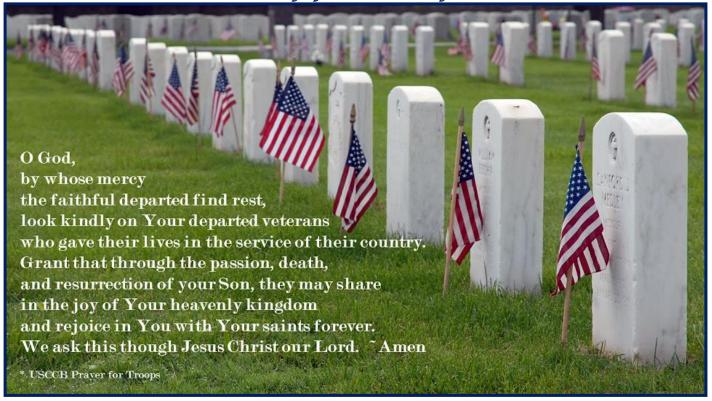
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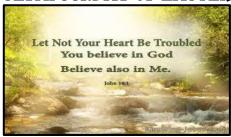
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# The Agrengion of The Lord

St. Francis of Assisi Rectory Office will be Closed
Thursday, May 29th & Friday, May 30th
(Regular business hours resume Monday June 2nd)

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Sunday, May 25, 2025 7:30AM Joan McPeak 9:30AM James Egan 11:30AM James Kane, Sr.

Memorial Day, May 26, 2025 8:00AM Living & Deceased Veterans

Tuesday, May 27, 2025 8:00AM Mary Lou Costello (1st Ann) Wednesday, May 28, 2025 8:00AM Gregory Kernicky

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

Ascension Thursday, May 29, 2025
7:00AM Matthew Dougherty
10:00AM Richard P. Goodwin
7:00PM Cynthia Fries
Friday, May 30, 2025
8:00AM Kathleen G. Segar
Saturday, May 31, 2025
8:00AM Joan McPeak
3:00PM Confessions

4:00PM For the People of the Parish Sunday, June 1, 2025
7:30AM John P. Ward
9:30AM James Kane, Sr.
11:30AM Cecile Gates (1st Ann)

#### †REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†

Especially Betsy Bodine

God's peace and may their families be comforted.

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 25th**, the candle will burn in memory of **Joe Mariano** as requested by **Friends.** 



### SFA School Rebuild

For Periodic Updates on the progress of the SFA School Rebuild, visit

"Events & News" at www.sfaschool.com.

New Parishioner
Welcoming
Mass & Reception

Please join us next Sunday, June 1st for 9:30AM Mass to "Welcome Our New Parishioners" to our Parish Community. All Parishioners are invited to attend the "Welcoming Reception" out front of Church following Mass.

THE WELCOME COMMITTEE

#### **ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:**

Our Bulletin publisher, John Patrick Publishing, will be undergoing some press upgrades this month. Therefore, due to varying deadlines, our <u>Weekly Comparison Financial</u> <u>Report</u> will resume in June. Thank you for your patience.

#### RECTORY HOURS FOR MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND and ASCENSION THURSDAY

- The Rectory will be closed from **May 23<sup>rd</sup> through Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>** for Memorial Day Weekend. Regular business hours resume Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- The Rectory will be closed Ascension Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> and Friday 30<sup>th</sup>.

Regular business hours resume Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### 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-golf-outing 2025 SFA CYO Golf Outing

#### BREAKING OPEN THE WORD Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ May 25th, 2025



#### Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29

The reading from Acts alerts us to the intense controversy between Jewish and Gentile followers of Jesus. Conflict within Christian communities is not unusual. When have you experienced such tension, and how was it resolved? What do you do to make sure you hear, read and meditate on the correct teachings of the Catholic Church?

#### Revelation 21: 10-14, 22-23

Recognizing that many lands are in a state of war, pray this Sunday's Responsorial Psalm and ask God for guidance as to how you can help bring peace to our troubled world.

#### John 14: 23-29

Our faith is grounded on the teaching of the apostles, who were filled with and guided by the Holy Spirit. The same Spirit that continues to guide the Church today also dwells within each of us and leads us to true and lasting peace. Reflect on the words...do not let your hearts be troubled. Imagine that Jesus is speaking those words to you right now. What keeps you from resting in God's peace right now? Share your deepest fears with God.

#### 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.



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 sfaparish.org 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.



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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

#### THE THREE PARISH BOOK CLUB



The Three Parish Book Club will hold its last meeting before the summer break on June 12th at a local restaurant. 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. May reading: Acts of the Apostles

#### **HOLY ROSARY**

**Thomas Dovle** 

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.

#### 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.



ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE COLLECTION



Ministry Homeless

St John's Hospice- is a men's homeless shelter and also serves meals to homeless men. The collection is next weekend, May 31<sup>st</sup> & June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please bring breakfast items (cereal, breakfast bars, coffee, tea, juice), personal care items (hand sanitizer, bath soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotion, lip balm and shaving items) and new/gently used men clothes. Items can be left in the church entranceways/vestibule. Contact Cathy and Mark Kenney at <a href="mailto:cfkenney@verizon.net">cfkenney@verizon.net</a> if you wish to drop off items at our home or for further information about the ministry.

#### **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 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: 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: <a href="marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org">marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org</a>.



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 <a href="mailto:sfascripsales@gmail.com">sfascripsales@gmail.com</a> call 484-432-1472 or: <a href="https://www.sfaschool.com/scrip/">https://www.sfaschool.com/scrip/</a>

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### 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, If you have questions or want more info, please reach out to: Jen Lorenz 610-333-3011.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### SAINT FRANCIS OVER 50 CLUB



The next meeting is June 5th. Tickets for the "Year End Luncheon", June 12<sup>th</sup>, 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>: 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.

