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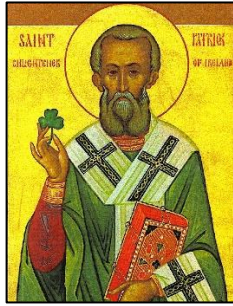
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Deacon James J. McGonigal

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Feast Day of St. Patrick, March 17, 2024

7:30AM Joseph and Jean Gaudiello

9:30AM Nicholas and Grace D'Angelo

11:30AM Jean Haviland

Monday, March 18, 2024

8:00AM Fred Facciani

Feast Day of St. Joseph, March 19, 2024

8:00AM Fred Facciani

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

8:00AM Beth McCarron

7:00PM Lenten Penance Service at St. Francis

7:00PM HOLY HOUR ONLY

(Adoration & Prayer during Penance Service)

Thursday, March 21, 2024

8:00AM Neil and Marion McCorrison

Friday, March 22, 2024

8:00AM Neil and Marion McCorrison

12:30PM Living Stations of the Cross

6:30PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 23, 2024

8:00AM Jean Haviland

3:00PM Confessions

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024

7:30AM Shawn Bennett and

Marguerite McLaughlin

9:30AM John R. Wells, Sr.

11:30AM Ronald Grapin

7:00PM Living Stations of the Cross

†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†

Especially, Betty Green

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 17th**, the candle will burn in loving memory of

Christopher Baxter as requested by a friend.

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.

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Bob Buchanan

Alicia Bona

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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 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, 4th and 5th 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.

ATTENTION ALL INTERIOR DECORATORS!

Anyone interested in helping with the decorating of our Church for Easter, please join us on **Good Friday, March 29th, at 6PM in the Church.**
Come and share your many talents!

ATTENTION PLEASE:

Interested in having your child Baptized here at St. Francis? Please email us at:

BaptismsSFA@gmail.com

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Palm Sunday ~March 24, 2024

Isaiah 50:4-9a

"... The Lord GOD helps me; therefore, I have not been disgraced...."

How often do you turn to the Lord when you experience downturns and setbacks in this life? In what ways do you see how this puts the things of this world in perspective? Does this help you understand how meaningless, and fleeting are the rewards and praise of this temporal world?

Philippians 2:5-11

".... he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross..."

How can you meditate fully upon the magnitude and depth of Christ's obedience and ultimate sacrifice? Are there ways that you can visualize what He went through, both His daily deprivations as well as His excruciating Passion? In what manner do those type of meditations and visualizations help you in your walk of faith? To know the Lord was willing to endure the harsh disappointments and rejections of this world in solidarity with us?

Mark 14:1-15:47

"...He said, 'Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.'"

Can you see how the first two readings logically lead to the theme of the Palm Sunday Gospel? The first reading speaks of God helping us in tough times so that we do not feel disgraced. The second shows us how He allowed Himself to be disgraced as the ultimate sacrifice for us. Now, it concludes by showing us that He only became the ultimate sacrifice when He submitted to His Father's will. In what ways can you embed this in your daily life as a follower and disciple of Jesus?

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

CARING FOR FRIENDS (CFF)

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. Meal tins are located in the rectory (during regular business hours) and the vestibule of the church.

The CFF program is also looking for volunteers to deliver meals to senior citizens and veterans located in Clifton Heights, Drexel Hill, Media, and Broomall. Meals can be picked up from the SFA "Caring for Friends" freezer or St. Kevin's freezer for delivery.

If you are interested in this ministry or have any questions, please contact: Cheryl Monkman (610)574-5541 OR Jill Hoffner (610)733-1593.

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:

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The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

On Tuesday we celebrate The Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

“Let us allow ourselves to be filled with St Joseph’s silence! In a world that is often too noisy, that encourages neither recollection nor listening to God’s voice, we are in such deep need of it.”---Pope Benedict XVI



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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.

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.

FLAME OF LOVE

OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



To Host the Pilgrim Queen Statue in your home for one week, (Sunday to Sunday), visit the Parish website at 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 meeting is this Thursday, March 21st. We will be entertained by the “Legends Band”. Tickets will also be on sale for “Hoagie Day”, April 11th and “Pizza Day”, May 30th. The doors to Leonard Hall (Gym) open at 12:30pm and the meeting starts at 1:15pm.

REMINDER: Casino Trip tomorrow, March 18. The Bus leaves at 10am from St. Kevin’s.

Casino Trips: 4/10, 5/8 & 6/12. 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.

