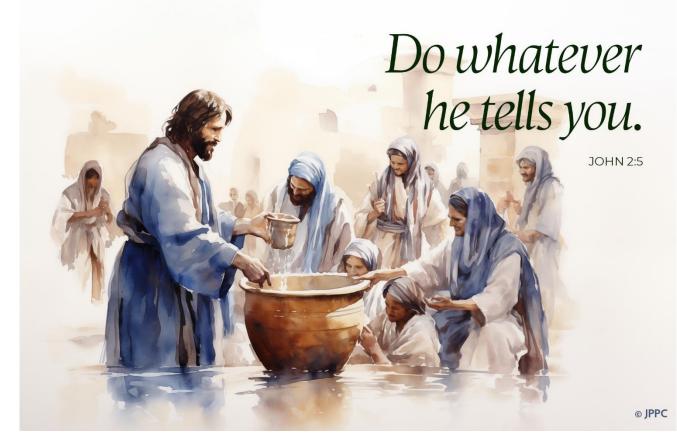
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 19, 2025



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Interested in having your child Baptized here at St. Francis? Please contact Joan Curtis at the Rectory 610-543-0848 or email us at: <u>BaptismsSFA@gmail.com</u>



please contact our Parish Wedding Assistant, Joan Kane at ParishWeddingsSFA@gmail.com





COST \$130.00 PER PERSON (Includes: Deluxe Motorcoach, Luncheon, 1-Hour Open bar & Entertainment) Motor Coach Leaves St. Kevin's at 9AM ~ Returning 4:30PM. For more details or to sign up to attend contact CATHY RANDAZZO 610-389-5225.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sunday, January 19, 2025 7:30AM Joseph Gaudiello 9:30AM Jill Mariani 11:30AM Kenneth Hughes Monday, January 20, 2025 8:00AM Rudolph Shiller Tuesday, January 21, 2025 8:00AM Lee J. Janiczek Wednesday, January 22, 2025 8:00AM Alex Dalton (2nd Ann.) ADORATION (Following 8AM Mass through 7PM Holy Hour) Thursday, January 23, 2025 8:00AM Ellen Dickinson Friday, January 24, 2025 8:00AM Rosemary Klumpp Saturday, January 25, 2025 8:00AM Bruce Mano **3:00PM Confessions** 4:00PM For the People of the Parish Sunday, January 26, 2025

7:30AM Jack McConaghy 9:30AM Louis Calabrese 11:30AM Duane Markford

†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED† *Especially Fred Ford*

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



MEMORIAL FOR JANUARY Bread ~ For the Unborn Wine ~ Available

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

This candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. For the week of January 19th, the candle will burn in loving memory of Margaret Atkinson as requested by Diane D'Angelo.

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



My Dear Parishioners,

I don't know how you feel, but once the Christmas season comes to an end, the Christmas lights come down, and the cold weather really sets-in, I start thinking about the warmer weather of spring; spring can't come soon enough! With that said, I can't thank all of you enough for everything you've done in the lead-up to Christmas here at our parish—from the decorations to the music, under the direction of Mr. Eric Longo, everything was so nice here at St. Francis. Truly grateful. Fr. McKee and I are also grateful for the cards, gifts and baked goods given to us during this entire Advent and Christmas season. Thank you! Everyone has been so kind, and it made the holiday extra special.

When it comes to the Christmas collection, I thought I would share a few numbers with you:

Christmas 2023 - \$42,752 (complete) Christmas 2024 - \$46,737 (ongoing)

This increase is a testament to the dedication you have toward St. Francis Parish. Thank you! Another sign of the dedication you have to our parish is in regard to our annual Stewardship Appeal. We use the Stewardship funds for improvements around the parish campus. Right now, this is where the Appeal stands:

Appeal 2023 - \$79,191 (complete) Appeal 2024 - \$86,923 (ongoing)

Again, thank you for your kindness and generosity!

Some people have been asking about where the funds raised for the school fire go. St. Francis opened a fully separate fire fund/rebuilding account under the name of the school, and they cannot be touched by any diocesan assessment/tax. Once we get further clarification from the diocese on the nature and timeframe of rebuilding, I will always keep everyone in the loop as to how we are moving forward. I should have some more information for you next week.

