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## **St. Francis of Assisi Parish**

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My Dear Parishioners,

We are all familiar with the plight of the Jewish people when they were enslaved by the Egyptian Pharaoh. God frees His people from slavery and has an incredible future in store for them, but getting to that Promised Land wasn't going to be an easy task. There were grumbles and even some talk about how it would have been better if they had never left the familiarity of being a slave in Egypt. But God wanted something better for them and asked His people to persevere and gave them the necessary food to help them along their journey.

I'll never get tired of thinking of that journey to the Promised Land because it's a reflection of how we want to get to a better place in our lives but it's incredibly difficult to leave the old things that enslave us behind. It's also difficult to trust that God is going to sustain us on that journey to a better place in life.

That's the way I felt on June 17<sup>th</sup> when I arrived at the gates of a treatment center in the Midwest that specializes in helping Catholic priests and religious sisters get back on their feet in terms of ministry and well-being. I knew things had to change in my life when it came to my anxiety, insomnia and alcohol use, but I felt defeated in admitting that to myself, let alone to others. I even stopped my car at that gate and almost turned around. I'm so glad I didn't! I feel so much better, and I'll be back at St. Francis on **Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**. I can't wait to get back into the swing of things regarding my ministry at our parish!

Thank you for your prayers, support and patience through all of this; I'll have to keep working through my recovery, but I know I can do it with our Lord's help and the support of all of you. On the bottom of my chalice that I used for my first Mass as a priest, there is a quote from Psalm 116 that says: "How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?" That sums up how I feel right now, and I look forward to being back with everyone!

In Christ,

*Rev. Matthew J. Tralies*

+ Fr. Matthew Tralies

Pastor

## THE 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



**Sunday, August 4, 2024**

7:30AM John La Sage  
9:30AM Kelly Allen (25<sup>th</sup> Ann.)  
11:30AM Eric Eisenman

**Monday, August 5, 2024**

8:00AM Mary P. Price

**Tuesday, August 6, 2024**

8:00AM Ethan Byrne

**Wednesday, August 7, 2024**

8:00AM Ryan Patrick Howarth (4<sup>th</sup> Ann.)

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

**Thursday, August 8, 2024**

8:00AM Frances Mirarchi

**Friday, August 9, 2024**

8:00AM Josephine Hennigan

**Saturday, August 10, 2024**

8:00AM The Baxter Family

**3:00PM Confessions**

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, August 11, 2024**

7:30AM George Rall

9:30AM Rosina and Saverio Celia

11:30AM Kevin & Sharon McKnight (Living)

†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†

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



**MEMORIAL FOR AUGUST**  
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### THE SANCTUARY CANDLE



This candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. For the Week **August 4th**, the candle will burn in loving memory for **the 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Anniversary of Kelly Allen** as requested by **her Mom and Dad, Nancy and Albert Allen.**

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**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

TOGETHER WE WILL PRAY

Dean Segal	Emily Belfie	Evan Farrington
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Dominic Rosini	Bill Colgan	Bill Seavey
Colin Murray	Lou DeSantis	Dolores Govannicci
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Sandy Keller	Sadie Keller	Patricia Lindsey
Chris Touchton	Craig Taulman	Ian Regino
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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](mailto: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



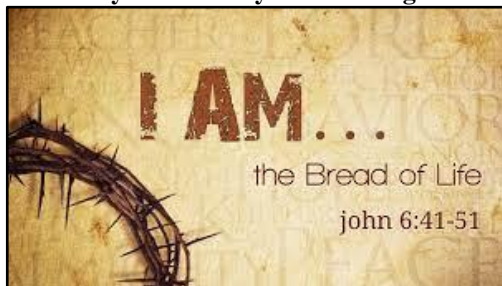
...is an alternative religious education program for families who want to make faith formation a priority in their homes. Parents meet once a month for 7 months and are catechized along with their children.

**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 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ August 11th, 2024



### **1 Kings 19:4-8**

In his worst moments of suffering Elijah, the prophet, lies down with hopes of never rising. After a rest, God gifts him with first Gospel audience, sustenance that revives his vocation. How do you recognize such sustenance in the world? Was there a time you felt like Elijah and God sustained you? Share your story with someone else to give God glory.

