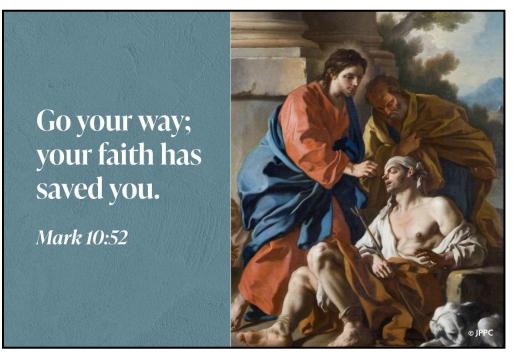
# Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ October 27, 2024



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Saturday, November 2nd, a Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 AM for all those who have died this past year.

We cordially invite you, your family, and your friends to join us in this celebration of the Eucharist. A Social Gathering will follow in the Library. All are welcome.

# **30TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**



Sunday, October 27, 2024 7:30AM Ryan McKnight 9:30AM Ryan McKnight 11:30AM Fred and Marie Brino Monday, October 28, 2024 8:00AM Ryan McKnight Tuesday, October 29, 2024 8:00AM Ryan McKnight (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.) Wednesday, October 30, 2024 8:00AM Mary and Joseph Brill ADORATION (Following 8AM Mass through 7PM Holy Hour) Thursday, October 31, 2024 8:00AM Rita Grayum All Saints Day, November 1, 2024 7:00AM Ryan McKnight **10:00AM Hugh Iannarelli** 7:00PM Ryan McKnight All Souls Day, November 2, 2024 8:00AM Deceased Members of Legion of Mary **11:00AM Mass of Remembrance 3:00PM Confessions** 4:00PM For the People of the Parish Sunday, November 3, 2024 7:30AM Robert Mullin (5<sup>th</sup> Ann.) 9:30AM Ryan McKnight 11:30AM Catherine and Alexander Martin

**†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†** Especially John F. Ganley and Ann Marie Brown 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 27th the candle will burn in loving memory of Jacki Allen Blasz as requested by her Mom and Dad, Nancy and Albert Allen.

# PRAYER REQUESTS TOGETHER WE WILL PRAY

**Emily Belfie Baby DeSantis Dominic Rosini Colin Murray Monique Carpenter** Anne McGlone Maria DiGiacinto **David Clemmer Catherine Lindsey** Danny Hynes **Robert W. Bollinger** Leslie Dougherty Margaret Binetsky Jack Braconnier, Sr. Maryann McCauley **Bob Buchanan** Alicia Bona Ray Kenney, Sr. Natalie Berry **Carolina Longmore** Maryann Murphy Cathy Baj Francine Piccone **Deacon Joe Gousie** Sandy Keller Chris Touchton Tim Corlies Susan Aliets Fox Family Lucretia Murphy

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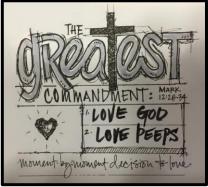
For Our St. Francis of Assisi Parish Community If you have someone you would like prayed for, OR have **REMOVED** from prayer list, please email Joan Curtis at sfabulletin@hotmail.com or call the Rectory at 610-543-0848. Thank you for your prayers.

> Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> Rectory Office will be <u>Closed</u> (Holy Day of Obligation)



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### BREAKING OPEN THE WORD The 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ November 3rd



Deuteronomy 6: 2-6 Hebrews 7: 23-28 Mark 12: 28b-34

The First Reading expresses the essence of Israel's covenant relationship with God. In it Moses calls God's people to embody the decrees that will bear fruit for generations to come. Foundational to this relationship of faith is love. What does it mean to you to love God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength?

Mark pointedly builds upon this understanding of covenant relationship. How do you embody God's first commandment from Deuteronomy? How can you show your love for God in each of these ways?



## 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 EVENTS:**

**December 5<sup>th</sup>** : 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.

<u>April 26<sup>th</sup></u> - clothing drive truck pickup in SFA parking lot from 10 AM to 1:00 PM (clothing & small appliances).

# 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

"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

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

# JOIN THE PARISH ADVENT BOOK CLUB!



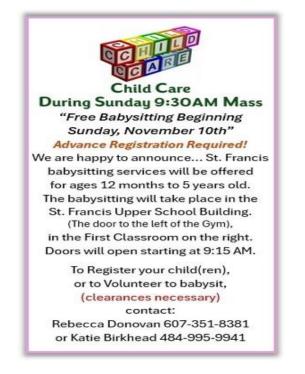
Join our parish family for prayer and reflection this Advent. Together we will reflect on the book *Encountering Emmanuel: A Guided Advent Journal for Prayer and Meditation* by Heather Khym, cohost of the *Abiding Together* podcast.

Heather will gently guide participants into the areas of their hearts where Christ has not yet come – the areas where we shut him out, the places we've long forgotten and ignored, or the spaces we're ashamed to acknowledge. We will learn how to invite him in so that he can bring his light, love, peace, hope, and healing into our hearts.

God will not force – love never does – but he asks, and we have a choice. Will you open wide your heart to the Savior and give your fiat as Mary did?

Wednesdays, November 13, 20, December 4, 11, 18 from 7:00-8:00PM in the Upper School on the first floor.

Call the rectory to sign up! No fee is required. 610-543-0848 ext. 118.





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.

