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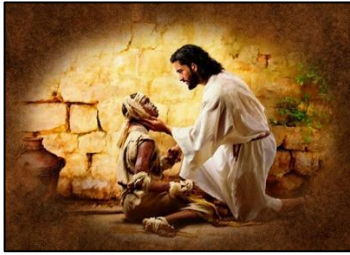
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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sunday, February 11, 2024

7:30AM Nicholas and Helen Cicchini

9:30AM Emidio Galie

11:30AM Anna Ward

Monday, February 12, 2024

8:00AM Samuel Corea

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

8:00AM Antonio and Grace Gerbino

Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024

6:30AM Mass Fred Facciani

8:00AM Mass Louis Calabrese

10:45AM Prayer Service

4:00PM Prayer Service

7:00PM Prayer Service

(NO ADORATION OR 7PM HOLY HOUR)

Thursday, February 15, 2024

8:00AM Ethel Shiller (24th Ann.)

Friday, February 16, 2024

8:00AM Joseph and Nicholas Caruso

6:30PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 17, 2024

8:00AM Mary Sarni

3:00PM Confessions

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, February 18, 2024

7:30AM Mary Sarni

9:30AM Bernard LeVasseur (2nd Ann.)

11:30AM Fred Facciani

†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†

Especially, Timothy J. Gildea, Rosemary Klumpp

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



MEMORIAL FOR FEBRUARY 2024

Bread ~ Jim Braconnier

Wine ~ Charles Milligan



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

This candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. For the Week **February 11th**, the candle will burn for the intentions of **Tom and Denise Bresnahan**.

Prayer Corner



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Daniel McTague

Veronica Suppa

Caroline Donovan

Fran Donnelly

Emily Meakim

Paula Bazela

Cathy Kenney

Joe Calabrese

Beverly Scarani

Vince Kelly

Hank McElwee

Inger Sexton

Eileen Bowdren

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Patricia Lafferty

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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.

Catholic Charities Appeal "2024"



Last weekend marked the Kick-Off of the 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal. Please join us in supporting the Appeal as it continues to impact those in need all over the Greater Philadelphia Area. Visit: www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org to make your donation!

COLLECTION COUNTERS NEEDED



If interested in volunteering one Sunday a month to count Offertory collections, call Joan Fogarty at the Rectory 610-543-0848, ext. 117.

TO CONTACT FR. MATT:

Please feel free to contact Fr. Matt with any questions or comments through email: frtrialies@gmail.com. You can always call the rectory at 610-543-0848 ext. 126. Thank you!

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD
First Sunday of Lent ~February 18th, 2024



Genesis 9:8-15

A rainbow marks the covenant of God to Noah and all the living beings that floods will never again destroy the generations to come. A covenant is a solemn commitment like a sacrament or marriage vow, not to be broken. Do flood victims have a right to be angry with God? See today's responsorial Psalm. How do we keep the covenant with the Lord?

1 Peter 3:18-22

Baptism saves our souls through the resurrection of Christ. To stay spotless and clear of conscience, what must you do or change in this season of Lent?

Mark 1:12-15

Does "repent" mean simply curbing a dietary weakness for our favorite treat during Lent, or are there more serious habits to consider? Perhaps you can offer up some action that imitates Christ's unconditional love.



ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY
(ATTENTION: NEW NUMBER FOR ASSISTANCE)

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, **please call 610-212-4932** and someone from the St. Vincent de Paul will call you back.

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.

ATTENTION SENIORS & VOLUNTEERS

If you would be willing to pick up a senior on your way to Mass, please call Pat Brown & give her your name, phone number & your preference for what Mass you attend. Pat's phone number is **610-328-9831**.

If you are a senior, who lives within the boundaries of St. Francis Parish who would like a ride to Mass, please call Pat Brown & give her your name, telephone number, address & your preference for what Mass you would like to attend.

No volunteer would be asked to change the Mass time that they prefer to attend. But your "uber" would make a world of difference in the life of the senior you would be picking up. Please give this some thought and, hopefully, you'll decide to help out a senior! God Bless!!

