

I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.

MARK 1:17

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sunday, January 21, 2024

7:30AM Lucas H. Keating

9:30AM Rev. Joseph DiGregorio (1st Ann)

11:30AM Sarah & Dan Fahey

Monday, January 22, 2024

8:00AM Alex Dalton

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

8:00AM Frances Randazzo

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

8:00AM Alexander F. Oleykowski

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

Thursday, January 25, 2024

8:00AM Daniel Murray

Friday, January 26, 2024

8:00AM Robert Iatesta

Saturday, January 27, 2024

8:00AM Rev. James A. Grant

3:00PM Confessions

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, January 28, 2024

7:30AM Alex Dalton

9:30AM Janet Bollinger Doherty

11:30AM Vincent and Carmela Conforti

†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†

*Especially, Barbara McGroary McGlinchey, Donna McDonnell,
Jill Mariani, Richard Goodwin*

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



MEMORIAL FOR JANUARY 2024

Bread & Wine

MaryAnn Broderick



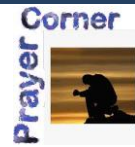
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

This candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. For the Week of **January 21st**, the candle will burn in loving memory of **Rev. James A. Grant** as requested by friends.



COLLECTION COUNTERS NEEDED

If interested in volunteering one Sunday a month to count Offertory collections, please call Joan Fogarty at the Rectory 610-543-0848, ext. 117.



Baby Callan Ries

Baby DeSantis

Dominic Rosini

Colin Murray

Dolores Govannicci

Monique Carpenter

Anne McGlone

Maria DiGiacinto

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Catherine Lindsey

Danny Hynes

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Leslie Dougherty

Paula Bazela

Jack Braconnier, Sr.

Maryann McCauley

Bob Buchanan

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Maryann Murphy

Cathy Baj

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Ray Kenney, Sr.

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Brian Marandola

Bill Seavey

Carmen Salerno

Amy Faulls

Mary Benedetti

Shealyn Mencil

Kathy Fritz

Jeannie Brattini

Joanne DeSantis

Margaret Binetsky

Denise DeAngelis

Marie Martin

Greg Schmidt

Albert Panebianco

Mary Jean Grandizio

Gerald Berry

Ann Farren

Dan Bruno

Malcolm Wills

Robert Ranieri

Joanne Marks

Evan Farrington

Michael Farley

Anna Carullo

Lou DeSantis

Arthur Le Tourneau

Ethel LeVasseur

Michael Costa

Daniel McTague

Veronica Suppa

Caroline Donovan

Fran Donnelly

Emily Meakim

Nikki Lutteroty

Ron Fraatz

Joe Calabrese

Beverly Scarani

Vince Kelly

Hank McElwee

Inger Sexton

Eileen Bowdren

Brian Griffin

Cathy Randazzo

Patricia Lafferty

Jack Schultz

Michelle Rodger

If you have someone you would like prayed for, OR have REMOVED from prayer list, please email Joan Curtis at sfbulletin@hotmail.com or call the Rectory at 610-543-0848. Thank you for your prayers.



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

SAVE THE DATE...



St. Francis of Assisi Fish Fry will be held on Friday, February 16th. More Details and Ticket information to follow in next week's bulletin.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~January 28th, 2024



Jesus heals the ten lepers

Deuteronomy 18:15-0

We know from today's reading that the Israelites were frightened by the visual displays of God's majestic power. As a result, they did not want to hear the direct voice of the Lord, or see his fire ever again! God, pleased by this, chose to send his word through prophets. Imagine being present when the Israelites fled Egypt. How would you be changed by this experience?

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Paul reminds us that our relationship with God is ultimately more important than the relationship between spouses. Paul's advice illuminates our adherence to putting God first in our lives.

Mark 1:21-28

In today's Gospel, Jesus heals a man with an unclean spirit. While describing the healing, Mark makes a bold statement. A new teaching "with authority". This statement sets Jesus as who he truly is, the Son of God. Reflect on the word "authority" and what it means in the context of your relationship with God.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

(ATTENTION: NEW NUMBER FOR ASSISTANCE)



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, **please call 610-212-4932** and someone from the St. Vincent de Paul will call you back.

