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If you have someone you would like to ADD or have REMOVED from prayer list, please email Joan Curtis at <u>sfabulletin@hotmail.com</u> or call the Rectory at 610-543-0848.



To Host the Pilgrim Queen Statue in your home for one week, visit <u>sfaparish.org</u> and click on the **Sign Up** link to reserve your week. For information, call Roseann Squitiere at 610-328-0635.

THE 13[™] SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Sunday, June 30, 2024 7:30AM Rev. James A. Grant 9:30AM Louis D'Alonzo 11:30AM Jim and Marge McNicholas Monday, July 1, 2024 8:00AM Cathy Wilson Tuesday, July 2, 2024 8:00AM Rev. James A. Grant Wednesday, July 3, 2024 8:00AM Nelson Daniel Diaz ADORATION (Following 8AM Mass through 7PM Holy Hour) Thursday, July 4, 2024 8:00AM Mass of Independence Friday, July 5, 2024 8:00AM William O'Leary (1st Ann.) Saturday, July 6, 2024 8:00AM Rev. James A. Grant **3:00PM Confessions** 4:00PM For the People of the Parish Sunday, July 7, 2024 7:30AM Thomas Doyle 9:30AM Mary Roddy 11:30AM Claire Jurchak

†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED† Especially, Martha McHugh May they rest in God's peace and may their families be comforted.



MEMORIAL FOR JULY 2024 Bread and Wine ~ Paul Braconnier

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

This candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. For the Week June 30th, the candle will burn in loving memory of Barbara Miraglia as requested by her friend, Esther Salerno.

ATTENTION: WEEKLY DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Wednesday mornings Divine Mercy Chaplet is going to break for July and August. You are welcome to continue praying the Chaplet as usual immediately following the 8AM Mass, but there will be no one to lead it. It will resume with a leader in September. Thank you!

PRAYER REQUESTS TOGETHER WE WILL PRAY

Dean Segal **Baby DeSantis Dominic Rosini Colin Murray Monique Carpenter** Anne McGlone Maria DiGiacinto **David Clemmer Catherine Lindsev Danny Hynes** Robert W. Bollinger Leslie Dougherty Margaret Binetsky Jack Braconnier, Sr. Maryann McCauley **Bob Buchanan** Alicia Bona Ray Kenney, Sr. Natalie Berry Carolina Longmore Maryann Murphy Cathy Baj **Francine Piccone Deacon Joe Gousie** Sandy Keller Susan Lower

Emily Belfie Arthur LeTourneau **Bill Colgan** Lou DeSantis **Brian Marandola Carmen Salerno Amy Faulls Mary Benedetti Shealyn Mencel** 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** Sadie Keller **Rob Longo**

Evan Farrington Michael Farley Bill Seavey Dolores Govannicci 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 Michelle Rodger Ambrose Hummel Martha McHugh

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.

> St. Francis of Assisi School is seeking Teachers: Full-Time 4[™] Grade & 2ND Grade and a Preschool Aide for the 2024-2025 Academic Year. If you are experienced and interested, please send your resume to our principal. Mrs. Nicole Hamilton, nhamilton@sfaschool.com Thank you!



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

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD The 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ July 7th, 2024



Ezekiel 2:2-5

"...obstinate of heart are they to whom, I am sending you... ...they are a rebellious house."

When God sends Ezekiel to the Israelites, He prepares hum to face rejection. God's command to Ezekiel is to proclaim the Word. Ezekiel is not responsible for the Israelites' reaction to it. Are there parts of God's Word that you are resistant to hearing? What can you do to open your mind and your heart to hear God's message to you?

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

"My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness...."

We all have "circumstances intractable thorns in the flesh." They may be physical illnesses or infirmities, or maybe, we are confronted with one or more seemingly intractable problems, and have we not all begged God for a change in our circumstances? But do we ever, like Paul, if not exactly "boast" of our weaknesses at least be "content" with them, knowing that God's grace is enough for us. If so, how does this realization help you meet the challenges of daily life? If not, what can you do to be more content with your weaknesses?

<u>Mark 6:1-6</u>

"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin..."

When Jesus comes to his native place, those who knew him and his family were skeptical of his power and ability. Their memories of his background and relationships interfered with their hearing of his message. (And let's not forget that, even amid such resistance Jesus was still able to cure some sick people.) What memories do you have that prevent you from hearing Jesus' message to you today? Are you able to put the past in its place and hear in your heart his message of hope?



