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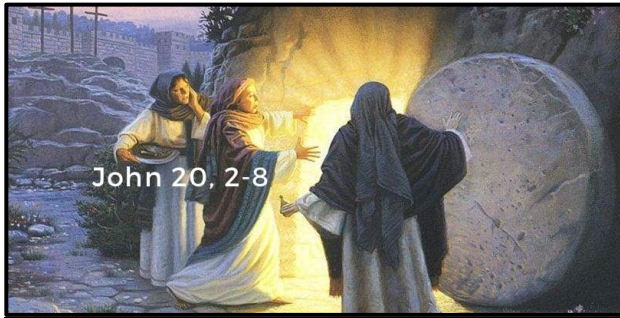
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Deacon W. Timothy Baxter

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



John 20, 2-8

ALLELUIA!

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023

7:30AM, 9:30AM, and 11:30AM

Monday, April 10, 2023

8:00AM Edward Wilson

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

8:00AM James O'Brien

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

8:00AM Deacon Jim Kane

ADORATION (Following 8AM Mass through Holy Hour)

Thursday, April 13, 2023

8:00AM Mrs. Marie Hoey

Friday, April 14, 2023

8:00AM Nelson Daniel Diaz

Saturday, April 15, 2023

8:00AM Deacon Jim Kane

3:00PM Confessions

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16, 2023

7:30AM Franny Goodwin

9:30AM Ruby Shiller (14th Ann)

11:30AM Salvatore Bongiorno

3:00PM Divine Mercy in Church

**** (Rectory is closed on Monday, April 10th)**

†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†

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

MEMORIAL FOR APRIL 2023

Bread & Wine ~ Available



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

This candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. For the Week of **April 9th**, the candle will burn in memory of the **Neil McCorrison** as requested by **his wife, Marion**.

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!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



APRIL 16TH AT 3 PM

**ADORATION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

+

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

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**CONFESSIONS FOLLOWING
THE CHAPLET**

**...AN OCEAN OF MERCY HAS OPENED UP
FOR THE WHOLE WORLD!**

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK



Baby DeSantis		Arthur Le Tourneau
Michael Farley	Dominic Rosini	Brian Marandola
Colin Murray	Marty Meenan	Eric Eisenman
Dolores Govannicci	Dorothy O'Brien	Stephen Fiore
Bill Colgan	Monique Carpenter	Evan Farrington
Robert Perkins	Carmen Salerno	Michael Costa
Maria DiGiacinto	Amy Faulls	Daniel McTague
David Clemmer	Mary Benedetti	Veronica Suppa
Catherine Lindsey	Shealyn Mencil	Caroline Donovan
Danny Hynes	Kathy Fritz	Fran Donnelly
Robert W. Bollinger	Jeannie Brattini	Dorothy O'Brien
Emily Meakim	Leslie Dougherty	Joanne DeSantis
Tommy DeVito, III	Paula Bazela	Margaret Binetsky
Jack Braconnier, Sr.	Denise DeAngelis	Joe Calabrese
Maryann McCauley	Marie Martin	Beverly Scarani
Bob Buchanan	Greg Schmidt	Vince Kelly
Alicia Bona	Albert Panebianco	Hank McElwee
Arsenio Guzman	Anita Kellie Pace	Nikki Lutteroty
Natalie Berry	Gerald Berry	Dr. William J. McCusker
	Susan Oakes	

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, **April 15th & 16th**. Thank you! *God Bless!*



BREAKING OPEN THE WORD
Divine Mercy Sunday ~ April 16th, 2023



Acts 2: 42-47

The first reading from Acts provides a snapshot into the life of the early Church. "...they devoted themselves to the communal life..." Besides attending Mass how else can you see to join in the communal life of St. Francis of Assisi Parish? Hints: Wednesday Holy Hours, Men's Faith Sharing Group, Women's Scripture Study Group, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Pro-Life Group, Legion of Mary, Elizabeth Ministry, Catechist for the parish religious education program...

1 Peter 1: 3-9

"In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise and glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ." Has your faith ever been tested? If so, how did you experience Jesus, the Son of God receiving praise and glory during that time?

John 20: 19-31

The second reading and the Gospel focus on the nature of faith, or what it means to trust and believe without seeing. Is it hard for you to believe and love without seeing? How can you build trust in Jesus who blesses all of us who have not seen and still believe?

MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE...



This year we will remember the *Special Women* we love with *Beauty and Simplicity*.

A beautiful wicker basket will be placed at the Feet of Our Lady at her Altar. We ask each family to write the name of their mother or special women in their life and place the names in the basket at the Blessed Mother Altar.

