Third Sunday of Easter ~ May 4, 2025



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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: <u>BaptismsSFA@gmail.com</u> To inquire about scheduling your Wedding

Ceremony here at St. Francis, please contact our Parish Wedding Assistant, Joan Kane at ParishWeddingsSFA@gmail.com





MANNA Sunday Coming Up, May 18th MANNA Sunday will be our last food collection until September. We Need Your Help! Manna Bags will be distributed at all Masses Next Weekend, May 10th & May 11th Kindly take a bag, fill it with canned goods and return filled bags Saturday, May 17th ~ or ~Sunday May 18th Filled bags should be dropped off in the Church vestibule.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Weekly Comparison Financial Report

4/28/2024 Sunday Envelopes ~ \$11,645.86 Electronic Giving ~ \$5,130.13 \$16.775.99 ********************************

4/27/2025 Sunday Envelopes ~ \$11,407.25 Electronic Giving ~ \$5,587.44 \$16.994.69



"Honor The Special Women In Your Life" 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 Altar 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 Petition)



Mass of Remembrance

Saturday, May 17th 10:30AM

A special Mass of Remembrance will be held Saturday, May 17th 10:30AM for all who have suffered the loss of a child of any age. We cordially invite you, your family and friends to join us in the Celebration of the Eucharist.

A social gathering will follow in Leonard Hall, with light refreshments. All are welcome to attend.

For questions concerning this event, please contact Jen Barbier at cjbarbier2@gmail.com or 610-541-0206.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:

Our Bulletin publisher, John Patrick Publishing, will be undergoing some press upgrades this spring. Therefore, bulletin deadlines are as follows for the next month:

The May 18th bulletin is due Thursday, May 8th The May 25th bulletin is due Thursday, May 15th The June 1st bulletin is due Thursday, May 22nd



Sunday, May 4, 2025 7:30AM Augustine, Charlotte and Thomas Smolik 9:30AM Jeanne Horan 11:30AM Anita K. Pace Monday, May 5, 2025 8:00AM James N. Walsh, Sr. Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:00AM Kathleen Mullin Wednesday, May 7, 2025 8:00AM Nunzia Santoleri (1st Ann.) ADORATION (Following 8AM Mass through 7PM Holy Hour) Thursday, May 8, 2025 8:00AM Catherine Mele Friday, May 9, 2025

8:00AM George Shonleber Saturday, May 10, 2025 8:00AM Nunzia Santoleri **3:00PM Confessions** 4:00PM For the People of the Parish **Mother's Day, May 11, 2025** 7:30AM Elizabeth McCallum and

Hilda Girshick 9:30AM Nunzia Santoleri 11:30AM Joan McPeak

REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Especially Debbie Brookshire May they rest in God's peace and may their families be comforted.



MEMORIAL FOR MAY Bread and Wine~ Daniel Herron, Sr.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

This candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. For the week of May 4th, the candle will burn in memory of Janice LeTourneau as requested by the McMenamin Family.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD Third Sunday of Ordinary time ~ May 4th, 2025



Acts 5: 27-32, 40b-41

In the First Reading, we read that the apostles were given strict orders "to stop teaching in that name." The name, of course, is that of Jesus. The Jews wouldn't speak the holy name of God and so spelled it Y-H-W-H without vowels to inhibit pronunciation. It is inspiring to realize that even the earliest Christians recognized and tried to express Jesus' divinity. How do you recognize Jesus' divinity in your dayto- day life?

Revelation 5:11-14

In the Second Reading we see one of the many instances of heavenly worship. The fundamental point of St. John's Revelation is that prayer is the most important thing in the world. In this reading we see an example of a prayer of adoration. Compose your own prayer of adoration that you can use daily during these Easter days.

John 21:1-19

In the Gospel Jesus shows his overwhelming love for Peter and the other apostles. He gives them a massive catch of fish. This is a wonderful example of how God desires to bless us more than we could ever imagine. What are some of the ways God has given you unexpected gifts or blessings recently?

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

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.

HOLY ROSARY

you.

