

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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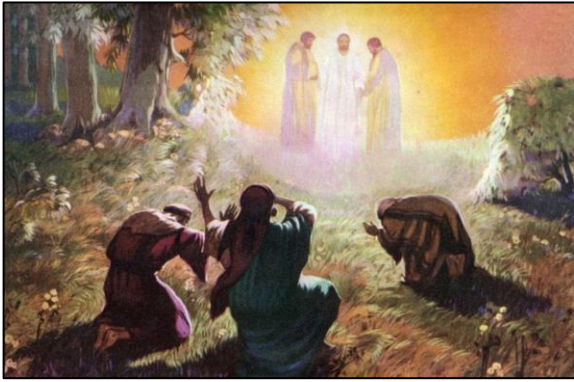
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## TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD



**Sunday, August 6, 2023**

7:30AM Joseph Mariano

9:30AM Mary Huepel

11:30AM Jeff Simmons

**Monday, August 7, 2023**

8:00AM Ryan Howarth (3<sup>rd</sup> Ann)

**Tuesday, August 8, 2023**

8:00AM Bunny Implazo

**Wednesday, August 9, 2023**

8:00AM Robert Hodgson

ADORATION (Following 8AM Mass through Holy Hour)

**Thursday, August 10, 2023**

8:00AM Vincent De Paul (1<sup>st</sup> Ann)

**Friday, August 11, 2023**

8:00AM Kathleen Clark (1<sup>st</sup> Ann)

**Saturday, August 12, 2023**

8:00AM Joseph Mariano

3:00PM Confessions

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, August 13, 2023**

7:30AM John G. Duncan, Sr.

9:30AM Joseph Mariano

11:30AM Anne T. Clay

†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†

*Especially, Rita Grayum*

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

### MEMORIAL FOR AUGUST 2023

Bread and Wine ~ available



#### THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

This candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. For the Week of **August 6th**, the candle will burn in loving memory of **Betty Layer** as requested by her daughter, Mary Ann.

#### RECTORY SUMMER HOURS

In Effect June 12<sup>th</sup> through September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Monday~Thursdays 8:30AM~4PM. Fridays 8:30AM~1PM  
(Closed weekdays for lunch 12N~1PM)

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK



Baby DeSantis	Dean Segal	Arthur Le Tourneau
Michael Farley	Dominic Rosini	Brian Marandola
Colin Murray	Bill Seavey	Eric Eisenman
Dolores Govannicci	Anna M Carullo	Stephen Fiore
Bill Colgan	Monique Carpenter	Evan Farrington
Robert Perkins	Carmen Salerno	Michael Costa
Maria DiGiacinto	Amy Faulls	Daniel McTague
David Clemmer	Mary Benedetti	Veronica Suppa
Catherine Lindsey	Shealyn Mencil	Caroline Donovan
Danny Hynes	Kathy Fritz	Fran Donnelly
Robert W. Bollinger	Jeannie Brattini	Emily Meakim
Leslie Dougherty	Joanne DeSantis	Nikki Lutteroty
Paula Bazela	Margaret Binetsky	Elizabeth Dougherty
Jack Braconnier, Sr.	Denise DeAngelis	Joe Calabrese
Maryann McCauley	Marie Martin	Beverly Scarani
Bob Buchanan	Greg Schmidt	Vince Kelly
Alicia Bona	Albert Panebianco	Hank McElwee
Anita Kellie Pace	Mary Jean Kellie	Kellie Grandizio
Natalie Berry	Gerald Berry	Eileen Bowdren
Dr. William McCusker		Dan Von Tanhausen
Lou DeSantis	Susan Oakes	Carolina Longmore

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.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2023



Please consider helping those in most need in the Greater Philadelphia Area. If you have not yet made your donation, Please prayerfully consider doing so now! Visit:

<https://www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org/>

We thank all who have made their 2023 donation to Catholic Charities.



St. Francis of Assisi is seeking a full time **4th grade** teacher. Please send your resume to the principal, Nicole Hamilton at [nhamilton@sfaschool.com](mailto:nhamilton@sfaschool.com)

St. Francis of Assisi is seeking a full time **5th grade** teacher. Please send your resume to the principal, Nicole Hamilton at [nhamilton@sfaschool.com](mailto:nhamilton@sfaschool.com)

St. Francis of Assisi is seeking a part-time **Spanish teacher** for our middle school aged students. Please send your resume to the principal, Nicole Hamilton at [nhamilton@sfaschool.com](mailto:nhamilton@sfaschool.com)

## BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 13th, 2023



### 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

God does not always appear how and where we expect. In the first reading, Elijah encounters God in an unusual site and manner...a tiny whispering sound. *When have you found grace in unusual ways and places?*

### Romans 9:1-5

In the psalm, we entreat God to let us see his kindness. *Are you aware of God's kindness in your life? Where do you see it? What might you do to become more aware of it?*