The basket will remain at Our Lady's Feet the entire month of May. Our special women will be remembered in our Sunday Petitions for the month of May. ***There is NO COST to submit your names.***

SFA SCHOOL HELP WANTED

St. Francis of Assisi School is seeking a full-time Preschool aide position for the incoming 2023/2024 school year. Applicants should have experience in an early childhood setting. Please contact Mrs. Nicole Hamilton, principal, at nhamilton@sfaschool.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, please call Joy Van Berg at 610 328-2095 or Gus. McClay at 610 544-7223.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY



Anyone needing assistance with utility bills, or other bills, or in need of food, or, if you know of someone who needs helps, please call the Rectory at 610-543-0848 and someone from the St. Vincent de Paul Society will call you back. Also, if you are in need of a ride to a doctor or test appointment, please call the Rectory 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 **every Wednesday at 1:30PM** in the Church.

SFA/SK MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY
SPRING SERVICE CLUB



We have some great opportunities for you to be a part of this Spring for 6th ~ 8th graders. ANY PARISH welcome!!

APRIL 16th, 4-5:15PM: Spring Cleaning! In April we'll be serving our host parish and assisting with some spring cleaning around St. Kevin's Parish. We'll meet in the youth room and have a snack to share!

MAY 21st, 4-5:15PM: May is the month of our Blessed Mother Mary! This month we will be serving both St. Kevin and SFA Parishes by collecting intentions from parishioners and bringing them in prayer to Mary. We'll have a snack and play outside together as well! Contact Clare Field at sfa.sk.19064@gmail.com for questions or more information.



PRO-LIFE PRAYER WARRIORS NEEDED

Prayer warriors needed to commit to saying 5 Hail Mary prayers each day to petition Our Blessed Mother for the end of abortion through the conversion of hearts and minds. Abortion needs to become unthinkable.

"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.

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

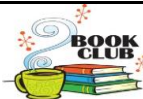


The meeting is this Thursday, April 13th, "Hoagie Day." **Tickets must be pre-purchased.** The doors to Leonard Hall (gym) open at 12:30pm and the meeting starts at 1:15pm.

Casino Trips: Resorts casino 4/17, 5/15 & 6/19. 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.**

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 THREE PARISH BOOK CLUB



The Three Parish Book Club will meet at 7:00pm in the Holy Cross Parish Center (Next meeting date to be determined). Members discuss the current month's reading and offer suggestions for other spiritual reading. For more information or if you would like to join us, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610 328-3095 or at joyvanberg@gmail.com

March

Can You Drink This Cup by Henri Nouwen

April

Braving the Thin Places by Julianne Stanz



Community Flea Market at Holy Cross Church -

Saturday April 22nd, 9:00AM-3:00PM.

Spring Cleaning, De-Cluttering, Down-Sizing??? Are you a vendor or crafter??? Here is a chance to make some money!

If you are interested in renting a space, contact us at

HCDevelopmentFund@gmail.com. Household Items - Tools

- Garden Items - Books - Clothing Furniture - Art - Jewelry

- All Kinds of Treasures - Paparazzi, Color Street, Mary Kay,

Essential Oils, Wreaths and Other Crafts, etc. Food and Fun!

\$30.00 for a 15x15' Space.

SPRING BIBLE STUDY

"Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist"

Do you think you know all about the Sacrament of the Eucharist? Come and see what you may not know! The Holy Cross Bible Study team will present a FREE 6 week study of this "source and summit" of the Christian life.

Workbooks will be provided for this series. There will be short videos and valuable group discussions. Light refreshments will be served.

We will present this at 2 different times, so **PICK THE TIME** that is best for you.

When: Mondays, April 17 thru May 22 ---7:00 to 8:30pm
- in the Holy Cross Parish Center

OR: Wednesdays, April 19 thru May 24 ---9:15 to 10:45am - in the Holy Cross Parish Center.

The Bible Study is free. Come a few minutes early to meet others and get your seat. Please join us!

It is helpful for us to have a headcount to ensure we have enough workbooks. To save a seat or for more information, contact Pattie Stevens at pattiejstevens@comcast.net or 484.868.8571.

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

"On entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed. He said to them, 'Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; He is not here.' " ---Mark 16:5-6

Christ's Resurrection from the dead gives us our ultimate hope. We cannot call ourselves Christian if we are "hopeless," for our hope is truly in Christ and our everlasting life with Him in Heaven.

