

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## The Calix Society We substitute the cup that sanctifies for the cup that stupefies

Are you in a 12-step recovery program? Do you have family or friends in recovery? Tell them about The Calix Society! Calix Society meets last Saturday @ month at St. Francis of Assisi following 4PM Mass in the Library (Church basement). For meeting info at SFA, contact Luke LeTourneau 610-986-6660. For more information about the Calix Society visit <u>www.calixsociety.org</u> or contact Ken Johnston 215-327-3236 or ken@notsaintsyet.org

## THE 14<sup>™</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Amazed at Unbelief the gospel of **Mark** Mark 6:1-6

Sunday, July 7, 2024 7:30AM Thomas Doyle 9:30AM Mary Roddy 11:30AM Claire Jurchak Monday, July 8, 2024 8:00AM Rev. James A. Grant Tuesday, July 9, 2024 8:00AM Andrew Martin Wednesday, July 10, 2024 8:00AM Kevin Patrick O'Hara ADORATION (Following 8AM Mass through 7PM Holy Hour) Thursday, July 11, 2024 8:00AM Susan Oakes Friday, July 12, 2024 8:00AM Rev. James A. Grant Saturday, July 13, 2024 8:00AM Carl Price, Sr. **3:00PM Confessions** 4:00PM For the People of the Parish Sunday, July 14, 2024 7:30AM Augustine Smolik 9:30AM Jane Duffy 11:30AM Rev. James A. Grant

**†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†** 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. If you wish to have the Sanctuary Candle burn for a week in memory of a loved one, or for the Special Intention of a loved one, you can make arrangements by coming to the rectory. Offering of \$20 is requested.

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

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**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 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.

> St. Francis of Assisi School is seeking Teachers: Full-Time 4<sup>TH</sup> Grade & 2<sup>ND</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024



<u>Amos 7: 12-15</u> "I was no prophet... I was a shepherd and a dresser of

## sycamores..."

Amos was not welcomed as a prophet. He certainly has no "professional credentials," but he was not dissuaded by his limitations. He answered God's call with humility and courage. How are you answering God's call to you in your vocation? Do you step out with humility and courage? If not, what can you do to change?

## Ephesians 1: 3-14

"Blessed be God...who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing...In love he destined us to himself..." What a prayer of thanksgiving is this letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians! There is redemption promised to each of us who believe and who are open to God's blessing through His son Jesus Christ. How will you give thanks this week? Maybe by reading this passage each day and marveling at God's goodness to us all.? Try it.

#### Mark 6: 7-13

# "...take nothing for the journey but a walking stick...no food, no sack, no money..."

"Tis the season – for vacations- camping, a trip to someplace at the 'shore, a weekend cabin in the mountains. We all marvel at how easy and relaxing it is to be unencumbered by all our possessions, having just the clothes and supplies that we need for our trip. Then we return to the reality of too much stuff and too many hours spent on mindless activities. What do we truly need to live a satisfying life? Are we hampered by our possessions and choices from following the path to holiness? What can you eliminate this week to make space in your life for God?

## 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 return your call.

#### 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)

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: <a href="https://cityteam.volunteerhub.com">https://cityteam.volunteerhub.com</a>

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 11am. 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.

## The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team "Since "You can't see the whole path ahead, but there is usually enough light to take the next step."

--- Henri Nouwen, Feast Day July 13

## 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.

## 🧇 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 <u>www.rachelsvineyard.org</u>. A Baby's Breath 24-hour hotline: 484-571-5540. <u>www.ababysbreath.org</u>. Delaware County Pregnancy Center: 610-872-2229, <u>www.dcpcchester.org</u> Mother's Home: 610-583-HOME, <u>www.mothershome.org</u>. Pro-Life Union of Delaware County: 610-789-LIFE.

## GOD BLESS ALL WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY



Michael Armellini	Cale Amador	John-Michael Bartivic
Christopher Baxter	Colin Butler	Jonathan Butterfield
Davidson Cox	Thomas Cresta	Anthony DelVecchio
Timothy Drabyak	Mike Froeter	Owen Galligan
Kevin Geiger	Jon Hylton	Christopher Johnson
Aidan Jones	Michael Jones	Matthew Kauffman
Rick Kern, Jr.	Connor Lyons	Dan Marchini
Timothy McCans	Shawn McConaghy	Bill McDermott
Emma McDonald	James McDonald	Nicholas McDonald
Michael McGarvey	Francis McGrail	Daniel McLee
Nicholas Peranteau	Stephen Peranteau	Ronan Plummer
Peter Quinn	Katherine Reider	Patrick J. Ryan, Jr.
Joseph Spence	Chase Stewart	Jesse Stewart
Sean Sweeney	Skip Turner	

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. REMINDER: Casino Trip, Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. The bus leaves at 10AM. <u>Casino Trips</u>: 8/13, 9/11, & 10/9. 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.

<u>Membership</u> 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.



**POOD 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 gracefilled 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**

**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 info/register, visit <u>www.HelpOurMarriage.org</u> or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

# 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: www.malvernetreat.com

# BE A Payer WARRIOR The Prayer Network

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.

## **INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES AND AUTISM**

**<u>HELP-LINE</u>**: 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: <u>IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org</u>.

## 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@gma. For more information about a Catholic response to PPD visit www.Lilysgift.org or www.benotafraid.net.

## 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.

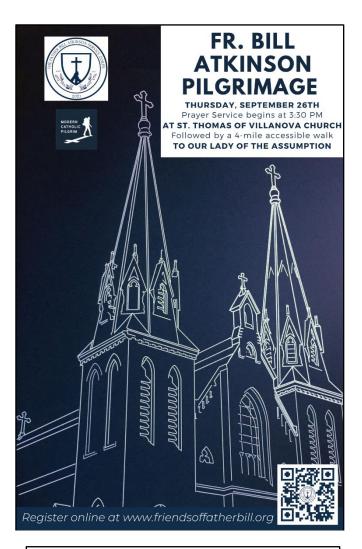
Visit the Imprisoned. Become a Pen Pal...In prison, sometimes the only contact with the outside world is in the form of letters. Pen Pal writers are needed to write to the poorest of the poor. For more info, call John or Sue at 610-259-3178 or email: marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org

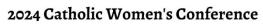


ALL ARE INVITED!!! Come let your heart be soothed and experience the peace and serenity of our Parish Holy Hour on Wednesdays at 7pm in the Church. If you have questions or wish to volunteer and help reach out, please contact Rob Longo (<u>Rob@LiveVertical.org</u>) or Luke LeTourneau (<u>Luke@LiveVertical.org</u>) or call 610-986-6660. For more info, visit: <u>www.livevertical.org</u>

**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 Joys of Womanhood

SACRED, BELOVED, & BEAUTIFUL



## Saturday, October 19 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Czestochowa Shrine

Doylestown

**Keynotes:** Fr. Stephen DeLacy Emily Wilson

**Full details & registration:** catholicwomensconference.org

## BE ENCOURAGED: CATHOLIC SUPPORT FOR <u>MENTAL HEALTH WEBSITE</u> 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

# 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.

## 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

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Come by the wayside and REST AWHILE! Put aside those fearful, worrisome thoughts and take PEACE in Jesus' Welcoming Heart! Let all in your life that is dark drop away from your mind, like scales falling from a blind man's eyes! YES! Now you see the way, the truth and the life—YOUR LIFE, living in the LIFE OF CHRIST JESUS! Most Holy Sacrament! True Presence! *Words by William T. Burke* 



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