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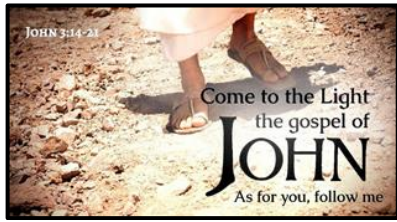
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Rev. Matthew J. Tralies ~ Pastor  
Deacon W. Timothy Baxter

Rev. Henry J. McKee ~ In Residence  
Deacon James J. McGonigal

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



**Sunday, March 10, 2024**

7:30AM Sean Laughlin

9:30AM Barbara DiGuglielmo

11:30AM Charlene Mettler

**Monday, March 11, 2024**

8:00AM Michael Wells, II

**Tuesday, March 12, 2024**

8:00AM Charlene Mettler

**Wednesday, March 13, 2024**

8:00AM Beth McCarron

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

**Thursday, March 14, 2024**

8:00AM Beth McCarron

**Friday, March 15, 2024**

8:00AM Charlene Mettler

**1:30PM Stations of the Cross**

**6:30PM Stations of the Cross**

**Saturday, March 16, 2024**

8:00AM Betty Tully and Walz

3:00PM Confessions

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, March 17, 2024**

7:30AM Joseph and Jean Gaudiello

9:30AM Nicholas and Grace D'Angelo

11:30AM Jean Haviland

†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†

*Especially, Kay Lawson, John Faraone, Ed Trombley and Charlotte Smolik*

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



### MEMORIAL FOR MARCH 2024

Bread ~ Available

Wine ~ Available

### THE SANCTUARY CANDLE



This candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. For the Week **March 10th**, the candle will burn in loving memory of **Christine Shiiba** as requested by a friend.

### TO CONTACT FR. MATT:

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

## Prayer Corner



Dean Segal

Baby DeSantis

Dominic Rosini

Colin Murray

Dolores Govannicci

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

Anita K. Pace

Natalie Berry

Carolina Longmore

Maryann Murphy

Cathy Baj

Francine Piccone

Ray Kenney, Sr.

Beverly Zink

Emily Belfie

Betsy Marcel

Bill Colgan

Brian Marandola

Carmen Salerno

Amy Faulls

Mary Benedetti

Shealyn Mencil

Kathy Fritz

Jeannie Brattini

Joanne DeSantis

Ron Fraatz

Denise DeAngelis

Marie Martin

Greg Schmidt

Albert Panebianco

Mary Jean Grandizio

Gerald Berry

Ann Farren

Dan Bruno

Malcolm Wills

Robert Ranieri

Joanne Marks

Sandy Keller

Evan Farrington

Michael Farley

Bill Seavey

Lou DeSantis

Arthur Le Tourneau

Ethel LeVasseur

Michael Costa

Daniel McTague

Veronica Suppa

Caroline Donovan

Fran Donnelly

Emily Meakim

Paula Bazela

Cathy Kenney

Joe Calabrese

Beverly Scarani

Vince Kelly

Hank McElwee

Inger Sexton

Eileen Bowdren

Brian Griffin

Mary Ann Calabrese

Patricia Lafferty

Jack Schultz

Michelle Rodger

Sadie Keller

If you have someone you would like prayed for, OR have REMOVED from prayer list, please email Joan Curtis at [sfabulletin@hotmail.com](mailto:sfabulletin@hotmail.com) or call the Rectory at 610-543-0848. Thank you for your prayers.

## RCIA UPDATE FOR PARISHIONERS



**Irene Gould and Wilmorene Mason**, who we now call the "elect" and who will be baptized, confirmed and receive the Eucharist for the first time on Holy Saturday evening, will take part in special rites called "**Scrutinies**" on the 3rd, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Lent. The Scrutinies celebrate a deep mystery of our spiritual journey. Through these rites, Irene and Wilmorene, in preparation for baptism, will be turning over to God any hold sin has on them. Along with Irene and Wilmorene, we are also invited to allow God's grace to scrutinize our hearts as we are also once again and more fully this Lent turn over to God any hold sin has on us.



