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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Sunday, February 18, 2024 7:30AM Mary Sarni 9:30AM Bernard LeVasseur (2nd Ann.) 11:30AM Fred Facciani Monday, February 19, 2024 8:00AM Fred Facciani (1st Ann.) Tuesday, February 20, 2024 8:00AM Fred Facciani Wednesday, February 21, 2024 8:00AM Kate Ciavarelli ADORATION (Following 8AM Mass through 7PM Holy Hour) Thursday, February 22, 2024 8:00AM Kevin Neary Friday, February 23, 2024 8:00AM Kate Ciavarelli 1:30PM Stations of the Cross 6:30PM Stations of the Cross Saturday, February 24, 2024 8:00AM Fred Facciani **3:00PM Confessions** 4:00PM For the People of the Parish Sunday, February 25, 2024 7:30AM Fred Facciani 9:30AM Michael Santivasci (1st Ann.) 11:30AM Jane Belancio

REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Especially, Anna Carullo, Joan Siciliano May they rest in God's peace and may their families be comforted.



MEMORIAL FOR FEBRUARY 2024 Bread ~ Jim Braconnier

Wine ~ Charles Milligan

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

This candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. For the Week February 18th, the candle will burn for the intentions of MaryAnn Broderick as requested by her friend, Claire Doyle.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:

Due to the President's Day holiday on Monday, February 19th, the Rectory is closed.

Corner



Emily Belfie **Betsy Marcel Bill Colgan** Brian Marandola

Dean Segal

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Dominic Rosini

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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.

🥙 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.



Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, we can help our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hunger and malnutrition. To Donate visit: https://www.crsricebowl.org/

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

TO CONTACT FR. MATT:

Please feel free to contact Fr. Matt with any questions or comments through email: frtralies@gmail.com. You can always call the rectory at 610-543-0848 ext. 126. Thank you!

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD Second Sunday of Lent ~February 25th, 2024



Genesis 22:1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18

The obedience of Abraham was profound, and he was greatly rewarded for it. God sees all your sacrifices and acts of courage and will reward you as well. What blessings have you received already?

Romans 8:31-34

Believing in God is so powerful. Do you remember and appreciate God's loving presence and support for you in all situations? Or is your faith shaky and in need of a spiritual tune-up?

Mark 9:2-10

Jesus was transfigured on a mountain top before Peter, James and John. A voice from the heavens proclaims Jesus to be the beloved Son of God and the apostles are commanded to listen to Him. We are fortunate to know about the death and resurrection of Christ. We know what rising from the dead meant for Christ and we, too, are expected by God to listen to and follow the teachings of Christ. On which of these powerful words and events do you need to meditate? Would a stronger faith transform your life? Spend some time during Lent absorbing Christ's words.



ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY (ATTENTION: NEW NUMBER FOR ASSISTANCE)

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, please call 610-212-4932

and someone from the St. Vincent de Paul will call you back.

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.

ATTENTION SENIORS & VOLUNTEERS

If you would be willing to pick up a senior on your way to Mass, please call Pat Brown & give her your name, phone number & your preference for what Mass you attend. Pat's phone number is 610-328-9831.

If you are a senior, who lives within the boundaries of St. Francis Parish who would like a ride to Mass, please call Pat Brown & give her your name, telephone number, address & your preference for what Mass you would like to attend.

No volunteer would be asked to change the Mass time that they prefer to attend. But your "uber" would make a world of difference in the life of the senior you would be picking up. Please give this some thought and, hopefully, you'll decide to help out a senior! God Bless!!

WEEKLY 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.

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.



CITY TEAM IN CHESTER

Opportunities to help with preparing Easter food boxes for families in need. We are offering to assist on several days with different duties. Feel free to sign up for whatever best fits your schedule. As before, we will try to arrange carpooling from SFA to City Team at 634 Sproul St., Chester. There is free parking right outside the building. Our shifts are Wednesday, 3/27, 1-3PM and Thursday 3/28, 9-12PM for packing the boxes. On Saturday, 3/30, 9-1PM they need help with delivery of packages to families' homes. Either driver or passenger spots are available.

