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The Sanctuary Candle is continuously aglow near the Tabernacle in Church, to signify it contains the consecrated Body and Blood of Christ.

This candle burns to remind us of the Sacramental Presence of Jesus Christ.

The light signifies our prayer, which is offered in faith, entering the light of God.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish offers parishioners the opportunity to have the candle burn in memory of a loved one or special intention for a week.

The Offering of \$20 is requested.

To arrange to have the candle burn in memory of a loved one or special intention, please to stop by the Rectory.

THE 16™ SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Sunday, July 21, 2024

7:30AM Elsie Triantos 9:30AM Virginia Popdan 11:30AM Louis D'Alonzo

Monday, July 22, 2024

8:00AM Alvin Clay (12th Ann.)

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

8:00AM Michael Farrington

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

8:00AM Dawn Marley (3rd Ann.)

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

Thursday, July 25, 2024

8:00AM Franny Kallam

Friday, July 26, 2024

8:00AM Ruppert Family

Saturday, July 27, 2024

8:00AM Rita Grayum (1st Ann.) 3:00PM Confessions

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, July 28, 2024

7:30AM Tommy Barnes 9:30AM Louis D'Alonzo

11:30AM Kathleen Brenz

†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. For the Week **July 21st**, the candle will burn in loving memory of **Anne Massinger** as requested by her friend, **Marie Bartlett**.

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



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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.



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

CLASSROOM AIDES

TWO-Grade 2 Classroom Aides
One-Third Grade Aide for the Afternoon Session
(Afternoon Session: 4:30-5:45PM/Evening Session: 6:45-8PM)
Please call Madelyn McBride if you are willing
and able to volunteer. 610-543-0848 Extension 118

SFA PARISH FAMILY CATECHESIS



...is an alternative religious education program for families who want to make faith formation a priority in their homes. Parents meet once a month for 7 months and are catechized along with their children.

Catechists for Grades 4 & 5 are needed for the 24-25 school year.

Please call Madelyn McBride at the rectory if God touches your heart to volunteer. 610-543-0848 Ex. 118

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

The 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ July 28th, 2024



2 Kings 4: 42-44

"How can I set this before a hundred people?"

When the man from Baal-Shali shah gave Eisha twenty barley loaves and fresh grain, Elisha's servant doubted that thus bounty would feed a hundred people. But when the people had eaten, there was some food left over. Do you ever doubt that the Lord will provide for you? Will you ask the Lord to help you see how God has provided for you?

Ephesians 4: 1-4

"...I...urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received..."

St. Paul outlines for us the way to honor the call we all have receive. He calls on us to be humble and gentle, patient, and acting to "preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace..." Especially in these difficult times, how will your words and actions manifest your call? How will you honor your baptism?

John 6: 1-15

"Then Jesus took the parley loaves, gave thanks and distributed them...and also as much of the fish as they wanted..."

This is one of the best-known miracles recounted in the New Testament. It is so familiar that we may let the words slide over us, concentrating on the surprise of the five loaves and two fish satisfying five thousand men and not thinking about the doubting apostles or Jesus giving thanks to the Father or other parts of this passage. How would your notion of God's abundance change if you were to focus on the words "as much as they wanted..." or "...nothing will be wasted." How will you give thanks for God's abundance in your life?

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

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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 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 program is also looking for volunteers to deliver meals to

The 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 Meals can be picked up from the SFA "Caring for Friends" freezer or St. Kevin's freezer to deliver.

If you are interested in this ministry or have any questions, please contact Cheryl Monkman (610)574-5541 OR Jill Hoffner (610)733-1593

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. The Carnival event will be 11:30-3:00PM only.

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: Helengolden1@gmail.com



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.

St. Francis of Assisi School is seeking Teachers: Full-Time 4TH 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!

The Corner

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"Just imagine what Moses had to go through, and then ask yourself: Why are we not so radically changed? We're in the presence of the same God, face to face, whose light shines so bright from the Holy Eucharist. Why are we not changed?" ---Mother Angelica



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.

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.



"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.

 $\underline{www.ababysbreath.org}.$

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.

GOD BLESS ALL WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY



Cale Amador	JohnMichael Bartivic
Colin Butler	Jonathan Butterfield
Thomas Cresta	Anthony DelVecchio
Mike Froeter	Owen Galligan
Jon Hylton	Christopher Johnson
Michael Jones	Matthew Kauffman
Connor Lyons	Dan Marchini
Shawn McConaghy	Bill McDermott
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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.

