Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ November 3, 2024



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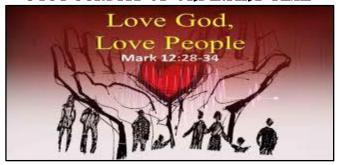


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St. Francis of Assisi Parish seeks to emulate our patron saint in service to others. We seek to encounter people in need through a variety of offerings that provide us with the opportunity to be Christ like and to meet Christ in those we serve.

Volunteers are always welcomed! To learn more about our mission, see the St. Francis In Action ad in the weekly church bulletin.

31ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Sunday, November 3, 2024

7:30AM Ryan McKnight 9:30AM Ryan McKnight 11:30AM Fred and Marie Brino

Monday, November 4, 2024

8:00AM Mary Woods

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

8:00AM Robert Perkins (1st Ann.)

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

8:00AM Constance Milligan

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

Thursday, November 7, 2024

8:00AM Edward Heraty (61st Ann.)

Friday, November 8, 2024

8:00AM Anna Lyman 9:00AM School Mass

Saturday, November 9, 2024

8:00AM Donald LeVasseur 3:00PM Confessions

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, November 10, 2024

7:30AM Julie Bryant 9:30AM Walter L. Whayland 11:30AM Ryan McKnight

†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†

Especially John O'Neill

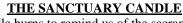
May they rest in God's peace and may their families be comforted.



MEMORIAL FOR OCTOBER

Bread and Wine

Jim and Paul Braconnier



This candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. For the week of **November 3rd**, the candle will burn in loving memory of **Connie Milligan** as requested by **Anne and Paul Browne.**



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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.



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.



To inquire about scheduling your Wedding Ceremony here at St. Francis, please contact our Parish Wedding Assistant, Joan Kane at ParishWeddingsSFA@gmail.com





My Dear Parishioners,

As we enter into November, we are just a few days shy of the one-month mark of the fire that devastated our Primary School. I want to assure you progress is being made and wanted to give a brief update. First and foremost, all children are back to in-person instruction; either in our middle school building or over at St. Kevins. It's actually pretty incredible how quickly our principal, teachers, staff, volunteers and parents made it happen. Our Upper School kids were back after only 4 days and our younger students were back after only 8 days. That really is a testament to the love of the St. Francis community and the kindness of the St. Kevin community.

The larger Springfield community and various other parishes and elementary schools have donated over \$265,000 dollars to assist us in the coming days as we seek to rebuild our school. You really see the goodness and love people have for St. Francis! We are still working with insurance adjusters and the Archdiocese on how to proceed with the rebuilding. Additionally, we've met with an architect and engineer to brainstorm to make all of this happen as quickly as possible. Like everything, it's not going to be cheap, but we are determined to move forward. Thank you for your continued generosity and kindness to our parish. I still hate driving by that building and seeing it so empty and damaged, it kills me, but I know Our Lord and the Blessed Mother, along with St. Francis, are on our side in the rebuilding process.

On the parish side of things, our finances are healthy, and we are always doing little things here and there to make our campus and church more beautiful. Some new trees are being planted to beautify our parish entrance off S. Rolling Road. Also, through a Memorial Fund for our church, we have been able to restore the side altars (St. Joseph and Blessed Mother) to their former glory with candlesticks, altar cloths and a crucifix. They look incredibly nice! Through that same fund, we were also able to purchase a new monstrance, which we use on Wednesday Adoration. That too looks incredibly nice and is a dignified way to house the sacred host—the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. In the future, I am looking to see if we can get our parking lot sealed and restriped. That's a big job but it'll help it to last for many more years to come.

Let me know if you have any concerns or ideas on how we can make our parish better than ever at rrtralies@gmail.com.

In Christ,

Rev. Matthew J. Tralis

+ Fr. Matthew Tralies





Fr Eugene William Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy Piazza della Minerva 74 Rome, Italy 00186.

Dear Father Matt, and Faithful of St. Francis Parish,

My heart is deeply moved by the sorrow that has befallen on our parish community with the fire that ravaged the beloved St. Francis School. A century of history, memories, and devotion have been intertwined with the walls of this school—a place where countless lives have been shaped in faith, learning, and love. The loss of such a sacred space is no doubt heart-wrenching, not just for the parish but for the broader community who have drawn strength and inspiration from its presence. I do personally remember the building. This August I was walking with Fr Matt in the school building on the school reopening day.

In moments like these, we often find ourselves searching for words that can truly express the depth of our pain, but sometimes silence and prayer speak louder than anything we can say. In this time, let us remember that the true heart of St. Francis School lies not only in its physical structure but in the spirit of faith it has nurtured for generations. That spirit, which lives in every student, teacher, and parishioner who has walked its halls, cannot be extinguished by fire or any other force.