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 this weekend, June 29th & 30th**. 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 <u>cfkenney@verizon.net</u> 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

<u>cfkenney@verizon.net</u> 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: <u>Helengolden1@gmail.com</u>

HELP NEEDED DISTRIBUTING COMMUNION

Saint Kevin Parish is in need of another member (or two) to join our team of volunteers that brings Communion to the residents at Springfield Crossings and Rehabilitation Center. The commitment is once a month on Tuesdays at 11 am. You will be able to shadow a member in order to become comfortable with it. This Ministry is so meaningful, and the residents truly appreciate this opportunity. Please call the office at 610-544-8777.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace Presidium 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 "Since Christ Himself has said, 'This is My Body,' who shall dare to doubt that it is His Body?" ---St Cyril of Jerusalem, 4th century Bishop and Doctor of the Church

🧇 RaiseRight.

SCRIP sales are held in the gym from 9:30-11am every Sunday (except holidays). If you have any questions, please contact Deb Peterson or Amy Foran at www.sfascripsales@gmail.com or call 484-432-1472.



"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.

THE THREE PARISH BOOK CLUB



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 for more information. Summer reading suggestions will be available at the meeting. June: Ukraine Diary by Henri Nouwen

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: CYO/ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI/SPRINGFIELD #7046 SFA CYO

GOD BLESS ALL WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY



Davidson Cox ~ Skip Turner ~ Kevin Geiger ~ Jon Hylton ~ Connor Lyons Michael McGarvey ~ 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 ~ Brian J. McDermott ~ Jonathan Butterfield 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.

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI Students excel at **CARDINAL O'HARA HIGH SCHOOL**

Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students on the End of the 4th quarter. We are particularly proud of those who demonstrated academic excellence:

Students who achieved first honors include: Carly Coleman '24, Ava Hneleski '24, Sarah Lorenz '24,

Sophia Gower '25, Nathan Kutufaris'25, Allison Lorenz '26, Olivia Thompson '27, Luke Alfonsi '27.

Students who achieved second honors include:

Mia Ciliberti '24, Kevin McGuire '24, Patrick Roney '24, Joseph Troilo '24, Colin Culp '25, Michael Ferraiolo '25, Michael Reardon '25, Kayleigh McGowan '26, Joshua Babcock '27, Jack Coleman '27, Leah Hudak '27, Sean Peterson '27.

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.



THE MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER CLUB (Ages 52-68) Catholic men & women are cordially invited to join "The Main Line Singles Dinner Club" to share common interests & dine together usually once every 3 weeks. Our next scheduled event is on Sunday, June 30, 2024 @ 5:15 P.M., a restaurant event @ Jin Ding Chinese Restaurant located @ 1051 Conestoga Rd., Bryn Mawr, PA 19010. More info call Barb (610) 896-6542. Memo: I do not TEXT! Catholic men are encouraged to participate.



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. **Meetings are held every Wednesday at 1:30 PM at St. Kevin School, 2nd Floor**. For more information, please call Joanne at 484-848-6301 or visit www.foodaddicts.org.

EILEEN GEORGE PRAYER GROUP LED BY BISHOP PEPE Join us on Sunday, July 14th 2–3PM for

a grace-filled Holy Hour. 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. We look forward to being with you. Annunciation BVM Church, 401 Brookline Blvd., Havertown, PA For questions contact: Jeanmarie Lorello at 610-547-7308 (phone or text).

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN <u>**YOUR MARRIAGE**</u> The next program will be held **August 9-11, and on October 4-6** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more info/register, visit

www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

THE CALIX SOCIETY "A.A. restores your health and keeps you from an early grave. Calix saves your soul and puts you on the road to heaven." - William J. Montroy, a founder of the Calix Society. Are you in a 12-step recovery program? Do you have family or friends in recovery? Tell them about The Calix Society! We have two Calix units in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. We meet the last Saturday of every month at St. Francis of Assisi after the 4:00pm Mass in the Church Library/basement. For more

information about the Calix Society visit

www.calixsociety.org. You can also contact Ken Johnston at 215-327-3236 or ken@notsaintsyet.org. For more info about our meeting at SFA: please contact Luke LeTourneau at 610-986-6660.