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:

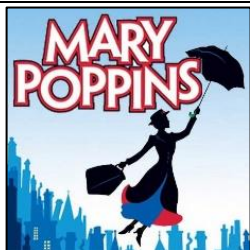
www.AddictionCenter.com/Treatment/Faith-Based-Drug-and-Alcohol-Rehab



COME AND SEE MR. ERIC LONGO PERFORM both popular and operatic selections at Anthony's Ristorante (Lamb Tavern at the Porch) on **Tuesday, May 9th** - doors open at 5pm. The following dinner selections will be served buffet style: Chicken Francaise; veal parmigiana; blackened salmon and vegetarian with Caesar salad and dessert plus coffee/tea. Price for dinner and performance is \$50.00 per person. Cash bar. Make checks payable to: **Pa sons and daughters of Italy**, and please forward checks to the following address (with a phone number for acknowledgement purposes): Ronald L. Gionta, 955 Millison Drive, Springfield, Pa. 19064. 610-329-8003.



HAPPY EASTER! Our CRS Rice Bowl journey has ended, but our prayers, fasting and almsgiving continue as we seek a closer relationship with God and our global family. Let us hold in our hearts our sisters and brothers in Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya and commit to share our Easter joy with people in our local community and around the world. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at Church or donate online at www.crsricebowl.org/donate.



The St Francis Players are pleased to announce our 2023 and 62nd Annual Production of Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's "Mary Poppins". All Performances to be held at St. Francis of Assisi's "Leonard Hall," 136 Saxer Avenue, Springfield PA 19064

Performances:

(Matinees)

SUNDAY, APRIL 23rd ~ 2:00 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 30th ~ 2:00 PM

(Evenings)

FRIDAY, APRIL 21st ~ 7:30 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 22nd ~ 7:30 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 28th ~ 7:30 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 29th ~ 7:30 PM

Purchase Tickets Online: www.stfrancisplayers.org

~ or ~

Call 610-505-8874

(Reserved: \$15-General admission:\$10-Seniors:\$8)

GOD BLESS ALL WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY



Davidson Cox ~ Skip Turner ~ Kevin Geiger ~ Jon Hylton
Connor Lyons ~ Michael McGarvey ~ Steven Ramoni
Mike Froeter ~ Daniel McLee ~ Bill McDermott
Dan Marchini ~ James McDonald ~ Timothy McCans
Patrick J. Ryan, Jr. ~ Anthony Del Vecchio
Sean Sweeney ~ Michael Jones ~ Peter Quinn
Katherine Rieder ~ Rick Kern, Jr. ~ Cale Amador
Timothy Drabyak ~ Daniel McGonigal
Brian J. McDermott ~ Jonathan Butterfield
Aidan Jones ~ Shawn McConaghy ~ Colin Butler
John-Michael Bartovic ~ Joseph Spence
Nicholas & Stephen Peranteau ~ Jesse and Chase Stewart
Matthew Kauffman ~ Christopher Baxter
Thomas Cresta ~ Michael Armellini ~ Francis McGrail
Christopher Johnson ~ Ronan Plummer
Nicholas and Emma McDonald ~ Eric McDonald

*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.*

IHM CONFERENCE CENTER EVENTS

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

MOVIE WITH MEANING: "RISEN"

Wednesday, April 12, 10AM and 1PM.

(If only enough registrations for one showing, it will be at 1PM).
Stipend: \$25 (includes lunch). *Lunch will be served for both groups at 12 noon. Roman military tribune Clavius remains set in his ways after serving 25 years in the army. He arrives at a crossroad when he is tasked to investigate the mystery of what happened to Jesus following the crucifixion. Accompanied by a trusted aide Lucius, his quest to disprove rumors of a risen Messiah makes him question his own beliefs and spirituality. As his journey takes him to places never dreamed of, Clavius discovers the truth that he's been seeking. Starring Joseph Fiennes, Cliff Curtis and Tom Felton.

CONFERENCE DAY: "WHO ME? CALLED TO HOLINESS" Tuesday, April 25, 9:30AM-2:30PM.

Presenter: Sister Rose Adams, IHM. Stipend: \$40 (includes breakfast, lunch and Mass). Even if we believe it is not possible, we are all called to be saints! God delights in us and desires us to be the unique person for which we were created. Join us for this day of prayer, insight and reflection on the call to holiness.

To register for these events, please call 610-581-0120

or email www.ihmconferencecenter@gmail.com



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SCRIP sales are held in the gym from 9:30 – 11:00am every Sunday (except holidays). If you have any questions, please contact Deb Peterson or Amy Foran at www.sfascrripsales@gmail.com or call 484-432-1472.