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.



Join us as we pray the Novena of the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary **every Wednesday at 1:30PM** in the Church.

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

Please consider making meals in your home and bringing them to the CFF freezer located in Leonard Hall kitchen (back of Gym). **Fridays 3pm - 7:30pm, Saturdays 7:45am - 5pm, and Sundays 7:30am - 12:30pm.** You can also pick up tins and supplies in the rectory (*during regular business hours*) and the vestibule of the church.

The program is looking for volunteers for delivering meals. Most of our friends are elderly individuals who cannot otherwise remain in their homes without the support of the meals we provide at no charge. These friends have received the comfort of a meal, delivered by a volunteer who stays to share stories, laughter, and most importantly friendship. If you are interested in this ministry, you can reach out to one of us for information: Cheryl Monkman (610)574-5541/Jill Hoffner (610)733-1593

EXPLORE YOUR EUCHARISTIC FAITH



Jesus and the Eucharist is a dynamic, 7-session study designed to help you connect with your fellow parishioners as you fall deeper in love with our Eucharistic Lord.

Wednesdays in the Upper School, First Floor on 2/21, 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 4/3, 4/10 from 6:30-8:00PM

OR Thursdays in Rectory Conference Room A on 2/22, 2/29, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 4/4 and 4/11 from 6:30-8:00PM

OR in a parishioner's home on Tuesdays 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14/ and 5/21 from 10:00AM to 11:30AM

Call the Madelyn McBride for more info/to register: 610-543-0848 ext. 118.

THE THREE PARISH BOOK CLUB



The next meeting of the Book Club will be on Wednesday, **February 28 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Holy Cross Parish Center. At each meeting members and guests offer suggestions for spiritual reading as well as discussing the selected book. You need not have read the month's selection to attend the meeting. If you would like to join the discussion or if you would like more information, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610 328-2095 or at joyvanberg@gmail.com.

February:

In the School of the Holy Spirit by Jacques Philippe

March

On the Incarnation by St. Athanasius

FLAME OF LOVE OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



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.

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, please call Joy Van Berg at 610 328-2095 or Gus. McClay at 610 544-7223.

SAINT FRANCIS OVER 50 CLUB



The meeting is this Thursday February 8th. We will be entertained by "Calvin Pressley" Tickets will be on sale for Pizza Day, February 22. The doors to Leonard Hall open at 12:30pm and the meeting begins at 1:15pm.

Casino Trips: 2/19, 3/18 & 4/10. 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.

Other Trip: The Shore Club, Spring Lake, NJ for "Irish Celebration", March 6th. Cost \$125: includes luncheon, 1 hour open bar, Entertainment by "Irish Tenor-Green Derby Show & Will Lynch Band. Bus leaves 9AM from St. Kevin parking lot (200 W. Sproul Road). Park in spaces adjacent to the Springfield Country Club. Call Cathy Randazzo: 610-328-0408.

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.

The Corner

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Jesus is always healing someone in the Gospels. It's easy to distance ourselves from that and think we aren't the blind, deaf, or lame. But we are. Or we think Jesus isn't interested in healing us too. But He is. He's ready to raise you up. Are you ready to ask Him to? Make this Lent a holy one.

St. Francis of Assisi "LENTEN FISH FRY"

Come together and dine as a community during this Lenten Season



Friday, February 16th

5:00PM ~ 7:30PM

Leonard Hall

Tickets on sale now!

Tickets can be purchased at the Rectory during normal business hours now through Thursday February 15th!

Tickets **will not** be sold at the door.

(100th Anniversary Memorabilia will be available for sale)



Seafood Platter \$15

New England Clam Chowder, Cod Fish Filet, Butterfly Shrimp, Cole Slaw, French Fries, Dessert and Beverage.



Children's Grilled Cheese Platter \$7

Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, French Fries, Apple Sauce, Dessert and Beverage.



COME JOIN US...



