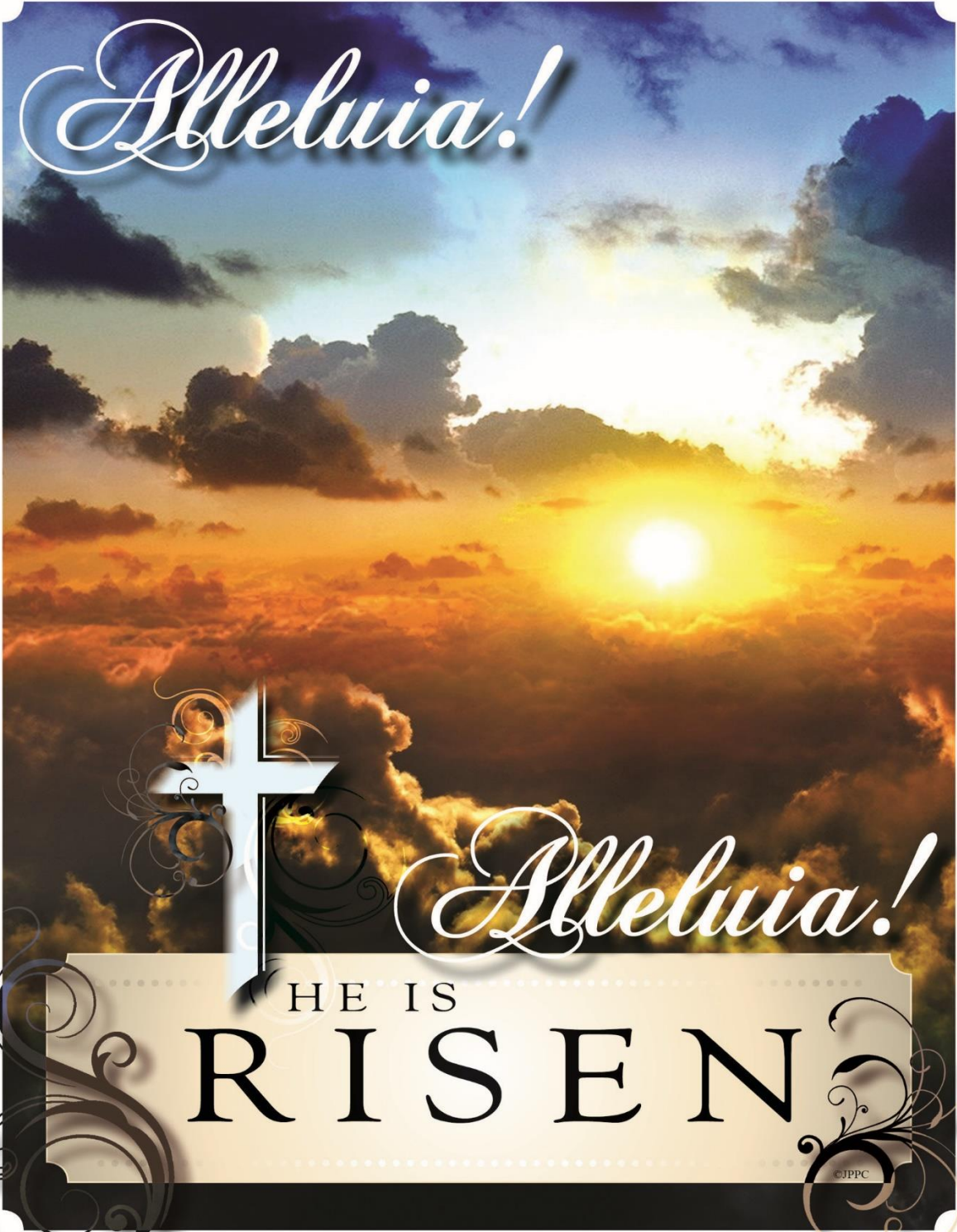


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# EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



**Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024**

7:30AM

9:30AM

11:30AM

**Monday, April 1, 2024**

8:00AM James Philbin

**Tuesday, April 2, 2024**

8:00AM Joseph McCalla

**Wednesday, April 3, 2024**

8:00AM James Philbin

**ADORATION (Following 8AM Mass through 7PM Holy Hour)**

**Thursday, April 4, 2024**

8:00AM Michael Gilfedder

**Friday, April 5, 2024**

8:00AM John Eckman

**Saturday, April 6, 2024**

8:00AM John Eckman

3:00PM Confessions

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, April 7, 2024**

7:30AM John Eckman (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.)

9:30AM Nancy Curtis

11:30AM Nora Shovlin

†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†

*Especially, Pasqualino "Pat" Spatola*

*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 31st**, the candle will burn in loving memory of **Terry Lyons** as requested by **his wife, Mary Ann**.

