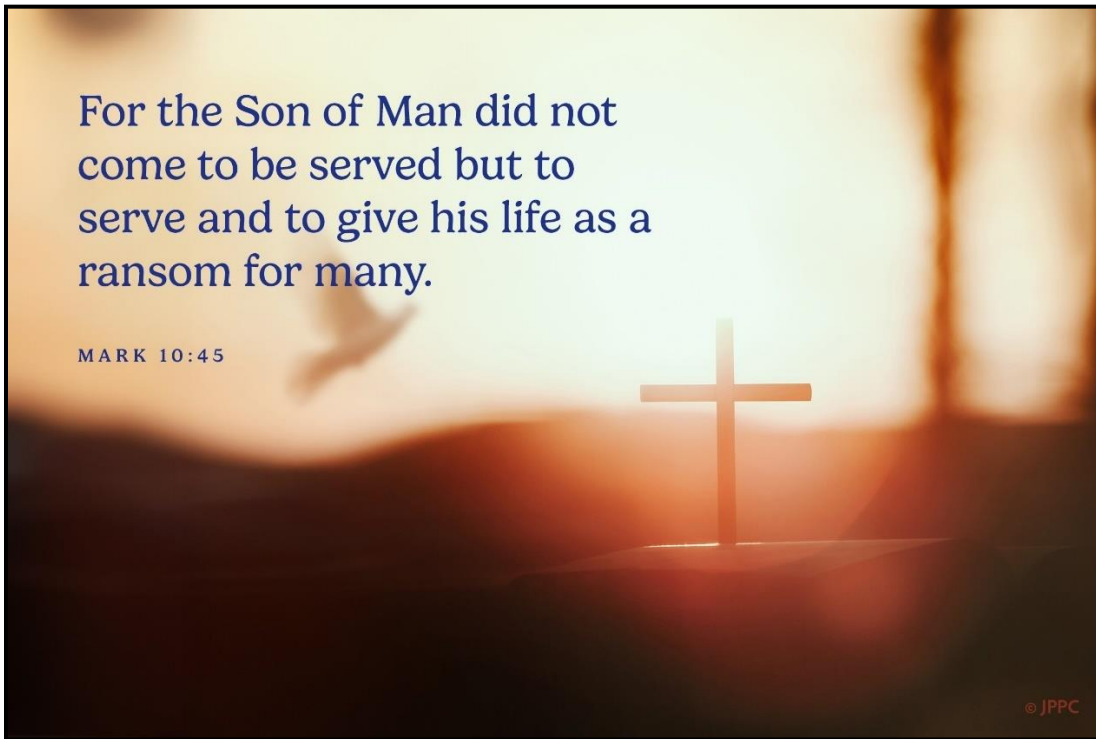


Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ October 20, 2024



For the Son of Man did not
come to be served but to
serve and to give his life as a
ransom for many.

MARK 10:45

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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

October 20, 2024

"Go and invite everyone to the banquet"

(Matthew 22:9)

*We celebrate this day remembering our
Baptismal call to bring the Gospel to all.*

For Information regarding
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Please visit our Parish Website at
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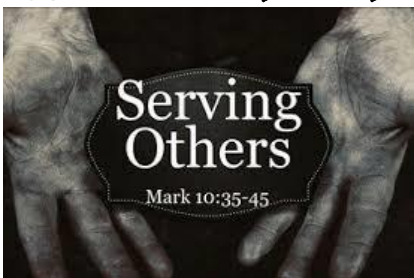


Please join us Wednesday mornings immediately following
the 8AM Mass in front of the Sacred Heart statue in
Church for the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

FLAME OF LOVE
OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

To Host the Pilgrim Queen Statue in your home for one
week, visit sfaparish.org and click on the **Sign Up** link to
reserve your week. For information, call Roseann Squitieri
at 610-328-0635.

29TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Sunday, October 20, 2024

7:30AM Joan M. Gormley

9:30AM Ryan McKnight

11:30AM Sam Dynow

Monday, October 21, 2024

8:00AM Carlo DiFabio

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

8:00AM Madeline Spatichia

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

8:00AM Donna McDonnell

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

Thursday, October 24, 2024

8:00AM Jean Kerr (12th Ann.)

