

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Interested in having your child Baptized here at St. Francis? Please contact Joan Curtis at the Rectory 610-543-0848 or email us at:<u>BaptismsSFA@gmail.com</u>



Join us as we pray the Novena of the "Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary" every Wednesday at 1:30PM in Church For Information regarding Upcoming Funerals & Services, Please visit our Parish Website at <u>www.sfaparish.org</u> and click on...



Casseroles are always needed for Saint John's Hospice. Casseroles are what the men eat for lunch and dinner and are greatly appreciated! The recipes and the containers are in the main church vestibule next to the book display. They can also be picked up at the Rectory during regular business hours. Casseroles <u>must be frozen</u> and can be dropped off before mass the weekend of Saint John's Hospice Collection. Coolers are stationed at the Church entrances on the weekend of the Collection. Saint John Hospice Collection reminders are announced in the Church Bulletin the week prior to the Collection Weekend.

THE 17[™] SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Sunday, July 28, 2024 7:30AM Tommy Barnes 9:30AM Louis D'Alonzo 11:30AM Kathleen Brenz Monday, July 29, 2024 8:00AM Samuel Richard Gibson **Tuesday, July 30, 2024** 8:00AM Donald LeVasseur Wednesday, July 31, 2024 8:00AM Maureen McGowan and Patricia Butterfield ADORATION (Following 8AM Mass through 7PM Holy Hour) Thursday, August 1, 2024 8:00AM Rita Parisano Friday, August 2, 2024 8:00AM Brian Oteri (4th Ann.) Saturday, August 3, 2024 8:00AM Louis D'Alonzo **3:00PM Confessions** 4:00PM For the People of the Parish Sunday, August 4, 2024 7:30AM John La Sage 9:30AM Kelly Allen (25th Ann.) 11:30AM Eric Eisenman

†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 28th, the candle will burn for a **Special Intention** as requested anonymously.

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 **Chris Touchton**

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 Susan Lower Mary Jean Grandizio **Gerald Berry** Ann Farren Dan Bruno Malcolm Wills **Robert Ranieri** Michelle Rodger Ambrose Hummel Sadie Keller **Craig Taulman**

Evan Farrington Michael Farley Bill Seavey Dolores Govannicci Ethel LeVasseur Michael Costa **Joanne Marks** Veronica Suppa **Caroline Donovan Fran Donnelly** Emilv 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 Patricia Lindsev Ian Regino

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 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ August 4th, 2024



Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

The news media has carried a story of a modern-day good Samaritan who packed her car each day with dozens of homemade sandwiches in brown paper bags and traveled to the inner city to distribute them to homeless and otherwise needy people. Sadly, some of the people complained at the plainness of the sandwich and tossed it away. As is reflected in the first reading, the Israelites grumbled against God tiring of the water, quail and manna he provided for them in the desert.

Considering the reactions of the Israelites and the brown paper bag people, let us consider our reactions to our reception of the Bread of Life. Does the plainness and ordinariness of bread and wine mask the true meaning of the Real Presence for you? Are you merely going through the motions or are you a participating believer in the Gift afforded you by God?

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

The Ephesians author in the Second Reading seems to be challenging all baptized believers to personal holiness under the rubric of "become what you are." Do you have practices that help you renew your spirit and put on the new self-created in you by God's way of righteousness, holiness, and truth? If not, what might you do to fill this need?

John 6:24-35

In the Gospel, John prepares us for the Bread of Life discourse by gathering those who witnessed the sign of the miraculous feeding of the five thousand. John's Gospel demands that we open ourselves to the miraculous, to God working in the world now as we claim he worked in the past. How do you respond? How have you experienced God's miraculous power in your life recently? Share those miracles with someone else.



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, call 610-212-4932 and someone from 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.