On Easter Sunday, 3/31, 12-2:30PM, there will be a Holiday dinner called Hope Café for unhoused people in the area at their building. Volunteers will assist with set up, serving and companionship!

To sign up, visit: https://cityteam.volunteerhub.com. Scroll down to SIGN IN; if you've volunteered before, your account will come up. If not, CREATE AN ACCOUNT, very simple to do. (Feel free to return to this site at any time if there are other events you are interested in).

Please notify Helen Golden for questions, or to carpool. Thanks for your willingness to serve! Helengolden1@gmail.com

CARING FOR FRIENDS

Please consider making meals in your home and bringing them to the CFF freezer located in Leonard Hall kitchen (back of Gym). Fridays 3pm - 7:30pm, Saturdays 7:45am - 5pm, and Sundays 7:30am -12:30pm. You can also pick up tins and supplies in the rectory (during regular business hours) and the vestibule of the church.

The program is looking for volunteers for delivering meals. Most of our friends are elderly individuals who cannot otherwise remain in their homes without the support of the meals we provide at no charge. These friends have received the comfort of a meal, delivered by a volunteer who stays to share stories, laughter, and most importantly friendship. If you are interested in this ministry, you can reach out to one of us for information: Cheryl Monkman (610)574-5541/Jill Hoffner (610)733-1593.

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 to arrange for pick up or other drop off times. Casseroles are due the same weekend as the St John's collection. Thank you!!

MARY MOTHER OF CAPTIVES

A Support Group for those coping with a loved one in prison. Meetings are held on the 2nd 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.

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

THE THREE PARISH BOOK CLUB



The next meeting of the Book Cub will be on Wednesday, **February 28 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Holy Cross Parish Center, At each meeting members and guests offer suggestions for spiritual reading as well as discussing the selected book. You need not have read the month's selection to attend the meeting, If you would like to join the discussion or if you would like more information, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610 328-2095 or at joyvanberg@gmail.com.

February: In the School of the Holy Spirit by Jacques Philippe March On the Incarnation By St. Athanasius





To Host the Pilgrim Queen Statue in your home for one week, (Sunday to Sunday), visit the Parish website at <u>sfaparish.org</u> and click on the link to *Sign Up* to reserve your week and Be Blessed by Our Lady and Our Lord. For more information, call Roseann Squitiere at 610-328-0635.



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

Our Lady, Queen of Peace Presidium Legion of Mary



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, please call Joy Van Berg at 610 328-2095 or Gus. McClay at 610 544-7223.



Man Up Philly 2024 invites the men of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to the 16th Annual Men's Spirituality Conference to be held on Saturday, March 2nd at Cardinal O'Hara's St. John Vianney Hall Theater.

We encourage all men – fathers, sons, brothers, friends – to join us for an inspiring day of faith and fellowship. Experience the faith journey of our speakers "from death into life".



The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

On Thursday we celebrate the Feast of The Chair of St Peter. Let's pray for the Church today.

Lord, open our minds and hearts that the fresh air of faith blows open the doors of stubbornness and doubt and brings new life into souls. Amen.

SAINT FRANCIS OVER 50 CLUB



The meeting is this Thursday February 22nd. We are going to have "Pizza Day". Tickets are required. The doors to Leonard Hall open at 12:30pm and the meeting begins at 1:15pm. Tickets will also be on sale for "Hoagie Day", April 11th.

REMINDER: Casino trip is tomorrow, February 19th. Bus leaves at 10AM.

<u>Casino Trips</u>: 3/18, 4/10, & 5/8. 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.

Other Trip: The Shore Club, Spring Lake, NJ for "Irish Celebration", March 6th. Cost \$125: includes luncheon, 1 hour open bar, Entertainment by "Irish Tenor-Green Derby Show & Will Lynch Band. Bus leaves 9AM from St. Kevin parking lot (200 W. Sproul Road). Park in spaces adjacent to the Springfield Country Club. Call Cathy Randazzo: 610-328-0408.

<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.

