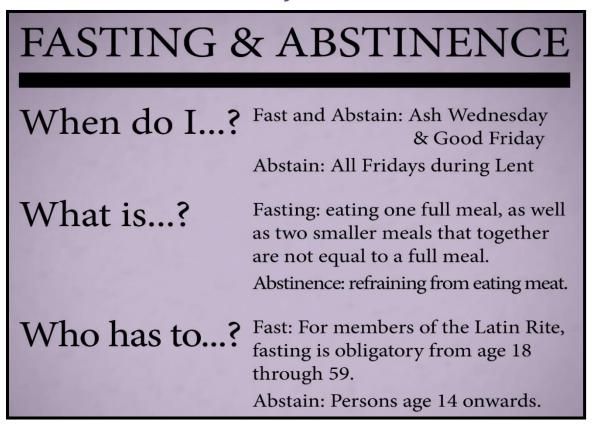
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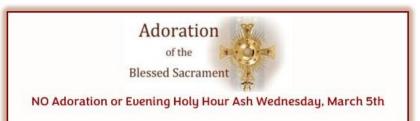
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# 8<sup>™</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sunday, March 2, 2025 7:30AM Charlotte Smolik 9:30AM Charlene Metler (2<sup>nd</sup> Ann) 11:30AM Catherine and Alexander Martin Monday, March 3, 2025 8:00AM Rosemary Klump Tuesday, March 4, 2025 8:00AM Betty Green Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025 6:30AM Charlotte Smolik (1<sup>st</sup> Ann) 8:00AM Joy Van Berg

# (NO ADORATION OR HOLY HOUR)

**10:45AM Prayer service 4PM Prayer service 7PM Prayer service** 

Thursday, March 6, 2025 8:00AM Rev. Joseph J. Meehan 6:30PM First Reconciliation Friday, March 7, 2025 8:00AM Deacon Art McGuire (7<sup>th</sup> Ann) 9:00AM School Mass 1:30PM School Stations of the Cross 6:30PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 8, 2025 8:00AM Betty Green **3:00PM Confessions** 4:00PM For the People of the Parish Sunday, March 9, 2025 7:30AM Joseph and Jean Gaudiello 9:30AM Nadia Philiposian 11:30AM Betty Green

**\*REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED\*** Especially Ray Kenney, Sr., Louis DeSantis and Paula Sullivan May they rest in God's peace and may their families be comforted.



## MEMORIAL FOR MARCH Bread~ Dennis & Agnes McNichol Wine~ John & Cathrine McGee

# THE SANCTUARY CANDLE



This candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. For the week of March 2nd, the candle will burn in loving memory of Bruce McCullough as requested by a Friend.

## PRAYER REQUESTS TOGETHER WE WILL PRAY

**Baby Margot Steindl Baby DeSantis Dominic Rosini** Andrew Colona **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** Ray Binni Ellen Ribbs

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 Michelle Rodger Ambrose Hummel Sadie Keller Mark McKinsev **Paul Ansaldo** Scott Aljets **Merkle Family Bryan Treude** Marty McAndrews **Colleen Fullerton** 

**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 Patricia Lindsey Ian Regino Peggy Burke Franny Devlin **Dobbs Family** Neil Bohley, Sr. **David Maxwell Marie Stenson** 

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.



# FOOD COLLECTION

Thanks again for your support to our Food Drive. The food goes to help many needy families. The Food Collection will be next weekend, March 8th & 9th. Thank you! God Bless!





#### 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 praver life.

#### **Tuesday mornings 9:30–11AM (beginning March 4<sup>th</sup>).** 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.

#### Breaking Open the Word 1st Sunday of Lent ~ March 9th, 2025



#### Deuteronomy 26:4-10

#### "...Moses spoke, 'My father was a wandering Aramean who went to Egypt and lived there as an alien...and was maltreated and oppressed..."

Moses knew what it was like to be 'the other,' 'the alien,' 'the immigrant' unwelcome in a different land. In what way do you see later-day 'Moses' in your present-day journey? How do you think the Lord would want you to treat these people?

#### Romans 10:8-13

#### "...Scripture says, 'No one who believes in Him...there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all..."

Artificial divisions are as old as humanity itself. Even St. Paul had to deal with it in the early Church. In what ways in our modern world do you see people seek to pit one group against another? Is this the example that Christ would endorse?

#### Luke 4:1-13

# "...The devil said to Jesus, 'I shall give to you all this power and glory'..."

Satan tempted Our Lord with every aspect of human prestige so that Jesus would betray His Mission, His principles. In what ways are you tempted to betray your Christian principles for worldly riches, praise, adulation, status? How well have you resisted such temptations?

#### 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.



#### **<u>RIDE FOR MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS</u>**

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.



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 <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.

#### 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 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.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: <u>marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org</u>.

**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: <u>marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org</u>.

