

*Baptism of the Lord ~ January 12, 2025*

You are my  
beloved Son;  
with you I am  
well pleased.

LUKE 3:22



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Please contact Joan Curtis at the  
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To inquire about scheduling your Wedding  
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For Information regarding Upcoming  
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Please visit our Parish Website  
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and click on...



***St. Francis of Assisi  
Memorial Fund***

A Contribution can be made to the Memorial Fund in the Memory of  
a loved one. A Mass will be Offered on the First Friday of each month  
for the year for all Members of the Memorial Fund.  
Contribution of \$10 is requested and can be arranged at the Rectory Office.

# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



**Sunday, January 12, 2025**

7:30AM Maureen B. McCallum

9:30AM Jill Mariani

11:30AM Joseph E. Coghlan, Jr.

**Monday, January 13, 2025**

8:00AM Patricia Murphy Friel

**Tuesday, January 14, 2025**

8:00AM John Kemmey

**Wednesday, January 15, 2025**

8:00AM Dolores Drescher

**ADORATION (Following 8AM Mass through 7PM Holy Hour)**

**Thursday, January 16, 2025**

8:00AM John Kemmey

**Friday, January 17, 2025**

8:00AM Richard Goodwin

**Saturday, January 18, 2025**

8:00AM Jack McConaghy

**3:00PM Confessions**

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, January 19, 2025**

7:30AM Joseph Gaudiello

9:30AM Jill Mariani

11:30AM Kenneth Hughes

†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†

*Especially Eileen Lavery and Mary Beth Lavery*

*May they rest in God's peace and may their families be comforted.*



## MEMORIAL FOR JANUARY

**Bread and Wine  
Both Available**

## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE



This candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. For the week of **January 12th**, the candle will burn in loving memory of

**Porter John Hoyt** as requested by the **McMenamin Family**.

SFA CYO is the recipient of the United Way under the Honor Option Plan. Your donation supports our activities for the youth of our parish. If you wish to support the CYO, please indicate:

**CYO/ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI/SPRINGFIELD #7046 SFA CYO**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

TOGETHER WE WILL PRAY

**Baby Daniel Ruszaj**

Baby Margot Steindl	Emily Belfie	Evan Farrington
Baby DeSantis	Arthur LeTourneau	Michael Farley
Dominic Rosini	Lucretia Murphy	Bill Seavey
Colin Murray	Lou DeSantis	Dolores Govannicci
Monique Carpenter	Brian Marandola	Ethel LeVasseur
Anne McGlone	Carmen Salerno	Michael Costa
Maria DiGiacinto	Amy Faulls	Joanne Marks
David Clemmer	Mary Benedetti	Veronica Suppa
Catherine Lindsey	Shealyn Mencil	Caroline Donovan
Danny Hynes	Kathy Fritz	Amy Travers
Robert W. Bollinger	Jeannie Brattini	Emily Meakim
Leslie Dougherty	Joanne DeSantis	Paula Bazela
Margaret Binetsky	Ron Fraatz	Patti Frost Cinko
Jack Braconnier, Sr.	Denise DeAngelis	Joe Calabrese
Maryann McCauley	Marie Martin	Beverly Scarani
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Maryann Murphy	Dan Bruno	Marsha Four
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Jenine Amato	Joe Mastalski	Jack Schultz
Deacon Joe Gousie	Michelle Rodger	Ambrose Hummel
Sandy Keller	Sadie Keller	Patricia Lindsey
Chris Touchton	Mark McKinsey	Ian Regino
Tim Corlies	Paul Ansaldo	Peggy Burke
Susan Aljets	Scott Aljets	Franny Devlin
Fox Family	Merkle Family	Dobbs Family
Kevin Fries	Bryan Treude	Neil Bohley, Sr.

