

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 16, 2025



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Please contact Joan Curtis at the
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St. Francis of Assisi's **LENTEN**



Friday, March 7th

Tickets can be purchased at the Rectory during normal business hours
through Wednesday, March 5th Only! *Tickets will not be sold at the door.*

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sunday, February 16, 2025

7:30AM Emidio Galie

9:30AM Betty Green

11:30AM Nigita and Donzelli Family

Monday, February 17, 2025

8:00AM Thomas Lynch

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

8:00AM Bernard LeVasseur (3rd Ann)

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

8:00AM Pasqualino Spatola

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

Thursday, February 20, 2025

8:00AM Thomas Lynch

Friday, February 21, 2025

8:00AM Thomas Lynch

Saturday, February 22, 2025

8:00AM Betty Green

3:00PM Confessions

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, February 23, 2025

7:30AM Nicholas and Helen Cicchini

9:30AM Betty Green

(New Altar Server Installation)

11:30AM Nadia Philiposian

†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 16th**, the candle will burn in loving memory of **Christine Shiiba** as requested by a friend.



ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

Rectory Office will be Closed on Monday, February 17th in honor of Presidents' Day.

PRAYER REQUESTS

TOGETHER WE WILL PRAY

Baby Daniel Ruszaj

Baby Margot Steindl

Baby DeSantis

Dominic Rosini

Andrew Colona

Monique Carpenter

Anne McGlone

Maria DiGiacinto

David Clemmer

Catherine Lindsey

Danny Hynes

Robert W. Bollinger

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Cathy Baj

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Kevin Fries

Ray Binni

Ellen Ribbs

Emily Belfie

Arthur LeTourneau

Lucretia Murphy

Lou DeSantis

Brian Marandola

Carmen Salerno

Amy Faulls

Mary Benedetti

Shealyn Mencil

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

Michelle Rodger

Sadie Keller

Mark McKinsey

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

Madelyn O'Keefe

Hank McElwee

Inger Sexton

Eileen Bowdren

Brian Griffin

Marsha Four

Patricia Lafferty

Jack Schultz

Ambrose Hummel

Patricia Lindsey

Ian Regino

Peggy Burke

Franny Devlin

Dobbs Family

Neil Bohley, Sr.

David Maxwell

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.

**THANK YOU
VERY MUCH!**

To the St. Francis of Assisi Community...

On behalf of St. Martin de Porres School, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support in adopting families for our Christmas program. Your kindness and selflessness have made a tremendous difference in the lives of our students and their families during this special season. Thanks to your thoughtful contributions, many families who were facing difficult times have experienced the joy of Christmas with hope, warmth, and love. The impact of your generosity is immeasurable.

We are deeply thankful for your commitment to making a positive difference and for being a beacon of compassion and care. Your actions have not only helped to fulfill material needs, but have also uplifted the spirits of those in our school community.

May your kindness be returned to you tenfold. Thank you once again for being a blessing to our school and families.

Best regards,

Ms. Jessica Lopez, Principal,

St. Martin de Porres School

Breaking Open the Word
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 23rd, 2025



1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

This reading is about showing kindness and mercy toward our enemies. Do you have mercy in your heart? How can you cultivate this virtue within you?

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

St. Paul says that man is first earthly in nature but can become heavenly. How do we attain this spiritual image? Are we meant for earth or for Heaven?

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus teaches the Golden Rule with many examples. Love your enemies and be merciful. Be kind to the ungrateful and the wicked as your Father is merciful. Do you find these practices difficult? Consider the rewards.



Do you wish to see with God's eyes?

Make a six-week retreat by exploring the Sunday readings of Lent.

Simple language and everyday metaphors steep you in the season's promptings to surrender self, work for justice, and deepen prayer life.

Tuesday mornings 9:30–11AM (beginning March 4th).

At a Parishioner's Home. No fee. Resource provided.

Register by calling Kathy Thomas at 484-571-1631.

**MAKE THIS LENT ABOUT WHAT YOU DO,
 NOT WHAT YOU DON'T DO!**

Instead of giving up chocolate or cutting back on TV, join a small community for six weeks during Lent to participate in Lenten Longings to read Scripture and share your faith. Small groups will be meeting once a week for 90 minutes at someone's home. It's a great way to observe the Year of Faith this Lent. Watch this bulletin for more information or call Madelyn McBride at the rectory 610-543-0848 Ext. 118.

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 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* should 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.

Weekly Comparison Financial Report

2/4/2024

Sunday Envelopes ~ \$15,013.50

Electronic Giving ~ \$ 8,044.17

\$23,057.67

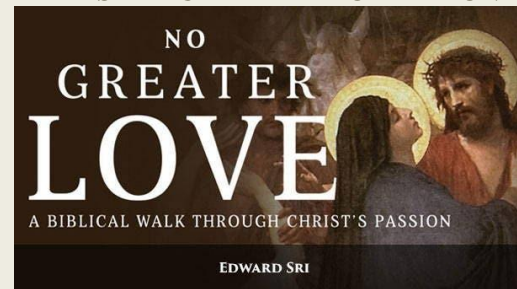
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Sunday Envelopes ~ \$14,691.25

Electronic Giving ~ \$ 6,055.96

\$20,747.21

PARISH ADULT FAITH FORMATION



NO GREATER LOVE; A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH CHRIST'S PASSION

Wednesdays: 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16 from 6:30-8:00PM in Rectory Conference Room C.

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *No Greater Love* is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary.

Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you—and grow closer to Jesus.

Cost: FREE. For more info or to register, call Madelyn McBride: 610-543-0848 Ext 118, by February 26th.