#### Weekly Comparison Financial Report

2/26/2024

Sunday Envelopes ~ \$11,887.41 Electronic Giving ~ \$ 4,693.68 \$16,581.09

2/23/2025

Sunday Envelopes ~ \$ 22,719.92 Electronic Giving ~ \$ 5,647.79 \$28,367.71



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



Join us for the CRS Rice Bowl's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! CRS Rice Bowl is celebrating 50 years of helping Catholic faith communities bring Lent to life and encounter God through our global family. During the 40 days of Lent, let us journey together through CRS Rice Bowl to meet people in Nigeria, Guatemala and Bangladesh who are rising above the

challenges of hunger and malnutrition. Rice bowls are available in church. Visit <u>www.crsricebowl.org/join</u> to share your Lenten prayer intentions.

#### THE GREAT GAELIC GETAWAY (EXPERIENCE IRELAND THIS SPRING) May 4<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> 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.



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 THREE PARISH BOOK CLUB

BOOK

The Three Parish Book Club will hold its February meeting in the Family Life Center at Holy Cross on the last Wednesday of the month 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

#### termprice@verizon.net.

<u>February book</u> - Crossing the Threshold of Hope - Pope St. John Paul II.



# 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.

# SAINT FRANCIS OVER 50 CLUB

The next meeting is Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be entertained by "Joey Vincent." The doors to Leonard Hall (Gym) open at 12:30PM and the meeting starts at 1:15PM. <u>Casino Trips</u>: 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.

<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 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.

The Saint Anastasia Respect Life Ministry is sponsoring a one-day Youth retreat entitled, Theology of the Body -Igniting the Divine Spark. The retreat will be held at Cardinal O'Hara High School on Saturday, March 29 and will feature Samantha Kelley who is an engaging and dynamic speaker on the topic of St. John Paul's Theology of the Body. Young people need to hear a message that counters the message given in our culture and as a Church, we are blessed to have the answer with St. John Paul's masterpiece. If you have any questions, please reach out to me at www.sarespectlifeministry@gmail.com.

#### **Our Lady, Oueen 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 Marv 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.



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



Michael Armellini Cale Amador Christopher Baxter Colin Butler Davidson Cox Thomas Cresta Timothy Drabyak Mike Froeter Kevin Geiger Jon Hylton Aidan Jones Matthew Jones Connor Lyons Dan Marchini Shawn McConaghy **Bill McDermott** James McDonald Nicholas McDonald Michael McGarvey Francis McGrail Daniel McLee Stephen Peranteau Ronan Plummer Katherine Reider Patrick J. Ryan, Jr. Chase Stewart Jesse Stewart Skip Turner Weston Haves Let us pray for those who SERVE and PROTECT ...

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

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.

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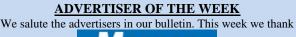
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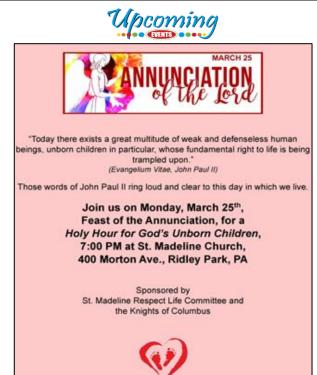
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"The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." ~ 1 Corinthians 1:18

#### 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 <a href="https://www.archphila.org/support">www.archphila.org/support</a>



#### **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.otg.

**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 MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER CLUB" (AGES

**52-68)** Catholic single men & women are cordially invited to join to share common interests & dine together usually 2 times a month or once every 3 weeks. Our next scheduled event is on **Sunday, March 16, 2025** @ **5:15** P.M., a "St. Patty's/St. Joe's House Party" @ 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.

#### BROTHERS OF BORROMEO 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 <u>https://heedthecall.org/events/bbvc/</u>

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD:** A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat will help you experience the mercy and compassion of God and discover hope for your future. In a safe, confidential, non-judgmental environment, you can grieve your loss while understanding and releasing any feelings of anger, shame or regret you might have. Our retreats also help fathers and/grandparents of an aborted child. Upcoming retreats: March 28 – 30 October 17 – 10 in Melvarm PA

## March 28 - 30, October 17 - 19 in Malvern, PA.

Contact us to reserve your spot. Susan (610) 716-4795 SusieMcK@comcast.net or Georgeanne (484) 955-4278 geemcgarry@gmail.com Sent from my iPhone

## UNBOUND-FREEDOM IN CHRIST ONE DAY

<u>CONFERENCE</u> 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? Do you find yourself grappling to identify as the child of God that you are and receive the deep love God has for you? 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**: <u>https://heartofthefather.com/</u> Early Bird Registration by March 21st.

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.

#### LENTEN PRAYER FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

God of goodness and mercy,

Hear my prayer as I begin this Lenten journey with you. Let me be honest with myself as I look into my heart and soul, noticing the times I turn away from You. Guide me as I humbly seek to repent and return to Your love. May humility guide my efforts to be reconciled with You and live forever in Your abundant grace. Transform me this Lent, heavenly Father. Give me the strength to make myself 100% available to You every day as I prepare for Easter. Amen.



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