**Daylight Saving Time Begins This Sunday, March 10th 2:00AM**  
Don't forget to move your clocks One-Hour Ahead.

### EASTER BULLETIN DEADLINE:

**Attention please: The Easter Bulletin deadline is Thursday, March 21st. Thank you!**



### **FOOD COLLECTION**

Thanks again for your support to our Food Drive. The food goes to help many needy families. The Food Collection is **THIS weekend, March 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>**. *God Bless!*

### **BREAKING OPEN THE WORD**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent ~March 17, 2024**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

**"...I will place My Law within them and write it on their hearts..."**

How do you make sure God's precepts are written upon your heart? That is, they are not mere "lip service"?

In what ways is this method a more powerful bonding with the Lord versus merely following instructions written on paper?

**Hebrews 5:7-9**

**"...He learned obedience from what He had suffered..."**

Have you endeavored to learn to obey by doing true sacrifice and mortification? In what manner does this experience make a deep and significant impact on your life?

How does this way deepen your understanding of being a disciple of Christ? Are you able to weave Jesus into the very fabric of your heart and soul?

**John 12:20-33**

**"...whoever serves Me must follow Me..."**

Meditate deeply upon the full ramifications of honestly and freely following the Lord.

In what ways can you vividly see how your life, your destiny is intimately intertwined and radically changed by Jesus Christ as you seek to truly follow in His footsteps?

### **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!!

### **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](mailto: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.

### **Caring For Friends:**

Our Caring for Friends program is up and running. There is a list of local senior citizens and veterans waiting for meals to be delivered in Clifton Heights, Drexel Hill, Media, and Broomall. If you are interested, please call Neci DeVore @ 215-464-0392 or email [neci.devore@caringforfriends.org](mailto:neci.devore@caringforfriends.org). Meals can be picked up from the SFA "Caring for Friends" freezer located in the kitchen or St. Kevin's freezer and delivered to the person in need.

### **The Corner**

*Brought to you by your Evangelization Team*

**"I will show loving-kindness to them and forgive their sins. I will remember their sins no more." ---Hebrews 8:12**

"Everyone say to himself: 'When was the last time I went to confession?' And if it has been a long time, don't lose another day! Go, the priest will be good. And Jesus will be there, and Jesus is better than the priests --- Jesus receives you. He will receive you with so much love! Be courageous, and go to confession."

*---Pope Francis*



## Shop for Good: Give Back with Every Online Purchase

Support your school while you shop online with ShopRite of Drexeline and Brookhaven's online shopping campaign fundraiser!

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1. From February 18<sup>th</sup> thru March 30<sup>th</sup>, shop online at shoprite.com.
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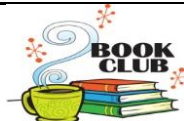
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4. Complete your purchase knowing you've made a positive impact!
5. Spread the word! Share this campaign with your friends and family. The more people who participate, the greater the impact!

### THE THREE PARISH BOOK CLUB



The next meeting of the Book Club will be on **Wednesday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Holy Cross Parish Center. **There will be no meeting in March (Holy Week.)** 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](mailto:joyvanberg@gmail.com).

#### March

On the Incarnation by St. Athanasius

#### April

Carlo Acutis: The First Millennial Saint by Nicola Gori

### 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.



To Host the Pilgrim Queen Statue in your home for one week, (Sunday to Sunday), visit the Parish website at [sfaparish.org](http://sfaparish.org) 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 Squitieri 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.

### SAINT FRANCIS OVER 50 CLUB

# MARCH

The next meeting is March 21st. We will be entertained by the "Legends Band" Tickets will also be on sale for "Hoagie Day", April 11<sup>th</sup> and "Pizza Day", May 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Casino Trips: 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.**

**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.

### 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 [cbcardie@gmail.com](mailto:cbcardie@gmail.com) 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/1nSc11zn440L-RMnIXcDKSOFRdrfst8VT/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=109186988252712656508&rtpof=true&sd=true>

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### **DELCO PRO-LIFE MEETING**

Please join us for our monthly Delco Pro-Life group meeting on **Wednesday, March 13**, at 7 PM in St. Francis of Assisi Basement Conference Room C in the Rectory in Springfield. Entrance is from the parking lot and down the outside steps. 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](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.dcpchester.org](http://www.dcpchester.org)

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

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

### **GOD BLESS ALL WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY**



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Connor Lyons ~ Michael McGarvey ~ Steven Ramoni

Mike Froeter ~ Daniel McLee ~ Bill McDermott

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Sean Sweeney ~ Michael Jones ~ Peter Quinn

Katherine Rieder ~ Rick Kern, Jr. ~ Cale Amador

Timothy Drabak ~ Daniel McGonigal

Brian J. McDermott ~ Jonathan Butterfield

Aidan Jones ~ Shawn McConaghy ~ Colin Butler

John-Michael Bartovic ~ 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.

