

*Feast of Christ the King ~ November 24, 2024*



**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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Interested in having your child  
Baptized here at St. Francis?  
Please contact Joan Curtis at the  
Rectory 610-543-0848 or email us  
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Adoration  
of the  
Blessed Sacrament



**NO Adoration on  
Wednesdays following  
8AM Mass During the  
Month of December.**

Consider joining us for  
Wednesday Evening  
7PM Holy Hour

For Information regarding  
Upcoming Funerals & Services,  
Please visit our Parish Website at  
[www.sfaparish.org](http://www.sfaparish.org)  
and click on...



**DIVINE MERCY  
CHAPLET**

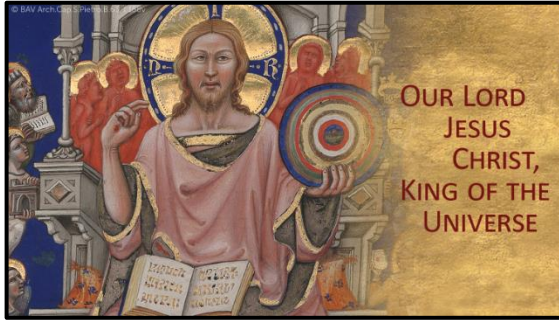


Please join us Wednesday mornings immediately following  
the 8AM Mass in front of the Sacred Heart statue in  
Church for the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

**FLAME OF LOVE**  
OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

To Host the Pilgrim Queen Statue in your home for one  
week, visit [sfaparish.org](http://sfaparish.org) and click on the **Sign Up** link to  
reserve your week. For information, call Roseann Squitiere  
at 610-328-0635.

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**



**Sunday, November 24, 2024**

7:30AM Liz Finizio

9:30AM Deceased Members of Sendlinger  
And Glace Families

11:30AM Ryan McKnight

**Monday, November 25, 2024**

8:00AM Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Millison, Sr.

**Tuesday, November 26, 2024**

8:00AM Chris Corey

**Wednesday, November 27, 2024**

8:00AM Anthony DiGregorio (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.)

**NO ADORATION ~ ONLY HOLY HOUR AT 7PM**

**Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2024**

8:00AM Mass of Thanksgiving

**Friday, November 29, 2024**

8:00AM Marion McCorriston

**Saturday, November 30, 2024**

8:00AM Marion McCorriston

**3:00PM Confessions**

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, December 1, 2024**

7:30AM Chris Corey

9:30AM Marion McCorriston

11:30AM Keli and Jay Stuckert

†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†

*Especially, Mary Diane Brown*

*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 24th** the candle will burn in loving memory of **Joseph Owen Carroll** as requested by his wife, **Kathy**.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**  
TOGETHER WE WILL PRAY

Baby Margot Steindl	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	Frank Donnelly
Robert W. Bollinger	Jeannie Brattini	Emily Meakim
Leslie Dougherty	Joanne DeSantis	Paula Bazela
Margaret Binetsky	Ron Fraatz	Cathy Kenney
Jack Braconnier, Sr.	Denise DeAngelis	Joe Calabrese
Maryann McCauley	Marie Martin	Beverly Scarani
Bob Buchanan	Greg Schmidt	Vince Kelly
Alicia Bona	Susan Lower	Hank McElwee
Ray Kenney, Sr.	Mary Jean Grandizio	Inger Sexton
Natalie Berry	Gerald Berry	Eileen Bowdren
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Francine Piccone	Robert Ranieri	Jack Schultz
Deacon Joe Gousie	Michelle Rodger	Ambrose Hummel
Sandy Keller	Sadie Keller	Patricia Lindsey
Chris Touchton	Mark McKinsey	Ian Regino
Tim Corlies	Paul Ansaldo	Peggy Burke
Susan Aljets	Scott Aljets	Franny Devlin
Fox Family	Merkle Family	Dobbs Family
Jenine Amato	Joe Mastalski	Madelyn O'Keefe
Amy Travers		

*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 [sbulletin@hotmail.com](mailto:sbulletin@hotmail.com) or call the Rectory at 610-543-0848. Thank you for your prayers.

***LAST CALL FOR SHOE DONATIONS...***

**November 27<sup>th</sup>** is the deadline for shoe donations for the **SFA 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE FUNDRAISER**

Drop off at SFA School or CHURCH lobby.

***THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!***

**THE GREAT GAELIC GETAWAY**

With Fr. Matt Tralies & Fr. Jim DeGrassa

**May 4~13, 2025 ~ 10 Days!**

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**(Trip flyer is available at the Church entrances).**

**HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES:**

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

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:

**CYO/ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI/SPRINGFIELD #7046 SFA CYO**

**Breaking Open the Word**  
**First Sunday of Advent ~ December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**



**Jeremiah 33:14-16**

Christmas is drawing near, but the readings describe the end of the world. Christ's second coming in glory is one of the main themes of Advent, along with his arrival as an infant and his daily appearance in our lives through the Holy Spirit. How has Christ appeared in your life lately?

**1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2**

The 2nd reading provides insights to those of us for whom the end of the world will be a disaster. As we await Christ's second coming, our job is to learn how to love and be holy, to place ourselves at the side of those who have nothing and to learn to love our persecutors." How do you plan to celebrate the season of Advent based on this challenge? Don't forget the parish Giving Tree. Plan to bring the gifts to St. Martin de Porres Parish on December 15<sup>th</sup>, too, if you can.

**Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

Christians in every age have struggled to find the Good News in these end-of-the-world prophecies. The gospel foretells cosmic tribulation and predicts famine, earthquakes, and the destruction of nations. The end of the world is good news to people for whom the systems of the world do not function, the losers in economic and political games, and those who have had to sacrifice the things they need so that others can have what they want or need. Will you lose or gain when Christ comes again? How can you "stand erect" with those Christ has come to save?



"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](mailto:ericjlongo@gmail.com) for inquires.

**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.



Once again, we have adopted 30 families from St. Martin de Porres parish in North Philadelphia for our parish Christmas giving. Please take a tag from the tree which is located near the St. Joseph statue and purchase a gift for the name specified on the ornament.

**Wrap the gift and tape the tag securely on the package.**

Tags are also included for gift certificates to supermarkets, Kohl's, Target and Walmart.

**Place wrapped gifts under the tree after any Mass.**

**The last day to return your gift(s) is Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.**



Individuals, couples and families are asked to **call Madelyn McBride at the rectory to sign up** if they wish to be part of the delivery of the gifts on **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.**

We will leave from the Parish Library on **8:30AM** to deliver the gifts and join St. Martin de Porres for their 10AM Mass. (Participants are asked to bring a gallon of orange/apple juice and a dozen donuts).

**(To sign up/or for questions, call Madelyn at 610-543-0848 ext. 118)**

Fundraiser for St. Vincent de Paul Society

**CELTIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

December 5, 2024 @ 7:00 PM

**Tickets: \$10.00**

Can be purchased in advance at the Rectory or at the doors of the Church

Music by Charlie Zahm

St. Francis of Assisi Church  
 136 Saxer Avenue  
 Springfield, PA 19064  
 Questions: call 610 328-9831

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> & December 1<sup>st</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 [cfkenney@verizon.net](mailto: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 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 [cfkenney@verizon.net](mailto:cfkenney@verizon.net) to arrange for pick up or other drop off times. Casseroles are due the same weekend as the St. John's collection. Thank you!

### 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](mailto: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.

## SAINT FRANCIS OVER 50 CLUB



**There is no meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are required for the "Christmas Luncheon", December 12<sup>th</sup> at the Oaks Ballroom in Glenolden. Bobby Jones, D.J.**

**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.



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

## The Corner

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

Today we celebrate the **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King.** Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 in response to growing secularism and atheism. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever, not only privately but publicly. We are encouraged to celebrate and live out our faith in public.

---from USCCB (the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)



### 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](http://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

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

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

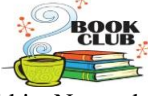
[www.ababysbreath.org](http://www.ababysbreath.org).

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

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

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

**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](mailto:termprice@verizon.net).

**November**  
**The Rocking Chair Prophet - by Matthew Kelly**



Join us as we pray the Novena of the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary **Wednesdays at 1:30PM** in Church.