Please consider joining us at 7:30am as we pray the Holy Rosary Weekdays and Saturdays before the 8:00am Mass.

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS TOGETHER WE WILL PRAY

Baby Daniel Ruszaj

Baby Margot Steindl Baby DeSantis Dominic Rosini Andrew Colona **Monique Carpenter** Maria DiGiacinto **David Clemmer Catherine Lindsey** Danny Hynes **Robert W. Bollinger** Leslie Dougherty Margaret Binetsky Jac Braconnier, Sr. Mayann 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** Paul Ansaldo Susan Aljets Fox Family **Kevin Fries** Ray Binni **Brittany Killen Howard Tina Farally** Thomas Jenkins

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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 <u>sfabulletin@hotmail.com</u> or call the Rectory at 610-543-0848. Thank you for your prayers.



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.

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)

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 is a Support Group for those coping with a loved one in prison. Meetings are held on the 2nd 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: marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org.

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>.

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.



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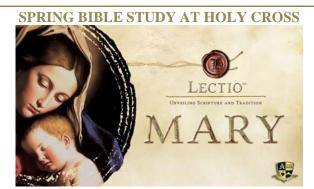
SCRIP sales are held in the gym from 9:30–11am every Sunday (except holidays). If you have any questions, please contact Deb Peterson or Amy Foran at <u>sfascripsales@gmail.com</u> call 484-432-1472 or: <u>https://www.sfaschool.com/scrip/</u>

SAINT FRANCIS OVER 50 CLUB



The next meeting is on May 8th. Our entertainment will be "Kirk Mauer." Tickets for the "Year End Luncheon", June 12th, will be on sale. The doors to Leonard Hall (Gym) open at 12:30pm and the meeting begins at 1:15pm. <u>Casino Trips</u>: 5/14, 6/11, 7/9, 8/13, and 9/10. 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 or 610-389-5225.



For May, the month of Mary, we ask the question: who is Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and why is she so important to Catholics? In this series, **"MARY: The Bible and the Mother of God"** Dr Brant Pitre explores Sacred Scripture and the connections between the Old and New Testaments. As always, we study at your convenience, either Monday evenings or Wednesday mornings, so <u>PICK THE TIME</u> that is best for you. We have valuable group discussions after the videos, and light refreshments are provided.

When: Mondays, May 5 thru June 23 --- 7:00 – 8:30 PM - in the Holy Cross Parish Center

Or: Wednesdays, May 7 thru June 25 ---9:15 – 10:45 AM – in the Holy Cross Parish Center

Please join us and bring a friend! Come a few minutes early to meet others and to get your seat. If you attend the Wednesday morning session, please also join us for 8:30 Mass that morning.

<u>It is always helpful to have a headcount.</u> We have comprehensive workbooks available at a discounted group price of \$20. <u>To save a seat</u> or for more information, contact Jane Collins at <u>elizabeth.collins3@verizon.net</u>, or 610.623.3412.

ATTENTION GOLFERS/DUFFERS



THE 32nd ANNUAL SFA CYO GOLF OUTING

Friday, May 30th, 8AM ~ 12N, at the Springfield Country Club. (400 W. Sproul Road, Springfield, Pa). General Admission: \$175. Grants entry to the event with access to standard amenities and activities.

https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2025-sfa-cyo-golfouting

2025 SFA CYO Golf Outing



"A Patient Is A Person, No Matter How Small."

William Lile, MD Come to hear the most amazing and heartwarming presentation ever delivered by a pro-life physician, Dr. Bill Lile, on Friday, May 9, 7 to 9 PM at SS. Simon & Jude Church, 8 Cavanaugh Court, West Chester, PA. No charge for the event, a free will offering will be requested.

Registration and donations are encouraged by visiting chescoprolife.org. For additional information, contact Dave Owsik at 610-416-3676 or davidowsik@verizon.net.

"<u>PRO-LIFE" LINES"</u>

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 THREE PARISH BOOK CLUB



The Parish Book Club holds its meetings in the Holy Cross Parish Center on the last Wednesday of the month at 7PM. 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>April Book</u> - Essentialism: The Disciplined Pursuit of Less by Greg McKeown.

