The Most Holy Tríníty ~ June 15 2025



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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY



Father's Day, June 15, 2025 7:30AM Thomas McCallum and Max Girshick 9:30AM Frances Kutufaris (20th Ann) 11:30AM Mary H. Coughlan Monday, June 16, 2025 8:00AM Mary Travers Tuesday, June 17, 2025 8:00AM Catherine Cardie Wednesday, June 18, 2025 8:00AM Bernard and Anna LeVasseur ADORATION (Following 8AM Mass through 7PM Holy Hour) Thursday, June 19, 2025 8:00AM Kenneth Hughes Friday, June 20, 2025 8:00AM Mary Coughlan Saturday, June 21, 2025 8:00AM Kay Bratta **3:00PM Confessions** 4:00PM For the People of the Parish Sunday, June 22, 2025 7:30AM Robert P. Hartman 9:30AM Jim McFadden. Sr. 11:30AM Elizabeth Cord

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



MEMORIAL FOR JUNE

Bread and Wine~ Laurie Braconnier

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

This candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. For the week of June 15th, the candle will burn in memory of Fred Nester as requested by his mother, Margaret Nester.

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



ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

Our 'Praver Requests' list has become outdated and too large so we will be starting over on June 29th. We want to be able to allow new requests to be prayed for and renew those who are still in need of prayers. Moving forward, we will only keep the names on the list for ONE month, then remove them to make room for new members. If someone needs to remain on the list, please let me know by email: sfabulletin@hotmail.com or calling Joan Curtis at the rectory: 610-543-0848. Thank you for your understanding.

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 Lindsev** Danny Hynes Jovce Johnson Leslie Dougherty **Margaret Binetsky** Jack Braconnier, Sr. **Mayann McCauley Bob Buchanan** Alicia Bona Mary Jean Grandizio Natalie Berry **Carolina Longmore** Maryann Murphy Cathy Bai Jenine Amato **Deacon Joe Gousie** Sandy Keller **Chris Touchton** Paul Ansaldo Susan Aljets Fox Family **Kevin Fries** Steven Gaal **Brittany Killen Howard Tina Farally** Thomas DeVito

Emily Belfie Arthur LeTourneau **Bill Seavey** William Feindt **Brian Marandola 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 McKinsey Peggy Burke **Scott Aljets** Merkle Family **Brvan Treude David Maxwell** Ellen Ribbs **Thomas Jenkin Dennis Fiore**

Evan Farrington Michael Farley

Dolores Govannicci Karen Hackett **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 Louis Bier Kari Vecaro Michelle Rodger Ambrose Hummel Patricia Lindsev Ian Regino Kathleen Fahey Jack Coleman **Dobbs Family** Neil Bohley, Sr. **Mike Monte** Jake Trimmer **Thomas Doyle**

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.

SFA School Rebuild For Periodic Updates on the progress of the SFA School Rebuild, visit "Events & News" at www.sfaschool.com.

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BREAKING OPEN THE WORD Most Holy <u>Trinity Sunday ~ June</u> 15th, 2025



Proverbs 8:22-31

The First Reading describes a God who has been ever present in the lives of his creatures. Be aware! Look for God's presence in your life today.

<u>Romans 5:1-5</u>

The Second Reading speaks of "boasting" in one's afflictions. What does that mean in your life? Have you been able to embrace and offer up your sufferings to Jesus? If not, find the Surrender Prayer and begin to pray it.

John 16:12-15

The Most Holy Trinity...God's inner life is a communion of self-giving love. Reflect on the most important relationships in your life. What might the Spirit of Truth be telling you about these relationships? How might the Holy Spirit be calling you to a greater self-giving in those relationships?



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.

<u>RIDE FOR MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS</u>

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 & 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.

HOLY ROSARY

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.