Friday, October 25, 2024

8:00AM Paul and Jim Braconnier

Saturday, October 26, 2024

8:00AM Terry Lyons (2nd Ann.)

3:00PM Confessions

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, October 27, 2024

7:30AM Ryan McKnight

9:30AM Ryan McKnight

11:30AM Fred and Marie Brino

†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†

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



MEMORIAL FOR OCTOBER

Bread and Wine

Jim and Paul Braconnier

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE



This candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. For the week of **October 20th** the candle will burn in loving memory of **Jim and Paul Braconnier** as requested their sister.

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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PRAYER REQUESTS

Emily Belfie

Evan Farrington

Baby DeSantis	Arthur LeTourneau	Michael Farley
Dominic Rosini	Bill Colgan	Bill Seavey
Colin Murray	Lou DeSantis	Dolores Govannicci
Monique Carpenter	Brian Marandola	Ethel LeVasseur
Anne McGlone	Carmen Salerno	Michael Costa
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Mary Diane Brown		

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

BETHLEHEM OLIVE WOOD ARTS

"The Wood is from the tree of life, those who embrace her; those who lay hold of her will be blessed." - Proverbs 3:18



Christian carvings and statues, Handcrafted from olive wood from Holy Land! Representatives from Bethlehem Olive Wood Group will be in the church vestibule on **October 26th & 27th** they will be displaying and selling their beautiful, handcrafted olive wood pieces, made from olive trees in Bethlehem, the birthplace of JESUS. take advantage of this opportunity to find a unique gift for yourself or someone you love at CHRISTMAS. everything is hand carved and all proceeds will benefit Christians families and community in Holy Land.

Bethlehem olive wood arts group helps support, maintain, and strengthen the presence of Christianity in the Holy Land, and keep the stories of Jesus Christ alive in three dimensions through the sales of these olive wood handicrafts.

Many of us are unable to travel to the Holy Land for various reasons, which is why our mission is to bring Bethlehem to you. When you purchase one of these beautiful handmade carvings, you bring a little piece of Bethlehem to your home and the homes of your loved ones.

*Made by Christian Hands -
Loved by Christian Hearts*

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

The 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ October 27th



Jeremiah 31:7-9

Jeremiah brings a message of hope. The Lord will return ALL the people to their land. No one will be left out...no one will be counted as unworthy. The Lord loves all of us...just the way we are. Do you look to God to guide you and keep you from stumbling? When do we bring a message of hope to others?

Hebrews 5:1-6

It is very human to seek approval of others. Even to crave it, at times. Sitting in the glory seat does not make a person glorious, but simply chosen by God to be there for His greater good. What kind of glory is available to you in your community, workplace or relationships? Do you look for it, talk about it or just accept it?

Mark 10:46-52

Jesus poses His question to the very verbal Bartimaeus. He requests his sight. He immediately receives it and follows Jesus. The sight he received was not just physical...it was the insight of faith he received as well. Given eyes to see, he changes the course of his life in the favor of the one who is life. Where in your life are you lacking sight?

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.

UPCOMING ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY EVENTS:

October 26th - clothing drive truck pickup in SFA parking lot from 10 AM to 1:00 PM (clothing & small appliances).

December 5th : Celtic Christmas Concert in SFA Church. 7 PM to 9 PM. Tickets in advance at the Rectory; or purchase at the doors the night of the concert. Tickets will be \$10.00 each. Call Pat Brown 610-328-9831 with questions.

April 26th - clothing drive truck (info same as above).

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

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

“Pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world...”

-- Our Lady of Fatima

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“The Rosary is the most beautiful and the richest in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary.”

--Pope Saint Pius X

## **CALLING ALL KNITTERS & CROCHETERS**



Are you looking for a way to serve the Lord using your God given talent? “**PROJECT LINUS**” is a nationwide project where knitters or crocheters donate their handmade blankets for hospitalized children from Preemies to Teens. For more info, call 610-328-0741.