### Matthew 14: 22-23

Today's gospel portrays Peter's lack of faith as keeping him from walking across the sea to reach Jesus. To follow Christ without fear, we must seek him out in unfamiliar places, listening for his quiet but unmistakable Word. Once we find him, we need to follow him past any fears. Then we, too, will have the faith to walk on water. *How has Christ called you to follow without fear?*

### *The Corner*

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

We are all familiar with the Gospel story of The Transfiguration of The Lord which we celebrate today. But did you pay attention to the first reading? The Catechism tells us that the two readings are always connected. *"The unity of the two testaments proceeds from the unity of God's plan and His Revelation. The Old Testament prepares for the New and the New Testament fulfills the Old; the two shed light on each other; both are true Word of God."* --- *Catechism of the Catholic Church 140*

Look again at this part of the first reading from the Old Testament to see the connection: *"...Thrones were set up and the Ancient of Days took his throne. His clothing was white as snow, the hair on his head like pure wool..."* --- *Daniel 7:9*

### 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.

**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**

## ATTENTION!

Parents/Guardians of Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Graders attending private schools Please contact Madelyn McBride at the rectory (610-543-0848 Ext. 118) to make plans for your child to be confirmed on March 9, 2024.



### **CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR THE PARISH FAMILY CATECHESIS PROGRAM**



The Family Catechesis Program is a program for parents who wish to make faith formation a priority in their family by teaching their children at home. Families meet at the parish *once a month for 7 months*. While the children are in grade level classrooms, the parents meet together in parent groups and are taught the theology of the unit which they will pass on to their children the rest of the month. We are in need of a catechist for a class of first graders and a catechist for a class of fourth graders. Please consider this immediate need, pray about it, and see if God touches your heart to volunteer. TRAINING IS PROVIDED. To say "yes" to this parish ministry please call Madelyn McBride at the rectory 610-543-0848 Ext 118.

### 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!!



### CITY TEAM-BACK TO SCHOOL CARNIVAL

City Team in Chester was founded to share Christ's unconditional love by caring for those in need. They are sponsoring a Back to School Carnival on **August 26 from 9AM – 2PM** where they will distribute over 1,000 Back-packs filled with school supplies to children in need. One-hundred Volunteers are needed to help make this day a success!

In addition, volunteers are needed on August 21, 22, 23 in order to fill the backpacks at the City Team building. Shifts are only 2 hours in order to provide flexibility. Any time you can give will be greatly appreciated!

If interested please contact Helen Golden at 610-457-3702 or [helengolden1@gmail.com](mailto:helengolden1@gmail.com) by August 15!

We hope to attend as a group from SFA and car-pool if needed. Thank you!

### 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](mailto:joyvanberg@gmail.com) or 610 328-2095.

#### Summer Reading Suggestions

**Best Wishes, Sister B** by Fran Smith  
**Poetry** by your favorite poet or some favorite poems

**September**  
**Voyage of Mercy** by Stephen Puleo



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.



**RaiseRight**

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SCRIP sales are held in the gym from 9:30 – 11:00am every Sunday (**except holidays**)

For those that do not know, if you need to purchase gift cards any time of year, you can get your gift cards through Scrip. When you purchase a gift card, a percentage goes back to you for each gift card you purchase. If you have a child in school, rebates will be paid out quarterly in the form of tuition credit if you choose. If you no longer have a tuition need, rebates will be paid out by check every 6 months. You just need to reach out to go to the Scrip page and find the order form!

<https://www.sfaschool.com/scrip> If you have any questions, please contact Deb Peterson or Amy Foran at [www.sfascripsales@gmail.com](mailto:www.sfascripsales@gmail.com) or call **484-432-1472**.

### **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 91:1*

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

## **2023 Eucharistic Congress**

*The Gift of Finest Wheat:*

*This is My Body Given Up for You*

National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa  
 654 Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA

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

*(Meals will not be served, please bring your own lunch)*

Flyer with speakers & schedule: [English / Español](https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=RcKTzn)  
<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=RcKTzn>

### ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

We salute the advertisers in our bulletin. This week we thank

**WORLD CLASS COLLISION CENTER**

**John DiGilio (Senior & Veteran Discounts)**

**610-521-4650 (night) 610-544-6095**

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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](mailto:Rob@LiveVertical.org)) or Luke LeTourneau ([Luke@LiveVertical.org](mailto:Luke@LiveVertical.org)) or call 610-986-6660. For more info, visit: [www.livevertical.org](http://www.livevertical.org)

## 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](http://www.archphila.org/hope)

Also available for support is Faith-based drug rehab website: [www.AddictionCenter.com/Treatment/Faith-Based-Drug-and-Alcohol-Rehab](http://www.AddictionCenter.com/Treatment/Faith-Based-Drug-and-Alcohol-Rehab)

## BE ENCOURAGED: CATHOLIC SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH WEBSITE

[www.archphila.org/support](http://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](http://www.archphila.org/support)

## SAINT FRANCIS OVER 50 CLUB



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

Casino Trips: Resorts casino 8/21, 9/18, & 10/16. 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.