<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 info, call Cathy Randazzo at 610-328-0408 or 610-389-5225.



Jesus, protect and save the unborn.

#### "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.

#### Pro-Life Union of Delaware County: 610-789-LIFE.

**DELCO PARISHES PRO-LIFE MEETING** 

Join us for the next monthly meeting of the Delco Parishes Pro-life Group on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>May 28 at 7 PM</u> at St. Dorothy Rectory Basement Conference Room in Drexel Hill. Entrance is from parking lot and down the inside steps.

<u>BIKING FOR BABIES – PHILLY RIDE FOR LIFE –</u> Join the Philly Ride for Life and be an advocate for human life and support area pregnancy resource centers.

**Saturday, June 7**, from Saints Philip & James Church in Exton, PA along the Chester Valley Trail. Mass optional at 7:15 AM, Ride starts at 8:15 AM. For more info see bikingforbabies.com/local-rides or contact Chris Massaro at 484-639-3580 or chris.massaro@bikingforbabies.com.

#### PHILADELPHIA MARCH FOR LIFE - SATURDAY,

JUNE 7 Join the Pro-Life community as we show that being for death-by-abortion is being on the wrong side of history. Mass at 8 AM at Cathedral SS. Peter & Paul, Phila.; March starts at 9 AM to Independence Mall Visitors Center for Rally for Life at 10 AM with music and Pro-life speakers. For more info see https://www.prolifeunion.org/2024mfl



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

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

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

#### **God Bless All Who Serve Our Country**



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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.

#### MEMORIAL DAY ~ MAY 26th, 2025

Springfield American Legion Post 227 and Springfield Township, Delaware County again hosts Memorial Day parade and services, remembering all Springfield residents who made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our country and our community. (Please Note: There is a change in location and parade route from previous years.)

<u>9:15 AM</u>: A brief Memorial Service will start in front of St. Francis Church World War II Memorial, 136 Saxer Avenue, Springfield, PA 19064, followed by a parade on Saxer Avenue and Powell Road to Old Central School

10:00 AM: Memorial Service at Old Central School This year we will be honoring and remembering United States Army 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Donald S. Weightman, a 1937 graduate of Springfield High School and Springfield resident who was a co-pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress when on a bombing mission on February 10, 1944, the aircraft was heavily damaged and presumed lost in the North Sea attempting to return to their base in England. The aircraft and crew were never seen or heard from again.

At the time of his passing he had wife and one month old son. That son is now 81 years old and living in Ohio. He plans to travel to Springfield to attend the Memorial Day Service honoring his father.

A Springfield Hero banner is on Woodland Avenue (Route 420) in front of E.T.Richardson Middle School honoring his memory. The Springfield American Legion Post 227 Memorial website for Lt Weightman is:

https://www.americanlegionpost227.org/memorial-day-2025-2nd-lt-donald-weightman



#### SPRINGFIELD ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEMORIAL DAY WALK 2025

On Monday, May 26th, Memorial Day, the members of the Springfield Athletic Association (SAA) invite all residents to join them in their one-mile memorial walk in honor of past members and families who have passed away after many years of gracing the many fields and gymnasiums of our township.

The walk begins 9 AM Sharp! RAIN OR SHINE at Halderman Field on Springfield Road and ends at Springfield High School where refreshments will be served for all participants in the walk. Along the one-mile walk, name signs of all of those past SAA members who have passed away will be displayed for all to view and pay homage to along the way.

**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! The registration deadline is May 23, 2025 **Location:** Black Rock Retreat Center (1345 Kirkwood Pike, Quarryville, PA 17566). More Info: Click here for the English Registration Form or visit HeedTheCall.org/QuoVad 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.

#### 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>

### ARE YOU RAISING YOUR GRANDCHILDREN AS A RESULT OF YOUR CHILD'S ADDICTION? Join others

walking a similar path and get support, resources and encouragement needed to be a 'parent' again! No one needs to walk alone. This support for grandparents is made possible through The Shevlin Family Foundation's Family Center (Shevlin) and Opioid settlement funds. Shevlin is a Delaware County non-profit organization whose mission is to lift families affected by substance use disorder/addiction. Our online grandparent support group meets via Zoom every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 12-1PM. Email Christine for the link at <a href="mailto:christine@shevlinfamilyfoundation.org">christine@shevlinfamilyfoundation.org</a> or call 484-768-0143. For more information about Shevlin, visit <a href="mailto:www.shevlinfamilyfoundation.org">www.shevlinfamilyfoundation.org</a>

MEN'S RETREAT AT MALVERN Who among us doesn't want to be closer to Christ? And yet, who among us struggles to find the time to get closer to Him? Please join us for a men's weekend retreat at the Malvern Retreat House in Malvern, PA. There is a profound need to help men reclaim their identity by offering them an authentic experience of an encounter with God so that they can make Christ the center of their life journey again. When: January 9-11, 2026. For more information, contact John Ovelman 410-365-4379 or john.ovelman@whitingturner.com or visit www.malvernretreat.com

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#### MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

Almighty God, we gather today on this Memorial Day to remember and honor those who have served our nation, particularly those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. We are grateful for their courage, their dedication, and their willingness to put their lives on the line for the freedoms we enjoy.

We pray for peace in our world, and that the sacrifices of those we honor today will help to create a more just and peaceful future. We also remember the families of those who have been lost, and we pray for their strength and comfort during this difficult time.

May we always remember the cost of liberty, and may we strive to live lives worthy of their sacrifice. Bless our nation, and grant us wisdom and courage to face the challenges that lie ahead.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.





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