

Mass Intentions

February 26 - March 4

Monday: 2/26	9:00 a.m. John McAleer Ryan
Tuesday, 2/27	9:00 a.m. Deacon Wil Pinder
Wednesday, 2/28	9:00 a.m. Frank Chite
	7:30 p.m. Dea Rita Loberiza
Thursday, 3/1	9:00 a.m. Deacon Francis Hannagan
Friday, 3/2	9:00 a.m. Barbara Lynn Beall
	7:30 p.m. Monsignor Vincent Gatto
Saturday, 3/3	9:00 a.m. Guy Beaven
	5:00 p.m. Mary Theresa De Mare`
Sunday, 3/4	8:00 a.m. John Shine
	9:30 a.m. <i>Pro populo</i>
	11:15 a.m. Guy Beaven
	5:00 p.m. Guy Beaven

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Richard Hunt, husband of Patricia Hunt, Casimir Thomas Czarkowski, father of Stephen Czarkowski, Margaret Lyons, mother of Kevin Lyons, Maria Louise Moreno, sister of. Mafalda Moreno.

Please pray for the sick....Marge Locke, Gladys Hummer, Joaquin Rosal, Dennis Parnell, Ed Dudenhoeffer, Bob Coyne, Evelyn Haddad, Calvin Speaks, Mark Trickett, Geri Trickett, Katrina Schmidt, Bienvenido Delrosario, 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 February 25, 2018

Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday:	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

I have been reading and praying on the message of Pope Francis for Lent 2018. I want to share some thoughts on his message in my column today. In this year's Lenten message Pope Francis takes his cue from these words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew: "Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold" (24:12).

Pope Francis notes that these words appear in the preaching of Our Lord about the end times. Jesus spoke these words in Jerusalem, on the Mount of Olives, where His passion would begin. The Disciples have asked Jesus a question. In his answer to the Disciples, Jesus foretells a great tribulation and described a situation in which the community of believers might well find itself: amid great trials, false prophets would lead people astray and the love that is at the core of the Gospel would grow cold in the hearts of many.

Next, Pope Francis invites us to listen to the Gospel passage and try to understand the guise that the false prophets might assume.

Snake charmers. False prophets could appear under the guise of "snake charmers" who manipulate human emotions in order to enslave others and lead them where they would have them go. Pope Francis laments how many of God's children are mesmerized by momentary pleasures while mistaking them for true happiness. How many men and women live entranced by the dream of wealth, which only makes them slaves to profit and petty interests! Indeed, how many go through life believing that they are sufficient unto themselves, and end up entrapped by loneliness!

False prophets. Pope Francis comments that false prophets can also be "charlatans," who offer easy and immediate solutions to suffering that soon prove utterly useless. How many people are taken in by the panacea (a solution or remedy for all difficulties or diseases) of drugs, of disposable relationships, of easy but dishonest gains! How many more are enslaved in a thoroughly "virtual" existence, in which relationships appear quick and straightforward, only to prove meaningless! These swindlers, in peddling things that have no real value, rob people of all that is most precious: dignity, freedom and the ability of love. They appeal to our vanity, our trust in appearances, but in the end only make fools of us. The Holy Father states that we should not be surprised. In order to confound the human heart, the devil, who is "a liar and the father of lies" (John 8:44), has always presented evil as good, falsehood as truth. That is why each of us is called to peer into our heart to see if we are falling into the lies of these false prophets. We must learn to look closely, beneath the surface, and to recognize what leaves a good and lasting mark on our hearts, because it comes from God and is truly for our benefit.

A cold heart. The Holy Father then recalls that in his description of hell, Dante Alighieri pictures the devil seated on a throne of ice (*Inferno* XXXIV, 28-29) in frozen and loveless isolation. We might do well to ask ourselves how does it happen that charity can turn cold within us. What are the signs that our love is beginning to cool?

Pope Francis believes that greed for money ("the root of all evil" [1 Timothy 6:10]) is what destroys charity, more than anything else. The rejection of God and his peace soon follows.

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Second Sunday in Lent

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In the Gospel, God says, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him" (Mark 9:7). What is Jesus saying to me? What is Jesus asking me to do?