Please join the
St. Kevin Women's Club for
Pancake Breakfast
& Easter Egg Hunt

SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH

FOLLOWING THE 11:00 MASS

St. Kevin Parish Life Center
200 W Sproul Road, Springfield, PA 19064

\$5/CHILD

\$10/ADULT OR

\$25/IMMEDIATE FAMILY

BYOB- BRING YOUR OWN BASKET

Tickets will be sold at the door on 3/24

Please RSVP using the QR below

or with this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LNDPZGY>

For more information, please contact
Margie @murph0502@verizon.net or
Wendy @wendy.mckenna2@verizon.net



RSVP here



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 cbcandie@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/1nSc1Izn440I-RMnIXcDKSOFRdrfst8VT/edit?usp=sharing&oid=109186988252712656508&rtpof=true&sd=true>

TO CONTACT FR. MATT:

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



"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, www.dcpcchester.org

Mother's Home: 610-583-HOME, www.mothershome.org.

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

GOD BLESS ALL WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY



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 Mike Froeter ~ Daniel McLee ~ Bill McDermott
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 Katherine Rieder ~ Rick Kern, Jr. ~ Cale Amador
 Timothy Drabyak ~ Daniel McGonigal
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 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.

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

Also available for support is Faith-based drug rehab website: www.AddictionCenter.com/Treatment/Faith-Based-Drug-and-Alcohol-Rehab



HOLY CROSS LENTEN OPPORTUNITY

Friday March 22, please join us for a special evening at Holy Cross Church beginning at 6:15 pm.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Stations of the Cross and Choir Music. Make us a part of your Lent!

The Shroud of Turin, a Silent Witness of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

Saturday, March 23rd, 9:30 AM. (Power Point Presentation). Along with this presentation, a life-size replica of the Shroud, and a two-foot statue, showing the position of the body of Christ when He was wrapped in the Shroud, will be displayed. There is no entrance fee; a basket will be available for those who may wish to make a free-will donation. **Presenter:** Massimo Paris, Shroud researcher and lecturer. **Locations:** St. Mary Magdalen Parish, St. Francis Hall, 2400 N. Providence Road, Media, PA 19063. **More information:** Questions? Contact Massimo Paris at 610-356-6778.

ST. MADELINE PARISH "HOLY HOUR FOR GOD'S UNBORN CHILDREN". This event will occur on **Monday, March 25 at 7 PM** in St. Madeline Church (400 Morton Ave., Ridley Park, PA). It is sponsored by St. Madeline's Respect Life Committee and the Knights of Columbus.

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

FOOD ADDICTS IN RECOVERY Are you having a hard time controlling the way you eat? Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous, FA is a recovery program for people who suffer from food obsession, overeating, bulimia and under-eating. The program is based on the Twelve Steps of AA. Everyone is welcome to this free meeting, including those who think they may have a food problem or those who are concerned about someone who may. FA is FREE and open to all women, men, and teens who want to stop eating addictively. Please check out our new meeting starting **Wednesday, April 10, 1:30 PM at St. Kevin School, 2nd Floor**, 200 West Sproul Road, Springfield, PA. For more information, please call Joanne at 484-848-6301 or visit www.foodaddicts.org

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>

ST. LAURENCE SCHOOL CLASS OF '73 - 50 YEAR REUNION on **Saturday, April 13th, 7-10 pm** at The Yard Pub, Havertown. Tickets are \$45 through April 5th, \$55 after. For info on ordering by check, email Terri Colgan at cogs81@msn.com. For Venmo payment email Lori Hannon at 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

FATHER JUDGE HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1974 50 Year Reunion **Saturday, April 27th** from 6 - 10 PM at Father Judge. Cost is \$80/person. Please contact Kevin Huckel at khuckel@fatherjudge.com for more information.

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 1st at 4:00 pm** and celebrate with a casual gathering afterward at the Springfield Country Club. Please contact: Michael Arizin: marizin@comcast.net or Phyllisann Henderson: phenderson333@comcast.net.

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IRISH PRAYER

This particular prayer is well-known in Ireland. Many Irish children would grow up with this prayer. It was written in 1916 by Father Michael Sheehan of County Waterford, Ireland.

Ag Críost an Síol

In ainm an Athar agus an Mhic agus an Spioraid Naoimh.
Amen.

Ag Críost an síol, ag Críost an fómhar;
in iothlainn Dé go dtugtar sinn.

Ag Críost an mhuir, ag Críost an t-iasc;
I líonta Dé go gcastar sinn.

Ó fhás go h-aois, is ó aois go bás,
do dhá láimh, a Críost, anall tharainn.
Ó bhás go críoch, ní críoch ach athfhás,
I bParthas na ngrás go rabhaimid.

English Translation...

Christ is The Seed

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Christ's is the seed, Christ's is the crop,
in the rickyard of God may we be brought.
Christ's is the sea, Christ's is the fish,
in the nets of God may we be caught.

From growth to age, from age to death,
Thy two arms, O Christ, about us.
From death to end, not end but rebirth,
in blessed Paradise may we be.



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