

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

July 7 - July 13, 2025 2025

Monday, 7/7	9:00 a.m.	Monsignor Ralph Kuehner
Tuesday, 7/8	9:00 a.m.	Reverend Charles McCann
Wednesday, 7/9	9:00 a.m.	Catherine Brennaman
	7:30 p.m.	Gaby & Rod O'Connor
Thursday, 7/10	9:00 a.m.	Michael O'Hara
Friday, 7/11	9:00 a.m.	Rosa Parris
Saturday, 7/12	5:00 p.m.	Selwyn & Flavia De Souza
Sunday, 7/13	8:00 a.m.	Peg Smith
	9:30 a.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Tom & Terry Krafchik
	1:00 p.m.	Juana Tapia
	5:00 p.m.	George & Rosa Nellissery

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Betty Dicello, mother of Bob Dicello, Anthony Bocchi, uncle of Deby Dicello, Remigio Makoni, husband of Petronella Makoni.

Please pray for the sick....Brenda Henderson, Donna Ford, Roger Arnolda, Allen Kay, Evelyn Roebuck, Dee Comely, Dr. Hector Asuncion, Virginia Hartswick, George Beall, Diane (Dee) Comly, Richard Yeast, Joan Dudenhoefter, Virginia Kingkeo, Diana M. Lacour Kustedjo, Marie C. Williams, Tom Breece, Deacon James McCann, Tristan Olin-Fixico, Patricia McGowan, Christine Degen, Nicole Behrus-Weiss, Maryann Murphy, Mark Patterson, Michael Waple, Debra Price, Barbara Schmidt, Angelica Santos, Allison Brauer, Frank Knorr, Allan Degen, Bob Jones, Sandra Kimball, 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 July 6, 2025

Sunday:	Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9
Monday:	Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/ Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15/ Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/ Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday:	Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 (see 33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

Thomas "Kintsuba" Jihyoe of Saint Augustine, an Augustinian friar, along with 187 companions, was beatified on November 24, 2008. The ceremony for beatification took place in Nagasaki, Japan. "For all of us, this is a magnificent opportunity to renew our own faith, and to open our hearts to the inspiration of such a generous witness to Jesus Christ and the Gospel, Augustinian Prior General Robert Prevost (now Pope Leo XIV) said. "In our world today, while most of us are not subject to physical dangers in professing our faith, we do find many situations of indifference and even direct opposition to the message of Christ and to the teaching of the Church. The strength and courage of Blessed Thomas of Saint Augustine can encourage each of us to renew our own commitment in giving our lives in service of the Gospel.

Thomas Jihyoe of Saint Augustine was a Japanese Augustinian friar who gave his life for Christ during the persecution of Christians in Seventeenth-Century Japan. Thomas was born around 1600 in Omura, Japan. His parents were Christian catechists who were both martyrs for the Faith.

As a youth Thomas studied under the Jesuits in Arima. When the Jesuit school was closed during the persecution, Thomas along with this Jesuit teachers, was expelled from Japan. He went to Macao (an autonomous region on the south coast of China across the Pearl River Delta from Hong Kong and a Portuguese colony until 1999) where he continued his studies. In 1622 he went to Manila, Philippines, where he entered the Augustinian novitiate. After he took his vows in 1624, he was sent to Cebu City, Philippines where he completed his theological studies. In 1627 or 1628 he was ordained a priest—the first Japanese Augustinian friar to be ordained a priest.

Thomas felt a call to return to Japan because Christians there were under great need of pastoral care and guidance as more and more Catholic missionaries were martyred in the ongoing persecution. He was finally granted permission to return to Japan in 1631 after having been turned down several times.

Since he was Japanese, it was easy for him to conceal his priesthood from the authorities. He obtained a position in the administration of the Governor of Nagasaki under the name Kintsuba (Garnished with Gold). Fearless and motivated by faith, Thomas was able to offer support to the imprisoned, including the Augustinian Bartholomew Gutiérrez. When Bartholomew was killed, Thomas continued to encourage and help the other Christian prisoners. Within a short time, the Governor began to suspect there was a priest ministering to the captives in jail. Thomas had to flee the city and take refuge in a nearby cave.

Thomas was finally captured in 1637. After undergoing many kinds of cruel torture and remaining resolute in his Catholic faith, he was condemned to death. On November 6, 1637, he was hung by his feet with his head inserted into a pit of rotting garbage until he died.

