

*Who then is this  
whom even wind  
and sea obey?*

MARK 4:41

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*A heartfelt Thank You to all who helped  
 to assemble the ribbons for the  
 Mother's Day & Father's Day  
 Remembrance Baskets.  
 We could not have done it without you!  
 Your time and talent in the true  
 spirit of stewardship was  
 very much appreciated.  
 God Bless.*

**THE 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**



**Sunday, June 23, 2024**

7:30AM Stephen J. Lick  
9:30AM Catherine Cardie  
11:30AM Barbara Bruno (2nd Ann.)

**Monday, June 24, 2024**

8:00AM George Farrelly (4th Ann.)

**Tuesday, June 25, 2024**

8:00AM Christopher James Egoville  
(1st Ann.)

**Wednesday, June 26, 2024**

8:00AM Rev. James A. Grant

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

**Thursday, June 27, 2024**

8:00AM Doris O'Hara (1st Ann.)

**Friday, June 28, 2024**

8:00AM Michael Wells (13th Ann.)

**Saturday, June 29, 2024**

8:00AM Deacon Jim Kane (2nd Ann.)  
3:00PM Confessions  
4:00PM For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, June 30, 2024**

7:30AM Rev. James A. Grant  
9:30AM Louis D'Alonzo  
11:30AM Jim and Marge McNicholas

†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†

*Especially, William T. Burke*

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



**MEMORIAL FOR JUNE 2024**

Bread and Wine ~ Laurie Braconnier

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE**



This candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. For the Week **June 23rd**, the candle will burn in loving memory of **Miss Mary Ann Calabrese** as requested by her friend, **Esther Salerno**.

**ATTENTION: EARLY TRANSMISSION**

The July 7<sup>th</sup> Bulletin is due by 3PM, Thursday,  
June 27<sup>th</sup> due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**  
TOGETHER WE WILL PRAY

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
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Catherine Lindsey	Shealyn Mencil	Caroline Donovan
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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.

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## **BREAKING OPEN THE WORD**

The 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024



### **Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24**

Trying to understand the untimely death of a young person is beyond our comprehension. Life and death are the province of God. How do you rejoice and appreciate each day as a pure gift of God's love.

### **2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15**

I have heard a wealthy man, who was a good friend, tell me: "I am just a distributor of God's blessings." How do you view all your time, treasure, and talents?

### **Mark 5:21-43**

Jesus speaks His word into the death reports of the synagogue official's child: "Do not be afraid; just have faith." It's just that simple, but not easy, if we have not encountered the Power of God's love. He says at another place in Mark's Gospel: "Fear is useless! What is needed is trust." How do you give God your trust?

### **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!!

### *The Corner*

#### ***Brought to you by your Evangelization Team***

Tomorrow we celebrate the Feast of **The Nativity of St John the Baptist**. We all know the story of John, who even in the womb knew the presence of Jesus and of Mary, and leaped with joy at the glad coming of the Son of man. He was a bridge between the Old Testament and the New Testament, and some theologians say he was the last prophet of the Old Testament.

**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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## **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 June 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<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)**

We are excited to add another opportunity to help those in need of meals by having a summer cook-in. All the ingredients will be provided – we simply need your presence to assemble individual meal trays for our client-friends! No experience needed.

**Wednesday, July 24, 9AM-12noon in Leonard Hall Kitchen**

Please contact Cheryl Monkman (610)574-5541 or Jill Hoffner (610)733-1593 if you are interested in helping! Thank you for your desire to feed our neighbors!

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.

### **CITY TEAM**

Saint Francis in Action (SFA) will be traveling to Chester again to help the City Team prepare Back-to School Backpacks for children 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 Tuesday, August 13, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., and Wednesday, August 14, 1 to 3 p.m. for packing the backpacks with school supplies.**

**On Sunday, August 18, there will be a carnival at Subaru Park, home field of the Philadelphia Union soccer team in Chester to distribute the backpacks.**

In order to sign up for any of these shifts, sign in to their website at:

<https://cityteam.volunteerhub.com>

Once there, scroll down to SIGN IN; if you've volunteered before your account will come up. If not, you will CREATE AN ACCOUNT, which is very simple to do. (Feel free to return to this site at any time if there are other events you are interested in!) If you wish to carpool or have questions, please contact Helen Golden at: [Hलगolden1@gmail.com](mailto:Hलगolden1@gmail.com)



### **PRO-LIFE SPRING 2024 GIVEAWAY!**

This Pro-life Spring 2024 Giveaway benefits Generation Life and the Pro-Life Educational Foundation in our 5-county area. Raffle tickets are \$100 each with only 1000 being sold. Grand prize is \$5000, 2nd Prize is \$1000, 3rd Prize is \$500. **Drawing is June 27.** Generation Life's young adults proclaim the pro-life and chastity messages to young people; the Pro-Life Educational Foundation funds public and social media advertising with the pro-life and chastity messages. For tickets, please contact Carla Santoleri at 610-361-8447, Teresa Santoleri at 302-345-7867 or visit [www.GenerationLife.org](http://www.GenerationLife.org) to donate by credit card.

#### **"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)

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



### **Catechists and Classroom Aides Are Needed for the Weekly Parish Religious Education Program**

#### **CATECHISTS**

- One-Grade 1 Catechist, One-Grade 2 Catechist
- One-Grade 3 Catechist for the Afternoon Session
- One-Grade 3 Catechist for the Evening Session
- One-Grade 4 Catechist

#### **CLASSROOM AIDES**

- Two-Grade 1 Classroom Aides
- One-Grade 2 Classroom Aide
- One-Third Grade Aide for the Afternoon Session
- One-Third Grade Aide for the Evening Session

(Afternoon Session: 4:30-5:45PM/Evening Session: 6:45-8:00PM)

**Please call Madelyn McBride if you are willing and able to volunteer. 610-543-0848 Extension 118**

### **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 THREE PARISH BOOK CLUB**



#### **June Meeting**

The Three Parish Book Club will combine its June meeting with an end of year luncheon. If you would like to join us, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610 328-2095 or at [joyvanbetg@gmail.com](mailto:joyvanbetg@gmail.com) for more information. Summer reading suggestions will be available at the meeting. **June: Ukraine Diary** by Henri Nouwen

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



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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.**

### **SAINT FRANCIS OVER 50 CLUB**



**There are no meetings in July and August. Our General meetings will resume in September.**

**Casino Trips:** 7/10, 8/13 & 9/11. 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.



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**RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE**

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](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

**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 experience is **July 12-14** at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more info visit: <https://www.wvme-philly.org>

**OUR LADY OF PEACE WOMEN RETREAT AT MALVERN RETREAT HOUSE** **September 13-15<sup>th</sup>**. The theme will be “This is a time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel.” Mark 1:15. We will have Father Doug McKa; Sr. J. Shiela Galligan, IHM; Mary Bea Damico and Christine Wittman as our speakers. They direct our conferences in an effort to assist us to grow closer to our Lord. Please consider the gift of this weekend retreat for yourself and other women in your lives. To register, call 610 644-0400 or go directly to Our Lady Of Peace - 2024 - Malvern Retreat House:

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**IF A PRENATAL DIAGNOSIS IS POOR, YOU ARE NOT ALONE.** *Lily's Gift* is a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding poor prenatal diagnosis. A collaboration of the Office for Persons with Disabilities, Catholic Social Services and the Office of Life and Family, this service can provide a peer support team to assist couples during this critical time. For support call 215-587-3530 or email [LilysGiftLuke12.27@gmail.com](mailto:LilysGiftLuke12.27@gmail.com). For more information about a Catholic response to PPD visit [www.Lilysgift.org](http://www.Lilysgift.org) or [www.benotafraid.net](http://www.benotafraid.net).

**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)

**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)

**INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES AND AUTISM**

**HELP-LINE:** Do you need help accessing services and supports for someone with an intellectual disability or Autism? A collaboration of Catholic Social Services-Developmental Programs, The Office for Persons with Disabilities and the Schools of Special Education of the Archdiocese is offering this convenient helpline to assist families connect to disabilities services provided by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and other agencies.

To reach the Help-Line call: 484-472-5041 or email: [IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org](mailto:IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org).

**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.

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