### **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](http://www.archphila.org/hope)

Also available for support is Faith-based drug rehab website:

[www.AddictionCenter.com/Treatment/Faith-Based-Drug-and-Alcohol-Rehab](http://www.AddictionCenter.com/Treatment/Faith-Based-Drug-and-Alcohol-Rehab)



### **ST. KEVIN'S 2024 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CRAB CAKE**

**SALE/FUNDRAISER:** All proceeds will go to K of C Charitable efforts. We will be taking pre-paid orders after all the Masses at **St. Kevin's** on **SATURDAYS, MARCH 9 & 16 (4PM) AND SUNDAY, MARCH 10 & 17 (8, 11AM & 5:30PM)**. Orders can also be mailed to: Mike Diemidio, 627 Kennerly Road, Springfield,

PA 19064. Please call Mike at 610-761-4007 with any questions. Please include payment with order. **Orders must be received by Sunday, March 17 and orders must be picked up on March 21 between 4:15pm & 7:00pm at the St. Kevin Parish Life Center.** Order forms can be obtained in throughout SFA Church

### **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.**

### **CARDINAL O'HARA HIGH SCHOOL "MANE EVENT: AN EVENING IN PARIS"**

'An Evening in Paris', on **Saturday, April 6, 2024** - COHS Gymnasium - 7pm-11pm. Come out for a fun night that includes food, a four-hour open bar, casino games, and amazing auction items and raffle prizes. All proceeds directly impact student-focused initiatives. Purchase your tickets at [www.cohs.com](http://www.cohs.com)

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### **ST. LAURENCE SCHOOL CLASS OF '73 - 50 YEAR**

**REUNION** on **Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**, 7-10 pm at The Yard Pub, Havertown. Tickets are \$45 through April 5<sup>th</sup>, \$55 after. For info on ordering by check, email Terri Colgan at [cogs81@msn.com](mailto:cogs81@msn.com). For Venmo payment email Lori Hannon at [lmhannon26@gmail.com](mailto:lmhannon26@gmail.com).

**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT DAY: 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 [bit.ly/MarriagesofGrace2024](http://bit.ly/MarriagesofGrace2024)

**SAINT KEVIN CLASS OF 1968** We are looking for classmates from the Class of 1968 to join us for a reunion. We will celebrate Mass at Saint Kevin on **June 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 pm** and celebrate with a casual gathering afterward at the Springfield Country Club. Please contact: Michael Arizin: [marizin@comcast.net](mailto:marizin@comcast.net) or Phyllisann Henderson: [phenderson333@comcast.net](mailto:phenderson333@comcast.net).

### **BEATITUDES FOR FRIENDS OF THE AGED**

Blessed are they who understand my faltering step and shaking hand.

Blessed who know my ears today must strain to hear the things they say.

Blessed are those who seem to know my eyes are dim and my mind is slow.

Blessed are those who look away when I spilled tea that weary day.

Blessed are they who with cheery smile stopped to chat for a little while.

Blessed are they who know the way to bring back memories of yesterday.

Blessed are those who never say, "You've told that story twice today!"

Blessed are they who make it known that I am loved, respected, and not alone.

And Blessed are they who will ease the days of my journey home in loving ways.

By Esther Mary Walker  
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"During my eight years at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, I was shaped into a man who strives for holiness every day. The seminary fostered my desire to deepen my commitment to the people I serve. Their well-integrated approach, encompassing pastoral, academic, and spiritual formation, has had a profound impact on my life. It is important to recognize that behind the scenes, hearts are being changed and transformed, allowing us to become better symbols of light for the Church and vessels of God's grace.

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