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

All are welcome! Join the Ministry of Eucharistic Adoration and assist with adoration in the following manner:

- *Become a regular attendee at adoration in the Parish.*
- *Pray that Eucharistic Adoration will increase.*
- *Foster Eucharistic Adoration in our parish by evangelizing His Eucharistic Presence.*
- *Deepen your personal relationship with Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament.*

First Friday Mass will be at 7:30 p.m., March 2, followed by adoration until 9:00 p.m. in the Church.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Daily Mass: Mon thru Sat 9:00 a.m.
Wed 7:30 p.m.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena follows
Wednesday Evening Mass

Lenten Evening Prayer Friday Evenings 6:40 p.m.
Stations of the Cross Friday Evenings 7:00 p.m.

Confession: In addition to Saturday afternoon (3:30-4:30 p.m.), Confessions will be heard each Wednesday evening during Lent before Mass 6:00 –7:30 p.m. **(The Light is ON for you.)**

Confession will also be heard 30 minutes before Daily Mass and Sunday Masses during Lent.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

We prefer our own desolation rather than the comfort found in His Word and the Sacraments. All of this leads to violence against anyone we think is a threat to our own "certainties": the unborn child, the elderly and the infirm, the migrant, the alien among us, or our neighbor who does not live up to our expectations.

Creation itself becomes a silent witness to this cooling of charity. The earth is poisoned by refuse, discarded out of carelessness or self-interest. The seas, themselves polluted, engulf the remains of countless shipwrecked victims of forced migration. The heavens, which in the plan of God were created to sing the praises of the Lord, are rent by engines raining down implements of death.

The Holy Father also observes that love can grow cold in our own communities. In his Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis sought to describe the most evident signs of this lack of love: selfishness and spiritual sloth (reluctance to work or make an effort, laziness), sterile pessimism, the temptation to self-absorption, constant warring among ourselves, and the worldly mentality that makes us concerned only for appearances, and thus lessens our missionary zeal.

I will conclude the presentation on the Holy Father's message for Lent 2018 in my column for next week.

Until then,

Fr. John Dillon

RCIA

The **Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion** will take place today at 3:00 at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion is a significant moment in the initiation process of the catechumens and candidates. This rite signifies God's choice of the catechumens and their response to His call. After this rite the catechumens will be called "the elect". The St. Francis of Assisi community, represented by the godparents and sponsors, will give witness to God's election of the Catechumens and recognition of the Candidates. Please, pray for our Catechumens, Joshua Gardner, David O'Steen, Mateo Choza, Ayana Choza, Sydnie Brown, and our Candidates, Annalee Antalán and Jeremy Byamugisha as they move from the Rite of Election into the final period of preparation for initiation at the Easter Vigil.

The Penitential Rite will be celebrated at the 7:30 p.m. Mass on Wednesday, February 28th. The Penitential Rite is celebrated for the RCIA Candidates (those who are already baptized). It serves to mark the Lenten purification of the Candidates who are preparing to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Along with the Candidates, the sponsors and the St. Francis community, also, participate in the celebration of the penitential rite. All participants, in their own different ways, will hear the comforting message of pardon for sin, for which we will praise the Father's mercy.

The **Scrutinies** will be celebrated Sunday, March 4th at the 11:15 a.m. Mass, Saturday, March 10th at the 5:00 p.m. Mass, and Sunday, March 18th at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. The scrutinies are rites of self-searching and repentance for the Elect (those who are not baptized) who are seeking initiation into the Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil. They are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak or sinful in the hearts of the Elect; and to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good. During our Lenten journey, we should use the penitential rite of the Candidates and the scrutinies of the Elect to prepare ourselves for Easter.

HOLY THURSDAY- WASHING OF THE FEET

We are looking for volunteers to have their feet washed at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday at 7:30 p.m. If you would like to participate please call the Parish Office, (301) 840-1407, no later than Monday, March 19 or sign-up at the Information Desk in the Gathering space...

LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING The Lamb of God Prayer Meeting will **NOT** meet on Tuesday, February 27. For details, please call Louise, (301) 977-5217.

POOR BOX DONATION – The donations for next week-end will go to Gaithersburg Help. *Thank you for your generosity.*

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRAYER CHAIN If you have a prayer request, please contact Marianne Bullen, (301) 963-3420 or mariannebu@comcast.net with your requests.

ROSARY FOR PRIESTS

Every Wednesday evening at 6:45 p.m. we pray the rosary for our priests before the 7:30 p.m. Mass.

