#### The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ ~ June 22, 2025

# THE LAMB WHO WAS SLAIN IS THE LAMB WHO IS RISEN...



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## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



Sunday, June 22, 2025
7:30AM Robert P. Hartman
9:30AM Jim McFadden, Sr.
11:30AM Elizabeth Cord
Monday, June 23, 2025
8:00AM Michael Astrino
Tuesday, June 24, 2025

8:00AM George Farrelly (5<sup>th</sup> Ann) Wednesday, June 25, 2025

8:00AM Sr. Antoinette Laforest, OCD ADORATION (Following 8AM Mass through Holy Hour)

Thursday, June 26, 2025

8:00AM Harry Spearing (1<sup>st</sup> Ann) Friday, June 27, 2025

8:00AM Sydney Melchiore

Saturday, June 28, 2025

8:00AM Michael F. Wells, II (14th Ann)

3:00PM Confessions

4:00PM For the People of the Parish Sunday, June 29, 2025

7:30AM Deceased members of Alessi and Salladino Families 9:30AM Deacon Jim Kane (3<sup>rd</sup> Ann) 11:30AM Betty Ingelsby

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

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 22nd**, the candle will burn in memory of **Carmen Salerno** as requested by **his friend**, **Mary Herron**.



My Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate Corpus Christi, the truth that Jesus is really present in the Holy Eucharist. When our Lord returned to the glory of heaven, he promised he would be with us until the end of the ages. When the Jewish people were journeying in the desert, God gave them physical bread to sustain them; now we have the spiritual bread from heaven to sustain us in the joys and tribulations of life. It is always a blessing to be able to offer the Mass as a priest with all of you here at St. Francis. You know from my sermons that I have a tough time sleeping because my mind seems to ruminate about the worries of life, in the middle of the night, but whenever I get to offer the Mass and receive the Eucharist with all of you, I get the confirmation that our Lord is in charge and things will be okay—because I didn't receive a symbol of Jesus, I received Jesus truly present in the host.

I wanted to just make a quick mention about our St. Francis grotto. Our St. Francis statue has seen better days, and, on more than one occasion, the statue has fallen over and is in disrepair. I promise you the statue will be replaced but I am trying to find a good quality statue that will last for years to come. I appreciate your patience. We will replace the statue, add some lighting, and get the area power-washed—it just may take a bit of time, but it'll get done.

I hope everyone is having a relaxing summer and we finally get some sunshine. Our parish motto in honor of St. Francis is: Pax et Bonum, which means: Peace and good will to all. I hope all of you experience those two virtues in this summer of 2025!

In Christ,

### Rev. Matthew J. Tralies

+ Fr. Matthew Tralies

### Weekly Comparison Financial Report 6/16/2024

Sunday Envelopes ~ \$8,805.24 Electronic Giving ~ \$4,870.38 \$13,675.62

#### 6/15/2025

Sunday Envelopes ~ \$10,549.00 Electronic Giving ~ \$6,058.04 \$16,607.04

### SFA School Rebuild

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

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

**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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#### **ATTENTION PARISHIONERS**

Our 'Prayer Requests' list has become outdated and too large so we will be starting over next weekend, 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: <a href="mailto:sfabulletin@hotmail.com">sfabulletin@hotmail.com</a> or by 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 Emily Belfie Evan Farrington Baby DeSantis** Arthur LeTourneau Michael Farley **Dominic Rosini** Bill Seavey **Andrew Colona** William Feindt **Dolores Govannicci Monique Carpenter** Brian Marandola Karen Hackett Maria DiGiacinto **Amy Faulls** Joanne Marks **David Clemmer** Mary Benedetti Veronica Suppa **Catherine Lindsev Shealyn Mencel** Caroline Donovan **Danny Hynes** Kathy Fritz Amy Travers Emily Meakim Joyce Johnson Jeannie Brattini Paula Bazela Leslie Dougherty Joanne DeSantis Margaret Binetsky Patti Frost Cinko Ron Fraatz Jack Braconnier, Sr. **Denise DeAngelis** Joe Calabrese Maryann McCaulev **Marie Martin Beverly Scarani Bob Buchanan Greg Schmidt** Madelvn O'Keefe Alicia Bona Susan Lower Hank McElwee Mary Jean Grandizio **Inger Sexton** Colleen Fullerton Natalie Berry **Gerald Berry** Eileen Bowdren Carolina Longmore **Brian Griffin** Ann Farren Maryann Murphy Dan Bruno Marsha Four Cathy Baj Malcolm Wills **Louis Bier** Joe Mastalski Kari Vecaro Jenine Amato **Deacon Joe Gousie** Michelle Rodger Ambrose Hummel Sandy Keller Sadie Keller Patricia Lindsey **Chris Touchton** Mark McKinsey Ian Regino Paul Ansaldo Peggy Burke Kathleen Fahev Jack Coleman **Susan Aljets Scott Aliets** Fox Family Merkle Family **Dobbs Family Kevin Fries Bryan Treude** Neil Bohley, Sr. Steven Gaal **David Maxwell** Mike Monte **Brittany Killen Howard** Ellen Ribbs Jake Trimmer Tina Farally Thomas Jenkin **Thomas Dovle** Thomas DeVito **Dennis Fiore** Lauren Holden

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 <a href="mailto:sfabulletin@hotmail.com">sfabulletin@hotmail.com</a> 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.

#### 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.

#### ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



#### **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

#### **BREAKING OPEN THE WORD**

#### Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ ~ June 22nd Genesis 14:18-20

The First Reading is a foretaste of the Eucharist. King Melchizedek of Salem serves bread and wine to Abram and blesses him in the name of the Lord. What does it mean that Jesus is a priest in the order of Melchizedek?

