

i will lay down  
**MY LIFE**  
for the sheep

JOHN 10:15



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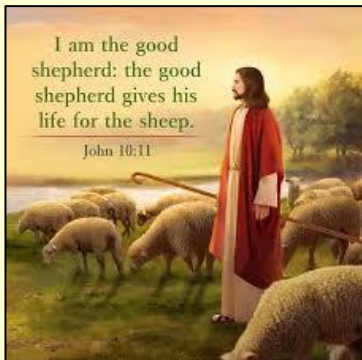
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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**Sunday, April 21, 2024**

7:30AM Ann Dougherty  
9:30AM Eileen McCauley  
11:30AM Dante Piccone

**Monday, April 22, 2024**

8:00AM Robert Herre

**Tuesday, April 23, 2024**

8:00AM Bernadette Russella (14<sup>th</sup> Ann.)

**Wednesday, April 24, 2024**

8:00AM Albert Bruno

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

**Thursday, April 25, 2024**

8:00AM Ed Helmig

**Friday, April 26, 2024**

8:00AM Richard Osiecki

**Saturday, April 27, 2024**

8:00AM Emma McGee

3:00PM Confessions

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, April 28, 2024**

7:30AM Henry Pietras

9:30AM Joseph and Winnie McNelis

11:30AM Nicholas Jarusiewicz

†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†

*Especially, Miss Mary Ann Calabrese*

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



**MEMORIAL FOR APRIL 2024**

Bread ~ Ann and David Toner

Wine ~ Christian Altee

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE**



This candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. For the Week **April 21st**, the candle will burn in loving memory of **Anthony DiGregorio** as requested by **his sisters**.

**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  
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  
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Carolina Longmore  
Maryann Murphy  
Cathy Baj  
Francine Piccone  
Ray Kenney, Sr.  
Sandy Keller

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  
Michelle Rodger  
Sadie Keller

Evan Farrington  
Michael Farley  
Bill Seavey  
Lou DeSantis  
Arthur Le Tourneau  
Ethel LeVasseur  
Michael Costa  
Joanne Marks  
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  
Marsha Four  
Patricia Lafferty  
Jack Schultz  
Ambrose Hummel  
Deacon Joe Gousie

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.

## TICKETS ON SALE NOW FOR ST.FRANCIS PLAYERS 2024 PRODUCTION OF



The St. Francis Players will be sure to dazzle you in this year's production - their 63rd production!

**Evening performances will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27. Matinee performance will be Sunday, April 28 at 2:00 PM. Doors open a half hour prior to curtain.**

Reserved tickets are \$18.00 with general admission at the door for \$12.00. Senior and student general admission is \$10.00. Senior and student general admission must be purchased by phone or at the door. To purchase tickets visit [www.stfrancisplayers.org](http://www.stfrancisplayers.org) under "Tickets" or call 610-505-8874. All performances will be held at Leonard Hall, St. Francis of Assisi Church, Springfield, PA.

### TO CONTACT FR. MATT:

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

**BREAKING OPEN THE WORD**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ April 28th, 2024**



**Acts 9:26-31**

When Saul (Paul) arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the Christian community, but the people were understandably fearful of him. His reputation was difficult to overcome. Put yourself in the place of those gathered in Jerusalem. Can you relate to their suspicions? How might that situation have relevance today?

**1 John 3:18-24**

“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” If you were charged with having an intimate relationship with God, what evidence (deed and truth) would your accusers find to convict you?

**John 15:1-8**

This extended season of Easter is a reminder of the dying and rising of Christ for the Christian life. These Sundays after Easter afford us with time to reflect upon the deepest meanings of our life in Christ, flowing from Baptism and the continual presence of the Holy Spirit. In what way does this Gospel invite you to enter more deeply into the Paschal Mystery? What does it mean to you personally that Jesus is the vine and you are the branches? How do you feel about being pruned? Have you ever felt that you were pruned by the Vinedresser? What did you learn from this experience?

**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, **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.



**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 the weekend of May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</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!

**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.



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, contact Maureen Zane (for the next week) 610-329-1657.



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.

### The Corner

*Brought to you by your Evangelization Team*

On Thursday we observe the feast of St Mark the Evangelist. Tradition tells us that he was St Peter's translator and scribe, so the Gospel of Mark is actually Peter's story and eyewitness account of his time with Jesus! Mark also accompanied Saints Paul and Barnabas on their journeys, and was the founder of the Church in Alexandria, Egypt.

### 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. 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 meeting is Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. We will be entertained by "Ed Mills." Tickets for "Pizza Day," May 30<sup>th</sup>, and "Year-End Luncheon," June 13<sup>th</sup>, will be on sale. The doors to Leonard Hall (the gym) open at 12:30pm and the meeting starts at 1:15pm.**

**Casino Trips: 5/8, 6/12 & 7/10.** 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/1nSc1Izn440I-RMnIXcDKSOFRdrfst8VT/edit?usp=sharing&oid=109186988252712656508&rtpof=true&sd=true>

### 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.



### DELCO PRO-LIFE MEETING

**Please join us for our monthly Delco Pro-Life meeting on Wednesday, April 24, at 7 PM at the Holy Cross Parish Center in Springfield. The Parish Center is located behind the school. Your prayers and suggestions are most welcome. *Jesus, protect and save the unborn.***

### WALK FOR LIFE!

**Saturday, April 27:** benefits the Delaware County Pregnancy Center in Chester, at Chester Park, 9 AM check-in, contact Holly at [holly@dcpcchester.org](mailto:holly@dcpcchester.org) to register

### "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)

## GOD BLESS ALL WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY



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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  
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John-Michael Bartivic ~ Joseph Spence  
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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.

### 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)



**MASS FOR PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST CHILDREN**  
**Wednesday, April 24 at 7PM.** All are welcome to join us at St. Dorothy Church, 4910 Township Line Road, Drexel Hill,  
**FIRST FAMILY FUN FAIR** St. Bernadette is having their first Family Fun Fair **April 24th to the 27th.** We will have rides and games for all! Please help us to make this a success. Hope to see you at the Fair!

**ST PIUS X OVER 50 TRAVEL CLUB** is running a trip to the Walnut Street Theatre in Philadelphia, on **Wednesday, May 1st**, to see "BEAUTIFUL." **Cost: \$189.00/Person**  
Reservations and information, please contact Kathleen 610-353-2575.

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

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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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Give them patience to break down barriers of suspicion and mistrust; ability to discern personal prejudices and the courage to overcome fear.  
Teach them to respect each other's integrity and rights so that Your kingdom may be established on earth.  
For Jesus' sake.



## St. Francis Pancake Breakfast!

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# Mother's Day

## Remembrance Basket

### Honor The Special Women In Your Life

Place a Ribbon in the Mother's Day Remembrance Basket for the month of May.

**FILL OUT REQUEST FORM BELOW, AND PLACE IT IN THE DESIGNATED BASKET IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE  
NO LATER THAN SUNDAY MAY 5TH**

*THE WOMEN'S NAMES WILL BE PRINTED ON THE RIBBONS AND PLACED IN THE MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE BASKET  
FOR THE ENTIRE MONTH OF MAY FOR PRAYER INTENTIONS TO BE HONORED.*

**PINK RIBBON For Living Women's Names**  
**WHITE RIBBON For Deceased Women's Names**



**PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY**

**LIVING NAME(S)**

**DECEASED NAME(S)**

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