Blessed Thomas "Kintsuba" Jihyoe of Saint Augustine pray for us!

Until next week,
Fr. John

July 6, 2025

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How am I willing to labor this week to add to Jesus' harvest??

KNOW SOMEONE INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? TELL THEM ABOUT OCIA

If you know someone interested in developing an authentic relationship with Jesus through the journey of exploring Catholicism, then please tell them about our Order of Christian Initiation program. Led by our dedicated OCIA teams, the OCIA program is for those interested in being baptized, becoming Catholic, or completing their Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist).

St. Francis of Assisi Parish offers two program tracks – one for English speakers and one for Spanish speakers. On Monday, September 8, Spanish speakers curious about our faith will begin meeting in small groups, while English speakers will begin exploring our Catholic faith on Wednesday, September 17, both in the Kuehner Room.

Over a 10-month period, the OCIA teams will meet with interested persons to help facilitate discussions and answer questions about the Catholic faith. If these participants commit to their journey of faith, they will be welcomed next spring as full members of the Church at the Easter Vigil. For more information, please contact Fr. Grzegorz Okulewicz at gokulewicz@sfadw.org about OCIA in Spanish or Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org about OCIA in English.

TAKE PART IN THE SUMMER IN THE CITY FOOD DRIVE ON JULY 26-27

Our parish is pleased to participate in the 12th Annual *Summer in the City* Food Drive to benefit the John S. Mulholland Family Foundation and the nine parish food pantries they support in Washington's poorest neighborhoods. The family foundation is the only organization in Metropolitan Washington to conduct a major food drive in summer, when food insecurity reaches its peak.

Please bring your donation of non-perishable food to Mass with you on the weekend of July 26-27 and limit your donations to the following items:

- Canned tuna or chicken
- Cheerios or other low sugar cereal
- Canned vegetables (green beans, corn, peas)
- Canned soup (hearty varieties are best)
- Peanut butter & jelly (plastic containers only no glass)
- Baked beans, macaroni and cheese, Chef Boyardee
- Pasta and pasta sauce (plastic containers only no glass)
- Giant Food \$25 gift cards

If you are unable to participate because you are out of town, monetary donations are welcome and will be used to buy fresh produce, milk and eggs, meat and poultry. You may send your donation to Mulholland Foundation, 1629 K Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20006 or donate by credit card online at MulhollandCharities.org. Thank you for your generous support!



The following individuals and their families recently joined our St. Francis faith community during the month of June:

Karen Marauilla Barahona
Adnan Allen & Angela Diamola
Pretap & Pratiba Dinahar
Paula Harmada
Javier Moreno & Shirley Lozada
Alfred & Julia Minichiello
Philip & Janet Mullan
Maruo Soto Perez
Jacqueline Ragan
Noe Rodriguez

The following children were baptized during the month of June:

Alexander Silas Cabotaje Allen
Victoria Isabella Cornejo Romero

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS CONTINUE MEETING THIS SUMMER & FALL

Women of the parish, are you looking for a summer Bible study group? Join the Walking with Purpose Bible Study group meeting at 10:15 am Thursdays through August 7 in the Kuehner Room, where we're listening to a podcast focusing on *The Second Letter of Paul to Timothy*. No preparation is needed -- just come and learn about the final words of wisdom Paul shared with his dearest friend. Women's Bible study groups will re-form in the fall to study the Gospel of John. Please consider joining us. On Thursday, October 9, we'll begin at 10:15-11:45 am with an Open House in the Kuehner Room. New this year: Conducted in Spanish, a six-session study of God the Father will begin September 14 and meet on Sundays. For further information see future bulletin announcements or contact Eileen (ehaleygrams@gmail.com) or Lita (litasilva4@gmail.com).