#### 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes." These words from the second reading recount the first Supper of the Lord. Reflect on the following the next time you receive the Eucharist: Jesus takes the bread and wine of the Passover meal that he is eating with his disciples and presents them as his Body broken on the Cross and his Blood poured out on the cross for the forgiveness of sins. As you reflect how do these words bring you to a greater understanding and love for the Eucharist?

#### Luke 9:11b-17

The Gospel concludes with a simple meal for a hungry crowd. When we receive Christ's Body and Blood n the Eucharist, St. Augustine tells us "... we become what we receive." We become Jesus' Body in this world. St. Teresa of Avila also shares, "Christ has no body now but yours." Meditate and pray about your role as Christ's hands, eyes, and feet. Decide on one action this week by which you may serve as Christ's body in the world.

#### **HOLY ROSARY**

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



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.



#### Ministry Homeless

St John's Hospice- is a men's homeless shelter and also serves meals to homeless men. The collection is next weekend, June 28 & 29. 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.

#### CASSEROLES FOR ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE

Casseroles can be dropped off in the Rectory Basement freezer during regular business hours:

Monday ~ Thursday 8:30am-3:30pm (Closed 12N-1pm for lunch)

Friday 8:30am-11:30am (during summer)

Access to the Rectory basement freezer on weekends can be arranged by request. Contact Cathy Kenney 610-812-6018. Casserole recipes and containers are available in the Church vestibule, and in the rectory during regular business hours. Casseroles may also be dropped off at Cathy's house (in cooler by the front door). Please email Cathy at <a href="mailto:cfkenney@verizon.net">cfkenney@verizon.net</a> in advance, to make arrangements for drop off. Pickup can also be arranged.

#### 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.

#### 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.

<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.

### CALLING ALL FUTURE BRUIN FOOTBALL PLAYERS!



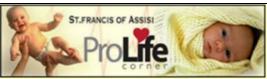
Are you interested in playing CYO football this fall?
St. Francis of Assisi CYO invites boys in **Grades 1–4** to join our **Flag Football** team and boys in **Grades 4–8** for **Pads Football**. **Registration opens July 1st, 2025.** 

For more information or questions, please contact:

Chuck Bannon, Varsity Head Coach

- cvbannon@comcast.net

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



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.

Amnion Pregnancy Care Center: 610-622-9957

www.amnionpregnancycenter.com

Mother's Home: 610-583-HOME, www.mothershome.org.

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

#### 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.

# ST FRANCIS PARISH MEN'S GROUP MENS 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.



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 Did you know....?

The Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) was established in 1264 when it was proposed by St. Thomas Aquinas to Pope Urban IV, in order to create a feast focused solely on the Holy Eucharist, emphasizing the joy of the Eucharist being the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### ST. KEVIN PIONEERS TRIPS

Smokey Robinson Tribute Band – Monday, June 30, 2025. Enjoy a show and receive \$20 in slot pay at The Tropicana. The cost is \$82.00 and the bus leaves from St. Kevin at 10:15 am. Contact Dolores Perna at 610-544-5098.

Cooperstown, NY – 2 days/1 night – September 7-8, 2025. Accommodation at the Best Western, 2 meals (1 breakfast and one sit down dinner). Narrated Erie Canal Lock Cruise, Admission to National Baseball Hall of Fame. \$469/person (double) or \$539/person (single). Contact Michele Walton at 610-247-1123.

**ST. KEVIN AND ST. JOSEPH OVER 50 CLUBS** We are joining efforts to present the 2025 Christmas Show at the American Music Theater on **December 17, 2025**. \$145 includes transportation, show admission and lunch at Hershey Farms. Contact Cathy Luongo at 610-955-5988.

AMERICA'S 249TH 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. 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. For more info text/call Raphael (610-613-7481).

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### MERION MERCY SUMMER LACROSSE CAMP FOR GIRLS

Merion Mercy is hosting a lacrosse camp in July, and we would love for your daughter to join us! The camp will be a great chance to:

- •Work with our coaches and some of our current students on our brand new turf field.
- •Learn or build on fundamental stick skills and field positioning.
- •Meet teammates and make new friends.
- •Get a feel for our high school program in a fun, positive environment.

Whether your daughter is brand new to lacrosse or has played before, we welcome all skill levels. We're excited to meet the future players of our program and help them feel confident and connected before the season begins.

#### **Camp Details:**

Dates: July 21-July 24

P Location: Merion Mercy Academy Alumnae Field

Time: 4:30pm - 7:00pm

Cost: \$175.00

Open to all Rising 6-9th graders

Register here:

https://merion-mercy.jumbula.com/Summer2025\_213/Lacrosse

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.

## RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE 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 <a href="www.HelpOurMarriage.org">www.HelpOurMarriage.org</a> 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 <a href="https://www.calixsociety.org">www.calixsociety.org</a>. 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.

#### 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>

## 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

#### 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.

**Location:** Neumann University, Aston, PA. For more info/registration, visit: <a href="https://couragerc.org/conference2025/">https://couragerc.org/conference2025/</a>

MEN'S RETREAT AT MALVERN 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



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#### PRAYER FOR THOSE LIVING ALONE

I live alone, dear Lord, stay by my side. In my daily life, be always my guide. Grant me good health, for this I pray, so I may live to the fullest every day. Help me stay positive in thought and in deed. As I strive to be kind and help my neighbor in need. Protect me from threats such as theft and fire; shield me from hatred and others' ire. If an illness or accident should befall me, then humbly I pray, Lord, that You hear my call. And when I am feeling low or in despair, lift up my heart and help me in my prayer. I live alone, dear Lord, yet I have no fear, because I feel Your presence ever near. Amen.





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