ATTENTION: BOYS GRADES 8~12

Boys in grades 8-12 are cordially invited to attend a weekly class on Prayer and Spirituality. Classes are led by many priests and deacons from the Archdiocese. Classes are on **Wednesdays 7-8pm** at St Francis of Assisi parish library. Classes have been going on since September, but each class is independent and requires no preparation, so boys can join anytime during the year. Parents are welcome to stay for the Holy Hour which runs from 7-8 upstairs from the library in the church. There is no cost, no preparation, no homework or tests. This is just a chance for the boys to learn more about their Catholic Faith, connect with other boys, and grow in their relationship with God. If you think your son may be interested, email Bob and Carol Cardie at <u>cbcardie@gmail.com</u> to be put on a weekly reminder list. You can view topics for discussion on the following website (more topics will soon be added for the second semester):

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1nSc11zn4401-RMnIXcDKSOfRdrfst8VT/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=109186988252 712656508&rtpof=true&sd=true



DELCO PRO-LIFE MEETING

Please join us for our monthly Delco Pro-Life group meeting on **Wednesday, February 21, at 7PM** in St. Dorothy Parish Conference Room in the Rectory Basement in Drexel Hill. Entrance is from the parking lot. Your prayers and suggestions are most welcome.

Jesus, protect and save the unborn. "**PRO-LIFE**" **LINES**"

Crisis Pregnancy Resource hotline: 610-626-4006. Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion healing: 877-HOPE-4-ME www.rachelsvineyard.org. A Baby's Breath 24-hour hotline: 484-571-5540.

www.ababysbreath.org.

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. COME JOIN US...



The St Francis Family Rosary Group meets every Friday evening in the church at 7pm to say the rosary. For more information call Anita Galligan (610)585-0142.



Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 8:30am-4:00pm, followed by Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Helena's Church, 1489 Dekalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA. Come with your spouse or fiancé and listen to nationally acclaimed Catholic speakers who will inspire you to live out your marriage with greater fervor, love and joy. For more information and to register, visit <u>bit.ly/MarriagesofGrace2024</u> or scan the QR code:



GOD BLESS ALL WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY



Davidson Cox ~ Skip Turner ~ Kevin Geiger ~ Jon Hylton Connor Lyons ~ Michael McGarvey ~ Steven Ramoni Mike Froeter ~Daniel McLee~ Bill McDermott Dan Marchini ~ James McDonald ~ Timothy McCans Patrick J. Ryan, Jr. ~ Anthony Del Vecchio Sean Sweeney ~ Michael Jones ~ Peter Quinn Katherine Rieder ~ Rick Kern, Jr. ~ Cale Amador Timothy Drabyak ~ Daniel McGonigal Brian J. McDermott ~ Jonathan Butterfield Aidan Jones ~ Shawn McConaghy ~ Colin Butler John-Michael Bartivic ~ Joseph Spence Nicholas & Stephen Peranteau ~ Jesse and Chase Stewart Matthew Kauffman ~ Christopher Baxter Thomas Cresta ~ Michael Armellini ~ Francis McGrail Christopher Johnson ~ Ronan Plummer Nicholas and Emma McDonald ~ Owen Galligan 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.

<u>HOPE IN CHRIST:</u> <u>SPIRITUAL SUPPORT FOR ADDICTIONS</u>

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: <u>www.AddictionCenter.com/Treatment/Faith-Based-Drug-and-</u> <u>Alcohol-Rehab</u>

YEAR-END GIVING STATEMENTS

Requests for Year-End Financial Giving Statements can be submitted on-line through the St. Francis of Assisi Website at <u>www.sfaparish.org</u> If you contribute electronically, you can also obtain your Contribution Report through your Parish Giving Account. You can also use the form below to make your request.

REQUEST FOR YEAR-END FINANCIAL STATEMENT

If you would like a statement of your yearly contributions for tax purposes, please print and complete this request form. Either mail it to or drop it off at the Rectory, or place it in the collection basket.