*For Our St. Francis of Assisi Parish Community*

If you have someone you would like prayed for, OR have **REMOVED** from prayer list, please email Joan Curtis at [sfabulletin@hotmail.com](mailto:sfabulletin@hotmail.com) or call the Rectory at 610-543-0848. Thank you for your prayers.



*The bread and wine used in the Eucharist can be memorialized in honor of living or deceased loved ones, offering a spiritual gift.*

**The Bread or Wine Memorials are offered for a month.  
An Offering of \$50 is requested for either the Bread or Wine.**

To arrange to have the Bread and/or Wine offered in memory of a loved one or special intention, please stop by the Rectory.



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SCRIP sales are held in the gym from 9:30–11am every Sunday (except holidays). If you have any questions, please contact Deb Peterson or Amy Foran at [sfascriptsales@gmail.com](mailto:sfascriptsales@gmail.com) or call 484-432-1472

Or visit: <https://www.sfaschool.com/scrip/>

**Breaking Open the Word**  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 19, 2025**



**Isaiah 62:1-5**

Isaiah proclaims that Jerusalem shall be called by a new name: my “delight.” Imagine God calling you his delight. What feelings rise up in you as you consider yourself God’s delight?

**1 Corinthians 12:4-11**

In the second reading, Paul speaks of “gifts,” “forms of service,” or “workings.” Think of the different ministries in the parish: liturgical, catechetical, and service. What gifts do you have that could build up these ministries? Contact the parish if you feel led to use these gifts if you aren’t already.

**John 2:1-11**

Jesus performed his first sign at Cana- revealing who he is. Examine the ways you reveal God to others. What are some of the “aha” “God” moments that you have experienced on your pilgrim journey that you can share with others?

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY**

If anyone is in need of assistance with utility bills, or other bills, or in need of food, or, if you know of someone who needs help, **call 610-212-4932** and someone from the St. Vincent will call you.



**RIDE FOR MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS**

If you are in need of a ride to a doctor or test appointment, please call the Rectory 610-543-0848 and someone from the St. Vincent de Paul Society will call you back to coordinate a ride for you.



Join us as we pray the Novena of the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary **Wednesdays at 1:30PM** in the Church. (Except for Christmas Day & New Year’s Day)



To Host the Pilgrim Queen Statue in your home for one week, (Sunday to Sunday), visit the Parish website at [sfaparish.org](http://sfaparish.org) and click on the link to **Sign Up** to reserve your week and Be Blessed by Our Lady and Our Lord. For more information, call Roseann Squitieri at 610-328-0635.

**WEEKLY DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**

Please join us Wednesday mornings immediately following the 8AM Mass in front of the Sacred Heart statue in Church for the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

*Thank You!*

"A big Thank You to the volunteers who helped undecorate the church this past Sunday. Your help was definitely needed and greatly appreciated! Thank you also to Barbara and Carlo Borgia for your continual assistance in coordinating the effort."

**ST. FRANCIS IN ACTION!!**

St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Springfield PA seeks to emulate our patron saint in service to others. We seek to encounter people in need through a variety of offerings that provide us with the opportunity to be Christ like and to meet Christ in those we serve.



**CARING FOR FRIENDS (CFF)**

Until further notice, please drop off meals at St. Kevin's parish in the foyer in the Parish Life Center. Meal tins are located in the SFA rectory (during regular business hours) and the vestibule of the church.

The CFF program is also looking for volunteers to deliver meals to people in Clifton Heights, Drexel Hill, Media, and Broomall. If you are interested in this ministry or have any questions, please contact Cheryl Monkman (610)574-5541 or Jill Hoffner (610)733-1593.

**MARY MOTHER OF CAPTIVES**

A Support Group for those coping with a loved one in prison. Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at St. Charles Borromeo Church Hall, 3422 Dennison Avenue, Drexel Hill, Pa 19026. **Attendees remain confidential.** For more information, please call John or Sue at 610-259-3178 or email: [marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org](mailto:marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org).

