

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

August 4 - August 10, 2025

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| Monday, 8/4 | 9:00 a.m. | Alex O'Connor |
| Tuesday, 8/5 | 9:00 a.m. | Gaby & Rod O'Connor |
| Wednesday, 8/6 | 9:00 a.m. | Fr. Grzegorz Okulewicz (L) |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Deacon Emmett C. Martin |
| Thursday, 8/7 | 9:00 a.m. | Catherine Dillon |
| Friday, 8/8 | 9:00 a.m. | Barbara Lynn Beall |
| Saturday, 8/9 | 5:00 p.m. | Meghan Jones |
| Sunday, 8/10 | 8:00 a.m. | Beng Lee |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Benicio Huaman |
| | 11:15 a.m. | <i>Pro populo</i> |
| | 1:00 p.m. | Ximena Alexandra Castillo |
| | | Henao |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Jim Zerega |

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Dr. Hector Asuncion, husband of Odita Asuncion.

Please pray for the sick....Ryan Michael Maguire, Paul McKenna, Marlene Russo, Elsa O'Campo, Romana Gomes, Lee Glusing, Allen Kay, Evelyn Roebuck, Virginia Hartswick, George Beall, Dee Comly, Richard Yeast, Joan Dudenhoeffer, Virginia Kingkeo, Diana M. Lacour Kustedjo, Marie C. Williams, Tom Breece, Deacon James McCann, Tristan Olin-Fixico, Patricia McGowan, Christine Degen, Nicole Behrus-Weiss, 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 August 3, 2025

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| Sunday: | Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21 |
| Monday: | Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/ Mt 14:13-21 |
| Tuesday: | Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/ Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14 |
| Wednesday: | Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36 |
| Thursday: | Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 16:13-23 |
| Friday: | Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/ Mt 16:24-28 |
| Saturday: | Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/ Mt 17:14-20 |
| Next Sunday: | Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/ Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40 |

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

I am continuing this series of canonized and beatified members of the Augustinian order. This week we are looking at Blessed Ann Catherine Emmerich (1774-1824), who was an Augustinian Canoness noted for her visions of Christ and other mystical gifts. You might be wondering what an Augustinian Canoness is. A canoness is a member of a religious community of women, historically a stable community, dedicated to the celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours in a particular church. Blessed Ann Catherine Emmerich is called an Augustinian Canoness because her community followed the rule of Saint Augustine. Once again, I have relied on a website maintained by the Midwest Augustinians for much of the information in this column.

Ann Catherine was born in Flamschen bei Coesfeld, Westphalia, Germany in 1774. Her family was poor but filled with faith. From a young age, Ann Catherine wanted to be a nun. Her father opposed her entry into the monastery.

While still a girl, Ann Catherine began to receive many spiritual gifts from God. When she became an adult, she sought entry into their religious life. Several communities would not accept her, but finally the Augustinian Canonesses at Agnetenberg received her into their convent.

Life in the convent was not easy for Ann Catherine. Some of the nuns looked down upon her because of the poverty of her family. Her health was poor. An accident in 1806 made it impossible for her to leave her room for the next six years. During this time God continued to bless her with spiritual gifts. The other nuns, perhaps out of jealousy looked upon Ann Catherine with suspicion and spread unkind gossip about her.

At the end of 1811, the convent where she lived was ordered suppressed. In 1812 Ann Catherine and some of the other sisters were living in Dülmen. There she would frequently be caught up in ecstatic prayer. Towards the end of 1812, she was given the marks of Christ passion on her body. She tried to hide these but only succeeded for a while. Soon the other sisters noticed the *stigmata* and told their superiors. An investigation followed, which concluded that the wounds were truly mystical phenomena and that Ann Catherine was indeed the recipient of many supernatural gifts.

She experienced many visions of Christ. It is, however, difficult to know the truth about many of these, since the main source of information in this regard is the writings of the romantic poet Clemens Brentano (1778-1842), whose works were characterized by an excess of fantastic imagery.