Name: _____

Address:

Phone # or Email:

For Pick-Up____ Mail to me____ Email_

Any questions, call Joan Fogarty 610-543-0848 ext. 117



LENTEN BIBLE STUDY We will begin our Lenten series the week of **February 25**, after the conclusion of our current study of the Gospel of Mark. As always, we study at your convenience, either Monday <u>evenings</u> or Wednesday <u>mornings</u> in the Parish Center at Holy Cross. <u>PICK THE</u> <u>TIME</u> that is best for you. If you choose the Wednesday morning option, we begin right after the 8:30 Mass, so please consider joining us for Mass that morning. Come a few minutes early to meet others and to get your seat. No workbooks are required for this Lenten study, but please bring your Bible. Light refreshments are provided.

Mondays, February 26 thru March 25, 7-8:30 PM <u>OR</u>: Wednesdays, February 28 thru March 27, 9:15-10:45 AM <u>To save a seat</u> or for more information, contact Pattie Stevens at <u>pattiejstevens@comcast.net</u> or 484.868.8571.

MASS AND HEALING PRAYER SERVICE AT OUR

LADY OF FATIMA 1 Fatima Drive, Secane, PA 19018 610-532-5800. **First Friday, March 1**st. Praise & Worship: 6:45PM, Mass: 7PM. Rev. Roland Slobogin will be the celebrant. Music provided by Mark Griswold. Prayer teams will be available.

WOMEN OF HOPE (formerly known as Dominican Women) Retreat: **March 15-17, 2024.** Come to Malvern Retreat House to renew and strengthen your relationship with our Lord. Speakers: Fr. Frank Chambers, OSA, Luke LeTourneau, Nicky Verna and Dan Tarrant with music by Mark Griswold. The cost is \$275 and a \$75 deposit minimum is requested to secure your spot. To register, call 610 644-0400 or visit www.malvernretreat.com.

SACRED HEART CHURCH, CLIFTON HEIGHTS

PIEROGI SALE Made at St. Stephen's Church Hall, 199 W. Baltimore Ave. (Baltimore Pike & Church St), Clifton Heights, **March 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.**

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. RAPHAELA CENTER, 616 Coopertown Rd., Haverford, PA.

<u>**CENTER**</u>, 616 Coopertown Rd., Haverford, PA Women's Weekend: Palm Sunday

March 22-24, 4pm Friday to 12noon Sunday

Join Sister Mercedes Rojo, OSF for presentations, guided meditations, rituals and sharing, participants will be invited to join the Divine Gardener in attending to the soil of their hearts, keeping it open to receive God's abundant life and blessings.

ART & SPIRITUALITY WINTER SERIES

Join us in our NEW art studio to pray with various art mediums and find God's presence in creative reflective practices.

<u>Weaving Your Story</u> - March 3, 2-5PM with Lisa Hibberd. Printmaking & its History with the Catholic Worker -

March 23, 1-4PM with Becky McIntyre.

Open Studio on Good Friday, March 29, 10AM - 6PM. Floral Design & Easter Centerpieces - March 30, 10AM -12:00 PM with Jackie Newns.

Registration: <u>www.st.raphaelacenter.org</u>, 610-642-5715 Email: <u>info@straphaelacenter.org</u>

RACHEL'S VINEYARD is an extraordinary healing opportunity for any person who struggles with emotional and spiritual pain of traumatic pregnancy loss, whether through abortion or miscarriage. Come to our Healing Weekend Retreat: **April 12–14**, in Doylestown, PA, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. To register, or for more information, call Evelyn at (215) 317-5752.

www.rachelsvineyard.org <http://www.rachelsvineyard.org

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 <u>www.calixsociety.org</u>. You can also contact Ken Johnston at 215-327-3236 or

<u>ken@notsaintsyet.org</u>. For more info about our meeting at SFA: please contact Luke LeTourneau at 610-986-6660.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

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MEDITATION FOR THE DAY

"God's delays are mysterious; sorrow is sometimes prolonged for the same reason for which it is sent. God may abstain for the moment from healing, not because Love does not love, but because Love never stops loving, and a greater good is to come from the woe. Heaven's clock is different from ours."

— Fulton J. Sheen





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