

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened ... you will find rest for yourselves.” - Matthew 11



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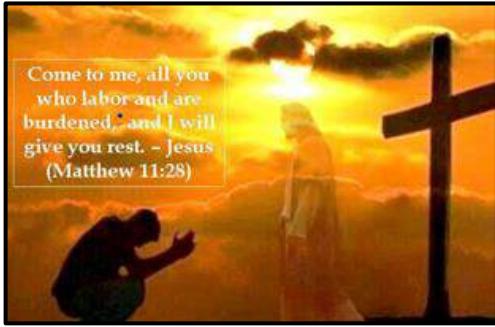
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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sunday, July 9, 2023

7:30AM Andrew Martin

9:30AM Jim McFadden

11:30AM Barbara DiGregorio

Monday, July 10, 2023

8:00AM Bridie Farrelly

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

8:00AM Rosaleen Lee

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

8:00AM Ann H. Greb

ADORATION (Following 8AM Mass through Holy Hour)

Thursday, July 13, 2023

8:00AM Carl Price, Sr.

Friday, July 14, 2023

8:00AM Gilda Lucavini

Saturday, July 15, 2023

8:00AM Joseph Mariano

3:00PM Confessions

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, July 16, 2023

7:30AM Richard and Nancy Eckman

9:30AM Jim McFadden

11:30AM Elizabeth Van Belle

†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†

Especially, Emma McGee and Catherine Cardie

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

MEMORIAL FOR JULY 2023

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.

RECTORY SUMMER HOURS
In Effect June 12th through September 1st, 2023
Monday~Thursdays 8:30AM~4PM. Fridays 8:30AM~1PM
(Closed weekdays for lunch 12N~1PM)



My Dear Parishioners,

I hope every enjoyed Independence Day weekend. I know we have a lot of challenges within our nation, but God has certainly blessed us as a country, and we pray He continues to do so! We pray for our leaders as well; may they always work to preserve the first and most important inalienable right—the right to life.

The kick-off to our centennial weekend on June 25th was great! I mentioned in my homily that my usual nervousness gave way to a calmness and excitement for all of us as a parish during that weekend. I am a firm believer that God gives us little signs to help reassure us we are where we are supposed to be in the various moments of our lives. I'm never calm (ask my family and friends), but that weekend was a gift in so many ways. Of course, in my typical, forgetful fashion, I forgot to formally thank our 100th Anniversary Committee, under the leadership of Mr. Bill Clark and Mrs. Trish Friel. Thank you to everyone for making our opening day so special. We have a lot to look forward to as the year unfolds. The Anniversary Committee has been meeting every month since last year...they put a lot of effort and work into making our 100th a success.

One of the lamer jokes I hear from priests is how Jesus must have been from Philly. Why? Because He was always ‘down the shore’ or ‘up the mountains’. (Cue the facial cringe and awkward silence) In light of that, for our cover this weekend, I wanted to put a nice picture of the Jersey shore since its summertime, but I just couldn’t do it considering our Gospel, where the imagery of a laborer in the field fits so much better. Our Lord says: “Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.” Slowly pray over that passage and your blood pressure will go down just a bit! Why? Because it’s the promise of Jesus himself for us all. It’s worth following Him and trying to live our lives in light of His truths.

In Christ,

Rev. Matthew J. Tralies

+ Fr. Matthew Tralies
Pastor

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.



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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK



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Dolores Govannicci Dorothy O'Brien Stephen Fiore
Bill Colgan Monique Carpenter Evan Farrington
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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.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 16th

Isaiah 55: 10-11

"my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will..."
This reading from Isaiah reminds us that God's word comes to us gently, and that like the rain or snow which makes the earth fruitful, His word is life-giving for us. We are the ones who will make God's word fruitful by our praise and fidelity to Him. How do you reflect God's word within you? What fruit do you offer Him?

Romans 8: 18-23

"For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God...But we ourselves who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves, as we wait for adoption the redemption of our bodies."

St. Paul reminds us in this reading that no matter what suffering there is in "the present time," we who are believers live lives of hope. Because of Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection, we are redeemed from sin and corruption and await a glorious future. Do you concentrate only on the "sufferings of the present?" Or do you focus on hope for the future? If you choose the second alternative, how does this hope of redemption inform your actions?