Ann Catherine did not write any descriptions for visions. Instead, she recounted her visions to Brentano, who, in turn, brought them in a sort of diary, which he published in a book form several years after Ann Catherine's death. True to his usual style, Brentano frequently exaggerated embellished the facts. Scholars today do not consider Brentano's book, entitled *The Dolorous Passion*, to be a reliable reporting of what Ann Catherine really experienced. The book was totally disregarded in the process of her beatification.

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August 3, 2025

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What or whom have I thought of when I have received an unexpected bounty? How can I be a more generous person?



SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT OCIA

If you know someone interested in developing an authentic relationship with Jesus, 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 Tuesday, September 16, Spanish speakers curious about our faith will begin meeting in small groups, while English speakers will begin exploring our Catholic faith in the Youth Room of the Rectory. On Wednesday, September 17, English speakers will meet 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.

IN GRATITUDE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO THE SUMMER IN THE CITY FOOD DRIVE

Thank you to all the parishioners who took part in the John S. Mulholland Family Foundation's Summer in the City Food Drive, which concluded on Sunday, July 27. We were thrilled to hand over many grocery bags of non-perishable food items to the Washington DC-based foundation, which helps stock area food pantries serving some of DC's most needy neighborhoods during these critical summer months. Your generosity to this annual summer food drive is very much appreciated!

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (cont'd)

Ann Catherine's health continued to grow worse. From 1813 to the time of her death on November 9, 1824, Ann Catherine was bedridden. She died in Dülmen, where her remains are preserved.

In 2001 Ann Catherine Emmerich's practice of virtue was declared "heroic." She was beatified on October 3, 2004.

Blessed Ann Catherine Emmerich, pray for us!

Until next week,
Fr. John

WELCOME

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

Jose Contreras & Roslin Meraz
Fidel & Grimilda Juarez
Christopher & Niki Lisi
Cindy Rockstrom
Leonard Romano
Ricardo & Veronica Villedo

The following children were baptized during the month of July:

Albert Casey Kelly
Remi Peter Rossi

MONTHLY BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING OFFERED ON AUGUST 9 & 10

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.

REMEMBRANCE BOMBINGS IN JAPAN

August 6 and August 9, 2025, mark the 80th anniversary of the dropping of atomic bombs by the United States government on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan. Even after 80 years, we continue to recognize the special need for prayer, as we move closer on a path to nuclear war. After the 7:30 pm Mass on Wednesday, August 6, and after the 5 pm Mass on Saturday, August 9, there will be a short call to prayer at the Peace Pole at the northwest corner of the church's grounds near the Mary Grotto. Please come pray for an end to all war and, especially, for the work of nuclear disarmament. For more information, please contact parishioner Anne Russell at acrus-sell3310@gmail.com or Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org.

MINISTRY POSITION IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our parish is seeking to hire a qualified individual to support our Religious Education program as Assistant to the DRE. The qualified candidate must be an active, practicing Roman Catholic in full communion with the Catholic Church and available to work evenings and weekends. The position requires strong organizational and interpersonal skills, basic computer skills (Microsoft Office) and openness to learning database tools, and ability to prioritize and manage time well. English/Spanish bilingual proficiency is a plus. Scan this QR code for more information:





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)*

*If you have questions about this year's program, or
would like to register in person,
stop by the Religious Education information table
in the Gathering Space
after Sunday Morning Masses on August 10!*

We look forward to the continuing participation of all parish
religious education families,
and we are eager to welcome new families.
Please share program information with family, friends, and
neighbors!

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.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (*continued*)

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.

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.