HOLY HOUR FOR THE DYING

On Thursday evenings in the St. Clare's Chapel in the Rectory, a prayer group meets at 7:00 p.m. to pray for the dying. This is a Holy Hour Devotion for the Dying. As a central work of our Catholic faith, we are called to pray for the dying, especially for those who may die suddenly, unprepared to face God. For additional information, please call the Parish Office, (301) 840-1407.

ROSARY CENACLE OF OUR LADY, QUEEN OF PEACE

Cenacle of Our Lady, Queen of Peace to pray for priests and vocations, 2:00 p.m. in the St. Clare's Chapel (Rectory) every Sunday. Please join us.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - COUNCIL 2323

The Knights of Columbus are actively pursuing new members. Our council incorporates members from St. Francis, St. Mary's and St. Martin's. Though best known for our many charitable projects, we also have a lot of fun with dinners, fund raisers, family nights, and many other fraternal social occasions. If interested in learning more, please contact Gary Palmer, (301) 948-6494 or e-mail gtdbpalmer@verizon.net.

MARRIAGE IS YOUR VOCATION - START LIVING IT

You can have a deep spiritual life in communion with your spouse and Christ - come discover Teams of Our Lady, a Roman Catholic married lay movement that helps you structure and grow your conjugal spiritual life. We will hold an information session on Wednesday February 28, from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the Assisi Room. For more information or to RSVP please contact Eva St. Clair, eva.stclair@gmail.com, 415 446 8079

FROM THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Lent is a call, not just to "give up something," but more important to "give something for the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the Rectory bell or call us. They are, in effect, calling you. Learn more about the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Francis of Assisi Parish by calling Tony Bosnick at (301) 840-1407, Ext. 11.

JOIN THE RIGHT TO LIFE MINISTRY ON MARCH 3 TO PRAY & KEEP VIGIL FOR THE UNBORN

On Saturday, March 3, St. Francis of Assisi parishioners are called to witness as a parish by keeping vigil for the unborn and their mothers at the abortion clinic in the Wildwood Medical Center, 10401 Old Georgetown Road, in Bethesda. The day of prayer is part of the 40 Days for Life Campaign, a worldwide pro-life mobilization initiative that brings people of faith together to pray and fast outside abortion clinics in their local communities. If you'd like to join members of St. Francis' Right to Life Ministry for an hour or two from 7 am to 7 pm on March 3, then sign up at <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/bethesda/calendar/> or contact Marianne Bullen at mariannebu@comcast.net or Wendel Hall at wendel@halllawoffice.net.

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN FLOCKNOTE SIGNUP SUNDAY

Thanks to everyone who signed up for Flocknote the weekend of February 10/11 during or after Mass. Flocknote, an e-mail and texting application, has enabled Fr. John to send weekly e-mails and occasional texts to hundreds of parishioners over the past year. With 164 new parishioners having signed up for Flocknote, parishioners can now also start receiving e-mails and texts from certain St. Francis ministries and user groups from which they'd like to hear.

To sign up for Flocknote, you can do so by going to www.sfadw.org and typing in your contact information right from the homepage. You can also text the word SFADerwood to 84576 on your Smartphone. If you have any questions about Flocknote, please contact St. Francis Communications Coordinator Melissa Egan at Melissa.egan74@verizon.net.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR A LENTEN SMALL GROUP

Over the past two weeks, eight small groups of parishioners have begun meeting in their Lenten Small Groups to reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings during Lent. Using the guide *Live Lent!* published by Renew International, approximately 80 people are meeting in people's homes, reflecting together on the readings and discussing what the readings mean in their lives and faith journeys. If you'd still like to join a Lenten Small Group, please contact Small Groups Coordinator Alice Welanetz at awelanetz@gmail.com so we can find a group that works for your schedule. You are always welcome to join a small group community within our larger St. Francis community *to Make Friends, Make Disciples and Make a Difference!*

VOTING RIGHTS SEMINAR FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Adults with disabilities and developmental differences – and the people who love them -- are encouraged to attend a voting rights seminar to be held from 7-8:30 pm Tuesday, April 10, at St. Rose of Lima Church in the Woodlands Room.

Tracy Wright of Disability Rights Maryland will be speaking to help people with special needs explore the variety of issues facing people with physical and intellectual disabilities in the voting process. There will be an opportunity to register to vote. RSVP at specialneedsministry@adw.org or call (301) 853-4530. The seminar is in partnership with Upcounty Community Resources, St. Rose Accommodating Hearts Ministry, the Archdiocese of Washington's Special Needs Ministries & the ARC Montgomery.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS/EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE CAMP!