**Visit the Imprisoned. Become a Pen Pal...** In prison, sometimes the only contact with the outside world is in the form of letters. Pen Pal writers are needed to write to the poorest of the poor. For more info, call John or Sue at 610-259-3178 or email: [marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org](mailto:marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org).

**SAINT FRANCIS OVER 50 CLUB**

**JANUARY**

The next meeting is January 23. We will be entertained by “Matt Bochanski.” Tickets for “Pizza Day”, Feb. 20, will be on sale.

“**IRISH CELEBRATION**” Join St. Francis Over 50 Club at the Shore Club in Springton Lake, NJ on **March 6<sup>th</sup>**. For more information, **contact Cathy Randazzo at 610-389-5225.**

**Casino Trips:** 2/12, 3/12, 4/9, 5/14 & 6/11. Cost is \$30 with return of \$15 in slot play. Bus leaves at 10am from the St. Kevin parking lot (200 W. Sproul Road). Park in spaces adjacent to the Springfield Country Club. **Call Joe Gowen at 610-739-8146.**

**Membership** to our Club is open to the entire community. Anyone who is 50 years of age or older may join the Club regardless of sex, religion, or race. For Membership information, call Cathy Randazzo at 610-328-0408.



### **DELCO PARISHES PRO-LIFE MEETING**

Please join us for our monthly Pro-life meeting on **Wednesday, January 15, at 7 PM** in the St. Francis of Assisi Rectory Basement Conference Room. Entrance is from the parking lot and down the outside steps. Your prayers and suggestions are most welcome.

Upcoming: National March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, January 24 at 11 AM.

*Jesus, protect and save the unborn.*

#### **"PRO-LIFE" LINES"**

Crisis Pregnancy Resource hotline: 610-626-4006.

Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion healing: 877-HOPE-4-ME

[www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

A Baby's Breath 24-hour hotline: 484-571-5540.

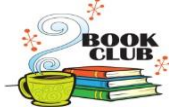
[www.ababysbreath.org](http://www.ababysbreath.org).

Delaware County Pregnancy Center: 610-872-2229, [www.dcpchester.org](http://www.dcpchester.org)

Mother's Home: 610-583-HOME, [www.mothershome.org](http://www.mothershome.org).

Pro-Life Union of Delaware County: 610-789-LIFE.

### **THE THREE PARISH BOOK CLUB**



The Book Club will hold its December and January meeting in the Family Life Center at Holy Cross on **Wednesday, January 29th at 7PM**. If you would like to join the meeting or if you would like more information, please contact Terry Price at 610.506.6449 or via email at [termprice@verizon.net](mailto:termprice@verizon.net).

**December book** – Waiting for Christ – St. John Henry Newman

**January book** – Walking with God in the Unimpressive Seasons of Life – Fr. Mike Schmitz

### **Our Lady, Queen of Peace Praesidium Legion of Mary**



*Legion of Mary*

The Saint Francis Chapter of the Legion of Mary (Our Lady, Queen of Peace Praesidium) invites you to become an active or auxiliary member of Mary's Legion. Active members attend a weekly meeting and commit to doing two hours of work each week for Mary and her Son. Auxiliary members pray the Legion prayers daily for the intentions of our Blessed Mother. **Our Legion meets on Monday afternoons at 1:30 P.M. in the Rectory Chapel.** We invite you to join us to learn more about our work. For more information, call Gus McClay at 610 544-7223.

#### **Calling all Knitters & Crocheters**



Are you looking for a way to serve the Lord using your God given talent? **"PROJECT LINUS"** is a nationwide project where knitters or crocheters donate their handmade blankets for hospitalized children from Preemies to Teens. For more info, call 610-328-0741.



