

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Rev. Matthew J. Tralies ~ Pastor

Deacon W. Timothy Baxter

Rev. Henry J. McKee ~ In Residence

Deacon James J. McGonigal

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sunday, January 28, 2024

7:30AM Alex Dalton

9:30AM Janet Bollinger Doherty

11:30AM Vincent and Carmela Conforti

Monday, January 29, 2024

8:00AM Sean Laughlin (6th Ann)

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

8:00AM Frank and Jane Conforti

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

8:00AM John T. Doyle

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

Thursday, February 1, 2024

8:00AM Thomas Doyle

Friday, February 2, 2024

8:00AM Betty O'Neill (20th Ann)

Feast of St. Blaise, February 3, 2024

8:00AM Charles J. McClafferty, Jr.

Blessing of Throats will be after Mass

3:00PM Confessions

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, February 4, 2024

7:30AM Emidio Galie

9:30AM Anna Ward

11:30AM Robert J. Fuss, Sr.

†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†

Especially, Mario Feliciani

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



MEMORIAL FOR FEBRUARY 2024

Bread ~ Jim Braconnier

Wine ~ Charles Milligan

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE



This candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. For the Week of **January 28th**, the candle will burn in loving memory of **The Unborn** as requested anonymously.



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.

Prayer Corner



Dean Segal
Baby DeSantis
Dominic Rosini
Colin Murray
Dolores Govannicci
Monique Carpenter
Anne McGlone
Maria DiGiacinto
David Clemmer
Catherine Lindsey
Danny Hynes
Robert W. Bollinger
Leslie Dougherty
Paula Bazela
Jack Braconnier, Sr.
Maryann McCauley
Bob Buchanan
Alicia Bona
Anita K. Pace
Natalie Berry
Carolina Longmore
Maryann Murphy
Cathy Baj
Francine Piccone
Ray Kenney, Sr.
Cathy Kenney

Bill Colgan
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
Betsy Marcel

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

OPEN HOUSE

JANUARY 31, 2024
6:00PM-8:00PM

ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME VIST SFA!

Registration packets will be available!

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

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~February 4th, 2024

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

The overwhelming misery, hopelessness and despair of Job are familiar to us in our own time. From minor setbacks, layoffs and financial woes to family tragedy, natural disasters and wars among nations; we experience loss and heartache at some point. What helps you to find God's healing power amidst your times of trouble?

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Paul speaks of his obligation to spread the teachings of the gospel. His faith "wins over" the weak. When he gets down to their level, he can save them. We, too, have a duty to the Lord as faithful followers. How do ordinary, average, imperfect Catholics *save* others?

Mark 1:29-39

Jesus healed the sick, cured diseases and cast out demons. He traveled from town to town preaching the gospel because He knew that it was His mission on earth. Do you feel called to share your charity at home or somewhere beyond? Where can you do the most good with your talents to spread God's word?



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.



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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.sfascrripsales@gmail.com or call **484-432-1472**.

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

St John's Hospice- is a men's homeless shelter and also serves meals to homeless men. The collection is the weekend of **February 3 & 4**. 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 cfkenney@verizon.net if you wish to drop off items at our home or for further information about the ministry Thanks.

ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE CASSEROLE COLLECTION

Casseroles are needed for St. John's Hospice/Shelter. The casseroles are what the men eat for lunch and dinner and are greatly appreciated! The recipes and containers are available in the church vestibule on the Blessed Mother's side. Casseroles may be dropped my house (there is a cooler by the front door). Please email me in advance to make arrangements to drop casseroles off at my house. My email is: cfkenney@verizon.net Pickup can be arranged. This is a great community service opportunity for families and groups. Casseroles are due SAME weekend as St. John's Hospice Collections. Cooler will be at SFA for drop off.

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 to deliver 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

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 in the Upper School, First Floor on 2/21, 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 4/3, 4/10 from 6:30-8:00PM

OR Thursdays in Rectory Conference Room A on 2/22, 2/29, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 4/4 and 4/11 from 6:30-8:00PM

OR in a parishioner's home on Tuesdays 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14/ and 5/21 from 10:00AM to 11:30AM

Call the Madelyn McBride for more info/to register:
610-543-0848 ext. 118.

FLAME OF LOVE

OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



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.



February 2, 2024
Flame of Love Feast Day Mass

CANDLEMAS

Hosted by FOL Cenacles @
Saint Anastasia Church
3301 West Chester Pike
Newtown Square, PA 19073

Contact Info: Clare Flynn 610-355-7798

Schedule : 5:30 pm to 6:30 St. Michael Chaplet and FOL Rosary
6:30 pm Speaker: Dr. Antone Raymundo
7:00 pm Blessing of Candles

Live Streamed: <http://saintanastasia.net/>

Bring your Candles to be Blessed

Please Visit our Materials Table

Enjoy light Refreshments.



FRANCIS FEST STYLE FUN!

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Live music featuring dueling piano players taking your requests throughout the night



SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 3RD
7-11 P.M.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

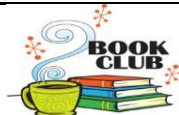
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(Gym)
Springfield

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To Order Tickets, Visit

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

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.

January: My Anointing Echoes by Father Douglas McKay

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

SAINT FRANCIS OVER 50 CLUB



The next meeting is February 8th. We will be entertained by "Calvin Pressley." Tickets on sale for Pizza Day, February 22.

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.



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.

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/1nSc11zn440I-RMnIXcDKSOfRdrfst8VT/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=109186988252712656508&rtfpof=true&sd=true>

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

On Friday we celebrate **The Presentation of The Lord**. Read the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 2, verses 22-40. Ask God for the same grace of faith that Simeon and Anna professed in the temple; that we, too, will recognize Jesus as our salvation.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

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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.

Upcoming EVENTS

ATTENTION MUSICIANS If you play an instrument at an intermediate level or above, and would like to contribute to the beauty of our Holy Cross Choir Masses, contact our Music Director Grete Ingalls, at holycrossmus@gmail.com or 267.253.4007. Please join us!

RETROUVAILE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

The next program will be held **February 16 - 18, 2024** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more info, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

WOMEN OF HOPE (formerly known as Dominican Women) Retreat: **March 15-17, 2024**. Come to Malvern Retreat House to renew and strengthen your relationship with our Lord. The cost is \$275 and a \$75 deposit minimum is requested to secure your spot. To register, call 610 644-0400 or visit www.malvernretreat.com.

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.

St. Francis of Assisi *"LENTEN FISH FRY"*

Come together and dine as a community during this Lenten Season



Friday, February 16th
5:00PM ~ 7:30PM
Leonard Hall

Tickets on sale now!

Tickets can be purchased at the Rectory during normal business hours now through Thursday February 15th!

Tickets **will not** be sold at the door.

(100th Anniversary Memorabilia will be available for sale)



Seafood Platter \$15

New England Clam Chowder, Cod Fish Filet, Butterfly Shrimp, Cole Slaw, French Fries, Dessert and Beverage.



Children's Grilled Cheese Platter \$7

Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, French Fries, Apple Sauce, Dessert and Beverage.

