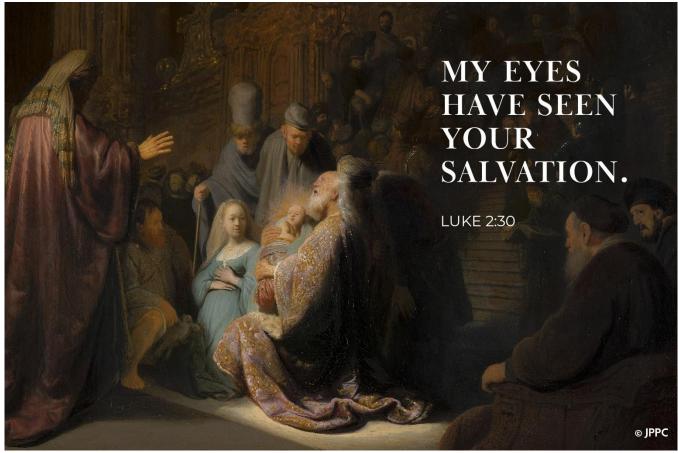
The Presentation of the Lord ~ February 2, 2025



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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>



To inquire about scheduling your Wedding Ceremony here at St. Francis, please contact our Parish Wedding Assistant, Joan Kane at <u>ParishWeddingsSFA@gmail.com</u>



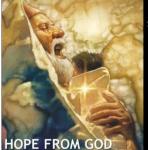


Please join us Wednesday mornings immediately following the 8AM Mass in front of the Sacred Heart statue in Church for the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.



To Host the Pilgrim Queen Statue in your home for one week, visit <u>sfaparish.org</u> and click on the **Signup** link to reserve your week. For information, call Roseann Squitiere at 610-328-0635.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



"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

Sunday, February 2, 2025 7:30AM Richard Eckman 9:30AM Frances Douglas 11:30AM Anna Carullo Feast of St. Blaise, Monday, February 3, 2025 8:00AM Paul Feilke Tuesday, February 4, 2025 8:00AM Anna Carullo Wednesday, February 5, 2025 8:00AM Rosemary Klumpp (1st Ann) ADORATION (Following 8AM Mass through 7PM Holy Hour) Thursday, February 6, 2025 8:00AM Anna Carullo (1st Ann) Friday, February 7, 2025 8:00AM Rita Moonan 9:000AM School Mass Saturday, February 8, 2025 8:00AM Anton Alberding **3:00PM Confessions** 4:00PM For the People of the Parish Sunday, February 9, 2025 7:30AM Rev. James A. Grant 9:30AM Margaret and Edward McShane 11:30AM Benny Augello and Family

†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED† May they rest in God's peace and may their families be comforted.



MEMORIAL FOR FEBRUARY Bread & Wine For the 15th Anniversary of Ann Riehl

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE



This candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. For the week of February 2nd, the candle will burn in loving memory of Marianne Bianco as requested by a friend.

PRAYER REQUESTS TOGETHER WE WILL PRAY

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

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 Marty McAndrews**

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 prayer list, please email Joan Curtis at sfabulletin@hotmail.com or call the Rectory at 610-543-0848. Thank you for your prayers.



Monday, February 3rd Blessing of Throats will take place following 8:00AM Mass.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

Please consider joining us at 7:30am as we pray the Holy Rosary Weekdays and Saturdays before the 8:00am Mass.

Breaking Open the Word 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 9th, 2025



Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

An angel of God purifies "a man of unclean lips" and removes his sin so that he is ready to face the Lord and do whatever He asks. The Lord wipes out our sins, answers our prayers, and builds up our strength to do what is right. Through your faith, can you see this happening all around you? What help do you ask for today?

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Even though he once persecuted the church, St. Paul went on to be one of the greatest preachers of our Christian faith. He speaks of the grace of God that is with him. Receiving the Eucharist gives us that very grace as well. What will you do with such grace?

Luke 5:1-11

Jesus uses the great catch of fish to illustrate His power. The apostles Simon, James and John will be "catching men" for God's Church. Following Christ Jesus will build our Church today. How can we increase God's Kingdom in our time?

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.

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

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 THIS 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 <u>cfkenney@verizon.net</u> if you wish to drop off items at our home or for further information about the ministry.

> Weekly Comparison Financial Report 1/27/2024

Sunday Envelopes ~ \$12,975.67 Electronic Giving ~ \$ 4,707.65 \$17,683.32

<u>1/28/2025</u>

Sunday Envelopes ~ \$11,666.42 Electronic Giving ~ \$ 5,471.58 \$17,138.00

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

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

"Today, along with Simeon and Anna, we contemplate the Divine child, the Word made flesh, who is brought to the Temple; the Temple of our heart."

---from the vatican.va website



"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink..." Matthew 25:35

MORE THAN 25 YEARS AGO, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: "Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat." The Souper Bowl of Caring is now a nationwide movement

that unites schools, congregations, and community organizations in the fight against hunger. The event has transformed Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest youth-led weekend of giving and service.

We here at St Francis of Assisi are teaming up with the Springfield Ministerium and Covenant Methodist Church to collect canned goods, non-perishable food items, and monetary donations on Saturday, February 8th.