The St Francis Family Rosary Group meets every Friday evening in the church at 7pm to say the rosary. For more information call Anita Galligan (610)585-0142.

ATTENTION: BOYS GRADES 8-12

Boys in grades 8-12 are cordially invited to attend a weekly class on Prayer and Spirituality. Classes are led by many priests and deacons from the Archdiocese. Classes are on **Wednesdays 7-8pm** at St Francis of Assisi parish library. Classes have been going on since September, but each class is independent and requires no preparation, so boys can join anytime during the year. Parents are welcome to stay for the Holy Hour which runs from 7-8 upstairs from the library in the church. There is no cost, no preparation, no homework or tests. This is just a chance for the boys to learn more about their Catholic Faith, connect with other boys, and grow in their relationship with God. If you think your son may be interested, email Bob and Carol Cardie at cbcardie@gmail.com to be put on a weekly reminder list. You can view topics for discussion on the following website (more topics will soon be added for the second semester):

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1nSc1Izn440l-RMnIXcDKSOFRdrfst8VT/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=109186988252712656508&rtpof=true&sd=true>

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:

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Christopher Johnson ~ Ronan Plummer

Nicholas and Emma McDonald ~ Owen Galligan

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 on-line through the St. Francis of Assisi Website at 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.

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A B B E Y

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY We will begin our Lenten series the week of **February 25**, after the conclusion of our current study of the Gospel of Mark. As always, we study at your convenience, either Monday evenings or Wednesday mornings in the Parish Center at Holy Cross. **PICK THE TIME** that is best for you. If you choose the Wednesday morning option, we begin right after the 8:30 Mass, so please consider joining us for Mass that morning. Come a few minutes early to meet others and to get your seat. No workbooks are required for this Lenten study, but please bring your Bible. Light refreshments are provided.

Mondays, February 26 thru March 25, 7-8:30 PM OR: Wednesdays, February 28 thru March 27, 9:15-10:45 AM It is always helpful to have a headcount. To save a seat or for more information, contact Pattie Stevens at

pattiejstevens@comcast.net or 484.868.8571

ATTENTION MUSICIANS If you play an instrument at an intermediate level or above, and would like to contribute to the beauty of our Holy Cross Choir Masses, contact our Music Director Grete Ingalls, at holycrossmus@gmail.com or 267.253.4007. Please join us!

WOMEN OF HOPE (formerly known as Dominican Women) Retreat: **March 15-17, 2024**. Come to Malvern Retreat House to renew and strengthen your relationship with our Lord. Speakers: Fr. Frank Chambers, OSA, Luke LeTourneau, Nicky Verna and Dan Tarrant with music by Mark Griswold. 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.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD is an extraordinary healing opportunity for any person who struggles with emotional and spiritual pain of traumatic pregnancy loss, whether through abortion or miscarriage. Come to our Healing Weekend Retreat: **April 12-14**, in Doylestown, PA, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. To register, or for more information, call Evelyn at (215) 317-5752.

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

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

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1 John 3:14

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SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024

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A MARDI GRAS PRAYER

Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation, for it is from Your goodness that we have this day to celebrate on the threshold of the Season of Lent. On Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent we will fast and abstain from meat. On Fat Tuesday we will feast. We thank You for the abundance of gifts You shower upon us. We thank You especially for one another. As we give You thanks, we are mindful of those who have so much less than we do. As we share these wonderful gifts together, we commit ourselves to greater generosity toward those who need our support. Lord, prepare us for Lent. Tasting the fullness of what we have today, let us experience some hunger during our fast. May our fasting make us more alert, and may it heighten our consciousness so that we might be ready to hear Your Word and respond to Your call. As our feasting on Fat Tuesday fills us with gratitude so may our fasting and abstinence during Lent hollow out in us a place for deeper desires and an attentiveness to hear the cry of the poor. May our self-denial turn our hearts to You and give us a new freedom for generous service to others. We ask You these graces with our hearts full of delight and stirring with readiness for the journey ahead. We ask them with confidence in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen!

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