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.

ATTENTION SENIORS & VOLUNTEERS

If you would be willing to pick up a senior on your way to Mass, please call Pat Brown & give her your name, phone number & your preference for what Mass you attend. Pat's phone number is **610-328-9831**.

If you are a senior, who lives within the boundaries of St. Francis Parish who would like a ride to Mass, please call Pat Brown & give her your name, telephone number, address & your preference for what Mass you would like to attend.

No volunteer would be asked to change the Mass time that they prefer to attend. But your "uber" would make a world of difference in the life of the senior you would be picking up. Please give this some thought and, hopefully, you'll decide to help out a senior! God Bless!!

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.

(IN) THE SPLENDOR OF THE EUCHARIST



Go and see,
Enter the Church or Adoration Chapel,
See the Unseeable!
Feel the embraceable!
Welcome the welcomer.
Bathe in the pool of His Precious Blood.
Intercept the beam of His heavenly light.
For Precious Jesus, having Died and Risen, will never die again. Minute by minute in His Real Presence
He is preparing us for entry with Him in Paradise.

Bill Burke - Parishioner

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

Please consider making meals in your home and bringing them to the CFF freezer located in Leonard Hall kitchen (back of Gym). **Fridays 3pm - 7:30pm, Saturdays 7:45am - 5pm, and Sundays 7:30am - 12:30pm.** You can also pick up tins and supplies in the rectory (*during regular business hours*) and the vestibule of the church.

The program is looking for volunteers for delivering meals. Most of our friends are elderly individuals who cannot otherwise remain in their homes without the support of the meals we provide at no charge. These friends have received the comfort of a meal, delivered by a volunteer who stays to share stories, laughter, and most importantly friendship.

If you are interested in this ministry, you can reach out to one of us for information:

Cheryl Monkman (610)574-5541

Jill Hoffner (610)733-1593



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.

YOUR HANDS ARE NEEDED



We are starting to prepare for our Mother and Father's Day Remembrance Trees, and we need your hands to help us. If you can cut ribbon and wire, make a bow (we will teach you), we need you. Please call CC at 610-543-2218. Thank you!

EXPLORE YOUR EUCHARISTIC FAITH



Jesus and the Eucharist is a dynamic, 7-session study designed to help you connect with your fellow parishioners as you fall deeper in love with our Eucharistic Lord. Immerse yourself in the beauty of our faith in an intimate small group setting, hear from some of the most brilliant voices in Catholicism, and explore the mystery of the Eucharist anew as a part of the National Eucharistic Revival.

Wednesdays: 2/21, 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 4/3, and 4/10.

From 6:30-8:00PM in the Upper School, 1st floor.

Call the Madelyn McBride for more info/to register:

610-543-0848 ext. 118.



To Order Tickets, Visit

<https://www.sfascchool.com/dueling-pianos-at-sfa>

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

"Tomorrow is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children."

"A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer."

--- Pope St John Paul II, from his 1995 Encyclical "Evangelium Vitae"



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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 www.sfascipsales@gmail.com or call **484-432-1472.**

THE THREE PARISH BOOK CLUB



The Book Parish Book Club will meet next at 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, January 31, 2024**, at the Holy Cross Church Parish Center. You need not have read the selected book(s) to attend the meeting. If you would like more information, or if you would like to join us, please contact Joy Van Berg at joyvanberg@gmail.com or at 610 328-2095.

December: This Is My Body by Bishop Robert Barron

January: My Anointing Echoes by Father Douglas McKay

February: In The School of the Holy Spirit by Jacques Phillipe

CONGRATULATIONS!

The following Catechists of our Parish Religious Education Program were honored at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul on Saturday, January 13, for their years of service.

Matthew Radico – St. Pius X Award – 10 Years

Maryann Clark – Our Lady of Guadalupe Award – 15 years

Patricia Debany – Our Lady of Guadalupe Award – 15 Years

Annemarie Talvacchio – St. Charles Borromeo Award – 25 years.