**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.

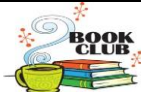


To Host the Pilgrim Queen Statue in your home for one week, (Sunday to Sunday), visit the Parish website at sfaparish.org and click on the link to **Sign Up** to reserve your week and Be Blessed by Our Lady and Our Lord. For more information, call Roseann Squitieri at 610-328-0635.



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 THREE PARISH BOOK CLUB



The Three Parish Book Club will hold its February meeting in the Family Life Center at Holy Cross on Wednesday, **February 26th at 7:00pm**. If you would like to join the meeting or would like more information, please contact Terry Price at 610.506.6449 or via email at termpri@verizon.net. **February book** - Crossing the Threshold of Hope – Pope St. John Paul II.

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.



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



Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Men's Spirituality Conference 2025

Saturday, March 8, 2025

Man Up Philly invites the men

of our parish to the **17th Annual**

Catholic Men's Conference on

Saturday, March 8th at Cardinal O'Hara HS.

We encourage all men – husbands, fathers, sons, and friends – to join us for an inspiring day of faith and fellowship. Speakers include

Football Hall of Famer Brian Dawkins,

CNBC contributor, **Ward FitzGerald,**

Founder of Team Hope, **Eddie Morris,** and

Msgr. Federico Britto, Pastor St Cyprian Parish.

Closing Mass will be celebrated by

Archbishop Nelson Perez.

Register online at ManUpPhilly.com.

SAINT FRANCIS OVER 50 CLUB



The meeting is this Thursday, February 20th. We are going to have "Pizza Day". Tickets are required and will be available on sale.

Casino Trips: 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.**

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.

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.



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.

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 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

GOD BLESS ALL WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY



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| Michael Armellini | Cale Amador | John Michael Bartivic |
| Christopher Baxter | Colin Butler | Jonathan Butterfield |
| Davidson Cox | Thomas Cresta | Anthony DeVecchio |
| Timothy Drabyak | Mike Froeter | Owen Galligan |
| Kevin Geiger | Jon Hylton | Jacob Johnson |
| Aidan Jones | Matthew Jones | Matthew Kauffman |
| Connor Lyons | Dan Marchini | Timothy McCanns |
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| 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 | Weston Hayes | |

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

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

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

It is easier to follow a path than to chop through a forest. What path are you following? Jesus showed us a good one; one with an eternal reward.

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.**

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

We salute the advertisers in our bulletin. This week we thank **PHILLY SPIN-IN RIDE FOR LITTLE HEARTS** Saturday & Sunday, March 8-9th www.PhillySpinin.org Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Please consider using our advertisers' services and tell them you saw their ad in our bulletin.

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: **Sunday, February 16th at the Masami Hibachi Restaurant located at 1260 Township Line Rd., Drexel Hill, PA 19026. It is a B.Y.O.B and begins @ 5:15 P.M.** 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.

BROTHERS OF BORROMEIO VOCATION CAMP

Young men in grades 6, 7, and 8 are invited to the new campus of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Ambler on **Saturday, March 22 from 9AM-4PM.** The day includes activities, sports, dynamic talks, prayer and fellowship with the Philadelphia Seminarians. To learn more and to register, visit <https://heedthecall.org/events/bbvc/>

MASS OF HEALING AT OUR LADY OF FATIMA

All are invited to Our Lady of Fatima's Quarterly First Friday Mass of Healing on **March 7**, beginning at 6:45PM. Prayer teams will be available for individual healing afterwards. Witness stories are welcome. Mark Griswold will provide music. 1 Fatima Drive, Secane, PA 19018. For more info <https://www.archphilaccr.org>.

WOMEN OF HOPE (formerly known as Dominican Women) Retreat: **March 14-16.** 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.

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.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD: Come to our Healing Weekend Retreat April 4-6, in Doylestown, PA, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. If you or someone you love has been suffering from the emotional and spiritual pains of an abortion, a Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend can help – no matter how much time has passed. Rachel's Vineyard retreats bring healing and God's forgiveness to the trauma and darkness of abortion for those who are suffering from shame, guilt, or anger. Join us from **April 4** through **6**, for a safe, loving, and confidential weekend, and experience the healing power of God's infinite mercy. **To register, or for more information, please call Evelyn at (215) 317-5752.**

UNBOUND-FREEDOM IN CHRIST ONE DAY CONFERENCE Saturday, April 12, 9AM-4:30PM.

What is Unbound? Are you struggling with the same sins, habits, and hang ups such as anger, resentment, or unforgiveness over and over again? The Unbound One Day Conference provides a comprehensive overview of a gentle model of prayer based on the book, *Unbound* by Neal Lozano. **Speakers:** Matt Lozano and Neal Lozano. Church of St. Joseph, Aston/Degnan Hall, 3255 Concord Road, Aston, Pa 19015. **Registration/more info:** visit <https://heartofthefather.com/> Early Bird Registration by March 21st.

BONNER/PRENDIE CLASS OF 1975 50TH JOINT CLASS REUNION Saturday, November 1, 4-8PM at the Drexelbrook Catering and Event Center. If interested in attending, kindly reach out to Deb Cooper Richey at (610)804-6920 or email debbie.cooperrichey95@gmail.com.

In honor of Presidents' Day...

A PRAYER FOR THE PRESIDENT'S STRENGTH

Lord, no matter who is leading our country as President, we offer our prayers on behalf of his/her position. Draw him into a strong relationship with You. Thank You for this one who has pledged his life in service to our country. Give our president a true servant spirit, one who is a person after Your own heart. Anoint him with the Holy Spirit's power, that he might feel Your strength in every situation. Let integrity and honesty guide every decision as He first looks to You for divine help. Turn his heart from distractions and temptations that could bring harm rather than help to his life, his family, and to the people he serves. Make him a leader in every respect, morally and spiritually strong. Enlighten the president's mind with discernment, wisdom, and fairness. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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