St. Francis of Assisi Church invites children from age 4 to those who will complete the 5th Grade in June 2018 to join us at Vacation Bible Camp, June 25-29 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Look for camper registration information, as well as information about volunteer opportunities for adults and teens, in the Spring!

CATECHESIS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Our parish offers monthly catechetical sessions specifically designed for children and youth with special needs and their families. Our next session is today, Sunday, February 25 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the St. Clare Room. If you would like to learn more about these sessions, or if you are interested in serving as a catechist or aide for children with special needs, please call Susan Anderson, Director of Religious Education, at 301-258-9193.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SNOW CANCELLATION POLICY

If Montgomery County Public Schools are closed, and if schools are dismissed early, Religious Education classes, including FRED, 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 recorded on the Religious Education Office phone (301-258-9193) and posted on the St. Francis Parish Facebook page ("St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church") and website.

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.



ENCOUNTER CESIA

We encounter Cesia in Nicaragua, where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, young people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How can you work to improve the lives of others this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Please plan to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl to Religious Education Classes or to the Church Gathering Space no later than **Sunday, March 25.**

FILM SERIES CO-LOCATES AROUND DMV AREA

The 4th Annual Voices from the Holy Land Film Series is kicking off next month, with three films shown at St. John's Norwood Episcopal Church in Chevy Chase. All screenings start at 2:30 p.m. and are free to the public. The films showing at St. John's are:

- March 4: *Disturbing the Peace*
- March 11: *Bethlehem: Hidden from View*
- April 8: *Roadmap to Apartheid*

For more information, contact Bob Cooke of the Pax Christi Ministry, at cookerh1251@gmail.com.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS/EVENTS

ST. FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY *Upcoming Events*

FRED

FEBRUARY

25 *Bake Sale*
FRED - Be Humble - James 4:10

MARCH

3 Archdiocese of Washington High School Youth Rally @ Catholic University

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HELPING HURTING TEENS

PARENT SESSION - MARCH 2, 7:00-9:00 P.M.

ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, OLNEY

Anxiety, depression, self injury, sexual orientation, suicidal ideation. These are just a few things ministers, catechists, teachers, parents and others involved in the lives of today's teens face. It can be daunting to help teens who are dealing with these issues. Many adults think "I'm not a psychologist...How can I help these teens?" While there are limits to what non mental health professionals can do, there is MUCH more you can do than you probably think. You'll leave this session with a better understanding of these issues and with a clearer understanding of the critical role you can play in pastorally caring for today's hurting teens. Roy Petitfils is an internationally sought after speaker who uses humor, passion, clinical and life experience to help adults connect with teens and teens to know, understand and love themselves.

MONTHLY ROSARY CALL

Mary, Our Blessed Mother, asks us to pray very much, especially the Rosary. Please join the Washington Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) to pray the Rosary on the 4th day of each month at 8:00 p.m. (Eastern time). We welcome all to phone into our ACCW Rosary by calling 605-468-8016 and insert access code: 357090# to pray the Rosary as a community. Our next call is scheduled for March 4, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. We look forward to your joining us! Thank you

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION ON MARCH 24

On Saturday, March 24, *behold and ponder* the seven sorrows of Mary to prepare for Holy Week. St. Francis parishioners are invited to attend a Lenten Day of Reflection from 10:30 am to 6 pm in the church on March 24. Come listen to mini-talks by Fr. John, Fr. Jack and fellow parishioners, meditate, be lifted through music and take time to be prayed over. The day will end with the celebration of the 5 pm Vigil Mass, but you are welcome to come for all or part of the day. Please bring a bag lunch. Cookies and water will be provided. For more information, contact Christ Life Series Coordinator Medy DeAussen at medy-deausen@comcast.net. Organized by *Couples for Christ (CFC)* at St. Francis.

Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School

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ALOHA!

ST. JUDE REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

GALA & BENEFIT AUCTION

Please join us March 10, 2018 at 6:00p.m.

Support our STEM initiative—convert our current science lab into a state of the art STEM lab: provide students with additional tools and programs needed for hands-on discovery experiences.

Silent Auction * Raffles * Live Auction

Buffet Dinner * Live Entertainment

Casual Dress (Hawaiian and Tropical attire encouraged!)