CARING FOR FRIENDS (CFF)

The Caring For Friends program is in desperate need of meals. Meal tins can be picked up in the vestibule during Mass hours or in the rectory basement during business hours. If you are unable to drop the meals off during rectory hours, please contact Jill Hoffner or Cheryl Monkman to make arrangements for pick up. Thank you for your support. 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.

THE OCIA JOURNEY



My Life-changing Experience...

Before finding St. Francis, I was at a point in my life where I felt lost and nothing made sense. I was at a point in my life where I felt lost and nothing made sense. I hadn't really been practicing my faith, but I felt called to change that and so I decided to join OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation).

It has been such a life-changing experience for me, and I couldn't be more thankful to be a part of this church. I've been able to become closer to God and join a community of people that believes in kindness and warmth, which can feel hard to find these days. It was so heart-warming to be greeted with welcoming and congratulations by different members of the church at different parts of my journey.

Building a relationship with God and the church has brought me such peace and light in my life that I don't think would have been as strong had I not joined OCIA. It encourages me every day to want to be a better person. Thank you to the team for spending time every week guiding me through the faith and taking time out of your day and thank you to all members of the church for making me feel proud to be a part of it.

> God Bless, Alyssa Chedeville

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.

Catechists Needed for the 25-26 School Year CCD



Tuesday: 4:30-5:45PM Grade 1 Tuesday: 6:45-8:00PM Grade 3

Family Catechesis



Thursday: Once a month September, October, November January, February, March, April, May 6:15-7:45PM Grade 4 and Grade 5

SAINT FRANCIS OVER 50 CLUB



There are no meetings in July and August. Our general meetings resume in September.

<u>Casino Trips</u>: 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 info, call Cathy Randazzo at 610-328-0408 or 610-389-5225.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



A JOURNEY IN FAITH

Evening for Inquirers Monday, June 23, 7:00PM Rectory Conference Room C

The OCIA is a process for welcoming adults into the Catholic Church.

This process is designed for:

Adults who have not been baptized. Adults baptized in another Christian Church and wish to

inquire about the Catholic Church. Baptized Catholics who have not completed their initiation in the Church by celebrating First Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

No obligation! Come see what God has planned for you! Contact Madelyn McBride for more info: 610-543-0848 ext. 118



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. PLEASE NOTE: The Women's Bible Study ends for the summer on June 21st and will resume in September.



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 <u>www.rachelsvineyard.org</u>. A Baby's Breath 24-hour hotline: 484-571-5540. <u>www.ababysbreath.org</u>. Amnion Pregnancy Care Center: 610-622-9957 <u>www.amnionpregnancycenter.com</u> Mother's Home: 610-583-HOME, <u>www.mothershome.org</u>. Pro-Life Union of Delaware County: 610-789-LIFE.

GOD BLESS ALL THE FATHERS WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

Let's not forget all of the men who can't be there for their children today because they are serving our country.

Happy Father's Day and thank you!



Michael Armellini Christopher Baxter Davidson Cox Timothy Drabyak Kevin Geiger Aidan Jones Connor Lyons Shawn McConaghy James McDonald Nicholas McDonald Michael McGarvey Francis McGrail Stephen Peranteau Katherine Reider Chase Stewart Skip Turner

Cale Amador John Michael Bartivic Colin Butler Thomas Cresta Mike Froeter Jon Hylton Matthew Jones Dan Marchini Bill McDermott Daniel McLee Ronan Plummer Patrick J. Ryan, Jr. Jesse Stewart

Jonathan Butterfield Anthony DelVecchio Owen Galligan Jacob Johnson Matthew Kauffman Timothy McCanns Emma McDonald Nicholas Peranteau Peter Quinn Joseph Spence Sean Sweeney

Weston Haves 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.

