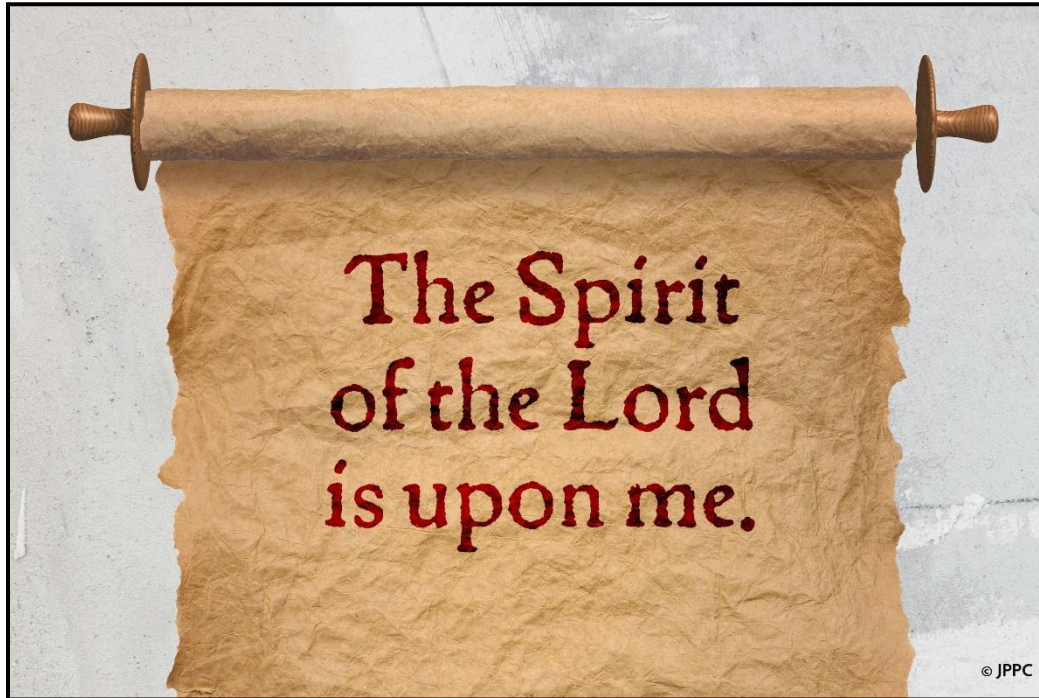


Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 26, 2025



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This week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week

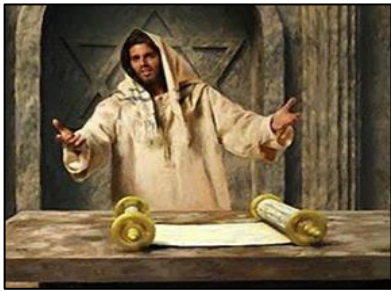


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Catholic Schools Week 2025
JANUARY 26 – FEBRUARY 1, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sunday, January 26, 2025

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

Monday, January 27, 2025

8:00AM Special Intention

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

8:00AM Anna Carullo

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

8:00AM Kenneth J. Hughes (1st Ann.)

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

Thursday, January 30, 2025

8:00AM Anna Carullo

Friday, January 31, 2025

8:00AM Rita Forbes

Saturday, February 1, 2025

8:00AM Thomas Doyle

3:00PM Confessions

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, February 2, 2025

7:30AM Richard Eckman
9:30AM Frances Douglas
11:30AM Anna Carullo

†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†

Especially Robert Cardie

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 26th**, the candle will burn in loving memory of

Laurie, Jim and Paul Braconnier as requested by Joan...Happy Birthday, Mom!

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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Carolina Longmore	Ann Farren	Brian Griffin
Maryann Murphy	Dan Bruno	Marsha Four
Cathy Baj	Malcolm Wills	Patricia Lafferty
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.
Ray Binni		

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 sbulletin@hotmail.com or call the Rectory at 610-543-0848. Thank you for your prayers.

