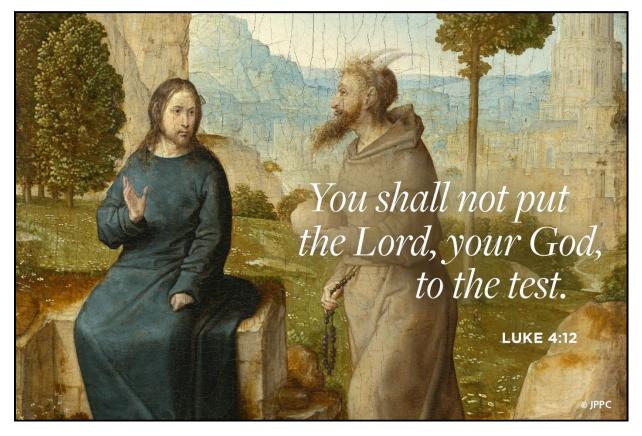
First Sunday of Lent ~ March 9, 2025



# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

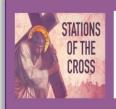
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Interested in having your child Baptized here at St. Francis? Please contact Joan Curtis at the Rectory 610-543-0848 or email us at: BaptismsSFA@gmail.com To inquire about scheduling your Wedding Ceremony here at St. Francis, please contact our Parish Wedding Assistant, Joan Kane at <u>ParishWeddingsSFA@gmail.com</u>





Join us for Stations of the Cross Friday evenings 6:30 PM ~ March 7th through April 11th. ~ School's Stations Fridays 1:30PM ~ March 7th through April 4th. (except Friday March 28th ~ No School Stations)

Living Stations of the Cross ~ Palm Sunday April 13th 7:00PM

# 1<sup>™</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



Sunday, March 9, 2025 7:30AM Joseph and Jean Gaudiello 9:30AM Nadia Philiposian 11:30AM Betty Green Monday, March 10, 2025 8:00AM Sean Laughlin Tuesday, March 11, 2025 8:00AM Michael F. Wells, II Wednesday, March 12, 2025 8:00AM Michael Mirra ADORATION (Following 8AM Mass through 7PM Holy Hour) Thursday, March 13, 2025 8:00AM Gertrude McDevitt (5<sup>th</sup> Ann) Friday, March 14, 2025 8:00AM Martha Green (11<sup>th</sup> Ann) **1:30PM School Stations of the Cross 6:30PM Stations of the Cross** Saturday, March 15, 2025 8:00AM Rev. Joseph J. Meehan **3:00PM Confessions** 4:00PM For the People of the Parish Sunday, March 16, 2025 7:30AM Betty Green 9:30AM Thomas Lynch 11:30AM Nicholas and Grace D'Angelo

**†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†** 

Especially Marty McAndrews, Heidi Krogstad, Linda Finan, Lien Nguyen, Alvera Barnard 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 9th, the candle will burn in loving memory of Guna Puntel as requested by a Friend.

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 Baby DeSantis Dominic Rosini** Andrew Colona **Monique Carpenter** Anne McGlone Maria DiGiacinto **David Clemmer Catherine Lindsev** Danny Hynes **Robert W. Bollinger** Leslie Dougherty Margaret Binetsky Jack Braconnier, Sr. **Maryann McCauley Bob Buchanan** Alicia Bona Mary Jean Grandizio **Natalie Berry Carolina Longmore** Maryann Murphy Cathy Baj Jenine Amato **Deacon Joe Gousie** Sandy Keller **Chris Touchton Tim Corlies** Susan Aljets Fox Family **Kevin Fries Ray Binni** 

**Emily Belfie** Arthur LeTourneau Lucretia Murphy **Marie Stenson 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 **Inger Sexton** Gerald Berry Ann Farren Dan Bruno **Malcolm Wills** Joe Mastalski Sadie Keller Mark McKinsev Paul Ansaldo Scott Aljets Merkle Family **Bryan Treude David Maxwell** 

**Evan Farrington Michael Farley Bill Seavev 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 **Colleen Fullerton** 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. William Feindt Ellen Ribbs

**Brittany Killen Howard** 

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.



## Hersheypark Discount Ticket Offer!

Discount tickets to Hersheypark are available to the friends and families of the parish for significant savings. Gate admission for Regular is \$90.80; our price is \$44.95 (ALL ages 3+) valid until 1/4/26.

\*ADD-ON Hersheypark Single Use Meal Deal Tickets for \$19.06 each and \*ADD-ON Parking Pass - \$26.00 pre-ordered or pay \$35.00 onsite Tickets purchased in 2025 are valid for any 1 public operating day throughout the 2025 calendar year, but will not be valid past their expiration date. Refunds, extensions or upgrades will not be offered

Orders must be received at the parish by Friday, April 25, 2025. Parishes will receive tickets on or before the week of May 19, 2025. (See Order Form in this Week's Bulletin)

## Breaking Open the Word 2nd Sunday of Lent ~ March 16th, 2025

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

# "... "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans..."

Are there days when you feel despondent? Where your soul seems ensnared in a nauseating as well as paralyzing death-grip of fear? During such moments, how have you sought to deal with such challenges? Have you reflected upon the innumerable times where frail, frightened faith-filled followers entreat God for help while wandering in the valley of despair? Can you see that you are of the spiritual lineage of Abram\Abraham? That you are not alone in your dark, desolate days? What happens when you turn to Our Lord and engage His eternal energy by praying and focusing on the 'things above?' Do you not feel like a person reborn?