THE THREE PARISH BOOK CLUB



The Book Club will hold its first meeting of the season in the Family Life Center at Holy Cross on September 25 at 7:00 p.m. Club members will choose books for the coming year and will discuss the September selection. If you would like to join the meeting or if you would like more information, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610-328-2095 or via email joyvanberg@gmail.com.

September

All Will Be Well: 30 Days With Julian of Norwich published by Ave Maria Press

SAINT FRANCIS OVER 50 CLUB



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

<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.

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.



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. 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.

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

BVM AND ST. LOUIS GRADUATES Looking for graduates of **BVM** in Darby and **St. Louis** in Yeadon. We would like to know what you are doing with your life. You can send an email to **bvmrectory2@rcn.com**. We would love to hear from you.

BISHOP NEUMANN & ST. MARIA GORETTI COMBINED REUNION FOR CLASSES OF 1974 are being planned for **September 13, 2024.** In order to update our database, we are presently gathering address/email info from

database, we are presently gathering address/email info from our alumni. Contact Janet Ricci Tomasco at jriccit@aol.com
Denise LaRosa at martini121856@yahoo.com or Anthony DeFrancesco at anthonydefrancesco@outlook.com to submit your information.

BONNER & PRENDIE CLASSES OF 1969 The 55th High School Reunion is scheduled for Sunday, September 29th from 3pm to 7pm at the Paxon Hollow Country Club. The tickets are \$69 and include food and an open bar. There will be a limit of 250 tickets sold and NO TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR. Music by DJ Steve Kurtz of 92.1 FM. Checks to MBAP Class of 69 Reunion may be mailed to 403 N. Lansdowne Ave, Drexel Hill, PA 19026 or credit card purchases can be made with this link: https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=mspCqT



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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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 (Sun.) July 21, a restaurant event at 5:15P.M. at Momoramon Hawaiian BBQ Restaurant, located at 2305 Darby Rd., Havertown, PA 19083.More info call Barb (610) 896-6542. MEMO: I do not TEXT! Catholic men are encouraged to participate!

<u>INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE</u> (St. Anastasia Parish) This is a basic 'getting to know the Bible' course that's very easy, interesting, practical, and fun! You will learn:

How the Bible is laid out logically.
How to find your way around it.
What the overall story and timeline of the Bible is.
Ways to pray with scripture.

Why the Bible matters to the Church, to the world today, and, most especially, to YOU!

Join us for three sessions on Wednesdays: August 7, 14, 21, Morning session: 10:00 am or Evening session 6:30pm. Come to one or all sessions!

NO previous bible experience needed and there is no cost for these sessions! Bring a bible, but if you don't have one we will have some inexpensive bibles available for sale.

<u>Location</u>: Saint Anastasia Rectory basement meeting room, 3301 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square, PA (enter through the rectory basement door). Please let me know in advance if you are coming so that we have enough supplies available. To learn more, or to sign up for the morning or evening sessions, contact Theresa Haggerty, 610-504-5558 or thaggerty@saintannies.org

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www.malvernretreat.com

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:

IDDhelp@chs-adphila.org.

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 <u>LilysGiftLuke12.27@gma</u>. For more information about a Catholic response to PPD visit <u>www.Lilysgift.org</u> or <u>www.Lilysgift.org</u>

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

BE ENCOURAGED: CATHOLIC SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH WEBSITE

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

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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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:

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PRAYER FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE

Eternal Father, You created us in Your own image and likeness, but sin has warped the minds of men and throughout the world there is much injustice and much carelessness of the rights of other people and personal responsibility.

Lord when You are excluded from the hearts and consciences of men, the inevitable result is that people suffer and Lord, there is much injustice and corruption taking place in our world today, not only in the lives of individuals but also in the corridors of power and the council rooms of many nations.

We pray Lord that You will right all the wrongs that are taking place in our world and vindicate those that are being treated unjustly. Keep us Father from trying to take matters into our own hands for vengeance is your and You will repay - but Lord in your grace and mercy we pray that you would give justice and peace to all those that have been cruelly and unfairly treated by their fellow man and may injustice and carelessness that they have had to endure be the means to draw them into Your saving arms of grace - we ask this in the precious name of the Lord, Jesus. Amen. ~Author Unknown





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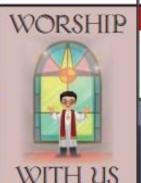


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