Meghan McKee Jones

Funeral Mass

Saturday, July 12, 2025

11:00 am

Celebration of Life Reception

St Francis Parish Center

Following Meghan's Mass



2025-26 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

**SAVE BY REGISTERING NOW FOR
2025-26 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

**Register by August 15 to save on
Religious Education program fees!**

*(turn in your family's registration now and payment can be
made at a later date)*

Our parish offers families a choice of two options for religious education:

Option 1: "Classroom model" offering in-person classes taught by volunteer catechists and classroom aides:

- **Elementary (Kindergarten-Grade 5)** classes offered at two session times: Sunday 9:20-10:35 am and Monday 4:45-6:00 pm. Classes begin September 14 and 15.
- **Middle School (Grade 6, 7 & 8)** classes with students attending weekly. Two session times will be offered: Monday 6:45-8:00 pm and Tuesday 6:45-8:00 pm. Classes begin September 15 and 16.
- **Classes for children and youth with special needs** meeting on Sunday afternoons 3:30-4:30 pm (in-person or online). Classes will begin in September.

Option 2: "Homeschool model" offering parents the opportunity to teach their children at home with textbook resources and support provided by the parish, including online parent meetings and additional events (in-person and online) for students and families. Our program will kick-off in mid-September.

Registration forms and additional information can be found on the parish website at: <https://sfadw.org/children-grades-pre-k-8>. Program calendars will be posted to the website by August 1. Completed forms can be mailed to the parish, dropped off in person at the Rectory Office (Monday-Friday, 8 am-4 pm), or returned as digital copies via email to sfareligioused@sfadw.org.

*If payment of registration fees poses a financial hardship,
please contact us and allow us to assist you.*

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, at 301-258-9193.

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POOR BOX DONATIONS

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

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE SECOND SET THEM UP FOR SUCCESS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT ON AUGUST 23

Are you ready for some fun summer volleyball? If so, then join the New Neighbor Interfaith Alliance, as it sponsors its second Set Them Up for Success Volleyball Tournament fundraiser on August 23 to raise funds to help welcome and acclimate new migrant neighbors into our community. The tournament fundraiser will take place from 9 am-4 pm Saturday, August 23, at the Inter-denominational Church of God in Gaithersburg and will feature round-robin tournament play, a raffle, kids' activities, and a food truck. St. Francis parishioners are among those helping coordinate this tournament fundraiser for the second year. Here are ways you can take part:

Form a team: Organizers are seeking eight Reverse Co-ed, B level teams of adults to play in the tournament. Teams consist of at least six players and two women must be on the court at all times. The team fee is \$250 and each team is guaranteed to play a minimum of three matches, best two out of three games. For more information, please contact parishioners Melissa Egan at megan@sfadw.org or Kirk Grothe at kirk@kirkgrothe.com.

Volunteer or donate a raffle basket: Volunteers are sought for a number of roles, including helping run the raffle, serving as a scorekeeper, providing medical aid, working the check-in table, setting up the space and breaking it down. In addition, a dozen themed gift baskets are sought to have as raffle prizes. A Signup Genius link will soon be available for both volunteer and gift basket signups. For more information, contact parishioner Kelly Grothe at kelly@kellygrothe.com.

Serve as a sponsor: Do you own a business? NNIA is seeking business sponsors to help raise funds for its mission through this volleyball tournament. Sponsorship opportunities range from \$100-\$1,000+, with benefits ranging from getting listed on the tournament T-shirt, on signage and in the program. In addition, family sponsorships are also available for \$50.

Please keep an eye in the Gathering Space, as there will also be opportunities there to buy tickets, sign up as a volunteer or to donate a gift basket, and serve as a sponsor. For more information, please contact parishioners Melissa Egan at megan@sfadw.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (continued)

Registering for Sacramental Preparation

Sacramental preparation for 1st Reconciliation, 1st Eucharist, Confirmation, and Christian Initiation for Children/Teens (CIC/CIT) is not grade specific and involves preparation in addition to grade level Religious Education classes. At minimum, children are expected to have participated in religious education in the year prior to preparing for a sacrament.

Please note: students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will attend their grade-level Religious Education classes as well as monthly Confirmation sessions.

Families requesting sacramental preparation for their children are asked to mark their registration form accordingly so that additional information can be provided. Please note that there is a separate materials fee for sacramental preparation programs. More details will be provided at the parent meetings next year.

ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY SHORTAGES

Pasta & Pasta Sauce
Canned Fruit
Canned Soup
Macaroni & Cheese
Meals in a Can
Canned Vegetables
Canned Beans
Dry Unsweetened Cereal/Oatmeal
Tuna/Canned Meat/Canned Fish

Diapers No. 6 only and baby wipes

Adult diapers size Large only

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.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peters Pence Collection! Our contributions join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Leo in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.



