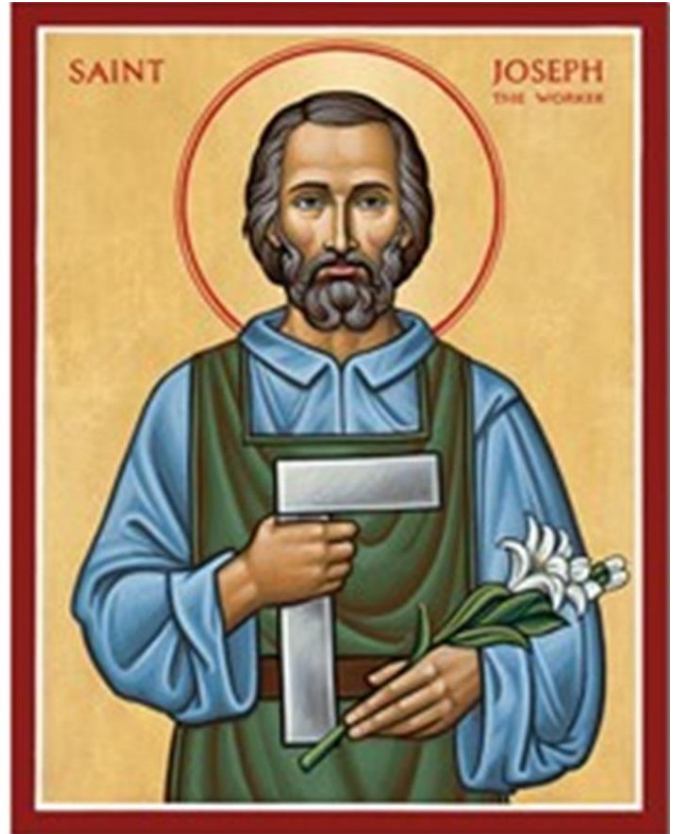
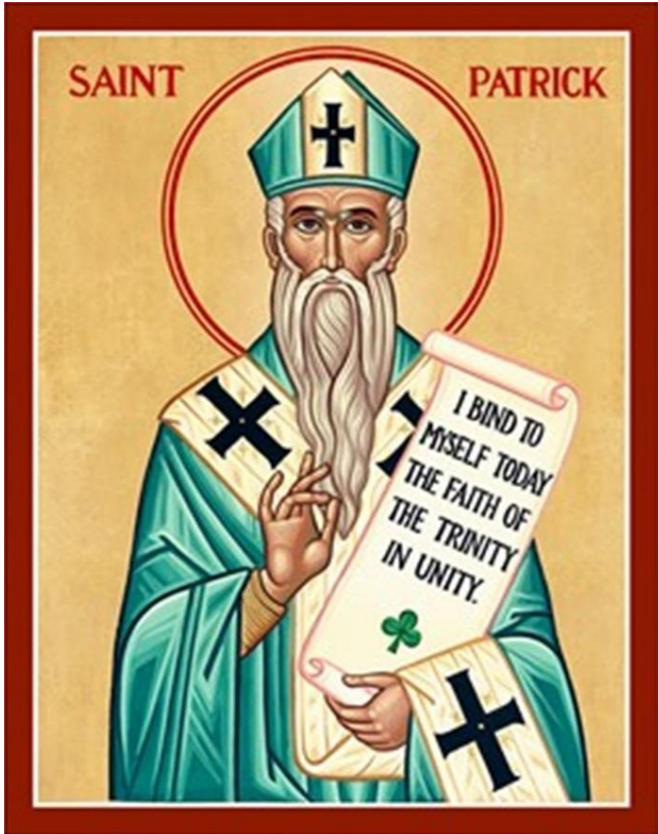


Second Sunday of Lent ~ March 16, 2025



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**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.

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

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



Sunday, March 16, 2025

7:30AM Betty Green

9:30AM Thomas Lynch

11:30AM Nicholas and Grace D'Angelo

Monday, March 17, 2025

8:00AM Donna DePaul (1st Ann)

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

8:00AM Rev. Joseph J. Meehan

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

8:00AM Betty McCarron (15th Ann) and

Beth McCarron (2nd Ann)

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

Thursday, March 20, 2025

8:00AM Kathleen Dougherty

Friday, March 21, 2025

8:00AM Nadia Philiposian

1:30PM School Stations of the Cross

6:30PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 22, 2025

8:00AM Thomas Lynch (1st Ann)

3:00PM Confessions

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, March 23, 2025

7:30AM Betty Green

9:30AM Ron Grapin (2nd Ann)