## **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): NEW INFO:**

Until further notice, please drop off meals at St. Kevin's parish in the foyer in the Parish Life Center. Meal tins are located in the SFA rectory (during regular business hours) and the vestibule of the church. The meals will go to the elderly, homebound, and veterans.

The CFF program is also looking for volunteers to deliver meals to people in Clifton Heights, Drexel Hill, Media, and Broomall. 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**

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](mailto: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: [marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org](mailto:marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org).

## *The Corner*

### *Brought to you by your Evangelization Team*

Today is **World Mission Sunday**. As a baptized individual, you are also commissioned as a missionary and a prophet --- which is to say, a speaker of God's truth. And the prophetic word is not your own. It is the word of God given to you by God.



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.

## **BE ENCOURAGED: CATHOLIC SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH WEBSITE**

[www.archphila.org/support](http://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](http://www.archphila.org/support)



Please join the SFA PRO-LIFE Group in the month of October, RESPECT LIFE MONTH, by supporting the Mothers' Home in Darby by taking an empty baby bottle and filling it with your change. **The bottles are available at the entrances of the Church and will be collected on Sunday, October 27th.** The Mothers' Home is a residential shelter that provides a safe haven for vulnerable pregnant women in crisis who choose life as a sacred gift. Thank you for your support of new life.

**“PRO-LIFE” LINES”**

Crisis Pregnancy Resource hotline: 610-626-4006.

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

[www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

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

[www.ababysbreath.org](http://www.ababysbreath.org).

Delaware County Pregnancy Center: 610-872-2229, [www.dccpchester.org](http://www.dccpchester.org)

Mother’s Home: 610-583-HOME, [www.mothershome.org](http://www.mothershome.org) .

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

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**Our Lady, Queen of Peace Presidium 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.

**THE THREE PARISH BOOK CLUB**



The Book Club will hold its October meeting of the in the Family Life Center at Holy Cross on **Wednesday, October 30th at 7PM.** If you would like to join the meeting or if you would like more information, please contact Terry Price at 610.506.6449 or via email at [termpri@verizon.net](mailto:termpri@verizon.net)

**October**

**At All Costs-The St. Raphaela Mary story-written by Sr. Jessica**

**SAINT FRANCIS OVER 50 CLUB**



The meeting is October 24th. We are going to have “Hoagie Day.” Tickets are required. The doors to Leonard Hall (gym) open at 12:30pm and the meeting begins at 1:15pm. Tickets will be on sale for the “Christmas Luncheon”, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Casino Trips: 11/13 & 12/11.** 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.

**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.

**GOD BLESS ALL WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY**



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| Timothy Drabyak    | Mike Froeter         | Owen Galligan         |
| Kevin Geiger       | Jon Hylton           | Jacob Johnson         |
| Aidan Jones        | Matthew Jones        | Matthew Kauffman      |
| Connor Lyons       | Dan Marchini         | Timothy McCanns       |
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| Francis McGrail    | Daniel McLee         | Nicholas Peranteau    |
| Stephen Peranteau  | Ronan Plummer        | Peter Quinn           |
| Katherine Reider   | Patrick J. Ryan, Jr. | Joseph Spence         |
| Chase Stewart      | Jesse Stewart        | Sean Sweeney          |
|                    | Skip Turner          |                       |

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.

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Find Catholic resources for addiction for you or your loved one at [www.archphila.org/hope](http://www.archphila.org/hope)

Also available for support is Faith-based drug rehab website: [www.AddictionCenter.com/Treatment/Faith-Based-Drug-and-Alcohol-Rehab](http://www.AddictionCenter.com/Treatment/Faith-Based-Drug-and-Alcohol-Rehab)

## What's up?

# Italian Night

*St. Francis Fryers*  
Invites you to join us for an "Italian Dinner"  
Saturday, November 9, 2024  
Time: 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM  
(Leonard Hall)



Tickets can be purchased  
Through Wednesday, November 6th  
at St. Francis Rectory  
Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM  
Friday 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM  
(Rectory Office Closed Weekdays 12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM)

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

# THANKSGIVING Pie Fundraiser

The St. Francis of Assisi 8th Grade Class of 2025 is selling  
"Linwilla Orchard Pies" just in time for Thanksgiving!