**Knights of
Columbus**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 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 more information please contact Membership Director, John DeMare, johnd2323@comcast.net or 240-354-6648.



SCAN ME

Thank you!

With the help of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church's Baby Bottle Campaign, the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center can help women with pregnancy services, parenting classes, and material goods for their babies from diapers to car seats and cribs. We could not do the work we do without your support!

Prayer Flare Email List

When a woman considering abortion comes to our center, we want to invite the community to pray for her and the life of her unborn child.



If you would like to be a part
of our Prayer Flare list
please scan the QR code.

JULY 2025 CALENDAR

July 9	7:00 pm	Martha/Mary Group (YR)
	8:00 pm	Baptism Class (Virtual)
July 10	10:15 am	Women's Bible Study (KR)
	7:30 pm	St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (KR)
July 11 :	9:30 am	Adoration (Church)
July 12 :	6:00 pm	Couples for Christ (KR)
July 17	10:15 am	Women's Bible Study (KR)
	6:00 pm	UCR Board Mtg (AR)
July 18	9:30 am	Adoration (Church)
July 23	7:00 pm	Martha/Mary Group (YR)
July 24	10:15 am	Women's Bible Study (KR)
	7:30 pm	St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (KR)
July 25	9:30 am	Adoration (Church)
July 26	7:30 am	Book Group (AR)
	10:30 am	St. Vincent De Paul (KR)
July 31	10:15 am	Women's Bible Study (KR)

Haiti Coffee Sales

July 5 & 6

Blood Pressure Screening (St. Clare Room)

July 12 & 13

Summer in the City Food Collection

Bags Handed Out July 19 & 20

Bags Collected July 26 & 27

MONTHLY BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING OFFERED ON JULY 12 & 13



On the second weekend of each month, St. Francis Health Ministry volunteers offer blood pressure screenings after

Masses in the St. Clare Room off the Gathering Space.

Why check my blood pressure?

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

SAVE THE DATE FOR A WOMEN'S RETREAT ON AUGUST 16 *Jubilee of Hope Women's Retreat:*

"Seen, Known, Loved and Called" will be held from 9 am to 3 pm Saturday, August 16, at St Paul Catholic Church in Damascus. Get ready for inspiring talks, Mass, and time for prayer and heartfelt sharing. Don't miss this opportunity to invest in yourself and nourish your soul. Pick up a retreat registration postcard on the information table in the Gathering Space. If you have questions, contact Terri Celmer at terri@blessed-hope.org or (301) 330-4841.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration is held on Fridays
in the **CHURCH**.

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

All are welcome to attend.

Anuncios del Boletín 6 de julio de 2025:

Participa en la colecta de alimentos Summer in the City el 26 y 27 de julio

Nuestra parroquia se complace en participar en la 12ª Colecta Anual de Alimentos *de Verano en la Ciudad* para beneficiar a la Fundación de la Familia John S. Mulholland y las nueve despensas de alimentos parroquiales que apoyan en los vecindarios más pobres de Washington. La fundación familiar es la única organización en el área metropolitana de Washington que lleva a cabo una gran colecta de alimentos en el verano, cuando la inseguridad alimentaria alcanza su punto máximo.

Por favor, traiga su donación de alimentos no perecederos a la Misa el fin de semana del 26 y 27 de julio y limite sus donaciones a los siguientes artículos:

- Atún o pollo enlatado
- Cheerios u otros cereales bajos en azúcar
- Verduras enlatadas (ejotes verdes, maíz, guisantes)
- Sopa enlatada (las variedades abundantes son las mejores)
- Mantequilla de maní y mermelada (solo recipientes de plástico, no vidrio)
- Frijoles horneados, macarrones con queso, Chef Boyardee
- Pasta y salsa para pasta (solo recipientes de plástico, no vidrio)
- Tarjetas de regalo de \$25 de Giant Food

Si no puede participar porque está fuera de la ciudad, las donaciones monetarias son bienvenidas y se utilizarán para comprar productos frescos, leche y huevos, carne de res y pollo. Puede enviar su donación a Mulholland Foundation, 1629 K Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20006 o donar con tarjeta de crédito en línea en MulhollandCharities.org. ¡Gracias por su generoso apoyo!

