

WEEK	Saint of Week & Theme Word	Service Project	Prayer Space Ideas	Movies/Clips
6/14-6/20	<p>Saint Anthony of Padua (doctor and priest) Patron of Lost Things, Starvation, & the Illiterate</p> <p>Theme word: patience</p>	<p>Learn how to bake bread and donate it to a Thrive DC or another local dining hall that serves our neighbors who are poor and homeless.</p>	<p>Add a piece of bread to the prayer space as a symbol of St. Anthony's work with the poor and hungry.</p> <p>Learn the prayer rhyme to St. Anthony for lost things.</p>	<p>The Blind Side</p> <p>The Way*</p> <p>Father Mike Schmitz: do Catholics Worship Saints?</p>
6/21-6/27	<p>Saint Aloysius Gonzaga Patron of Plagues & Youth</p> <p>Theme word: Passion & Compassion</p>	<p>Collect gently used men's clothing to donate to the McKenna Center., a partner of Gonzaga High School.</p> <p>Collect men's toiletries and donate them to Thrive DC.</p>	<p>Include this Prayer for the Coronavirus Victims in your prayer space and recite it as a family.</p>	<p>Rudy</p> <p>The Cross and the Switchblade*</p> <p>Father Mike Schmitz: Responding to Covid 19</p>

<p>6/28-7/4 (4th of July Week)</p>	<p><u>First Martyrs of the Church</u> Theme words: Sacrifice & Patriotism</p>	<p>In honor of Independence Day, send greeting cards to the patients at <u>the DC Armed Forces Retirement Home</u>.</p> <p>Make cards/treats for first responders or hospital workers.</p>	<p>Add a palm branch or a floral crown to the prayer space: symbols of martyrdom.</p> <p>Add an American Flag and/or a flag from your country of origin</p> <p><u>Choose one of these patriotic prayers</u> to recite as a family.</p>	<p><u>Courageous*</u></p> <p><u>Father Mike Schmitz: Independence Day</u></p>
<p>7/5-7/11</p>	<p><u>Saint Maria Goretti (martyr)</u> Patron of girls and domestic violence</p> <p>Theme word: Forgiveness</p>	<p>Find items to donate to the <u>House of Ruth</u> organization that helps women surviving financial struggles and domestic violence.</p> <p>Collect toiletries and feminine products for a women's shelter.</p>	<p>Include a lily to the prayer space (Saint Maria's symbol).</p> <p>Add the names of people you need to forgive to the prayer jar.</p>	<p><u>Forever Strong*</u> PG 13</p> <p><u>Father Mike Schmitz: The Meaning of Suffering.</u></p> <p><u>Forgive and Forget - Is it really possible?</u> <u>By Jackie Angel</u></p>

7/12-7/18	<p>Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Patron Saint of Ecology</p> <p>Theme words: Environmental Stewardship</p>	<p>Sign up to volunteer with a clean up project at Rock Creek.</p> <p>Or, take a trash bag and pick up trash in your neighborhood.</p> <p>Volunteer to help garden/landscape at Friendship Place.</p>	<p>Add a vase of flowers and/or foliage to the prayer space.</p> <p>Add an image/ picture of a turtle to the prayer space to symbolize Saint Kateri's Native American clan.</p> <p>Choose a Native American Prayer to recite in her honor.</p>	<p>The Lorax</p> <p>Earth</p> <p>WaLL-E</p> <p>Father Mike Schmitz: How to be a Steward</p> <p>Born Free</p>
7/19-7/25	<p>Saint Mary Magdalene Patron of sinners, converts, and pharmacists.</p> <p>Theme word: witness</p>	<p>Write a letter to a strong woman of faith in honor of Mary Magdalene. Tell her how and why you admire her.</p>	<p>Add some ointment or oil to the table: a symbol of Mary Magdalene.</p> <p>Mary Magdalene was a faithful follower of Jesus. Go to Adoration or go visit the church and simply be with Jesus. Talk to Him.</p>	<p>Mother Teresa</p> <p>Harriet*</p> <p>Sister (a documentary on the life of Sr. Helen Prejean: a prison chaplain)</p>

				Father Mike Schmitz: The Heart of Sin
7/26-8/1	Saint Ignatius of Loyola Patron Saint of Spiritual Retreats and Soldiers Founded the Jesuits Theme word: Spirituality	Saint Ignatius wrote over 6,800 letters in his lifetime. Mail a letter to a friend or family member to brighten his/her day.	Try this Ignatian Spiritual Exercise as a family. Say a prayer for Pope Francis: a Jesuit.	Ben Hur 2016* PG 13 The Trouble with Angels Father Mike Schmitz How to Pray
8/2-8/8	Saint John Vianney Patron Saint of Priests Theme words- Faith & Vocations	Surprise your parish priests by leaving flowers and or cards/treats on the rectory front steps.	Write a family prayer together and put it in the prayer space, or use these prayer ideas. Add a heart shape to symbolize St Vianney's heart that is said to be incorrupt.	Breakthrough * The Two Popes * Two Vocations Stories Father Mike Schmitz

<p>8/9-8/15</p>	<p>Saint Maximilian Kolbe Patron Saint of Prisoners and Families Theme: Mercy</p>	<p>Collect and Donate books to a the DC Prisons (if accepting)</p> <p>Or, buy a book to donate from the DC Books to Prisons wish list.</p> <p>Or, buy a book for a child of an incarcerated DC parent.</p>	<p>Add a photo of your family to the prayer space.</p> <p>Other items that symbolize this saint are a tulip, a lily, and thorns.</p> <p>Saint Maximilian loved our lady. Say a decade of the Rosary for all those who have been persecuted wrongly.</p>	<p>Paper Clips*</p> <p>The Courageous Heart of Irena Sendler* (some violence)</p> <p>Just Mercy** PG 13</p>
<p>8/16-8/22</p>	<p>Saint Rose of Lima: Patron Saint of Gardeners Theme: Beauty <i>Saint Rose was born as "Isabelle" but she was so beautiful that the people called her Rose.</i></p>	<p>Volunteer to help with the garden and landscaping at Friendship Place or another non-profit organization.</p>	<p>Add a rose to the prayer space.</p> <p>Say one of these prayers to Saint Rose of Lima</p>	<p>Watch A Brave Heart: The Lizzie Velasquez Story*</p> <p>Father Mike Schmitz: Vanity</p>