REGISTRATION OPEN

AT ST. JUDE REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

We are currently enrolling for the upcoming school year, with limited openings available in Grades 3, 5, and 6 grade. St. Jude is built on the pillars of Faith, Unity, and Educational Excellence. We look forward to welcoming your family to our community! To learn more or to schedule a tour, please contact Principal Jeanne Donatelli (301) 946-7888 or e-mail Jeanne.Donatelli@stjuderockille.org.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Using the book, "Touching the Divine," we will learn about divine qualities of Jesus revealed in the Gospel of John. Saint John teaches us that Christ is our source of fulfillment for all that we need, our ultimate gift giver, our model of fidelity, our redeemer and restorer. We begin Thursday, October 9, and will meet from 10:15-11:45 a.m.

Beginning September 14, a new Bible study group meeting from 11:15 am-12:45 pm in Spanish will use the book, "Viviendo en el amor del Padre." Subsequent meetings will be on September 21 and 28 and October 12, 19, 26 during the same timeframe. This brief, yet transformative, beginner-level Bible study is ideal if you are doubting whether God really loves you, wondering how to improve your relationship with God and others, or are searching for purpose.

Order your book and learn more at walkingwithpurpose.com. Questions? Contact Lita (litasilva4@gmail.com) or Eileen (ehaleygrams@gmail.com).

In the meantime, please join us from 10:15-11:45 am on Thursday, August 7, in the Kuehner Room as we listen to our last podcast which focuses on The Second Letter of Paul to Timothy. *No preparation is needed.*

ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY SHORTAGES

Canned Corn (15 oz)
Canned Green Beans (15 oz)
Soup –Chicken Related (15 oz)
Canned Tuna (5 oz)
Boxes of Pasta (1 lb)
Canned Pasta w/meat
(Ravioli, Lasagna, Spaghetti w/meatballs)
Canned Fruit

Diapers No. 1 ,5, 6 and pads

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.

***Thank you for your support-your donations supported
391 families this past week. God Bless You!***

POOR BOX DONATIONS

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

AUGUST 2025 CALENDAR

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| Aug 6 | 7:30 pm | Martha/Mary Group (YR) |
| | 8:00 pm | Call to Prayer (Peace Pole) |
| | 8:00 pm | Baptism Class (Virtual) |
| Aug 7 | 10:15 am | Women's Bible Study (KR) |
| Aug 8 : | 9:30 am | Adoration (CH) |
| Aug 9 | 8:00 am | Book Group (AR) |
| | 6:00 pm | Call to Prayer (Peace Pole) |
| | 6:30 pm | Couples for Christ (KR) |

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION (HOLY DAY)

Aug 14 7:30 pm Vigil Mass (Espanol) (CH)
Aug 15 9:00 am/12:00 Noon/ 7:30 pm
PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

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| Aug 16 | 8:00 am | Book Group (AR) |
| Aug 20 | 7:30 pm | Martha/Mary Group (YR) |
| Aug 22 | 9:30 am | Adoration (CH) |
| Aug 23 | 7:30 am | Prayer & Life Workshop (YR) |
| | 8:00 am | Book Group (AR) |
| | 9:00 am | NNIA Volleyball Tournament |
| Aug 25 | 7:30 pm | Haiti Committee Mtg (Virtual) |
| Aug 28 | 7:00 pm | Choir (CH) |
| | 7:30 pm | SVDP Mtg (KR) |
| Aug 29 | 9:30 am | Adoration (CH) |

Haiti Coffee Sales
August 2 & 3

Blood Pressure Screening
(St. Clare Room)
August 9 & 10



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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 Pro-
gram is for married couples facing difficult challenges in
their relationship. It is a Christian marriage program, Cath-
olic 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 August 29-31, 2025, please visit
www.HelpOurMarriage.org, call (443) 400-7017, or e-mail
3015@HelpOurMarriage.org. ***There is hope!***



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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

All are welcome to attend.



Blessed Hope Communications, Inc.
presents

Jubilee of Hope Women's Retreat

***Seen, Known,
Loved and Called***

Saturday, August 16
9:00 - 3:00

Guest Speaker
Sr Mary Rachel Craig, SOLT

St Paul Catholic Church - Damascus, MD



\$45 - Lunch is included

Scan QR code to register

For more info, contact Terri Celmer.