Buy your Jeep Renegade raffle ticket, donate or register on line

TODAY at www.StJudeRockville.org

ARCHDIOCESAN TRAINING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND LECTORS

The archdiocesan Office of Worship will be offering two trainings, one for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs) and one for lectors in the coming weeks. The trainings are as follows:

- Training for EMHCs: Saturday, March 10, 9 am-noon at Mt. Calvary Catholic Church in Forestville, MD. This workshop will instruct the faithful on how to serve effectively as an EMHC in the parish setting, as well as when taking Holy Communion to the sick and shut-ins.
- Advanced training for lectors: Saturday, April 28, 9 am-noon at the Archdiocese of Washington Pastoral Center in Washington DC. This workshop will instruct lectors on how to be effective proclaimers of the Word in a liturgical setting. This workshop is open to those seeking more knowledge. The cost is \$5.

For more information about either workshop, contact the Office of Worship at (301) 853-4594.

SEE “TOMB OF CHRIST” IN LENT

This Lent, journey virtually to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the place of the crucifixion and burial of Christ. “The Tomb of Christ” at the National Geographic Museum (near St. Matthew’s Cathedral, Washington, DC) is an immersive, 3-D exhibit based on the historic 2016 restoration of Jesus’ tomb. See the cave walls of Jesus’ tomb, hidden for centuries, and test technology used in the restoration. Get details and group discount information at nationalgeographic.org/dc/exhibitions/tomb-of-christ.

EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

Do you want to learn how to share your faith in a non-confrontational joyous way? St. Paul Street Evangelization has mobilized thousands of Catholics to fully participate in the work of the New Evangelization through its workshops. However, this is not a street evangelization workshop. The workshop focuses on basic methods for evangelization that anyone can use. With that in mind the **Mother of God Community** has invited **St. Paul Street Evangelism** to lead their **one day workshop** for all active parishioners on **March 10, 2018 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm**. The workshop will be held at Goshen House and includes lunch and materials. To register contact: nancymccambridge@gmail.com.

SFA Health Ministry

Encouraging health and wellness in body, mind and spirit

February is National Heart Health Month

Go Red For Women is the American Heart Association’s national movement devoted to ending heart disease and stroke in women because more women than men die every year from heart disease. The Go Red For Women Movement saves women’s lives through research, advocacy and the promotion of heart healthy lifestyle education. Eighty percent of cardiac events can be prevented with education and lifestyle changes. To learn more about what you can do to prevent heart disease and live a heart healthy lifestyle see the GO RED literature in the Gathering Space and visit www.goredforwomen.org. and www.americanheartassociation.org.

Staying Well at St. Francis during Flu Season

The very contagious flu in our area requires these safe health practices at St. Francis when you are ill and when you are well to slow the spread of flu viruses.

- Get the flu vaccine.
- Stay away from people who are sick.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- **Wash your hands.** The most important and effective safe health practice is frequent hand washing because flu viruses spread by touching a surface or object that has flu virus on it and then touching your own mouth, nose, or eyes.
- **When you are ill, STAY HOME.** Flu viruses spread when people with flu cough, sneeze, or talk. Parishioners with an acute, influenza-like illness—sudden onset of fever, sore throat, cough, muscle aches, fatigue—should not come to church.
- **When you are well,** it is appropriate to refrain from receiving the Eucharist from the cup or shaking hands at Mass because a person might also spread the flu virus even before symptoms develop. The communicant, including the extraordinary minister, is never allowed to self-communicate, even by means of intinction, that is, dipping the Host into the chalice.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Compassionate Friends -The Compassionate Friends (TCF) is an international grief support organization offering friendship and understanding to parents who are learning how to cope with the pain and grief of having a child die. The group has no professional therapists, just other parents who understand what it means to suffer the tragedy of losing a child. The Montgomery County Chapter meets monthly on each first Tuesday.

Location: Potomac Presbyterian Church, 10301 River Road, Potomac, MD 20854

Date and Time: March 6 at 7 p.m.

For additional information: SFA parishioners Barbara or George Beall at (301) 253-8740 or oldedish@starpower.net.

CATHOLIC SINGLES WELCOME

Catholic Singles of Greater Washington is an organization for single Catholics, ages 21 to 65-plus, enjoying each other's company in a wide variety of social, religious, and cultural settings. Please find out more about us by visiting <http://CatholicSinglesOfGreaterWashington.org> or call Tricia at 301-460-9195.