May God bless them all the catechists and classroom aides of our Parish Religious Education Program.

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 Bartivic ~ 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 ~ Owen Galligan

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.



"PRO-LIFE" LINES

Crisis Pregnancy Resource hotline: 610-626-4006.

Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion healing: 877-HOPE-4-ME

www.rachelsvineyard.org.

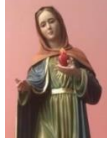
A Baby's Breath 24-hour hotline: 484-571-5540.

www.ababysbreath.org.

Delaware County Pregnancy Center: 610-872-2229, www.dcpcchester.org

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

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



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.

SAINT FRANCIS OVER 50 CLUB



The next meeting is this Thursday, January 25th. We will be entertained by "Tony Lombardi." Tickets will be on sale for **Pizza Day, February 22.** The doors to Leonard Hall (gym) open at 12:30pm and the meeting starts at 1:15pm.

Casino Trips: **2/19, 3/18 & 4/10.** 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.**

Other Trip: The Shore Club, Spring Lake, NJ for "Irish Celebration", March 6th. Cost \$125: includes luncheon, 1 hour open bar, Entertainment by "Irish Tenor-Green Derby Show & Will Lynch Band. Bus leaves 9AM from St. Kevin parking lot (200 W. Sproul Road). Park in spaces adjacent to the Springfield Country Club. Call Cathy Randazzo: 610-328-0408.

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.

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.

COME JOIN US...



The St Francis Family Rosary Group meets every Friday evening in the church at 7pm to say the rosary. For more information call Anita Galligan (610)585-0142.

ATTENTION: BOYS GRADES 8-12

Boys in grades 8-12 are cordially invited to attend a weekly class on Prayer and Spirituality. Classes are led by many priests and deacons from the Archdiocese. Classes are on **Wednesdays 7-8pm** at St Francis of Assisi parish library. Classes have been going on since September, but each class is independent and requires no preparation, so boys can join anytime during the year. Parents are welcome to stay for the Holy Hour which runs from 7-8 upstairs from the library in the church. There is no cost, no preparation, no homework or tests. This is just a chance for the boys to learn more about their Catholic Faith, connect with other boys, and grow in their relationship with God. If you think your son may be interested, email Bob and Carol Cardie at cbcardie@gmail.com to be put on a weekly reminder list. You can view topics for discussion on the following website (more topics will soon be added for the second semester):

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1nSc1Izn440LRMnIXcDKSOfRdrfst8VT/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=109186988252712656508&rtpof=true&sd=true>

2024 HOLY SPIRIT RETREAT All are invited to Malvern Retreat Center for the 2024 Holy Spirit Retreat on the weekend of **January 26-28.** Retreat director is Fr. Tom Heron. Register at www.malvernretreat.com/events/holy-spirit-2024/ The donation amount being asked this year is \$275. If you need help, we are happy to assist you in registering. Contact Carlo Borgia: 610-544-6369.

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 have two Calix units in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. 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.

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

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PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART

Sacred Heart of Jesus, today I wish to live in You, in Your grace, in which I desire at all costs to persevere. Keep me from sin and strengthen my will by helping me to keep watch over my senses, my imagination, and my heart. Help me to correct my faults which are the source of sin. I beg You to do this, O Jesus, through Mary, Your Immaculate Mother. Amen.



MEET OUR SEMINARIANS



"I think I know why you're here, Brendan. You're here to ask about the priesthood." When my pastor said those words to me during confession, it sparked something in me, and I began praying and asking God if this was something He had in mind for me. Every time the thought came to me, I felt a peaceful joy, and I knew I had to explore that further. This is what led me to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. Going into the seminary is not something one casually decides. It requires genuine commitment. That is what makes the seminary special – the daily dedication of individuals striving to grow as better Christians and pursue their calling.

I believe one of the most valuable aspects of the seminary is that we have our personal prayer time with God, but it's also done alongside and with others who are on a similar path. **When thinking about the Church's future, I can't think of a better place to invest resources and treasure than St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.**"

– Rev. Mr. Brendan Zehner



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