

Mother's Day

May God bless
all mothers,
grandmothers,
and mother figures!
Thank you for
your love and
affection in
our world!



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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Mother's Day, May 12, 2024

7:30AM Elizabeth McCallum & Hilda K. Girshick

9:30AM Rita Grayum

11:30AM Catharine Rooney (50th Ann.)

Monday, May 13, 2024

8:00AM Rita Grayum

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

8:00AM Jane Duffy

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

8:00AM Margaret A. Curren

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

Thursday, May 16, 2024

8:00AM Rita Grayum

7:00PM May Procession

Friday, May 17, 2024

8:00AM Jane Duffy

Saturday, May 18, 2024

8:00AM Rita Grayum

3:00PM Confessions

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, May 19, 2024

7:30AM Augustine, Charlotte & Thomas Smolik

9:30AM Jamie McPoyle

11:30AM Ferdinand Joseph Thurwanger

†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†

Especially, Anita K. Pace

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



MEMORIAL FOR MAY 2024
Bread and Wine ~ Daniel Herron, Sr.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE



This candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. For the Week **May 12th**, the candle will burn with love for **all Mothers, living and deceased.**

TO CONTACT FR. MATT:

Please feel free to contact Fr. Matt with any questions or comments through email: frtralies@gmail.com.

If you do not hear back, call Joan Curtis at the Rectory 610-543-0848 ext. 110.

Prayer Corner



Dean Segal	Emily Belfie	Evan Farrington
Baby DeSantis	Arthur LeTourneau	Michael Farley
Dominic Rosini	Bill Colgan	Bill Seavey
Colin Murray	Lou DeSantis	Dolores Govannicci
Monique Carpenter	Brian Marandola	Ethel LeVasseur
Anne McGlone	Carmen Salerno	Michael Costa
Maria DiGiacinto	Amy Faulls	Joanne Marks
David Clemmer	Mary Benedetti	Veronica Suppa
Catherine Lindsey	Shealyn Mencil	Caroline Donovan
Danny Hynes	Kathy Fritz	Frans Donnelly
Robert W. Bollinger	Jeannie Brattini	Emily Meakim
Leslie Dougherty	Joanne DeSantis	Paula Bazela
Margaret Binetsky	Ron Fraatz	Cathy Kenney
Jack Braconnier, Sr.	Denise DeAngelis	Joe Calabrese
Maryann McCauley	Marie Martin	Beverly Scarani
Bob Buchanan	Greg Schmidt	Vince Kelly
Alicia Bona	Albert Panebianco	Hank McElwee
Anita K. Pace	Mary Jean Grandizio	Inger Sexton
Natalie Berry	Gerald Berry	Eileen Bowdren
Carolina Longmore	Ann Farren	Brian Griffin
Maryann Murphy	Dan Bruno	Marsha Four
Cathy Baj	Malcolm Wills	Patricia Lafferty
Francine Piccone	Robert Ranieri	Jack Schultz
Ray Kenney, Sr.	Michelle Rodger	Ambrose Hummel
Sandy Keller	Sadie Keller	Deacon Joe Gousie
Martha McHugh	Susan Lower	

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.



Interested in having your child Baptized here at St. Francis? Please either **CALL THE RECTORY** at 610-543-0848 and speak to Joan Curtis **or email us at:** BaptismsSFA@gmail.com



St. Francis of Assisi May Procession

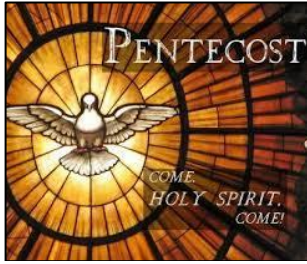
Thursday, May 16th 7:00 PM

All are welcome to attend!

This Event to be Live-streamed on our Parish Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/sfaspringfield/>

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD
Pentecost Sunday ~ May 19th, 2024



Acts 2:1-11

In the First Reading we read of a miracle occurring ...people who speak many different languages become united. In what ways have you experienced the power of the Spirit creating unity?

Galatians 5:16-25

What helps you when you find the Spirit and the flesh at war within you? Do you turn to a particular form of prayer? A saint? A Spiritual Director? Some other resource?

John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

“The Spirit of Truth, he will guide you to all truth...” Have you experienced an insight or intuition that you believed was inspired by the Holy Spirit? Be a witness to the Holy Spirit working in your life. Share with someone the circumstances and consequences.



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!!

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.

MANNA SUNDAY, MAY 19TH



This Weekend, May 11th & 12th, MANNA Bags will be made available at all Masses. **Kindly Return Filled Bags Saturday, May 18th ~ or ~ Sunday May 19th**. This will be our last collection until September! The MANNA Canned Food Collection helps to stock our local emergency food cupboards and provides help to our parish community with sufficient supplies for the coming summer months when food collections traditionally decline.

(Drop off Filled Bags in Church vestibule)

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.

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 Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

Happy Mother's Day to all of our mothers, who are physical and spiritual blessings in our lives. Let's also remember our Mother Mary, who battles the evil one for us every day, and who is our great intercessor to her Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. So pray today for your own mother and to your heavenly Mother.



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.

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.

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:
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THE THREE PARISH BOOK CLUB



The next meeting of the Book Club will be **Wednesday, May 29th at 7:00 p.m.** at the Holy Cross Parish Center. Please join us on May 29 for a discussion of Mary and Me by Ginny Kubitz Moyer. You are always welcome to attend our meetings even if you have not read the selected book. We will also choose a book for September at this meeting. For additional information, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610-328-2095 or at joyvanberg@gmail.com

- May**
Mary and Me by Ginny Kubitz Moyer
- June**
Ukraine Diary by Henri Nouwen



PRO-LIFE CONTEST WINNERS!