### **HOLY SPIRIT GROUP MEN'S RETREAT**

**January 24-26th**

To register, visit: <http://www.malvernretreat.com>

It is a Traditional Men's retreat, including daily Mass, conferences, all meals and overnight accommodations, at a cost of \$275.00. Our weekend begins 5:00PM on Friday, January 24 through Sunday 26th. I'd like you to consider coming out for this retreat. During this time, you will experience prayer, meditation, reconciliation, group discussions, Eucharistic liturgies and special speakers.

\* This years' Retreat Director is Father William Cocco of St Edmonds Parish Rehoboth Beach DE.

\* Our speakers are Deacon Tom McGovern of St Joseph Paris High bridge N.J.

\* Mary Bea with the Carlo Acutis Shrine at Malvern retreat House.

\* Finally, our special event is Mr. Eustace Wolfington, Executive Producer, of Angel Studio's presenting a private viewing of the acclaimed movie "Cabrini."

Email me with any questions. Carlo Borgia –

[cgb58@verizon.net](mailto:cgb58@verizon.net)

### **ST. FRANCIS PARISH MEN'S GROUP**



Parish Men's Group meets every Saturday morning virtually from 6:45-8:00AM to share the desire to follow Jesus more closely by being better husbands, fathers, grandfathers, leaders, followers, sons, and friends. All are welcome to join us! Please call in at 6:45AM at 646-558-8656 **Meeting ID:** 738 611 2876 **Passcode:** 111501.



All women are invited to join us in fellowship, aimed at strengthening our faith and journeying closer to the heart of God. This year, we will be using Walking with Purpose's "Touching the Divine" bible study.

<https://walkingwithpurpose.com/bible-study/> for more info and to order the book. Meetings will take place in SFA's Library on select Saturday mornings at 8:30am, beginning September 14th. If you have questions or want more info, please reach out to: Jen Lorenz 610-333-3011.

### **LIVE VERTICAL**



**ALL ARE INVITED!!!** Come let your heart be soothed and experience the peace and serenity of our Parish Holy Hour on Wednesdays at 7pm in the Church. If you have questions or wish to volunteer and help reach out, please contact Rob Longo ([Rob@LiveVertical.org](mailto:Rob@LiveVertical.org)) or Luke LeTourneau ([Luke@LiveVertical.org](mailto:Luke@LiveVertical.org)) or call 610-986-6660.

For more info, visit: [www.livevertical.org](http://www.livevertical.org)

## The Corner

### Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

The Baptism of the Lord is called the Theophany in the Eastern Church, celebrating not only Christ's conquering of sin through baptism but also God's revelation of Christ as His Son and the beginning of Christ's ministry.



### Babysitting on Sundays, during the 9:30AM Masses...

For ages 12 months to 5 years old. The babysitting will take place in the SFA Upper School Building. Enter through the door to the LEFT of the Gym and go in the first classroom on the right. Doors will open starting at 9:15AM. To register your child(ren), or to volunteer to sit, contact: Rebecca Donovan at 607-351-8381 or Katie Birkhead at 484-995-9941. **CLEARANCES NECESSARY FOR BABYSITTERS.**

### ST. FRANCIS PLAYERS WIZARD OF OZ!



The St. Francis Players are pleased to announce our 2025 production will be "The Wizard of Oz"! Performances to be held: April 25, 26, and 27 as well as May 2, 3, and 4. Children's chorus (Grade 1-8) or anyone interested in other volunteer opportunities need only to register on our website. Should lead roles for children be deemed necessary, auditions for children will be scheduled for a later date. For more information regarding auditions and other special events regarding the St. Francis Players please visit our website [www.stfrancisplayers.org](http://www.stfrancisplayers.org).

### BE ENCOURAGED: CATHOLIC SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH WEBSITE

[www.archphila.org/support](http://www.archphila.org/support).