OUR LADY OF PEACE WOMEN RETREAT AT

MALVERN RETREAT HOUSE September 13-15th. 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:

www.malvernretreat.com

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



Join our Prayer Network and become a Prayer Warrior. A PRAYER NETWORK is the work of a silent, unobtrusive group of people who offer to *"stand in the breach"* and intercede for the serious needs of fellow parishioners, their families and friends.

Since prayer is its only purpose, a parish prayer network can become a spiritual community builder unlike any other Church group. There is NO ORGANIZATION to it. It requires NO MEETINGS, NO OFFICERS, and NO ACTIVITIES. The "pray-ers" who volunteer can choose whatever kind of prayer they are led to use, for as long as they feel the Lord desires them to do so. A telephone call comes, needs are expressed and a prayer (usually a Hail Mary and Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in You) are prayed with the caller. The recipient calls the next person on the line and repeats the process. A prayer or two may be said during the day for those intentions. Your prayer may be an ejaculation (My Jesus, Mercy), a rosary or whatever prayer you are most comfortable with. We would hope that the family would pray together for the intentions, thus exposing the children to praying for the needs of others. This is one small way we can "love one another" as Jesus has commanded us. No one should ever have to feel alone in their suffering or time of crisis.

For more information or to volunteer, please call 610-328-0741 or 610-543-0728.

PRAYER FOR A BLESSED VACATION

Heavenly Father, Please bless our vacation. Help our family to have patience and understanding. Guide us to be mindful of this gift of time together. Help us to make compromises when necessary and handle any chaos that comes our way with Your love and grace. Open our eyes to truly see the beauty of the memories we are creating that will last a lifetime. Amen.



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June 16, 2024

My Dear Parishioners,

I hope everyone is gearing-up for a relaxing and enjoyable summertime! We are so blessed to live in an area where the shore is just a short drive away and we have some great amusement parks and natural areas for hiking and camping, too. I love summer as well, but mine is going to be a little different this time around. I wanted to let you know I will be taking a brief sabbatical beginning after Father's Day Masses this weekend. I'm going to pack my car and drive out to the Midwest to seek some physical and mental help with anxiety, insomnia and drinking more than I'm proud of. I've had anxiety and insomnia since I was a little kid and I've always pushed through it; now that I am 43, it's starting to really wear me down. When that happens, it becomes too easy to turn to alcohol to help quell the anxiety and insomnia and thus a vicious cycle is created. I'm hoping this place will help me smash that cycle for good. I asked the archdiocese if I could begin a program after the kid's wrap-up from our school and our Religious Ed program and they granted my request, which I truly appreciate. Also, the Archdiocese allowed me to choose a program in the Midwest that I was comfortable with attending; that, too, I appreciate. St. Francis is a special parish and I want to make sure I can be the best priest possible before the eyes of God and all of you. While I feel a little bit defeated at the moment, I know this is the right thing to do and I am going to do it.

As you know, it's getting increasingly difficult to staff parishes due to the vocation shortage, so we are very blessed that Monsignor Angelo Citino is going to come to St. Francis to help "hold down the fort" while I am away. Monsignor Citino is retiring after years of service to Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in West Chester, and I know he is going to enjoy his time here at St. Francis. And, as always, we are grateful to the ongoing assistance of Fr. Hank McKee—couldn't do it without him. Also, at the end of July, Fr. Eugene is coming back over to be with us from Europe for most of August. Fr. Eugene was such a huge help when he was here last year and I know he'll be the same for this year too!

This wasn't an easy letter for me to write, but I do think that rumors people create are usually much worse than the truth. I just shared with you the truth because transparency and honesty are key. Things will work out in the big picture because we all know Who is ultimately in charge. While I am away, you will not be able to reach me, but be assured I will be praying for you and I ask that you keep me in your prayers.

Thanks for taking the time to read this and I want to share with you a more modern take on a more traditional prayer that I grew up saying:

I asked God to take my habit away, but God said no...it is not for Me to take away but for you to give up... I asked God to grant me patience, but God said no...patience is a byproduct of tribulation...it isn't granted, it is earned...

I asked God to give me happiness, but God said no...I give you blessings...happiness is up to you... I asked God to spare me pain, but God said no...suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to Me....

I asked God to make my spirit grow, but God said no...you must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful...

I asked for all things that I might enjoy life, but God said no...I will give you life so that you may enjoy all things. Then I asked God to help me love others as much as He loves me, and God said, "Finally you get the idea."

Enjoy Summer!

In Christ,

Rev. matthew J. Tralies

+ Fr. Matthew Tralies, Pastor



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