#### Philippians 3:17–4:1

# ".... Their glory is in their shame. Their minds are occupied with earthly things...."

How often do you witness those who wield power act with bullying bluster like a latter-day Herod? Is this the way Christ taught His followers to behave? How are you called to live knowing that you have Christ in your life? As a humble hero? Or a haughty Herod? Earthly Glory or Eternal Shame, the choice is yours.

#### Luke 9:28b-36

"...Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here..."

Peter, James, and John were blessed with a literal as well as figurative 'mountaintop' experience. Can you recall times where you have been spiritually 'elevated' to a transcendent experience, where you had a holistic, unifying connection with Christ? How are you then called to live out Jesus' Mountaintop Message' once you 'descend' to day-to-day reality and re-engage with the mortal world?

#### 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.



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.

# FLAME &F LOVE

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.

#### The Corner

#### Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

Since we are fasting for Lent, this gives us something else to do with our mouth besides eating!

"O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise." – Psalm 51:17

#### 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.



Please join us on Sunday March 30 at the 9:30 AM Mass to welcome the new parishioners who have joined our SFA family since November. All are invited to a reception after Mass in front of the church. We look forward to seeing you!

#### **CARING FOR FRIENDS (CFF)**

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.

Weekly Comparison Financial Report

<u>3/03/2024</u>

Sunday Envelopes ~ \$13,235.72 Electronic Giving ~ \$ 8,620.27

> <u>3/02/2025</u> Sunday Envelopes ~ \$ 16,073.23 Electronic Giving ~ \$ 7,288.71 \$23,361.94



#### A RECOMMITMENT TO END HUNGER

Since 1975, Catholics across the United States have come together each Lent to respond to global hunger through the CRS Rice Bowl program. Learn how people like you have made a local and global impact on the lives of our sisters and brothers in need and why our prayers and almsgiving are still needed today. During this holy season, let us recommit to sharing bread for life with our global family so that all people can reach their God-given potential. Visit <u>www.crsricebowl.org/join</u> to share your Lenten prayer intentions.

#### THE THREE PARISH BOOK CLUB



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.

# SAINT FRANCIS OVER 50 CLUB

The next meeting is this 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. REMINDER: Casino trip is Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Bus leaves at 10AM.

<u>Casino Trips</u>: 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.

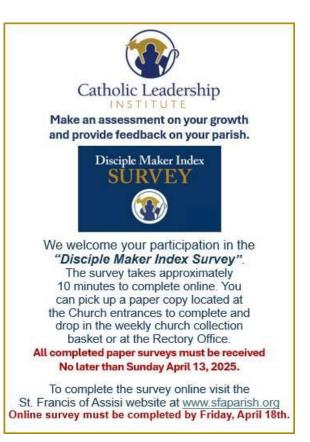
The Saint Anastasia Respect Life Ministry is sponsoring a one-day Youth retreat entitled, <u>Theology of the Body</u> -<u>Igniting the Divine Spark</u>. The retreat will be held at Cardinal O'Hara High School on **Saturday**, **March 29** and will feature Samantha Kelley who is an engaging and dynamic 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 <u>www.sarespectlifeministry@gmail.com</u>.

#### 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.



#### 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 <u>info@cloverdaletravel.org</u> or 215-469-0820.



## <u>HOPE IN CHRIST:</u> <u>SPIRITUAL SUPPORT FOR ADDICTIONS</u>

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 <u>www.archphila.org/hope</u>

Also available for support is Faith-based drug rehab website: <u>www.AddictionCenter.com/Treatment/Faith-Based-Drug-and-Alcohol-Rehab</u>

#### GOD BLESS ALL WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY



Michael Armellini	Cale Amador Jo	hn Michael Bartivic
Christopher Baxter	Colin Butler J	Ionathan Butterfield
Davidson Cox	Thomas Cresta A	anthony DelVecchio
Timothy Drabyak	Mike Froeter	Owen Galligan
Kevin Geiger	Jon Hylton	Jacob Johnson
Aidan Jones	Matthew Jones	Matthew Kauffman
Connor Lyons	Dan Marchini	Timothy McCanns
Shawn McConaghy	Bill McDermott	Emma McDonald
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	•
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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.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

#### 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

#### "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!

#### **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 https://heedthecall.org/events/bbvc/

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 - 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

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.

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

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#### LENTEN PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

As I enter another week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to You. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the best version of myself. Let me hear Your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart. Give me rest in You. Help me to accept others, showing them Your great love instead of casting judgment. Stay with me through the busy days this week and remind me that when I need comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance, I can always turn to You. Amen.





2025 Individual Ticket Order Form

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia is working with Hersheypark<sup>\*</sup> to offer tickets at a <u>substantial discount</u> to parishioners and their families.

If you would like to order tickets for the 2025 *Hersheypark* season (valid any ONE public operating day), complete and submit this ORDER FORM along with full payment, checks made payable to your parish, by

Friday, April 25, 2025.

NAME:			2
ADDRESS:			1
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PRIMARY PHONE:		2	2

# THIS OFFER ENDS: Friday, April 25, 2025

Note: Tickets are valid any ONE public operating day during the 2025 Hersheypark season. Tickets must be used on or before expiration date printed on the ticket. Hersheypark does not offer refunds, extensions or upgrades for unused tickets.

Quantity	Туре	Gate	YOUR Price	Savings	TOTAL
	ALL Ages (ages 3+) Ticket valid through January 4, 2026	\$ 90.80	\$ 44.95	50 % OFF Gate Rate	\$
	Single Use Meal Deal: Choose a meal at any one of the participating food venues. Voucher includes an entrée, side and drink	\$19.06	\$19.06		\$
	Prepaid Parking Passes	\$35.00	\$26.00	25% OFF Parking	\$
	ORDER GRAND TOTAL				\$

Parishes will receive tickets on or before the week of May 19, 2025

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