Congratulations to the winners in our annual Pro-life Essay/Poem/Poster contest. The theme this year was "There's always a reason to choose Life." Winning essays, poems and posters are on display in our church vestibule. Blessings to all our St. Francis 7th & 8th graders who participated.

Essay:

- 1st place - Abigail Adams**
- 2nd place - Cole Goane**
- 3rd place - Maeve Lannon**

Poem:

- 1st place - Sophia Kidd**
- 2nd place - Michael McGowan**
- 3rd place - Patrick Winner**

Posters:

- 1st place - Eva Repice**
- 2nd place - Nicky Ferraiolo**
- 3rd place – tie: Keira Geary and Olivia Oakes**

"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.dcpchester.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



- 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
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- Aidan Jones ~ Shawn McConaghy ~ Colin Butler
- 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.**

**SPRINGFIELD AMERICAN LEGION POST 227 AND
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP, DELAWARE COUNTY**



MONDAY, MAY 27th, 2024

Memorial Day Parade and services will be remembering all Springfield residents who made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our country and our community.

EVENTS SCHEDULE:

9:15 AM: A Memorial Service will start in front of the World War II Memorial at St. Francis of Assisi Church (136 Saxer Avenue) followed by a parade to the Springfield Township building.

10:00AM: Memorial Service at Springfield Township Building (50 Powell Road). This year we will be honoring and remembering United States Army **1st Lt. Irving N. Hurley**, a graduate of Springfield High School and Springfield resident who led a platoon of tanks, landing on the beaches of Normandy at Utah Beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944. He was Killed in Action six days later on June 12, 1944. This is especially poignant as this year is the **80th anniversary of the D-Day battle.**

In your Memorial Day Services, please include and remember all fallen Springfield military residents, especially 1st Lt. Irving N. Hurley.

Thank you for supporting the Memorial Day events and fallen Springfield military!

SAINT FRANCIS OVER 50 CLUB



The next meeting is May 30th. We are going to have "Pizza Day". Tickets are required. Tickets for "Year-End Luncheon," June 13th, will be on sale.

Casino Trips: 6/12, 7/10, & 8/13. 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.

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

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 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>

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) or Luke LeTourneau (Luke@LiveVertical.org) or call 610-986-6660. For more info, visit: www.livevertical.org

Catholic Charities Appeal 2024



As we celebrate "**Pledge Card**" **Weekend**, this week, for the Catholic Charities Appeal, please consider helping those in most need. The Appeal funds hundreds of beneficiary organizations that serve thousands.

Please take a Donation Card located at the Church entrances ~or~ Visit catholiccharitiesappeal.org to make a Donation. We thank all who have given and ask those who have not yet given to the 2024 Appeal to prayerfully consider helping those in need by supporting the Catholic Charities.

Upcoming EVENTS

EILEEN GEORGE PRAYER GROUP Join us on **Sunday, May 12th, 2-3PM** for a grace-filled Holy Hour led by Monsignor Michael McCulken. We will have Adoration, Confessions, and Benediction along with our Novena for Eileen George's intercession for our personal needs. Priests will be available for Confessions. After Benediction, you are welcome to join us in the hall for light refreshments.

Annunciation BVM Church, 401 Brookline Blvd., Havertown, PA For questions contact: Jeanmarie Lorello at 610-547-7308 (phone or text).

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL NIGHT WITH THE PHILLIES...Friday, May 31st at 6:40PM. Support the CCA and watch the Philadelphia Phillies take on the Saint Louis Cardinals. A portion of the proceeds from all tickets sold through the link below will directly benefit CCA programs. **info and tickets:**

<https://www.mlb.com/phillies/tickets/specials/catholic-charities>

NUN RUN - A 5K RUN / 3K WALK, June 1, 2024

8:30AM Start Time, Rain or Shine. Join the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for a fun family day and great opportunity for youth, young adults and all those who like to run or walk. Proceeds benefit [Camilla Hall](#), the convent home and health care center for the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Location: Camilla Hall, 100 Maxis Drive, Malvern, PA.

For more info/to register: www.ihmnunrun.org

SAINT KEVIN CLASS OF 1968 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 or Phyllisann Henderson @ phenderson333@comcast.net.

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT WOMEN'S

CONFERENCE OF PHILADELPHIA June 8, 9AM-5PM. Join young adult women in their 20's for the first young adult catholic women's conference! Come to discover how John Paul II's concept of the Feminine Genius can illuminate your walk with Christ. Adoration, Mass, small groups, personal prayer and fellowship will fill our day. National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, 654 Ferry Road, Doylestown PA 18901. **Register:** czestochowa.us/calenda or **Questions/more info:** Andrea Mueller, amueller@archphila.org

RETREAT FOR CATHOLICS AFFECTED BY

DIVORCE AND SEPARATION: Saturday, June 15,

11:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Join the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family, and Faith for a half-day retreat specifically geared for Catholics who have been wounded by divorce and/or separation in need of hope and healing. The day will feature talks, time for reflection, Confessions, prayer time, and the anticipated Mass for Sunday at 4 p.m. A delicious lunch and snacks are included in the price of the retreat. (Cost: \$60).

Place: The Daylesford Abbey, 220 S. Valley Road, Paoli, PA 19031. **Registration:** Go to this link to register:

<https://www.nonnatus.org/divorce-retreat.html> or send a \$60 check to: St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation, P.O. Box 951, Skipack, PA 19474-0951.

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held **August 9-11, and on October 4-6** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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For Information regarding Upcoming Funerals & Services, Please visit our Parish Website at www.sfaparish.org and click on...



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Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord, whom you serve, for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel, which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. Dear Mother, intercede for all our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say 'yes' to the call to the sacrificial love—the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son. On this Mother's Day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you... In the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

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