It is in these tough times that we look to God for comfort and strength. We remember that, in the face of such situations, we are never alone. The parish family of St. Francis stands strong, united in Christ, and He is with you in this moment of grief. Just as St. Francis himself was a beacon of peace and hope in a troubled world, may this trial be an opportunity for renewal and growth, not just in rebuilding a school, but in deepening the bonds of faith that tie your community together.

I pray that God gives strength to Fr Matt, Principal, staff, students, parents and faithful of our church to build everything new.

Please know that my heart and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May the Holy Spirit bring healing and hope, and may the intercession of St. Francis guide you as you move forward with courage and resilience.

With deepest sympathy and in solidarity,

Fr Eugene William.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ November 10th, 2024

1 Kings 17: 10-16

The mighty power of a living, ever-present God is in evidence in this week's readings. Both the prophet Elijah responds in kind to her faith and hospitality as she gives to him despite her dire need. God woks through them both as they provide for each other. The true miracle of the never-empty jar is the relationship that emerges and the lives that bloom. What might it mean to live in relationship with God as if your jug will never run dry?

Hebrews 9: 24-28

"Christ did not enter into a sanctuary made by hands, a copy of the true one, but heaven itself, that he might now appear before God on our behalf..." How does God's plan for salvation affect your daily life, your daily decisions?

Mark 12: 38-44

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches in the temple and challenges the religious leaders. He exposes their hypocrisy and self-serving motives, emphasizing the importance of genuine devotion to God and care for others. Jesus teaches that true leadership is manifest through service. How do you serve others in the leadership roles to which God has called you?



During Sunday 9:30AM Mass

"Free Babysitting Beginning Sunday, November 10th" Advance Registration Required!

We are happy to announce St. Francis babysitting services will be offered for ages 12 months to 5 years old. The babysitting will take place in the SFA Upper School Building. Enter through the door to the LEFT of the Gym and go in the first classroom on the right. Doors will open starting at 9:15AM. To register your child(ren), or to volunteer to sit, contact: Rebecca Donovan at 607-351-8381 or Katie Birkhead at 484-995-9941. *CLEARANCES NECESSARY*.

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 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 pickup in SFA parking lot from 10 AM to 1:00 PM (clothing & small appliances).



St. Vincent de Paul Society's

Thanksgiving Dinner Collection

Saturday November 16th

(Before the 4PM Mass)

&

Sunday November 17th

(Before all Masses)

Drop Off Location:

Leonard Hall Kitchen Entrance (Rear Door located on the side of the Hall)

Patricia Brown will be available to accept donations including; Frozen Turkeys, Trimmings, Gift Cards and Cash Donations

All Donations will be used to help Parishioners in need. If anything is left over, it will be taken to the food pantry at Holy Cross Parish (Springfield, PA). Holy Cross will be distributing the turkeys and trimmings on Wednesday, November 15th

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

If you have any questions, please call
Patricia Brown (610) 328-9831

Thank you and God Bless!

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!!!

\$25 each

Pie ORDER FORMS available at the Parish Rectory Office, or o 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)

The St. Kevin Women's Club would like to thank St. Francis for their support at our first "Trunk or Treat". We really appreciated all those who donated candy, attended and participated with some very creative "trunks"! It was a boo-tiful evening and you helped make it even more spook-tacular!

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)
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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:**

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SAINT KEVIN CONTEMPORARY ENSEMBLE

The Contemporary Ensemble wants you! Do you play an instrument such as guitar, flute, trumpet, violin, percussion? We are looking for vocalists too, all ages welcome. The ensemble will sing once a month at a weekend Mass, with one rehearsal the prior week. Please contact Tom Babcock at 484-632-0553.

The Corner

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"Do not look forward to the changes and chances of this life with fear. Rather, look to them with full confidence that, as they arise, God to whom you belong will in His love enable you to profit by them. He has guided you thus far in life. Do you but hold fast to His dear hand, and He will lead you safely through all trials. Whenever you cannot stand, He will carry you lovingly in His arms." ---St Francis de Sales

SAINT FRANCIS OVER 50 CLUB



The meeting is this Thursday, November 7th. Our entertainment will be "Greg Albert." The doors to Leonard Hall (the gym) open at 12:30pm and the meeting starts at 1:15pm. Tickets will be on sale for the "Christmas Luncheon", December 12th.

<u>Casino Trips</u>: 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.

<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 information, call Cathy Randazzo at 610-328-0408.



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.



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

(<u>Luke@LiveVertical.org</u>) or call 610-986-6660. For more info, visit: www.livevertical.org



Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to Your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear Your Word, live Your love, and keep in the ways of Your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and His Apostles and guide us to Your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of Your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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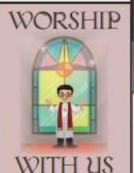


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