, 2024, the Church in the United States is
celebrating the 10th National Eucharistic Congress in Indian-
apolis, Indiana. The Church desires that we delve more deep-
ly into the central mystery of our faith, the Eucharist. In line
with this, Fr. David Wells, Pastor, St. Martin of Tours
Church, Gaithersburg, MD. will be leading this Eucharistic
pilgrimage. We will visit and celebrate Mass at the site of a
Eucharistic Miracle in Portugal, visit the shrine of Our Lady
of Fatima and follow in the footsteps of St. Manuel Gonzalez
Garcia, one of the patron saints of the Congress, known as the
Apostle of the Eucharist. For information and registration
please contact Vicky Schneider's email: [vhschnei-
der1@aol.com](mailto:vhschneider1@aol.com).

Anuncios del boletín del 21 de abril de 2024:

¡Damos la bienvenida al Obispo Auxiliar de Washington, Evelio Menjívar, a nuestra iglesia!

Le damos la bienvenida al Obispo Auxiliar de Washington, Evelio Menjívar, a nuestra iglesia este fin de semana, mientras celebra la Misa de las 9:30 am el domingo 21 de abril e instala al feligrés Eduardo DeAussen como acólito. Como acólito, Ed ayudará a los sacerdotes y diáconos durante las celebraciones litúrgicas, especialmente en la Misa. Este paso acerca a Ed un paso más a su ordenación en junio de 2025 como diácono permanente. ¡Que Dios te bendiga, Ed!

Comprométase con los desafíos del mundo en una comunidad de grupos pequeños de JustFaith

¿Se ha preguntado cómo lidiar con los desafíos globales, como la pobreza, el cambio climático, el racismo y la desigualdad alimentaria? Unirse al *programa JustFaith* podría ser una vía para participar. A partir del sábado 4 de mayo, únase al P. G y a otros feligreses a las 10:30 am en el Salón Kuehner para aprender más sobre cómo sanar las heridas del mundo. Durante siete semanas, los participantes orarán juntos, leerán libros, verán videos y discutirán cómo podemos buscar justicia en nuestra comunidad. Al concluir, el programa aspira a ayudar a los participantes a experimentar una fe más profunda, descubrir una pequeña comunidad de cuidado y vitalidad cristiana dentro de nuestra iglesia, y encender una llama para ministrar de manera satisfactoria para usted.

Inscríbase en el *programa JustFaith* este mes poniéndose en contacto con el P. G en gokulewicz@sfadw.org o con el Director de Asuntos Sociales Tony Bosnick en abosnick@sfadw.org. Más información en justfaith.org.

Ruta tentativa para la procesión eucarística nacional en nuestra área este mes de junio

La Peregrinación Eucarística Nacional ha publicado la ruta del desfile para la procesión eucarística a lo largo de la Ruta Seton en Maryland y el Distrito de Columbia este mes de junio. El horario tentativo para la procesión por nuestra zona es el siguiente:

- 5 de junio: Iglesia de St. John en Westminster (procesión eucarística y bendición)
- 6 de junio: Santuario Nacional de Santa Elizabeth Ann Seton en Emmitsburg (Misa y procesión eucarística)
- 7 de junio: Basílica de la Asunción en Baltimore (Misa y procesión eucarística)
- 7 de junio: Conclusión de la caminata en la Iglesia del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús en Baltimore
- 8 de junio: Santuario Nacional de la Inmaculada Concepción en Washington DC (Procesión a varios sitios de la zona)
- 9 de junio: Santuario Nacional de la Inmaculada Concepción en Washington DC (Misa a las 12 pm)

Para obtener actualizaciones, vaya a <https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/> y haga clic en el enlace 'Rutas'.

Boletín de Anuncios del Proyecto Gabriel

El Proyecto Gabriel, región del Condado de Montgomery sirve a madres que atraviesan dificultades durante el embarazo, y a sus familias. En pocas semanas será el Día de la Madre. Este es una gran ocasión para apoyar a nuestras madres clientes y a sus familias que han dicho SI a la vida. Mucho apreciaremos la donación de pañales, así como ropa usada en buenas condiciones, o visitar el sitio www.gpmoco.org en nuestra red. Haga clic en nuestra lista de Amazon y escoja la cantidad que desee de artículos. Continuamos necesitando voluntarias para servir como Amigas Ángeles (Angel Friends). No queremos dejar de ayudar a ninguna madre embarazada que esté necesitando ayuda. Por favor, rece para que se una a nuestro equipo de más de 90 Amigas Ángeles, quienes están en contacto con nuestras clientas durante sus embarazos. Especialmente necesitamos damas bilingües. Para servir como Amigas Ángeles. ¿Preguntas? Comuníquese con....

PEREGRINACION A FATIMA Y ESPAÑA – AVIVAMIENTO EUCARÍSTICO

Del 17 al 21 de julio de 2024, la Iglesia de Estados Unidos celebrará el 10º Congreso Eucarístico Nacional en Indianápolis, Indiana. Con el fin de restaurar la comprensión y la devoción a este gran misterio de nuestra fe, la Eucaristía, el Padre David Wells, Párroco de San Martin de Tours, Gaithersburg, MD. dirigirá esta peregrinación. Visitaremos y celebraremos Misa en el lugar de un milagro Eucarístico en Portugal, visitaremos la Basílica de Nuestra Señora del Fátima y seguiremos los pasos de San Manuel González García, uno de los santos patronos del Congreso conocido como el Apóstol de la Eucaristía. Para información y registración, por favor contacte a Vicky Schneider en su email: vhschneider1@aol.com.



FORMAS DE CELEBRAR EL DÍA DE LA TIERRA

Encuentre un parque estatal, un bosque o un evento comunitario para ofrecerse como voluntario: ¡recolección de basura, jardinería, plantación de árboles!

Encuentre formas de reducir la basura: bolsas de compras reutilizables, compre productos en contenedores reciclables y reutilice contenedores.