Matthew 13: 1-23

"But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold"

Not only farmers, but anyone who has a garden, or even a patch of lawn, can relate to the parable in this reading from the Gospel of Matthew. We all know too well about seeds that fall on the path or weeds that choke our tender plants. When you are tending your garden, do you think of this passage from Matthew? Do you see yourself as seed sown in rich soil, growing in faith to bear fruit for Your Father in heaven? How will you grow today?

My RCIA Journey "A Teen's Thank You!"

Whenever I was worried about school my grandmother would say that we need to pray to the Holy Spirit for help and guidance. Sometimes I would go to Mass with my grandmother to understand the Catholic faith.

After a while I decided that I wanted to learn more about Jesus and be a member of the Catholic Church. I then told my grandmother that I wanted to be baptized. That started my journey in the RCIA process.

I have spent the last year learning about the Catholic faith through the RCIA team members who have been very kind and understanding. They helped me get to my faith goal of learning about the Trinity and receiving my sacraments. The great experience I received on Holy Saturday would not have been possible without the RCIA team and the Church's RCIA process.

I want to thank the team, Father Tralies, Deacon Tim and the parish community for accepting me into the parish and the Catholic faith.

Dominick Haelle

THE RCIA JOURNEY

The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God.

Do you know someone who may be seeking a relationship with Jesus in the Catholic Church? Tell them about RCIA!



What is the RCIA Journey?

A journey for those who have never been baptized and are interested in becoming a Catholic **OR...**

They were baptized in another faith and would like to inquire about the Catholic faith **OR...**

They are a baptized Catholic but have never finished their sacraments of initiation.

Encourage them to attend an *Evening of Inquiry* on Monday, July 10th...a one-hour presentation from 7:00-8:00PM in the rectory!

Questions? Please call Madelyn McBride 610-543-0848

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

"He's not waiting for you to say vows; He's not waiting for you to make a promise; He's not waiting for your circumstances to change. He wants you today --- just today -- to say yes to Him in your daily duties."

--Father Mike Schmitz "How to Make Great Decisions"

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. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY **(NOTE NEW CONTACT NUMBER)**

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 484-609-6279** and someone from the St. Vincent de Paul Society will call you back. **(Do not call the Rectory).**

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

It has come to our attention that there are several seniors in our parish who would like to attend Mass on the weekend but cannot do so due to lack of transportation.

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 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!!

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 THREE PARISH BOOK CLUB



The Book Club will resume meeting at 7p.m. on **Wednesday, September 27** at Holy Cross Church Parish Center. Members will choose books for the coming year and will discuss the September selection. You need not have read the selected book to attend the meeting. If you would like more information, or if you would like to join us, please contact Joy Van Berg at joyvanberg@gmail.com. or 610 328-2095.

Summer Reading Suggestions

Best Wishes, Sister B

Poetry

by Fran Smith

by your favorite poet
or some favorite poems

September

Voyage of Mercy

by Stephen Puleo

GOD BLESS ALL WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY



"Deliver me
from my enemies,
O my God; protect me
from those who
rise up against me."
Psalm 59:1

Davidson Cox ~ Skip Turner ~ Kevin Geiger ~ Jon Hylton
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Nicholas and Emma McDonald ~ Eric McDonald

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**.

SAINT FRANCIS OVER 50 CLUB



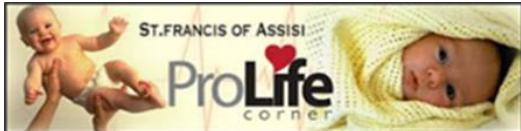
There are no meetings in July and August. Our General Meetings will resume in September.

Casino Trips: Resorts casino 7/17, 8/21, & 9/18. 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.



SCRIP sales are held in the gym from 9:30 – 11:00am every Sunday (**except holidays**). If you have any questions, please contact Deb Peterson or Amy Foran at www.sfascriptsales@gmail.com or call **484-432-1472**.



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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.