Weekly Comparison Financial Report

1/21/2024

Sunday Envelopes ~ \$13,764.67
Electronic Giving ~ \$ 5,321.20
\$19,085.87

1/12/2025

Sunday Envelopes ~ \$14,173.25
Electronic Giving ~ \$ 5,763.34
\$19,936.59

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

"DINE & DONATE"

MONDAY, JANUARY 27th, FROM 5-9PM

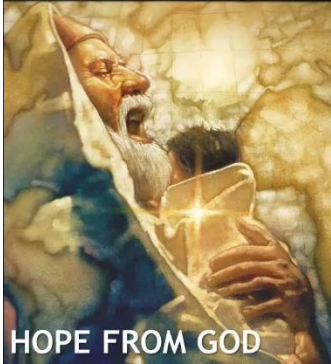


(at Lawrence Park Shopping Center)

Take the night off from cooking and have dinner at P.J. Whelihan's in Broomall on Monday, January 27th, from 5-9! Both dine-in and take-out orders are included. Let your server (dine-in) or hostess (take-out) know that you are part of SFA Dine and Donate. 15% of your bill will go directly to St. Francis of Assisi School!

Breaking Open the Word

The Presentation of the Lord ~ February 2, 2025



“For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light of revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people, Israel.”

Luke 2:29-32

HOPE FROM GOD

Malachi 3:1-4

To stand before the Lord, to offer pleasing sacrifice requires refining and purifying, like gold that is tested in fire. What needs to be refined through Christ's perfect sacrifice in our generation?

Hebrews 2:14-18

Jesus had to experience our human suffering so that He might be merciful to us and help us when we are tested. How can Jesus comfort, heal and help you today? Pray for that help and trust Him.

Luke 2:22-32

When Jesus was presented in the temple to be consecrated according to the law of the Lord, Simeon and Anna recognized Him as the promised redeemer and gave thanks to God. Have you ever recognized a profound sign of the presence of Jesus in your lifetime? Give thanks to God as Simeon and Anna did.

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.

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.

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

Tuesday is the Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas, recognized by the Church as “The Angelic Doctor,” and considered one of its greatest theologians and philosophers. To the question “does God exist?” his answer is worth pondering:

“For those with faith, no evidence is necessary: for those without it, no evidence will suffice.”

---Thomas Aquinas

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)

Please be informed...Prepared meals for Caring for Friends can be dropped off at St. Francis of Assisi Rectory during NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS. The Freezer is located in the Rectory basement. To Drop off on weekends or off hours contact Jill Hoffner or Cheryl Monkman.

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.

ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE COLLECTION



St John's Hospice- is a men's homeless shelter and also serves meals to homeless men. The collection is next weekend, **February 1st & 2nd**. Please bring breakfast items (cereal, breakfast bars, coffee, tea, juice), personal care items (hand sanitizer, bath soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotion, lip balm and shaving items) and new/gently used men clothes. Items can be left in the church entranceways/ vestibule. Contact Cathy and Mark Kenney at cfkenney@verizon.net if you wish to drop off items at our home or for further information about the ministry.

SEE BELOW FOR UPDATED INFORMATION...



Casseroles for St. John's Hospice can now be dropped off at St. Francis of Assisi Rectory during normal business hours.

(Freezer located in Rectory Basement-Room A)

Rectory Hours for Drop off:

Monday ~ Thursday 8:30am – 3:30pm

(Closed Noon-1PM)

Friday 8:30am – 12:30pm

Access to the Rectory basement freezer on

Weekends can be arranged by request.

(Please Contact Cathy Kenney 610-812-6018)

Casserole recipes and containers are available in the Church vestibule, and Rectory during regular business hours.

Casseroles may also be dropped off at Cathy's house. (in the cooler by the front door).

Please email Cathy at cfkenney@verizon.net in advance, to make arrangements for drop off.

Pickup can also be arranged.



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI ATHLETICS

CYO Spring 2025 Registration is NOW open.

CYO participants must be registered parishioners of St. Francis and must be enrolled in our PREP Program or in Catholic school.

JV Baseball – 5th & 6th Grade Boys

V Baseball – 7th & 8th Grade Boys

JV Softball - 5th & 6th Grade Girls

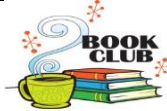
V Softball - 7th & 8th Grade Girls

Track & Field – 3rd-8th Grade Boys & Girls

Volleyball – High School Boys & Girls

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

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.

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

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

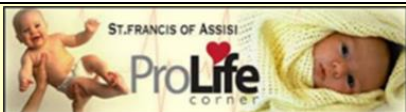
SAINT FRANCIS OVER 50 CLUB

The next meeting is February 6th. We will be entertained by “Annie Williams.” 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 6th**. 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.