Finally, the opening prayer for our Masses this weekend is a prayer that's worth repeating when anxious or in distress, "Lord, you govern all things in heaven and on earth, you hear our pleadings...please bestow peace in our time." In Christ,

Rev. Matthew J. Tralies

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

On Wednesday we observe the Day of Prayer for the Protection of Unborn Children. Let us pray:

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg of you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted, who is in danger of abortion." ---Archbishop Fulton J Sheen

PRAYER REQUESTS TOGETHER WE WILL PRAY

Baby Margot Steindl Baby DeSantis Dominic Rosini Colin Murray Monique Carpenter Anne McGlone Maria DiGiacinto David Clemmer **Catherine Lindsev Danny Hynes Robert W. Bollinger** Leslie Dougherty **Margaret Binetsky** Jack Braconnier, Sr. Maryann McCauley **Bob Buchanan** Alicia Bona Ray Kenney, Sr. Natalie Berry Carolina Longmore **Maryann Murphy** Cathy Baj Jenine Amato **Deacon Joe Gousie** Sandy Keller **Chris Touchton** Tim Corlies Susan Aljets Fox Family **Kevin Fries**

Baby Daniel Ruszai Emilv Belfie Arthur LeTourneau Lucretia Murphy Lou DeSantis **Brian Marandola Carmen Salerno Amy Faulls** Mary Benedetti Shealyn Mencel Kathy Fritz Jeannie Brattini **Joanne DeSantis Ron Fraatz Denise DeAngelis Marie Martin** Greg Schmidt Susan Lower **Mary Jean Grandizio Gerald Berry** Ann Farren Dan Bruno Malcolm Wills Joe Mastalski Sadie Keller Mark McKinsev Paul Ansaldo Scott Aljets **Merkle Family** Bryan Treude

Evan Farrington Michael Farley Bill Seavey Dolores Govannicci Ethel LeVasseur Michael Costa **Joanne Marks** Veronica Suppa **Caroline Donovan** Amy Travers Emily Meakim Paula Bazela Patti Frost Cinko Joe Calabrese **Beverly Scarani** Madelvn O'Keefe Hank McElwee Inger Sexton **Eileen Bowdren** Brian Griffin Marsha Four Patricia Lafferty Jack Schultz Michelle Rodger Ambrose Hummel Patricia Lindsey Ian Regino Peggy Burke **Franny Devlin Dobbs Family** Neil Bohley, Sr.

For Our St. Francis of Assisi Parish Community If you have someone you would like prayed for, OR have **REMOVED** from praver list, please email Joan Curtis at sfabulletin@hotmail.com or call the Rectory at 610-543-0848. Thank you for your prayers.

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.



Simply the right way to fundraise

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 sfascripsales@gmail.com or call 484-432-1472 or visit: https://www.sfaschool.com/scrip/

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.

Breaking Open the Word Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 26, 2025



Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

The Books of Ezra and Nehemiah recount the end of the Babylonian Exile and the return and restoration of the land following the Edict of Cyrus. These were comforting words as the exiled people of Judah rededicated themselves to the Sinai covenant as the chosen people of God. When has God's word comforted you? When has it brought you to tears?

1 Corinthians 12: 12-14, 27

In the second reading Paul extends his teaching to us, as the Body of Christ. Our response and task is to find our gifts and vocations in this body. The good news is that there is, indeed, a vocation for each one of us. Reflect on your role in the Body of Christ. How might you contribute in your own way?

Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

As you listen to this Gospel or savor it during your prayer time, hope emerges as we are assured that Jesus will help us when we feel blind, bound, poor in spirit, or chained to darkness or negativity. Who can you help in your family or parish who might be experiencing depression this winter? Give them care when they feel desperate and alone.

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 2nd 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.

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.

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI ATHLETICS

<u>CYO Spring 2025 Registration is NOW open.</u> CYO participants must be registered parishioners of St. Francis and must be enrolled in our Parish Religious Education Program or in Catholic school.

JV Baseball – 5th & 6th Grade Boys V Baseball – 7th & 8th Grade Boys JV Softball - 5th & 6th Grade Girls V Softball - 7th & 8th Grade Girls Track & Field – 3rd-8th Grade Boys & Girls Volleyball – High School Boys & Girls

Go to <u>www.sfabruins.org</u> and click register. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Rutledge <u>trutledge@sfabruins.org</u>

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 <u>termprice@verizon.net</u>.

December book – <u>Waiting for Christ</u> – St. John Henry Newman

January book – <u>Walking with God in the Unimpressive</u> Seasons of Life – Fr. Mike Schmitz

SAINT FRANCIS OVER 50 CLUB

The meeting is this Thursday, January 23. The doors to Leonard Hall will open at 12:30pm and the meeting starts at 1:15pm. We will be entertained by "Matt Bochanski." Tickets for "Pizza Day", Feb. 20, will be on sale.