CALLING ALL FUTURE BRUIN **FOOTBALL PLAYERS!**



Are you interested in playing CYO football this fall? St. Francis of Assisi CYO invites boys in Grades 1-4 to join our Flag Football team and boys in Grades 4-8 for Pads Football. Registration opens July 1st, 2025. For more information or questions, please contact: Chuck Bannon, Varsity Head Coach - <u>cvbannon@comcast.net</u>

Tom Rutledge, Athletic Director – trutledge@sfabruins.org Let's go, Bruins!



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.



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

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team On this feast of the Most Holy Trinity, let's remind ourselves that we celebrate this divine mystery each and every time we make the sign of the cross. So today let's say this little prayer:

"Lord, help me to live every day in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

OUR LADY OF FATIMA Church is offering Chris Stefanick's/Augustine Institute's "The Search." Thursdays, June 26-August 7, 6:45PM. Location: below the Church on South Avenue in Secane. Visually stunning & intellectually stimulating: join us for refreshments & respectful, yet honest, lively discussions following each 25-minute video. ALL are welcome. Cost: FREE! Come with friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers who are atheist, agnostic, lapsed Catholics, or those with questions/doubts. See the trailer: https://watch.formed.org/the-search/season:6/videos/thesearch-trailer-1 . To Register: contact Kathy McGovern at PREPolfsecane@gmail.com or at 484-498-2463 (landline).

OUO 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 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. Black Rock Retreat Center (1345 Kirkwood Pike, Quarryville, PA 17566) More Info: visit

HeedTheCall.org/QuoVad

AMERICA'S 248TH BIRTHDAY AND TO PRAY FOR OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY On Thursday, July 3rd, the Eve of Independence Day, a special yearly prayer event will take place outside of St. Andrew Church in Drexel Hill. On the Mason Avenue side of the Church a group of Patriots will gather in prayer and song to celebrate America's 248th Birthday AND to Pray for our Religious Liberty. Please join us outdoors at 7:30 PM in front of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, as we plead with Almighty God for the conversion of our country, His Mercy on our Land, and a return to the true freedom envisioned by our founding fathers. Bring your rosary and feel free to bring a chair or blanket!

In case of rain, we will pray in the Chapel at Saint Charles Borromeo Church on Dennison Avenue. The chapel can be entered from the parking lot on the left side of the Church as you are facing it.

For more info text/call Raphael (610-613-7481).

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RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR

MARRIAGE Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held **August 1** - **3**, **2025** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit <u>www.HelpOurMarriage.org</u> or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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.

<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>

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

PRE-CANA AT SAINT GABRIEL CHURCH Pre-Cana class will be held on the **first Friday of every month**. Please contact the Rectory at 610-586-1225 for details. Some flexibility on date may be possible. The church is located at 233 Mohawk Avenue in Norwood.

ANNUAL COURAGE/ENCOURAGE CONFERENCE

Thursday, July 31, 5pm to Sunday, August 3, 2pm.

Courage is a group of Catholics who experience same-sex attractions and who are committed to helping one another to live

chaste lives marked by prayer, fellowship and mutual support. Our members are guided by caring priest chaplains who offer reconciliation and direction for the spiritual life. Together they pursue the Five Goals of Courage.

Speakers: Fr. Brian Gannon, Neal Lozano, Sr. Gilmary Kay, RSM, Mark Houck, Fr. Philip Bochanski, Amy Hamilton and more. **Location:** Neumann University, Aston, PA

For more info/registration, visit:

https://couragerc.org/conference2025/

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@whiting-turner.com or visit www.malvernretreat.com



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 <u>sfascripsales@gmail.com</u> call 484-432-1472 or: <u>https://www.sfaschool.com/scrip/</u>

PRAISE THOSE FATHERS

Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice.

Let us praise those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a worthy and virtuous father.

Let us praise those fathers who, by their own account, were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support. As well, let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by words and actions of their children.

Let us praise those fathers who, despite marital discord, have remained in their children's lives.

Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has nurtured a thriving life.

Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step children's love and respect.

Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.

Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

Let us praise those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.

Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.



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