JDW BOOSTER CLUB PRESENTS

Spaghetti Dinner FUNDRAISER

The JDW Booster Club is hosting a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on **April 16th** to help raise money for the dancers competition entrance fees for Nationals. The spaghetti dinner includes a full meal consisting of a generous plate of spaghetti, 2 meatballs, salad, bread, dessert and a beverage.

We will have gluten free options.

There will be three (3) dinner services:

1st seating: 3:30-4:30pm

2nd seating: 4:30-5:30pm

3rd seating: 5:30-6:30pm

Cost: Adult/\$12, Children under 12/\$7, Infant under 1/Free

To Purchase Tickets reach out to:

jdwfundraising2020@gmail.com.

MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER CLUB (Ages 52-67)

Catholic men & women are cordially invited to join The Main Line Singles Dinner Club to share common interests & dine together usually 2 times a month at restaurants & house parties.. Our next scheduled event is on **Saturday April 15**, a "Post Easter/Mad Hatter House Party" at 5:30 P.M. @ a member's home in Havertown, PA. More info call Barb (610) 896-6542. I do not TEXT! Catholic men are encouraged to participate.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT DAY Saturday, April 22, 8:30am-4:00pm, Followed by Sunday Vigil Mass. St. Helena's Church, 1489 Dekalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA. Come with your spouse or fiancé and listen to nationally acclaimed Catholic speakers who will inspire you to live out your marriage with greater fervor, love and joy. **For more info and to register**, bit.ly/MarriagesofGrace

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR SPRING CONCERT May 6, 7-9PM. At the John and Joan Mullen Center for the Performing Arts, Villanova University, 800 Lancaster Avenue, Villanova, Pa. **"LIGHTS OUT" America's #1 Tribute to Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons**. Cost: \$50/person. All proceeds go to the Little Sisters of the Poor Holy Family Home! For more event details, visit www.littlesistersofthepoorphiladelphia.org. Villanova Box Office: 610-519-7474.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT HOLY CROSS We are blessed to have a very INTIMATE Eucharistic Adoration chapel at Holy Cross Parish, where JESUS is waiting for YOU. In good times and in bad, **JESUS LOVES YOU**. We are in need of visitors and hourly adorers to maintain our current adoration schedule. Please consider keeping Jesus company in our chapel, **open weekdays 9:00am to 7:00pm**. For more information, call Eileen at 610.213.3369.



PAGING ALL NURSES!!



Spiritual CPR: A Retreat for Nurses~ Sunday, May 7 Daylesford Abbey, Lunch included. Join fellow nurses for an afternoon of fellowship, reflection, and renewal. All faiths and levels of nursing welcome! To register or to ask any questions, please email Theresa Ferrari: DTPCMT@aol.com or call 484-459-1564.

MARRIED COUPLES – "Live your best life in love" in Spring 2023: Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend? The next in-person experience **April 21-23** will be held at Sheraton Great Valley, Frazer. For more info, visit: <https://www.wwme-philly.org/>.

MOTHERS' HOME CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, May 15, at Paxon Hollow Country Club.

Noon lunch / 1:00PM Shotgun Start. Please join us for a fun day of lunch, golf, cocktail reception, and outdoor barbeque on Monday, May 15th at the beautiful Paxon Hollow Country Club in support of Mothers' Home in Darby. Mothers' Home's mission is to transform the lives of pregnant women in crisis by providing safe housing and programs that prepare them for motherhood and provide a strong foundation for themselves and their children. For more information and registration please visit our golf website: www.mothershomegolf.com.

LIVE VERTICAL



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. You are invited to light a candle for your intentions and place them on the steps of the altar. Each week a live musician leads us in song and praise during this beautiful time of candlelit reflection. There is also a need for volunteers to join us in this parish reach out mission. The goal is to call every parishioner to check in and ask if you have any specific prayer intentions. These intentions are then placed on the altar during our Parish Holy Hour. 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

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PRAYER FOR EASTER

Lord, we lift our hearts to You. As the dawn breaks, may we carry the unity we share into every moment knowing that we are one with the risen Christ.

Lord, we lift our eyes to You. As the sun rises, may this moment stay with us, reminding us to look for the beautiful colors of promise in Your word.

Lord, we lift our prayers to You. As the dew air falls, may we breathe this morning in and know that like the earth, You sustain us, keep us and work within us always.

And so, we lift our voices to You. We celebrate the greatest day in history, when Jesus rose from death, defeated darkness and bathed the world in stunning resurrection light. May we ever live to praise You! Amen.

— Unknown