2023 Eucharistic Congress



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Saturday, September 30, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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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. You are invited to light a candle for your intentions and place them on the steps of the altar. Each week a live musician leads us in song and praise during this beautiful time of candlelit reflection. There is also a need for volunteers to join us in this parish reach out mission. The goal is to call every parishioner to check in and ask if you have any specific prayer intentions. These intentions are then placed on the altar during our Parish Holy Hour. 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

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MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER CLUB (AGES 52-67)

Catholic men & women are cordially invited to join "The Main Line Singles Dinner Club" to share common interests & dine together usually twice a month. Our next scheduled event is **(Sunday) July 16th @ 5:15 P.M.** a restaurant event @ Masami Japanese Hibachi Steak House located at 1260 Township Line Rd., Drexel Hill, PA 19026. More info call Barb (610) 896-6542. Memo: I do not TEXT! Catholic men are encouraged to participate!

LIONS IN THE SUN – Cardinal O’Hara High School All-Class Reunion – **Saturday, July 29, 5pm-9pm**. Oar House Pub – Sea Isle City, NJ. Come connect with fellow alumni, enjoy summer fare, and listen to Chico’s Vibe! Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased in advance at www.cohs.com/alumni or at the door. We hope to see you there! Questions? Contact www.alumni@cohs.com. Sponsored by the Cardinal O’Hara Alumni Association.

HONOR FLIGHT PHILADELPHIA is recruiting veterans to join them for a day of honor in Washington, D.C. on **September 9**, where you will have the opportunity to visit the memorials built to honor your service and sacrifice. Transportation, meals, a USO show, memorabilia will be provided at NO COST to the veteran. For more information, contact Andrew Schiavello 610-662-1812 or andrew@honorflightphiladelphia.org. To date, Honor Flight Philadelphia has honored over 3000 veterans from the Tri state area. www.honorflight.org

OUR LADY OF PEACE WOMEN RETREAT: SEPT. 15-17 Come to Malvern Retreat House to renew and strengthen your relationship with our Lord. Take time to deepen your faith, in the company of other women who seek more from their faith lives. We will share thought provoking conferences to help explore more in our faith. The theme will be “Finding Peace, Healing & Hope in Today’s Changing World”. We will have Jeannine Peters, MA, CSD; Heather Makowicz, CSD, MSW; Rob Longo and Nicky Verna as our speakers as 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 - 2023 - Malvern Retreat House : Malvern Retreat House](#) Other retreats are available at the calendar tab on the home page: www.malvernretreat.com

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S CONFERENCE 2023

Join Catholic women from the greater Philadelphia area for a day of fun, friendship, faith formation and prayer at the Catholic Women’s Conference. The 2023 theme is “Created for Love: Daughter • Sister • Friend • Bride • Mother”. **Saturday, October 28, 9am-4:00pm**, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. Tracks available in English and Spanish. *Early sellout is expected.* Register www.catholicwomensconference.org.

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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 please 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.

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

RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE. August 18-20 or October 6-8

Feel lonely, frustrated, or angry in your marriage, often feeling shut off from one another? Experiencing severe conflict and never-ending arguments. Retrouvaille offers hope for all these marriages by teaching couples to communicate in a deeper, more meaningful way. No relationship is beyond help. Malvern Retreat House, Malvern. Visit www.helpourmarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

WEST CATHOLIC COMBINED 55TH REUNION West Catholic Boys and Girls Class of 1968 Combined 55th Reunion. **Saturday, September 23** at The Springfield Country Club, 400 W. Sproul Road from 5–9PM. Ticket includes a buffet dinner, 2 hour Open Bar, DJ & Dancing. Ticket Cost is \$90.00. For questions, email Mary Lee at mlee421@verizon.net or Rosanne D’Alonzo at rosannedal211@comcast.net. We hope to see you there!

WEST CATHOLIC 50TH REUNION

November 4, 2023, from 6pm–10pm. It will include open bar with a DJ and dancing. Tickets are \$80 and checks can be made out to: West Catholic 50th Reunion to Dennis W. Creedon 7 N. Columbus Blvd., #211, Phila, PA 19106 or <https://www.eventbrite.com/d/pa--philadelphia/west-catholic-50th-reunion/> Questions? Email Sam Franco at sdfranco5555@gmail.com

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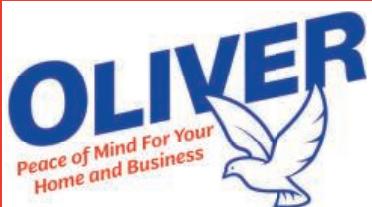
Heavenly Father, Please bless our vacation.

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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