**GOD BLESS ALL WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY**



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|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Michael Armellini  | Cale Amador          | John Michael Bartivich |
| Christopher Baxter | Colin Butler         | Jonathan Butterfield   |
| Davidson Cox       | Thomas Cresta        | Anthony DelVecchio     |
| Timothy Drabyak    | Mike Froeter         | Owen Galligan          |
| Kevin Geiger       | Jon Hylton           | Jacob Johnson          |
| Aidan Jones        | Matthew Jones        | Matthew Kauffman       |
| Connor Lyons       | Dan Marchini         | Timothy McCans         |
| Shawn McConaghy    | Bill McDermott       | Emma McDonald          |
| James McDonald     | Nicholas McDonald    | Michael McGarvey       |
| 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.**

**ST. FRANCIS PARISH MEN'S GROUP**



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](mailto:Rob@LiveVertical.org)) or Luke LeTourneau ([Luke@LiveVertical.org](mailto:Luke@LiveVertical.org)) or call 610-986-6660. For more info, visit: [www.livevertical.org](http://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.**

**Our Lady, Queen of Peace Praesidium 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.

**PRAYER WARRIORS**



Our prayer line needs to be revised. If you wish to join us in praying for the needs of others OR if you are already part of this mission and cannot continue, Please call 610-328-0741.

**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)

**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.

**Cost:** \$60/person includes a delicious lunch and snacks.

Questions: Email [director.srnf@gmail.com](mailto: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. Location: Our Lady of Fatima, 1 Fatima Drive, Secane, PA 19018.

More Information: Visit: <https://www.archphilaccr.org>

**ANNUAL CEMETERY BLANKET/DOOR WREATH SALE** ...The Holy Cross Knights of Columbus #15482 are

holding their Annual Cemetery Blanket/Door Wreath Sale beginning **Sunday, 11/24 and ending on Sunday, 12/8**. The price is still \$35 per Blanket and/or Door Wreath. To order call/text Andy Grajek at 610-761-9020 and leave your name, phone number and the amount you are ordering. You can also contact us by e-mail at [andygra44@yahoo.com](mailto:andygra44@yahoo.com) and we can send you a form. Make checks payable to "Holy Cross K.O.C. #15482". Mail checks to : Andy Grajek, 492 Indian Rock Dr, Springfield, Pa 19064. ***They will be available for pick up at the Holy Cross School Parking Lot located on North Bishop Ave on Saturday, 12/14, from 8:30am until 11:00am.***

**CHRISTMAS MARKET & ADVENT TAIZÉ**

**Wednesday, December 11 from 4pm-7:30pm** (Taizé is 7:30-8:30pm). Join us at St. Raphael Center for a wonderful evening of creativity, community, and seasonal cheer! We welcome old and new friends to walk through our decorated home, enjoy soups and sweets from our chef, browse handmade gifts from visiting artist vendors, connect with neighbors and friends, and encounter God's love through an Advent prayer service from 6:00-6:30pm in the chapel.

Website: [www.st.raphaelcenter.org](http://www.st.raphaelcenter.org), Phone: 610-642-5715 or Email: [info@straphaelcenter.org](mailto:info@straphaelcenter.org).

**"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 twice a month or once every 3 weeks. Our next scheduled event is on **(Sun) December 8, 2024 @ 5:15 P.M.**, a restaurant event @ "Masami Japanese Hibachi Restaurant" located @ 1260 Township Line Rd., Drexel Hill, PA. 19026. 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.

**HOLY CROSS PARISH AND CHOIR** Welcomes everyone to its 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!

**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 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.

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**GIVING THANKS**

For the expanding grandeur of creation, worlds known and unknown, galaxies beyond galaxies, filling us with awe and challenging our imaginations: ***We give thanks this day.***

For this fragile planet earth, its times and tides, its sunsets and seasons: ***We give thanks this day.***

For the joy of human life, its wonders and surprises, its hopes and achievements: ***We give thanks this day.***

For our human community, our common past and future hope, our oneness transcending all separation, our capacity to work for peace and justice in the midst of hostility and oppression: ***We give thanks this day.***

For high hopes and noble causes, for faith without fanaticism, for understanding of views not shared: ***We give thanks this day.***

For all who have labored and suffered for a fairer world, who have lived so that others might live in dignity and freedom: ***We give thanks this day.***

For human liberty and sacred rites; for opportunities to change and grow, to affirm and choose: ***We give thanks this day.***

We pray that we may live not by our fears but by our hopes, not by our words but by our deeds.

***We give thanks this day.***

- O. Eugene Pickett  
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Just send your email address by text message:  
Text MALLORYSARMY to 22828 to get started.  
Message and data rates may apply.

**WINTER OPEN HOUSE**  
Wednesday  
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