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



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 (<u>Rob@LiveVertical.org</u>) or Luke LeTourneau (<u>Luke@LiveVertical.org</u>) or call 610-986-6660. For more info, visit: www.livevertical.org



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.

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: <u>www.AddictionCenter.com/Treatment/Faith-Based-Drug-</u> and-Alcohol-Rehab

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

GOD BLESS ALL WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY



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Christopher Baxter	Colin Butler J	Jonathan 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
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Shawn McConaghy	Bill McDermott	Emma McDonald
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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.

The Mothers of Children with Disabilities

Retreat - *Anchored in Hope: Psalms of Confidence* will be on **Tuesday, May 6, 2025, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm** at Malvern Retreat House. Sister Sheila Galligan, IHM, will lead a retreat for mothers and grandmothers who are raising children with disabilities and those who have adult children with disabilities. The day will include a presentation by Sister Sheila, time for quiet prayer and confession, opportunities to connect with other mothers, and Holy Mass celebrated by Father Mike Speziale. For more information, please contact Malvern Retreat House at 610-644-0400. To register go to: <u>https://www.malvernretreat.com/events/mothers-</u> child-w-disabilities-2025/. Download Flyer

TEA WITH THERESE: CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

OF SAINTHOOD Join author and EWTN guest Susan Brinkmann, OCDS, of LiveCatholic for a Ladies Afternoon Tea to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the canonization of St. Therese of Lisieux on **Sunday, May 18, from 2-4 PM** in the Memorial Dining Hall at the Malvern Retreat House. The afternoon will feature an assortment of teas, treats, a video about the life of the Little Flower filmed on location in France, gift basket raffle, giveaways and resources for purchase. Seating is limited! Visit <u>www.livecatholic.org</u> to register.

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.

TEA WITH THERESE: CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SAINTHOOD Sunday, May 18, 2-4PM

Join Susan Brinkmann, OCDS, and the Secular Carmelites of Live Catholic for a Ladies Afternoon Tea to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the canonization of St. Therese of Lisieux. The afternoon will feature an assortment of teas, treats, a film about the life of the Little Flower filmed on location in France, gift basket raffle, giveaways, and resources for purchase. Bring a friend and celebrate the Little Flower of Lisieux! Seating is limited.

Location: Memorial Dining Hall, Malvern Retreat House To Register, visit <u>https://livecatholic.org/product/tea-with-</u> therese-celebrating-100-years-of-sainthood/

QUO VADIS DAYS ~ June 23-26, 2025. The Vocation Office for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will once again host the annual Quo Vadis Days camp for all high school young men! Quo Vadis is an inspiring 4 day, 3 night camp including dynamic talks, prayer, engaging activities, fellowship with the Philadelphia seminarians, and much more! This camp centers around the concept of "Lord, where are you going?", to ask the Lord his plan for your life and learn more about the person of Jesus Christ. This year the theme will be "Anchor of the Soul" where we will hear dynamic talks about Christ as our hope and what it means to be anchored to Jesus throughout the journey of life. Come to learn how Christ is speaking in your life and how to respond to his call!

Location: Black Rock Retreat Center (1345 Kirkwood Pike, Quarryville, PA 17566)

More Info: <u>Click here for the English Registration Form</u> or visit <u>HeedTheCall.org/QuoVad</u>

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A PRAYER IN HONOR OF ALL THE CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED THEIR FIRST EUCHARIST... A Parent's Prayer

Loving God, You are the giver of all we possess, the source of all of our blessings. We thank and praise You. Thank You for the gift of our children. Help us to set boundaries for them, and yet encourage them to explore. Give us the strength and courage to treat each day as a fresh start. May our children come to know You, the one true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent. May Your Holy Spirit help them to grow in faith, hope, and love, so they may know peace, truth, and goodness. May their ears hear Your voice. May their eyes see Your presence in all things. May their lips proclaim Your word. May their hearts be Your dwelling place. May their hands do works of charity. May their feet walk in the way of Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Lord. Amen.



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