**ATTENTION PLEASE:**

Interested in having your child Baptized here at St. Francis? Please email us at: [BaptismsSFA@gmail.com](mailto:BaptismsSFA@gmail.com)

**Prayer Corner**



Dean Segal

Baby DeSantis

Dominic Rosini

Colin Murray

Dolores Govannicci

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

## FOOD COLLECTION

Thank You for all of your generous support to our Food Drive. Our donations have been down lately. The food goes to help many needy families, especially in our own parish. The next Food Collection is **April 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>**. God Bless

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



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## TO CONTACT FR. MATT:

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

**ATTENTION: RECTORY CLOSED FOR EASTER HOLIDAY. WILL RESUME REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS ON TUESDAY, APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**BREAKING OPEN THE WORD**  
**Sunday of Divine Mercy ~ April 7th, 2024**



**Acts 4:32-35**

The early believers were united, sharing possessions and resources. How do you live out that any of your possessions are not your own?

**1 John 5:1-6**

"...And his commandments are not burdensome." Which Commandments is "burdensome" for you at this time in your life? Since the Commandments are God's Laws of Love and help us experience freedom from sin in our daily lives, how will you go about relieving this self-inflicted burden from your daily life?

**John 20:19-31**

The Gospel addresses the interplay between faith and doubt recognizing that doubt is a normal part of the Christian journey. When have you gone from doubt to faith? Who or what brought you there?

**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.



**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, contact Cheryl Monkman (610)574-5541/Jill Hoffner (610)733-1593.

**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 this weekend of March 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<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!

**MARY MOTHER OF CAPTIVES**

A Support Group for those coping with a loved one in prison. Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org).

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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.

*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.

**Our Lady, Queen of Peace Praesidium 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.

*The Corner*

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What a joyful day it is today! Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! This is our Easter joy. Pope John Paul II once said, *"We are an Easter people and Hallelujah is our song!"* Carry this joyful tune of Easter Hallelujah in your hearts.

**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.

**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)

**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

**SAINT FRANCIS OVER 50 CLUB**



**The next meeting is April 11. We are going to have "Hoagie Day." Tickets are required. Tickets for "Pizza Day," May 30<sup>th</sup>, will also be on sale.**  
**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.

### **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):

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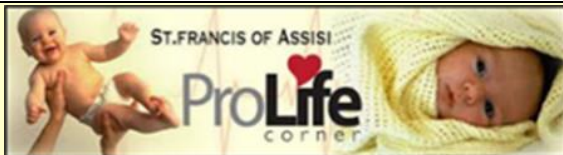
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Let us pray for those who SERVE and PROTECT...

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.



#### **"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.

### **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)

## **Upcoming** EVENTS

### **SPRING BIBLE STUDY**



In In **"Queen of Heaven: Mary's Battle For You"** we will study history's most famous woman. It is an encounter with Mary as you have never had before. We will accompany her from her Immaculate Conception through her apparitions in modern times. This is an 8-episode series with videos and discussions; there are no workbooks for this study. As always, we study at your convenience, either Monday **evenings** or Wednesday **mornings** in the Parish Center, so **PICK THE TIME** 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 study, but please bring your Bible. Light refreshments are provided.

**When: Mondays, April 8 thru May 27, 7:00 – 8:30 PM**

**OR: Wednesdays, April 10 thru May 29, 9:15 – 10:45 AM**

It is always helpful to have a headcount.

To save a seat or for more information, contact Pattie Stevens at [pattiejstevens@comcast.net](mailto:pattiejstevens@comcast.net) or 484.868.8571.

### **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)

**VISITATION'S 2ND ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR** Please join us at our annual craft fair. We will have 35+ vendors and food/drinks! This event is open to the public, so please spread the word. We have amazing talent among our community, and we couldn't be more thrilled to give them the opportunity to showcase their items. **April 6<sup>th</sup>, 9am-2pm**. Visitation BVM School Gym. 190 N. Trooper Road, Norristown, Pa.

**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](http://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) <<http://www.rachelsvineyard.org>

**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)

**MARRIED COUPLES** – When's the last time you gave your marriage a tune-up? Keep your engines running by getting away together on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next in-person experiences are **April 19-21 and July 12-14** at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown.

For more info visit: <https://www.wvme-philly.org>

**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)

**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)

**Sunday April 21, 2024**



“The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus.  
When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

---St John Vianney

**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. Contact: Michael Arizin @ [marizin@comcast.net](mailto:marizin@comcast.net) or Phyllisann Henderson @ [phenderson333@comcast.net](mailto:phenderson333@comcast.net).

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**PRAYER FOR EASTER**

Good and gracious God, Our most glorious Creator, As we greet the signs in nature around us: Of Spring once again regaling us in bloom, In the songs of returning birds and fields soon to be planted, We give You praise for an even greater sign of new life: the resurrection of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, that we especially celebrate at this time. The sadness and despair of His death have given way to the bright promise of immortality. For the Resurrection is our guarantee that justice will triumph over treason, Light will overcome darkness, and love will conquer death. As we celebrate, we also dare to ask for Your grace so that we may live the promise given to us by imitating the life of Jesus and reaching out to the poor, the marginalized, and the least among us. As we strive to be neighbors to all those we meet, We praise You in this Easter season. Change our lives, change our hearts to be messengers of Easter joy and hope. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord forever. Amen.

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