CARING FOR FRIENDS (CFF)

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 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: <u>https://cityteam.volunteerhub.com</u>

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>



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

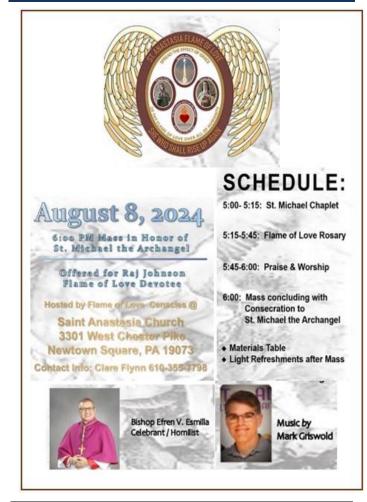
The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

When God solves our problems, we have faith in His abilities. When God doesn't solve our problems, He has faith in our abilities.

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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 <u>www.sfascripsales@gmail.com</u> or call **484-432-1472.**



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



"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.

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 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



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.

<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.

GOD BLESS ALL WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY



Michael Armellini Christopher Baxter Davidson Cox Timothy Drabyak Kevin Geiger Aidan Jones Connor Lyons Shawn McConaghy James McDonald Nicholas McDonald Michael McGarvey Francis McGrail Stephen Peranteau Katherine Reider Chase Stewart

Cale Amador Colin Butler Thomas Cresta Mike Froeter Jon Hylton Matthew Jones Dan Marchini **Bill McDermott** Daniel McLee Ronan Plummer Patrick J. Ryan, Jr. Jesse Stewart Skip Turner

John Michael Bartivic Jonathan Butterfield Anthony DelVecchio Owen Galligan Christopher Johnson Matthew Kauffman **Timothy McCanns** Emma McDonald Nicholas Peranteau Peter Quinn Joseph Spence Sean Sweeney

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.



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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.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS OF THE CARDINAL

O'HARA HS CLASS OF 1984! The 40th class reunion will be held at the Towne House Restaurant in Media,

PA. Saturday, November 9, 2024. For information, call the COHS alumni office at (610-544-3800) or

email coclassof1984@gmail.com

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 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

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

9TH ANNUAL PADRE PIO FESTIVAL at St. Bede the Venerable Parish~ September 14-15, 2024. St. Bede the Venerable Church, located in Holland, PA (Bucks County, Northampton Township), welcomes all to its 9th Annual Festival to honor St. Pio of Pietrelcina, better known as "Padre Pio," on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 14 and 15. The twoday event begins with Saturday's All-American Picnic Buffet (tickets will be sold at the event), featuring games and amusements for children, food and craft vendors, and live music. The highlight will be a 5:30pm Vigil Mass, followed by blessings with holy relics of Padre Pio. The Sunday Sept. 15, 12:30pm Solemn Mass will be extra special this year, as it will be celebrated by Fr Pio Mandato. The Mass is followed by a street procession with a statue of Padre Pio through the surrounding neighborhood. After the procession, there will be a healing service with confessions and veneration of holy relics. All day there will be specialty food and craft vendors, amusements for children, and live musical Entertainment. Plenty of free parking will be available, and pilgrim buses are welcome. Visit: www.padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com or call the St. Bede parish office at 215-357-5720.

ST. KEVIN'S PARISH -TRIP TO WOODLOCH PINES POCONO MOUNTAIN FAMILY RESORT October 7th

to 11th, 2024. 4 Night Accommodations at this scenic awardwinning Resort. Daily Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner. Over 30 activities daily including Haunted Hayride, Day and Night entertainment Roundtrip motorcoach St. Kevin's lot. Double Occupancy \$1,140pp. For Reservations Contact: Melanie -All Aboard Cruises & Travel 610.957.5031.

INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE (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. <u>Come</u> <u>to one or all sessions</u>!

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.

Location: 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



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.

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.

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: <u>www.AddictionCenter.com/Treatment/Faith-Based-Drug-and-Alcohol-Rehab</u>



Full details & registration: catholicwomensconference.org

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

"Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home, and within my family. Amen."



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