Resources to assist with healing, accompaniment and flourishing. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has launched a website with resources to support those who are experiencing mental health struggles and those who love them. The website offers links to find Catholic clinicians, local crisis response phone numbers and ministries that can assist with recovery and healing. In addition, there are tools to help parishes, schools and institutions cultivate a deeper awareness of and responsiveness to these realities, suffered by so many. Visit the Be Encouraged website at [www.archphila.org/support](http://www.archphila.org/support)

### YEAR-END GIVING STATEMENTS

Requests for Year-End Financial Giving Statements can be submitted online through the St. Francis of Assisi website: [www.sfparish.org](http://www.sfparish.org)

If you contribute electronically, you can also obtain your Contribution Report through your Parish Giving Account.

You can also use the form below to make your request.



#### Request for Year-End Financial Statement

If you would like a statement of your yearly contributions for tax purposes, please print and complete this request form.

Either mail it to or drop it off at the Rectory, or place it in the collection basket.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

For Pick-Up \_\_\_\_\_ Please Mail to me \_\_\_\_\_

Questions, please call Joan Fogarty (Rectory) 610-543-0848 ext 117

### GOD BLESS ALL WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY



Michael Armellini	Cale Amador	John Michael Bartivic
Christopher Baxter	Colin Butler	Jonathan Butterfield
Davidson Cox	Thomas Cresta	Anthony DelVecchio
Timothy Drabyak	Mike Froeter	Owen Galligan
Kevin Geiger	Jon Hylton	Jacob Johnson
Aidan Jones	Matthew Jones	Matthew Kauffman
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Shawn McConaghy	Bill McDermott	Emma McDonald
James McDonald	Nicholas McDonald	Michael McGarvey
Francis McGrail	Daniel McLee	Nicholas Peranteau
Stephen Peranteau	Ronan Plummer	Peter Quinn
Katherine Reider	Patrick J. Ryan, Jr.	Joseph Spence
Chase Stewart	Jesse Stewart	Sean Sweeney
	Skip Turner	

Let us pray for those who SERVE and PROTECT...

Dear Heavenly Father, we lift our sailors, soldiers, marines, airmen, coast guard and families into Your loving care. Protect our Nation from all that is evil. Guide our way through these difficult times. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

### HOPE IN CHRIST:

#### SPIRITUAL SUPPORT FOR ADDICTIONS

Seeking solace and spiritual support in the journey towards recovery? Many local parishes are offering ways to experience Christ's extended hand of love and mercy in your time of need. Find Catholic resources for addiction for you or your loved one at [www.archphila.org/hope](http://www.archphila.org/hope)

Also available for support is Faith-based drug rehab website: [www.AddictionCenter.com/Treatment/Faith-Based-Drug-and-Alcohol-Rehab](http://www.AddictionCenter.com/Treatment/Faith-Based-Drug-and-Alcohol-Rehab)

**VILLA MARIA BY THE SEA RETREAT CENTER**

101 111th Street, Stone Harbor, NJ 08247

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**Wednesday, January 22, 10:00 am—4:00 pm \$25.**

**Private Day of Prayer**—On the Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of the Unborn, spend a quiet day praying for the intention of the right to life from conception until natural death. Throughout the day, there will be periods of communal prayer for this very special intention. Lunch and Mass is provided.

**Friday, January 31, 8:45 am—2:15 pm \$60\***

**Arise and Call her Blessed** Presented by Sr. Sheila Galligan, IHM. Come to celebrate God’s gift of his Mother – whom we usually refer to as the Blessed Virgin Mary. Let’s “push pause” and take some time to slowly squeeze the juice out of the descriptive “Blessed” as well as our everyday “go to” prayer: the Hail Mary. Let’s come to appreciate the role the Blessed Mother plays in keeping us close to Jesus. Coffee and check-in begins at 8:45 am. The day includes Mass and lunch. \*You may opt to stay overnight the evening before this event for an additional \$95.