Se ofrecen exámenes mensuales de presión arterial el 12 y 13 de julio



El segundo fin de semana de cada mes, los voluntarios del Ministerio de Salud de St. Francis ofrecen exámenes de presión arterial después de las Misas en el Salón St. Clare fuera del Espacio de Reunión.

¿Por qué controlarme la presión arterial?

¡Porque es la única manera de que lo sepa! A menudo, la presión arterial alta no presenta síntomas. A menos que se mida y se trate si es necesario, el daño que causa la presión arterial alta puede pasar desapercibido, lo que lo deja en mayor riesgo de ataques cardíacos y accidentes cerebrovasculares. Afortunadamente, la medición de la presión arterial es sencilla, rápida y gratuita por parte del equipo del Ministerio de Salud de la SFA.

¿Conoce a alguien interesado en convertirse al catolicismo? Háblales de OCIA (Bautismo, Confirmación y Eucaristía). Durante un período de 10 meses, los equipos de OCIA se reunirán con personas interesadas para ayudar a facilitar las discusiones y responder preguntas sobre la fe católica. Si estos participantes se comprometen en su camino de fe, serán bienvenidos la próxima primavera como miembros de pleno derecho de la Iglesia en la Vigilia Pascual. Para obtener más información, póngase en contacto con el P. Grzegorz Okulewicz en gokulewicz@sfadw.org sobre OCIA en español o con el Director de Asuntos Sociales y Formación en la Fe de Adultos, Tony Bosnick, en abosnick@sfadw.org sobre OCIA en inglés.

Reserve la fecha para el segundo torneo de voleibol Prepárelos para el éxito el 23 de agosto

¿Estás listo para un divertido voleibol de verano? Si es así, únase a la Alianza Interreligiosa de Nuevos Vecinos, ya que patrocina su segundo Torneo de Voleibol Set Them Up for Success para recaudar fondos el 23 de agosto para ayudar a dar la bienvenida y aclimatar a los nuevos vecinos migrantes a nuestra comunidad. El torneo para recaudar fondos se llevará a cabo de 9 a.m. a 4 p.m. el sábado 23 de agosto en la Iglesia de Dios Interdenominacional en Gaithersburg y contará con un torneo de todos contra todos, una rifa, actividades para niños y un camión de comida.

Un equipo de feligreses de San Francisco se encuentra entre los que ayudan a coordinar este torneo para recaudar fondos por segundo año. Estas son algunas formas en las que puedes participar:

Formar un equipo: Los organizadores están buscando ocho equipos de adultos de nivel B para jugar en el torneo. Los equipos constan de al menos seis jugadores y dos mujeres deben estar en la cancha en todo momento. La tarifa del equipo es de \$ 250 y cada equipo tiene garantizado jugar un mínimo de tres partidos, al mejor dos de tres juegos. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con los feligreses Melissa Egan en megan@sfadw.org o Kirk Grothe en kirk@kirkgrothe.com.

Ofrézcase como voluntario o done una canasta de rifa: Se buscan voluntarios para una serie de funciones, que incluyen ayudar a realizar la rifa, servir como anotador, brindar asistencia médica, trabajar en la mesa de registro, configurar el espacio y desarmarlo. Además, se buscan una decena de canastas de regalo temáticas para tener como premios del sorteo. Pronto estará disponible un enlace de Signup Genius para inscripciones de voluntarios y de canastas de regalo. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con la feligresa Kelly Grothe en kelly@kellygrothe.com.

Sirve como patrocinador: ¿Eres dueño de un negocio? NNIA está buscando patrocinadores comerciales para ayudar a recaudar fondos para su misión a través de este torneo de voleibol. Las oportunidades de patrocinio oscilan entre \$ 100 y \$ 1,000 +, con beneficios que van desde aparecer en la camiseta del torneo, en la señalización y en el programa. Además, los patrocinios familiares también están disponibles por \$50.

Por favor, esté atento al Espacio de Reunión, ya que también habrá oportunidades para comprar boletos, inscribirse como voluntario o donar una canasta de regalo y servir como patrocinador. Esperamos que se una a nosotros el sábado 23 de agosto para este divertido evento familiar que involucra a toda la coalición interreligiosa de NNIA, así como a los nuevos vecinos a los que sirven. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con los feligreses Melissa Egan en megan@sfadw.org o con el presidente de la junta de NNIA y feligrés Chris King en caking.home@gmail.com.