On February 8th, Parishioners can leave a bag with canned goods on their doorstep **before 10AM** and someone will be by to pick it up and deliver to Covenant Methodist. Alternatively, Parishioners can also drop off items at Covenant Methodist Church up until 2pm.

Food sorting, packing, and loading for transport to the Bernadine Center will occur at Covenant in a single day on Saturday February 8th between 10AM-2PM. We need as many volunteers as possible, especially from 10am-12pm and from 2-3pm to help load the food into the transport vehicle. All volunteers under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult who can be present for the entire time. Monetary donations are also accepted at the following Website –

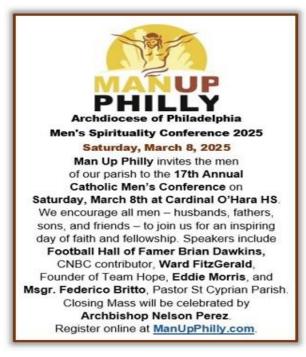
https://delcosouperbowlofcaring.weebly.com. Click on "Donate Now" and you can designate your donation to the Bernardine Center in Chester or any other local food bank of your choosing.

THANK YOU to everyone for your generosity, donations, and participation, especially our young people. We are grateful for your **CARING AND SHARING**! Visit us on Facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/delcosouperbowlofcaring/</u>

THE THREE PARISH BOOK CLUB



The Book Club holds its meeting in the Family Life Center at Holy Cross. 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. January book – Walking with God in the Unimpressive Seasons of Life – Fr. Mike Schmitz



SAINT FRANCIS OVER 50 CLUB

The meeting is this Thursday, February 6th. We will be entertained by "Annie Williams." Tickets for "Pizza Day", Feb. 20, will be on sale. The doors to Leonard Hall open at 12:30PM and the meeting starts at 1:15PM. <u>Casino Trips</u>: 2/12, 3/12, 4/9, 5/14 & 6/11. Cost is \$35 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.

"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. <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.



"PRO-LIFE" LINES"

Crisis Pregnancy Resource hotline: 610-626-4006. Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion healing: 877-HOPE-4-ME <u>www.rachelsvineyard.org</u>. A Baby's Breath 24-hour hotline: 484-571-5540. <u>www.ababysbreath.org</u>. Delaware County Pregnancy Center: 610-872-2229, <u>www.dcpcchester.org</u> Mother's Home: 610-583-HOME, <u>www.mothershome.org</u>. 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.

THE GREAT GAELIC GETAWAY (EXPERIENCE IRELAND THIS SPRING) May 4th - 13th of 2025

Enjoy an unforgettable pilgrimage to the beautiful country of Ireland with Fr. Matt Tralies and Fr. Jim DeGrassa. After our direct flight from Philadelphia to the Emerald Isle, we'll be immersed in the rich history, faith and culture of a nation we all love. From spiritual sites like Knock to the stunning Cliffs of Moher; to charming towns like Kilkenny and Killarney to the bustling city of Dublin. We'll also experience some mountain scapes and a traditional Irish farm in-between. This truly is a beautiful Irish escape! We have unique hotels such as the beautiful Lyrath Estate and the tranquil Delphi resort. Of course, a night of traditional Irish music and dancing, along with a fun visit to the Guinness Storehouse is a must and is included in the trip. Fun, faith and fellowship! Check out Cloverdale Travel for more information at -

www.cloverdaletravel.org and look under the tab marked "The Great Gaelic Getaway."

If you have other questions, contact Michael at info@cloverdaletravel.org or 215-469-0820.



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.



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



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 call 484-432-1472 or: https://www.sfaschool.com/scrip/

GOD BLESS ALL WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY



Michael Armellini Christopher Baxter Davidson Cox Timothy Drabyak Kevin Geiger Aidan Jones Connor Lyons Shawn McConaghy James McDonald Nicholas McDonald Michael McGarvey Francis McGrail Stephen Peranteau Katherine Reider Chase Stewart

Colin Butler Thomas Cresta Mike Froeter Jon Hylton Matthew Jones Dan Marchini Bill McDermott Daniel McLee Ronan Plummer Patrick J. Ryan, Jr. Jesse Stewart Skip Turner

Cale Amador John Michael Bartivic Jonathan Butterfield Anthony DelVecchio Owen Galligan Jacob Johnson Matthew Kauffman Timothy McCanns Emma McDonald Nicholas Peranteau Peter Quinn Joseph Spence Sean Sweeney

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-Drugand-Alcohol-Rehab

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.
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Name:
Address:
Phone #:

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

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



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.



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.

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.

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

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, nonjudgmental 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 Warenkiewicz at (732) 536-6871. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



PRAYER TO LET GO OF THE PAST

Lord, I kneel before You in humble submission and pray that in Your mercy and kindness You would help me to simply let go of all the fears and worries, problems and doubts, guilt and disappointments that seem to be filling my heart and mind so often, during the course of a day.

Fill my hurting soul with Your love and peace I pray. Fill the emptiness and pain that is tearing my life asunder. Lord, You know what is in my heart and why I am going through this time of fear and worry. Help me Lord, to take every thought captive, to hand it over to You as it rears up in my mind, and help me to replace it with thoughts and words of Scripture that tell of Your great might and wonderful power.

Lord, You have told us to think about whatever is lovely and pure and holy and good, and I pray that You would help me to turn the eyes of my heart upon Jesus and look to Him day by day. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

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