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

<u>Casino Trips</u>: 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.

<u>Membership</u> 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.

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.



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. A Baby's Breath 24-hour hotline: 484-571-5540. www.ababysbreath.org. Delaware County Pregnancy Center: 610-872-2229, www.dcpcchester.org Mother's Home: 610-583-HOME, www.mothershome.org . Pro-Life Union of Delaware County: 610-789-LIFE.



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 <u>sfaparish.org</u> 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 Squitiere at 610-328-0635.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace Presidium 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.

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.



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) or Luke LeTourneau (Luke@LiveVertical.org) or call 610-986-6660. For more info, visit: www.livevertical.org



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.

BE ENCOURAGED: CATHOLIC SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH WEBSITE

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

YEAR-END GIVING STATEMENTS

Requests for Year-End Financial Giving Statements can be submitted online through the St. Francis of Assisi website: www.sfaparish.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:

Address:

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 Jo	hn Michael Bartivic
Christopher Baxter	Colin Butler J	Jonathan Butterfield
Davidson Cox	Thomas Cresta A	anthony DelVecchio
Timothy Drabyak	Mike Froeter	Owen Galligan
Kevin Geiger	Jon Hylton	Jacob Johnson
Aidan Jones	Matthew Jones	Matthew Kauffman
Connor Lyons	Dan Marchini	Timothy McCanns
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

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



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 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 <u>www.RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass</u> 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** at the Family Life Center in Malvern,

PA. For more info/to register,

visit <u>www.HelpOurMarriage.org</u> 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

PARISH MISSION: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A

CATHOLIC TODAY? Saint Anastasia Parish, Newtown Square, presents a Parish Mission: <u>"What Does It Mean to Be</u> <u>A Catholic Today?"</u>, with Father Tom McCarthy OSA. Join the dynamic and engaging Father Tom as he reflects on prayer, the Saints, and being a part of a Family of Faith, **Sunday through Tuesday, February 23-25, 7:00 PM** at Saint Anastasia Parish, 3301 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square. This event is free, and everyone is welcome. Refreshments will follow.

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 <u>www.calixsociety.org</u>. You can also contact Ken Johnston at 215-327-3236 or

<u>ken@notsaintsyet.org</u>. For more info about our meeting at SFA: please contact Luke LeTourneau at 610-986-6660.

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 <u>Oharaclassof75@gmail.com</u> ...follow us on Facebook at Cardinal O'Hara Class of '75...Let other classmates know too!

CARDINAL DOUGHERTY CLASS OF'75, 50TH

<u>REUNION</u> Saturday, April 5, 2025, 6-10 PM Heroes Ballroom at FOP Lodge # 5, 11630 Caroline Road Philadelphia, PA. \$75 per person. Venmo JimGallagher1975CDREUNION. Or send checks payable to 1975 Cardinal Dougherty 50th Reunion, c/o John Lennon, 861 Beverly Road, Rydal, PA 19046. Additional questions/email: <u>1975cdreunion@gmail.com</u>

<u>ST. RAPHAELA CENTER</u>

Winter Programs: Finding Quiet for Artists & Mothers (616 Coopertown Rd., Haverford, Pa 19041. 610-642-5715 www.straphaelacenter.org info@straphaelacenter.org)

A RETREAT DAY FOR MOTHERS Feb. 15th. 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 Aurêlie 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. Be nourished through a day of reflection, sharing, listening, prayer, meals you don't have to cook yourself, and community.



PRAYER FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

We pray, Lord Jesus, for our President. We are deeply concerned that he may know the will of God, and that he may have the spiritual courage and grace to follow it.

Deliver him, we pray, from all selfish considerations. Lift him above the claims of politics. Fill him with the Spirit of God that shall make him fearless to seek, to know, to do the right.

Save him from the friends who, in the name of politics or even friendship, would persuade him from that holy path.

Strengthen and empower his advisers. Bring them, too, to their knees in prayer. May their example and their influence spread, that we, in these United States, may yet have a government of men who know Thee, the Almighty God, as their Friend, and who place Thy will first in their lives as well as in their prayers.

Hear and answer, we pray Thee, forgiving us all our unworthiness; cleansing us from every ignoble thought and unworthy ambition that we may be renewed in spirit and mind and heart, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.





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