## 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 next weekend**, **November 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>**. 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 <u>cfkenney@verizon.net</u> if you wish to drop off items at our home or for further information about the ministry Thanks.

# ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE CASSEROLES

The casserole containers and recipes are located in the main vestibule next to the book display and in the basement of the rectory. Casseroles must be frozen and can be dropped off before mass the weekend of St John's Hospice collection. Coolers are at SFA entrances on weekend of collection. Email <u>cfkenney@verizon.net</u> to arrange for pick up or other drop off times. Casseroles are due the same weekend as the St John's collection. Thank you!

#### **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.

# The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

"First of all, then, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity." 1 Timothy 2:1-2 Notice that it doesn't say to pray for only the leaders you like. No, it says to pray for all of them, that God would give them wisdom and discernment and open their eyes to His truth.

# **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 information, call 610-328-0741.



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 DIAPERS

Every baby is a miracle from God who deserves to be loved, protected and supported. This is the mission of **Every Life** diapers through the sale of their diapers. Popular brands, Pampers, Huggies and others, have voiced and given their support to the abortion agenda. **Every Life** brand does not support this agenda and supports pro-life resources. You can order diapers and wipes for your baby or "buy for a cause" to be donated to a pregnancy resource center. Go to EveryLife.com. A bundle is a perfect baby shower gift!

#### "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>. Delaware County Pregnancy Center: 610-872-2229, <u>www.dcpcchester.org</u> Mother's Home: 610-583-HOME, <u>www.mothershome.org</u>. Pro-Life Union of Delaware County: 610-789-LIFE.

**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.

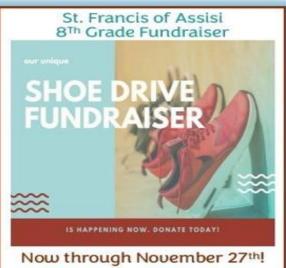
# SAINT FRANCIS OVER 50 CLUB



The next meeting is November 7th. We will be entertained by "Greg Albert." 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.



Help us raise funds just bu Donating gently worn, used and new shoes. Be sure to ask friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to donate too!

Drop Off at SFA School or in bin located in the Church lobby.

# GOD BLESS ALL WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY



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

Thomas Cresta Anthony DelVecchio Mike Froeter Jon Hylton Matthew Jones Dan Marchini Bill McDermott James McDonald Nicholas McDonald Michael McGarvey Daniel McLee Ronan Plummer Patrick J. Ryan, Jr. Jesse Stewart Skip Turner

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

Cale Amador John Michael Bartivic

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.

# 🥙 RaiseRight.

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.sfascripsales@gmail.com or call 484-432-1472.

# Women's Bible Study

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, beginning September 14th. If you have questions or want more info, please reach out to: Jen Lorenz 610-333-3011.

#### 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 termprice@verizon.net

#### October

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



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

#### **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

# The St. Francis Fryers invites you to an **ITALIAN NIGHT DINNER GATHERING**



Saturday, November 9, 5:00pm until 7:30pm

In Leonard Hall ~ Adults: \$15/Children: \$8 Tickets can be purchased THROUGH November 6th at the Rectory: Monday-Thursday, 9am-3:30pm Friday, 9am-2:30pm. (Closed for lunch daily 12-1pm) (No ticket sales at the door) BYOB

# THANKSGIVING Pie Fundraiser

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

Now through November 17th ONLY!!!



Pie ORDER FORMS available at the Parish Rectory Office, or to Order online visit: https://www.sfaschool.com/fundraisers-1

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

# 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.

"MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER CLUB" (AGES 52-68)

CATHOLIC men & women are cordially invited to join the "Main Line Singles Dinner Club" to share common interests & dine together usually twice a month or once every 3 weeks. Our next scheduled event is on **Saturday, Nov. 9, 5:30 pm.** A "Post Halloween"/"Pre-Thanksgiving House Party" @ a member's home in Drexel Hill, PA. More info call Barb (610) 896-6542. Memo: I do not TEXT! Catholic men are encouraged to participate. We enjoy restaurant events, house parties & special events.

#### **ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK**

We salute the advertisers in our bulletin. This week we thank



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**RACHEL'S VINEYARD...November 8-10**, at the IHM Spirituality Center, 210 IHM Drive, Malvern, PA 19355. If you or someone you love has been suffering from the emotional and spiritual pains of an abortion – no matter how much time has passed – please know that a Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend will help your soul transform that pain into a hope for the future. Contact our team to register or for questions: Susan – 610-716-4795, <u>Susiemck@comcast.net</u> Georgeann – 484-955-4278, geemcgarry@gmail.com.

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 or Email: 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.

Questions: Email <u>director.srnf@gmail.com</u> **Register:** <u>https://www.nonnatus.org/advent-retreat-2024.html</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 <a href="https://www.archphila.org/support">www.archphila.org/support</a>

**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.

#### **A PRAYER TO SUSTAIN THE POOR**

God, I want to do what I can, what I should, what I must to help the poor...to diminish the crippling impact that poverty has on the lives of so many men, women, and children the world over. Make me determined to commit myself, my energies to make the poor and their needs a part of my life. Give me the courage to sacrifice for them generously and consistently. Remind me, Lord. Don't let me forget. Don't take any excuses. If I drag my feet, get after me. Amen.

Come Holy Spirit, Show Me the Way



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