“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.dcpchester.org

Mother’s Home: 610-583-HOME, www.mothershome.org .

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

THE GREAT GAELIC GETAWAY

(With Fr Matt Trailies & Fr. Jim DeGrassa)

Kilkenny – Killarney – Leenane near Galway – Knock – Dublin – May 4 – 13 – 10 Days. Pricing is \$4,895/person Double Occupancy for 8 nights. Air Transportation - \$1,100/person Roundtrip direct AA economy group air Philadelphia – Dublin – Total Cost is \$5,995.

Itinerary and payment options are online at

www.cloverdaletravel.org.

If you have other questions, contact Michael at

info@cloverdaletravel.org or 215-469-0820.



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.



To Host the Pilgrim Queen Statue in your home for one week, (Sunday to Sunday), visit the Parish website at 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.

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.**



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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 sfascripsales@gmail.com or call 484-432-1472

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GOD BLESS ALL WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY



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| | 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.

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

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.

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Phone #: _____

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

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

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



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 www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

WALKING IN GRIEF BEREAVEMENT OFFERINGS:

Winter 2025: Tuesdays Feb. 11, 18, 25. Attend one, two or all three. **Time: 6-7:30PM via Zoom.** If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, no matter how much time has passed, please know that you are not alone. These offerings are for anyone grieving. Come share or just listen to others who also walk in grief. May you know that God is with you. Contact Theresa Ferrari, MSN, RN; Certified Spiritual Director: DTPCMT@AOL.COM or 484-459-1564.

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

MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER CLUB (AGES 52-68)
Catholic men & women are cordially invited to join "The Main Line Singles Dinner Club", to share common interest & dine together twice a month or once every 3 weeks. Our next scheduled event is: **(Super Bowl Sunday), a house party @ 5:00 P.M. February 9, 2025** @ a member's home in Havertown, PA 19083. More info call Barb (610) 896-6542. **Memo: I do not TEXT!** Catholic single men are encouraged to participate. We enjoy restaurant events, house parties & special events.



OR CALL CAROLYN FARLEY AT 610-639-2140

HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABORTION the psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can be sharp, deep, and crippling. You may feel a profound numbness—or not be able to name the pain or recognize any of the symptoms. But you are not alone. Our weekend retreat will help you experience the mercy and compassion of God and discover hope for your future. In a safe, confidential, non-judgmental group environment, you can grieve your loss while understanding and releasing any feelings of anger,

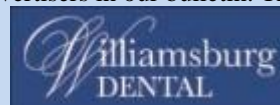
shame, or regret you may have. Our retreats also help fathers or grandparents of an aborted child transform pain into hope.

2025 Trenton, NJ, Weekend Retreat: March 28-30th. For more info, contact Judy Warkiewicz at (732) 536-6871. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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. You can also contact Ken Johnston at 215-327-3236 or ken@notsaintsyet.org. For more info about our meeting at SFA: please contact Luke LeTourneau at 610-986-6660.

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PRAYER FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Almighty Father,
You sent forth Your Son as a beacon of hope for all people. As Teacher, he has given us the prime example of the importance of education.
As disciples, we look to him for inspiration and strength. Thank you for the many sisters, brothers, priests, and laypeople who have dedicated their lives in service to our Catholic schools.
Thank you for the teachers and administrators who sustain our schools today.
Thank you for the parents who have given support and witness to the importance of Catholic education in their daily lives.
Thank you for the students who work hard to further their education.
Bless St. Francis of Assisi and the many people who advance our mission. May our building be a home for those who seek to grow in faith, knowledge, and service of others. May our community always support one another and exhibit hospitality to newcomers.
Fill our minds with knowledge and wisdom.
May our understanding of the world help us to grow in appreciation for it.
Fill our hearts with gladness.
May we always turn to You in times of need.
Fill our hands with the tools we need to serve others.
May we show them Your unceasing love through our actions.
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us.
St. John Neumann, pray for us.
St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us.
In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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WINTER OPEN HOUSE

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



St. Aloysius Academy is the only private, Catholic, K-8 school for boys in the five county Philadelphia metro area committed to the spiritual, moral, and academic development of each student.

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