11:30AM Rev. Joseph J. Meehan

†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†

Especially Janice LeTourneau

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 16th**, the candle will burn in loving memory of **Marie McGonigal** 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:
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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

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Margaret Binetsky

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Bob Buchanan

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Sandy Keller

Chris Touchton

Tim Corlies

Susan Aljets

Fox Family

Kevin Fries

Ray Binni

Brittany Killen Howard

Emily Belfie

Arthur LeTourneau

Lucretia Murphy

Marie Stenson

Brian Marandola

Carmen Salerno

Amy Fauls

Mary Benedetti

Shealyn Mencil

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

Michelle Rodger

Sadie Keller

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Bill Seavey

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Joanne Marks

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Caroline Donovan

Amy Travers

Emily Meakim

Paula Bazela

Patti Frost Cinko

Joe Calabrese

Beverly Scarani

Madelyn O'Keefe

Hank McElwee

Colleen Fullerton

Eileen Bowdren

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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.



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Disciple Maker Index
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We welcome your participation in the
"Disciple Maker Index Survey".

The survey takes approximately
10 minutes to complete online. You
can pick up a paper copy located at
the Church entrances to complete and
drop in the weekly church collection
basket or at the Rectory Office.

**All completed paper surveys must be received
No later than Sunday April 13, 2025.**

To complete the survey online visit the
St. Francis of Assisi website at www.sfaparish.org
Online survey must be completed by
Wednesday, April 9th.

Breaking Open the Word
3rd Sunday of Lent ~ March 23rd, 2025



Exodus 3:1-8a; 13-15

“... the place where you stand is holy ground...”

God spoke to Moses about a spot being sacred and treating it reverently. Can you see how work, home, social gathering, chance encounter and so forth can be transformed into ‘holy ground’? Could you carve out “sacred space” by allowing a dog-tired parent with a pair of crying toddlers to move ahead of you at a crowded checkout line? Might a work meeting become transformed when you inject a word of kindness, a dose of wisdom as well as a gracious and grace-filled perspective into a volatile situation? How many times can you transform seemingly ‘ordinary’ environments into ‘holy ground’?

1 Corinthians 1-6, 10-12

“... whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall...”

As the saying goes, “Life can turn on a dime.” Health issues arise suddenly. Economic reversals swiftly occur due to venal whims of avaricious humans. In traumatic times to whom do you turn? Who is your solid foundation? Can you reflect upon Who is your bulwark that allows you to stand firm amidst the slings and arrows of outrageous misfortune in this unreliable, unstable world?

Luke 13:1-9

“...do you think they were more guilty than everyone else.”

Is it moral to categorize entire classes of people as the ‘other’? Demonize a group as being “less than human”? Vilify them to rationalize and even justify mistreatment of them? Use their subjugated status to prop up a false sense of superiority and security?

Is this the example that Christ lived out during His time on earth and gave to us as our sacred legacy?

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.

UPCOMING ST. VINCENT de PAUL EVENT:

April 26th - clothing drive truck pickup in SFA parking lot from 10 AM to 1:00 PM (clothing & small appliances).

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 (CFE)

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

3/10/2024

Sunday Envelopes ~ \$15,013.50

Electronic Giving ~ \$ 8,044.17

\$23,057.67

3/09/2025

Sunday Envelopes ~ \$ 11,110.00

Electronic Giving ~ \$ 12,487.84

\$23,597.84



PAYING IT FORWARD AS A LEAD MOTHER IN NIGERIA

In Nigeria, over 25 million people are experiencing extreme food insecurity due to climate change, poverty and conflict. Because of violence in their hometown, Amina and her family were forced to flee and start life over again in a new village. Learn how Amina’s participation in a Catholic Relief Services program helped her prepare nutritious meals for her family and support other families in her community to overcome the challenges of hunger and malnutrition. Visit www.crsricebowl.org/join to share your Lenten prayer intentions.



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

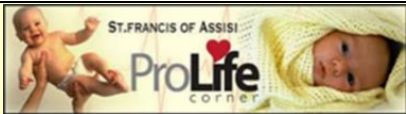


The Three Parish Book Club will hold its March meeting in the Family Life Center at Holy Cross on Wednesday, March 26th at 7:00pm. If you would like to join the meeting or would like more information, please contact Terry Price at 610.506.6449 or via email at termprice@verizon.net.
March Book - Essentialism: The Disciplined Pursuit of Less by Greg McKeown.

SAINT FRANCIS OVER 50 CLUB



The next meeting is March 27th. We will be entertained by "Dr. Johnny D."
Casino Trips: 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.
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"
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Pro-Life Union of Delaware County: 610-789-LIFE.