**BLOOD DRIVE~ST. CHARLES CATHOLIC CHURCH HALL** 3422 Dennison Ave., Drexel Hill, PA 19026.

**Monday, February 3, 1-6PM.** Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: “Saint Charles RC Church” to schedule an appointment. Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients. If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component. Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [www.RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

**RETRouvaille: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE**

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held February 14 - 16, 2025 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more info/to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. *All inquiries are strictly confidential.*

**WOMEN OF HOPE** (formerly known as Dominican Women) Retreat: **March 14-16, 2025.** Come to Malvern Retreat House to renew and strengthen your relationship with our Lord. The theme is “The Eucharist- Food for the Journey.” The cost is \$275 and a \$75 deposit minimum is requested to secure your spot. To register, call 610 644-0400 or visit [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com)

**THE CALIX SOCIETY** “A.A. restores your health and keeps you from an early grave. Calix saves your soul and puts you on the road to heaven.” - William J. Montroy, a founder of the Calix Society. Are you in a 12-step recovery program? Do you have family or friends in recovery? Tell them about The Calix Society! **We meet the last Saturday of every month at St. Francis of Assisi after the 4:00pm Mass in the Church Library/basement.** For more information about the Calix Society please visit [www.calixsociety.org](http://www.calixsociety.org). You can also contact Ken Johnston at 215-327-3236 or [ken@notsaintsyet.org](mailto:ken@notsaintsyet.org). For more info about our meeting at SFA: please contact Luke LeTourneau at 610-986-6660.

**ST. RAPHAELA CENTER**

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[www.straphaelacenter.org](http://www.straphaelacenter.org) [info@straphaelacenter.org](mailto:info@straphaelacenter.org) )

**QUIET DAYS: Jan. 13, 17, 21-28. Cost: \$15**

We have at least one day set aside each month for individuals to come and enjoy the peace and quiet of the Center. The retreat may begin with a common opening prayer to set the tone for the day, after which retreatants are free to spend their time in personal prayer or quiet reflection. It may also include the celebration of the Eucharist. The Center is also often available so that you can come on other days to make a private day of prayer. Spiritual direction is available upon request.

**WINTER DIRECTED RETREAT: Jan. 24-26 (Weekend)**

**Or Jan. 20-27 (Week).** Spend a weekend in silence and tranquility to listen more deeply to the quiet voice of God that speaks to each of our hearts. Our experienced spiritual directors on staff will accompany you throughout this privileged time of retreat in the Ignatian spirit. Come away to be renewed and refreshed in the abundant love of God.

**A RETREAT DAY FOR MOTHERS Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>.** Megan O’Sullivan, Facilitator. Matrescence—the process of becoming a mother—is the developmental passage of biological, psychological, spiritual, and social changes as a woman transitions from preconception to postpartum and beyond. Adapted from Aurélie Athan, Ph.D.

Whether you are a brand-new mother, have several children under your wing, or admire your grown children from afar, there is beauty. There is chaos. There is unyielding worry and limitless love. No matter your experience of motherhood, you deserve some time and space to slow down with yourself and other mothers. Come as you are and explore themes such as identity, mental health, and finding God in the seismic shifts and glimmers of motherhood. Be nourished through a day of reflection, sharing, listening, prayer, meals you don’t have to cook yourself, and community.

**CARDINAL O’HARA CLASS OF ‘75, 50TH REUNION**

**SAVE THE DATE - October 11, 2025 – Llanerch Country Club.** *We Need Your Help!* Submit your contact information to [OharaClassof75@gmail.com](mailto:OharaClassof75@gmail.com) ...follow us on Facebook at Cardinal O’Hara Class of ‘75...Let other classmates know too!

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God our Father, Giver of life,  
We entrust the United States of America to Your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among Your people. Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation’s leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing Your will. Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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## WINTER OPEN HOUSE

**Wednesday**  
**January 29, 2025**  
**9:00 - 11:00 am**




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To register, please call us at 610-525-1670 or [admissions@staloyusiacademy.org](mailto:admissions@staloyusiacademy.org)  
[www.staloyusiacademy.org](http://www.staloyusiacademy.org)

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