Email: terri@blessed-hope.org

Anuncios del Boletín para el 3 de agosto de 2025:

Cuéntele a otros sobre OCIA

Si conoce a alguien interesado en desarrollar una relación auténtica con Jesús, entonces por favor cuénteles sobre nuestro programa de la Orden de Iniciación Cristiana. Dirigido por nuestros equipos dedicados a OCIA, el programa OCIA es para aquellos interesados en ser bautizados, convertirse en católicos o completar sus Sacramentos de Iniciación (Bautismo, Confirmación y Eucaristía).

La Parroquia de San Francisco de Asís ofrece dos horarios: uno para angloparlantes y otro para hispanohablantes. El lunes 16 de septiembre, los hispanohablantes curiosos sobre nuestra fe comenzarán a reunirse en grupos pequeños, mientras que los angloparlantes comenzarán a explorar nuestra fe católica el miércoles 17 de septiembre, ambos en el Salón Kuehner.

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.

Conmemoración– 80.º Aniversario de los Bombardeos de Hiroshima y Nagasaki, Japón

El los días 6 y el 9 de agosto de 2025 se conmemora el 80.º aniversario del lanzamiento de las bombas atómicas por parte del gobierno de Estados Unidos sobre Hiroshima y Nagasaki, Japón. Incluso después de 80 años, seguimos reconociendo la especial necesidad de la oración, a medida que nos acercamos al camino hacia una guerra nuclear.

Después de la misa de las 7:30 p. m. del miércoles, 6 de agosto y de la misa de las 5:00 p. m. del sábado, 9 de agosto, habrá un breve llamado a la oración en el Poste de la Paz, ubicado en la esquina noroeste de la iglesia, cerca de la Gruta de María. Les pedimos que vengan a orar por el fin de todas las guerras y, especialmente, por el trabajo del desarme nuclear. Para más información, contacten con la feligresa Anne Russell en acrussell3310@gmail.com o con Tony Bosnick, Director de Asuntos Sociales y Formación en la Fe para Adultos, en abosnick@sfadw.org.

¡Inscripciones abiertas en la Escuela Católica Regional San Judas!

Actualmente estamos inscribiendo para el próximo año escolar, con cupos limitados para 3.º, 5.º y 6.º grado. St. Jude se basa en los pilares de la fe, la unidad y la excelencia educativa. ¡Esperamos darle la bienvenida a su familia a nuestra comunidad! Para obtener más información o programar una visita, llame a la directora Jeanne Donatelli al (301) 946-7888 o envíele un correo electrónico a Jeanne.Donatelli@stjuderockille.org.

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Mujeres, únanse a nuestros grupos de estudio bíblico este otoño

Este otoño, animamos a las mujeres de nuestra parroquia a unirse a dos grupos de estudio bíblico que se ofrecerán en inglés y español. Con el libro "Tocando lo Divino", aprenderemos sobre las muchas cualidades de Jesús reveladas a través del Evangelio de Juan. Esta sesión comenzará de 10:15 a 11:45 a. m. el jueves, 9 de octubre en la Sala Kuehner y se impartirá en inglés.

Un nuevo estudio bíblico en español se reunirá de 11:15 a. m. a 12:45 p. m. los días 14, 21 y 28 de septiembre, y 12, 19 y 26 de octubre. Con el libro "Viviendo en el amor del Padre", descubriremos cuánto nos ama Dios y la profunda relevancia de los evangelios para nuestra relación con Él y con quienes amamos.

Pida su libro y obtenga más información en walkingwithpurpose.com. ¿Preguntas? Contacte a Lita (litasilva4@gmail.com) o a Eileen (ehaleygrams@gmail.com).

Mientras tanto, acompáñenos de 10:15 a. m. a 11:45 a. m. los jueves hasta el 7 de agosto en la Sala Kuehner para escuchar un podcast centrado en la Segunda Carta de Pablo a Timoteo. No se requiere preparación. ¡Gracias!

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.