DELCO PARISHES PRO-LIFE MEETING

Please join us for our monthly Delco Pro-life meeting on **Wednesday, March 19, at 7 PM** at the Holy Cross Parish Center in Springfield. The Parish Center is located behind the school. Your prayers and suggestions are welcome. Currently, 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign are held March 5 ~ April 13. *Jesus, protect and save the unborn.*

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, 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 Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

On Wednesday we observe the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Let us all strive to be as obedient and trust in God as he did. **"When St. Joseph was told by the angel to flee into Egypt with Jesus and Mary, he did not worry about a dwelling place, but set off at once as he was told."**

~Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich

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.

Phillip Baumberger Pro-Life Scholarship

Do you know of any **high school Seniors** planning to attend one of these universities or any **current college students** at these schools?

- University of Pittsburgh
- Penn State University Park
- West Chester University of Pennsylvania
- Temple University
- University of Delaware
- Thomas Edison State University
- Rowan University

If so, we would like to share this scholarship opportunity with them.

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The Deadline to Apply is May 2, 2025.



Abortion Dialogue Academy

To Learn More, Visit:

<https://www.abortiondialogueacademy.org/scholarship/>

Women's Bible Study

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

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

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



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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.

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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For Pick-Up _____ Please Mail to me _____

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

"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 BORROMEVO 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/>



FORGIVENESS, THE OTHER SIDE OF LOVE

Presented by Sister Beth Woodward, IHM



Wednesday, April 2, 2025

8:45 am - 2:30 pm

\$60 per person*

Today, more than ever, forgiveness is needed in our world. What is forgiveness? How does one forgive? What are the obstacles to forgiveness? Modern day examples of people who have forgiven will be presented, reflecting the power of God in such actions. Coffee and check-in begin at 8:45 am. The day includes Mass and lunch.

*You may opt to stay overnight the evening of Tuesday, April 1, for an additional \$95.

Villa Maria by the Sea Retreat Center
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at www.VMbytheSea.com or call 609-964-7700

SACRED HEART CHURCH, CLIFTON HEIGHTS

PIEROGI SALE (*Pierogi is a case of dough filled with a savory potato and cheese filling and cooked by boiling and then pan frying*). Made at St. Stephen's Church Hall, 199 W. Baltimore Ave. (Baltimore Pike & Church St), Clifton Heights, **March 31 to April 11**, \$9.00 per dozen. Order by Calling Joanne Bidoli at 610-574-7077 or the Rectory at 610-623-0409 between 10AM and 3PM. **Pick up times** at St. Stephen's Church Hall (pierogi must be ordered first). Weekdays Noon to 1:30PM or Special Evening Pickup Wednesday of both weeks 5:30 to 6:30PM.

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? 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. Early Bird Registration by March 21st.

Registration/more info: <https://heartofthefather.com/>

IHM Conference Center

401 S. Bryn Mawr Avenue, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

Conference Day: "What is Our Role in the Healing of the World?" Tuesday, April 8, 9:30am-12N.

Presenter: Sister Christine Koellhoffer, IHM

Stipend: \$40 (includes breakfast lunch and Mass)

What is our role in the healing of the world? The prophet Isaiah tells us we are called to repair and restore what is broken (*Isaiah 58:12*). We begin with our own inner soul work and expand our reach to our neighbors in the global community in whom Jesus continues to suffer today. Through prayer, presentation, handouts for reflection, and times of stillness and conversation, we will bless what is in need of healing in ourselves and in our beautiful yet wounded world. Please join us for this Lenten day of reflection.

Movie With Meaning: "Breakthrough." Wednesday, April 9, 12:00 lunch; 1:00 movie. Stipend: \$20 (lunch). Tragedy strikes when Joyce Smith's adopted son, John, falls through the ice on a frozen lake in Missouri. Trapped underwater for more than 15 minutes, rescuers bring John back to the surface and rush him to the nearest hospital. While doctors fear the worst, the 14-year-old boy continues to fight for his life as Joyce, her husband and their pastor stay by his bedside and pray for a miracle.

Please register for these events by calling 610-581-0120 or emailing S. Marie at ihmconferencecenter@gmail.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.

AN IRISH PRAYER

As I arise today,
may the strength of God pilot me,
the power of God uphold me,
the wisdom of God guide me.
May the eye of God look before me,
the ear of God hear me,
the word of God speak for me.
May the hand of God protect me,
the way of God lie before me,
the shield of God defend me,
the host of God save me.
May Christ shield me today.
Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit,
Christ when I stand,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.



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