### **Ephesians 4:30—5:2**

Paul counsels us to imitate God and love as Chris loved. The Church's social teaching adds to this guidance by helping us focus on specific ways we can live out holiness. Learn about this teaching at the United States Bishops' Conference website, usccb.org. At the website go to the page for the Office for Justice, Peace & Human Development and click on "Catholic Social Teaching" under Resources & Initiatives. Choose one action on that page that will help you be living bread for others. And...tap into how SFA Parish responds to Catholic Social Teaching in the bulletin and join our endeavors.

### **John 6:41-51**

John's people who must believe without seeing Jesus, are faced with a problem like ours today. Where do people in the Gospel encounter the Son of Man who will give them the Bread of Life? Where do you? Reminder: over 50,000 people attended the National Eucharist Congress from July 17-21<sup>st</sup>. Check out YouTube to watch some of the wonderful talks give at this event.

### **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 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.



### **CITY TEAM**

The Biggest Event of their Year is upon us! The **BACK-PACK CARNIVAL**, at which over 1,000 back-packs filled with School Supplies will be distributed to children in need, at a Carnival-like setting. **This takes place at SUBARU PARK- (Philadelphia Union Soccer Stadium) 2501 Seaport Dr., Chester, on Sunday Aug. 18 from 11:30 AM - 3PM!**

Many volunteers are needed for this wonderful Event, as well as volunteers to fill Back-Packs at City Team Headquarters, 634 Sproul St., Chester., on Aug.13, 9-12PM, and Aug. 14, 1-3PM. SFA has offered to assist on all of these dates. As always car-pooling will be available from our Parish. Please consider volunteering your time at one of these events by signing up at the City Team website:

<https://cityteam.volunteerhub.com>

If you need any assistance or would like to carpool with Parishioners, please contact Helen Golden at: [Helengolden1@gmail.com](mailto:Helengolden1@gmail.com)  
Thank You!

### **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, August 3 & 4.** 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 [cfkenney@verizon.net](mailto:cfkenney@verizon.net) 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 [cfkenney@verizon.net](mailto:cfkenney@verizon.net) 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)**

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 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

### *The Corner*

#### ***Brought to you by your Evangelization Team***

Today is the feast of St John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests. **"The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ."** ---St John Vianney




**SCHEDULE:**

**August 8, 2024**  
 6:00 PM Mass in Honor of St. Michael the Archangel  
 Offered for Raj Johnson  
 Flame of Love Devotee  
 Hosted by Flame of Love - Cenacles @  
**Saint Anastasia Church**  
 3301 West Chester Pike  
 Newtown Square, PA 19073  
 Contact Info: Clare Flynn 610-359-2798

5:00- 5:15: St. Michael Chaplet  
 5:15-5:45: Flame of Love Rosary  
 5:45-6:00: Praise & Worship  
 6:00: Mass concluding with Consecration to St. Michael the Archangel

- ◆ Materials Table
- ◆ Light Refreshments after Mass

 Bishop Efrén V. Esmilla  
 Celebrant / Homilist

 Music by  
 Mark Griswold

**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.



To Host the Pilgrim Queen Statue in your home for one week, (Sunday to Sunday), visit the Parish website at [sfaparish.org](http://sfaparish.org) and click on the link to **Sign Up** to reserve your week and Be Blessed by Our Lady and Our Lord. For more information, call Roseann Squitieri at 610-328-0635.



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.

**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](mailto:joyvanberg@gmail.com).

**September**

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

**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.**



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## SAINT FRANCIS OVER 50 CLUB



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

**Casino Trips: 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.

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## GOD BLESS ALL WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY



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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.**

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**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. To register, call 610 644-0400 or go directly to Our Lady Of Peace - 2024 - Malvern Retreat House: [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com)

**9TH ANNUAL PADRE PIO FESTIVAL** at St. Bede the Venerable Parish~ **September 14-15**, 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.** Visit: [www.padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com](http://www.padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com) or call the St. Bede parish office at 215-357-5720.

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**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.

**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](mailto:thaggerty@saintannies.org)

### **PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART**

O sweetest Heart of Jesus, You invite all who are weary and heavily burdened to come to You. Hear now my humble petitions. (*Mention your personal needs*).

Look with favor upon my family and me. Grant us good health. Fill our souls with compassion for others. Place in our hearts Your gentle and forgiving love. Inspire our minds with Your infinite wisdom. Encourage us to come to You in time of need, that we may know Your great power and joyfully proclaim Your praises for all eternity. Amen.

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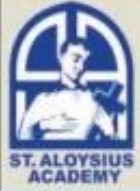
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