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33RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Sunday, November 17, 2024

7:30AM Jack McConaghy

9:30AM William J. Giallonardo

11:30AM Annette Finio Perkins and
Michael Finio

Monday, November 18, 2024

8:00AM Mary Carbone

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

8:00AM Joan DiBona

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

8:00AM Salvator Bongiorno

ADORATION (Following 8AM Mass through Holy Hour)

Thursday, November 21, 2024

8:00AM Catherine Cardie

Friday, November 22, 2024

8:00AM George Shonleber

Saturday, November 23, 2024

8:00AM Margaret McMahon

3:00PM Confessions

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, November 24, 2024

7:30AM Liz Finizio

9:30AM Deceased Members of Sendlinger
And Glace Families

11:30AM Ryan McKnight



My Dear Parishioners,

I promised everyone that I would keep you in the loop regarding our beloved Primary School building; here is the latest I can share with you. This past Tuesday, our Finance Committee met, and it was a very productive meeting. We are blessed as a parish community to have such a great group of competent men and woman who are always looking out for the well-being of St. Francis. Our next step in this whole process was to "winterize" the building to protect it in the coming months against further degradation from the elements; that has just been approved by the Archdiocese and should begin in the coming days. As previously mentioned, St. Francis already has an architect and an engineer eager to assist us in our rebuild. Additionally, under recommendation from our Finance Committee, we will begin engagement with a lawyer and independent adjuster to ensure St. Francis receives the best possible guidance on going forward. We will make it happen! Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

On a lighter note, our Welcoming Committee held a really nice event after last Sunday's 9:30am Mass in front of our church. Not only did we welcome our new parishioners, but it gave all of us a chance to catch up together after Mass. The goal is to start having such events a few times a year when the weather allows for it. The events are for everyone, so feel free to stop outside for some coffee and other light refreshments. God bless our newly revitalized Welcoming Committee for working so hard to make St. Francis an even more vibrant parish to be a part of.

Another event that drew us together as a parish was our Italian Dinner, held last Saturday after our 4:00pm Mass. The SFA Fryers always put their hearts into making great meals for our parish families to enjoy; the parish Hall was hopping with people of all ages enjoying good food and good fellowship. Thank you to the Fryers for their hard work. Again, we are blessed!

Enjoy the weekend and count on my prayers!

In Christ,

Rev. Matthew J. Tralies

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†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†

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



MEMORIAL FOR NOVEMBER
Bread ~ John & Catherine Williams
Wine ~ Available

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE



This candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. For the week of **November 17th** the candle will burn in loving memory of **Joe Mariano** as requested by his friends.

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INFORMATION NIGHT

There will be a Wine & Cheese Information Night on **Tuesday, November 19th at 6:30PM** in the Library underneath the Church. All who are interested in our Gaelic Getaway are welcome to attend.

PRAYER REQUESTS
TOGETHER WE WILL PRAY

Emily Belfie	Evan Farrington	
Baby DeSantis	Arthur LeTourneau	Michael Farley
Dominic Rosini	Lucretia Murphy	Bill Seavey
Colin Murray	Lou DeSantis	Dolores Govannicci
Monique Carpenter	Brian Marandola	Ethel LeVasseur
Anne McGlone	Carmen Salerno	Michael Costa
Maria DiGiacinto	Amy Faulls	Joanne Marks
David Clemmer	Mary Benedetti	Veronica Suppa
Catherine Lindsey	Shealyn Mencil	Caroline Donovan
Danny Hynes	Kathy Fritz	Fran Donnelly
Robert W. Bollinger	Jeannie Brattini	Emily Meakim
Leslie Dougherty	Joanne DeSantis	Paula Bazela
Margaret Binetsky	Ron Fraatz	Cathy Kenney
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Susan Aljets	Scott Aljets	Mary Diane Brown
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Jenine Amato	Joe Mastalski	Madelyn O'Keefe
Franny Devlin		

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.

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.

HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES:

The following dates are **DEADLINES** for the upcoming Holiday Bulletins. Thank you for your cooperation!

- Bulletin 12/1: Due Thursday, 11/21 by 12N**
- Bulletin 12/8: Due Monday, 12/2 by 12N**
- Bulletin 12/15: Due Monday, 12/9 by 12N**
- Bulletin 12/22: Due Friday, 12/13 by 3PM**
- Bulletin 12/29: Due Thursday, 12/19 by 12N**
- Bulletin 1/5/25: Due Monday 12/23 by 12N**

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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Breaking Open the Word
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 24th, 2024



Daniel 7:13-14

The first reading from Daniel is a poetic description of the second coming of Jesus. We have many images for Christ: shepherd, light, true vine and in these readings – king. Which traditional image is most useful to you in relating to Jesus?

Revelation 1:5-8

How do you understand the Alpha and Omega statement? Can you imagine this moment in history of which this reading speaks?

John 18:33b-37

John's Gospel presents Pilate interrogating Jesus on the charges at stake for the Roman empire: kingship and sedition. Speaking of his Kingdom, and strongly so, Jesus declares his kingship beyond that of Pilate or any political system. Who sits on the throne of your heart, you or Jesus? What is the hardest thing about surrendering yourself to Christ and embracing him as your king?



“Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous deeds.” (Psalm 98) Come sing to the lord and join the Saint Francis of Assisi Choir!

We are looking for men and women of all ages and levels of experience. If the Lord is calling you to minister in song, expand your musical skills, and feel like part of a family, then the choir is just the right group for you. We practice once a week and typically sing at the 9:30am Sunday Mass. We also sing on some Holy Days and for special Masses. We are currently working toward a combined Christmas Concert with the St. Pius X Choir on December 22nd. There's much to look forward to! So, if you're looking for a ministry that accepts you for who you are, and shares your desire to glorify God, then look no further than the choir. Contact our music director, Eric Longo at ericjlongo@gmail.com for inquires.



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

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.



UPCOMING CITY TEAM EVENTS

St. Francis in Action (SFA) will be assisting City Team in Chester with packing Christmas food and gift boxes for families in need. We will have 2 dates available for parishioners and friends to choose. As always, we will offer car-pooling from St. Francis for those interested.

Shifts will be:

Wednesday, December 4- 10AM-12PM

Thursday, December 5- 1PM-3PM

To Volunteer please Sign-In to the website:

<https://cityteam.volunteerhub.com>

If you have volunteered with them before your account will come up. If not you will Create an Account, which is fairly simple to do. Children are welcome to help along with their parents and must be signed in also.

If you prefer to work another shift, many are available, feel free to do so! Any assistance needed please contact Helen Golden at: Helengolden1@gmail.com

Thank you for your willingness to serve!

CARING FOR FRIENDS (CFF)

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.



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

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On Thursday we observe the **Feast of The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** in the Temple in Jerusalem. The celebration of the Feast is first documented in the 11th century within the Byzantine Catholic Church. It was introduced into the Roman Catholic Church in the 15th century by Pope Gregory XI, and officially established in 1585. We commemorate the faith of her parents, Joachim and Anne, and the purity of Mary.

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CELTIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT




December 5, 2024 @ 7:00 PM
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www.ababysbreath.org.
Delaware County Pregnancy Center: 610-872-2229, www.dcpccchester.org
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Pro-Life Union of Delaware County: 610-789-LIFE.

SAINT FRANCIS OVER 50 CLUB



The meeting is this Thursday, November 21st, our “Anniversary Day Meeting.” Tickets will be on sale for the “Christmas Luncheon”, December 12th at the Oaks Ballroom in Glenolden.

Casino Trips: 12/11, 1/8, 2/12, & 3/12. 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.

THE THREE PARISH BOOK CLUB



The Book Club will hold its November meeting in the Family Life Center at Holy Cross on **Wednesday, December 4th 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.

November

The Rocking Chair Prophet - by Matthew Kelly

GOD BLESS ALL WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY



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Let us pray for those who SERVE and PROTECT...

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Parish Men's Group meets every Saturday morning virtually from 6:45~8:00AM to share the desire to follow Jesus more closely by being better husbands, fathers, grandfathers, leaders, followers, sons, and friends. All are welcome to join us! Please call in at 6:45AM at 646-558-8656 **Meeting ID:** 738 611 2876 **Passcode:** 111501.



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.

LIVE VERTICAL



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



Babysitting on Sundays, during the 9:30AM Masses...

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 FOR BABYSITTERS.**



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.

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.

BE ENCOURAGED: CATHOLIC SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH WEBSITE

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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

ADVENT RETREAT THROUGH THE ST. RAYMOND NONNATUS FOUNDATION Saturday, November 30th,

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.

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Questions: Email director.srnf@gmail.com

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

MASS & HEALING PRAYER SERVICE AT OUR LADY OF FATIMA All are invited to Our Lady of Fatima's Quarterly First Friday Mass and Healing Prayer Service on **December 6, 2024**. Praise and Worship begins at 6:45pm followed by the Mass and Healing Service. The pastor, Rev. Roland Slobogin, is the celebrant. Prayer teams will be available for individual healing afterwards. Witness stories are welcome. Martha's House will provide music.

Location: Our Lady of Fatima, 1 Fatima Drive, Secane, PA 19018. More Information: Visit: <https://www.archphilaccr.org>
HOLY CROSS PARISH AND CHOIR Welcomes everyone to its 3rd Annual "Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols." To be celebrated in the Church **Sunday, December 8 at 4 pm**. 651 E Springfield Road, Springfield PA 19064. Light refreshments courtesy of the Knights of Columbus will follow in the school gym. Admission is FREE!

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A PRAYER FOR NOVEMBER

Grant, O Lord, that my own heart may be touched, as Yours is, at the passing of all souls into eternal life. In great confidence, I pray for all my friends and loved ones who are no longer here on this journey of faith. When I am sad at the death of those who were close to me, may my sadness be firmly supported by my faith that life is merely changed not ended, that those I love are still with me though unseen. May You, Lord Jesus Christ, welcome me and all those for whom I pray, into eternal life at the moment pleasing to You. Saint Therese, intercede for me.

Saint Therese, strengthen my faith. Amen.

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