Now through November 17th ONLY!!!

**\$25 each**

Pie Pick up will be the week of Thanksgiving  
(Pickup Location & Time To be announced at a later date)

See Order Form on Page 5 of this week's Church Bulletin

**SACRED HEART CHURCH, CLIFTON HEIGHTS  
PIEROGI SALE** (*Pierogi is a case of dough filled with a savory potato and cheese filling and cooked by boiling and then pan frying*). Made at St. Stephen's Church Hall, 199 W. Baltimore Ave. (Baltimore Pike & Church St), Clifton Heights, **November 11-22**, \$8.00 per dozen. Order by Calling Joanne Bidoli at 610-574-7077 or the Rectory at 610-623-0409 between 10AM and 3PM. Pick up times at St. Stephen's

Church Hall (**pierogi must be ordered first**) Weekdays: Noon to 1:30PM or Special Evening Pickup Wednesday of both weeks 5:30 to 6:30PM.

**26th ANNUAL HEAT FOR THE HOLIDAYS** The program is being held by Oliver Heating, Cooling, Plumbing & Electrical. This program was designed with the idea of helping families who might be experiencing hardships and need a helping hand. For rules and information: **You may also submit your letter through our website:**

[www.oliverheatcool.com](http://www.oliverheatcool.com) or Email: [adennon@oliverhvac.com](mailto:adennon@oliverhvac.com) (Subject Line: Heat for the Holidays). Mail: **Oliver Heating, & Cooling, 101 Waverly Avenue, Morton, Pa 19070. Attn: Ashley Dennon/Heat for the Holidays. 800-522-4884. DEADLINE: Nov. 11th.**

**ADVENT RETREAT THROUGH THE ST. RAYMOND NONNATUS FOUNDATION** Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 - 5 p.m. Join the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for an Advent Retreat at the Daylesford Abbey. The theme of the retreat is "sharing our deepest gifts of faith, peace, faith, love, and joy". This retreat is perfect for anyone who has undergone family crisis, particularly: separation or divorce, health crisis, loss of loved one, and more. Join us!

**Place:** Daylesford Abbey, 220 S. Valley Road, Paoli, PA 19301. **Parking:** Free on-site parking.

**Speakers:** Anne DeSantis, Executive Director of the foundation; Mickey Kelly, Board President; and a Norbertine priest from the Abbey. Cost: \$60 pe/person includes a delicious lunch and snacks. Email [director.srnf@gmail.com](mailto:director.srnf@gmail.com)

**Register:** <https://www.nonnatus.org/advent-retreat-2024.html>

**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](http://www.calixsociety.org). You can also contact Ken Johnston at 215-327-3236 or [ken@notsaintsyet.org](mailto:ken@notsaintsyet.org). For more info about our meeting at SFA: please contact Luke LeTourneau at 610-986-6660.

### A PRAYER TO SUPPORT THE HANDICAPPED



Today, Father, help me to understand better...to appreciate more the gift...the blessing of health of mind and body. Bless those who, alone, face life with some mental, emotional or physical handicap. In the vastness of Your mercy and goodness, support them in their difficulties and through my prayers lighten the crosses they carry in the example of Your Son. Thank You for their place in this world, Father, for through their faith and their courage, they teach me more about Your love than I could understand alone. Amen.

*Come Holy Spirit, Show Me the Way*

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CLASS OF '25

# THANKSGIVING PIE FUNDRAISER

*Let SFA 8th Grade help you with your Thanksgiving baking!*

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| Pecan Pie               |     |               |

Please submit cash or check payable to "SFA 8th Grade" sent into SFA school or dropped off at the Parish Rectory, or Venmo @Deb-DePetris (verification number 6306).

**Pick up will be Thanksgiving Week.**

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