## "PRO-LIFE" LINES"

Crisis Pregnancy Resource hotline: 610-626-4006.

Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion healing: 877-HOPE-4-ME

[www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

A Baby's Breath 24-hour hotline: 484-571-5540.

[www.ababysbreath.org](http://www.ababysbreath.org).

Delaware County Pregnancy Center: 610-872-2229,

[www.dcpcchester.org](http://www.dcpcchester.org)

Mother's Home: 610-583-HOME, [www.mothershome.org](http://www.mothershome.org).

Pro-Life Union of Delaware County: 610-789-LIFE.

## 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.



## BONNER/PRENDIE CLASS OF '73

**Weekend of September 21-23<sup>rd</sup>.** Scan code or visit [www.bonnerprendie.com](http://www.bonnerprendie.com) and search "Class of '73 Reunion."



**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](mailto:mlee421@verizon.net) or Rosanne D'Alonzo at [rosannedal211@comcast.net](mailto:rosannedal211@comcast.net). We hope to see you there!

## **WEST CATHOLIC 50<sup>TH</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sdfranco5555@gmail.com)



## **HEALING MASS WITH SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL** Tuesday, August 8, 7:00PM at St.

Anastasia Church (8801 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square, Pa). Fr. James Blount, charismatic preacher, with a healing and deliverance ministry will celebrate the Mass. Music by Mark Griswold. The Mass will be live-streamed: <http://saintanastasia.net>

### **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! Join us for three sessions on **Wednesdays: August 9, 16, 23, 6:30 pm**. Come to one or all sessions! NO previous bible experience needed! 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. Saint Anastasia Rectory basement meeting room, 3301 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square, PA (enter through the rectory basement door). To learn more, or to sign up, contact Theresa Haggerty, 610-504-5558 [thaggerty@saintannies.org](mailto:thaggerty@saintannies.org)

### **RETROUVAILE 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. Malvern Retreat House, Malvern. Visit [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

### **JOB POSTING FOR PARISH SECRETARY AT**

**ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA** Part Time at St. Charles Borromeo Church (3422 Dennison Ave. Drexel Hill, PA 19026). 610 623-3800.

**Qualifications:** The Parish Secretary should have good communication skills to greet callers and welcome parishioners. He/she should be competent with the following computer programs: Microsoft Word, Excel, Parish Data System, Calendar Wiz, Outlook, and other programs as needed. Further competency is required with emailing, web browsing, data entry and similar functions. The person must be able to prioritize responsibilities and fulfill tasks in a timely fashion. **Role of the Parish Secretary:** The Parish Secretary is responsible for coordinating the efforts of the Pastor and Pastoral Staff. The Parish Secretary is accountable to the Pastor and Parish Business Manager.

Please email resume to Parish Business Manager Anthony Mantellino: [amantellino@scbdh.org](mailto:amantellino@scbdh.org)

### **HEALING SERVICE WITH FR. RAFAL WALCZYK**

**August 25, at 7:00 PM at Holy Angels Church in Newark, DE.** It will be held at their Holy Angels Church location at 82 Possum Park Road. This is a FREE event. All are welcome! Fr. Rafal Walczyk, OSPPE (Pauline Fathers), is from the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA, and is the Director of Encounter School of Ministry – Doylestown Campus. For questions about the event, contact [aRise@holyangels.net](mailto:aRise@holyangels.net) or 1-630-999-8481.

**ST PIUS X OVER 50 TRAVEL CLUB** is running a trip to the Wind Creek Casino in Bethlehem, Pa., **Thursday, September 7**. Included in the trip: \$30 Slot Play, \$15 Food Voucher and a show ticket to see "Power of Love" a musical tribute to Celine Dion. COST: \$132/person. If interested, call Kathleen S. at 610-353-2575. [kskahill1027@gmail.com](mailto:kskahill1027@gmail.com)

**JOIN US FOR A HERO'S WELCOME** Please join Honor Flight Philadelphia on **September 9**, at Saints Simon and Jude to thank our aging veterans as we return home with over 170 veterans from their day of honor and recognition in Washington, D.C. We invite you, your family and neighbors to join us on this great day, to thank the men and women who served during World War II, Korea and Vietnam upon their arrival as they walk the red carpet. For questions: [andrew@honorflightphiladelphia.org](mailto:andrew@honorflightphiladelphia.org) Cell: 610-662-1812. This is a rain or shine event.

**FALL BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** will meet at St. Bernadette's Church **Tuesday, September 5, 7-8:30pm;**

**Tuesday evenings for 8 weeks.** Where: The Wright Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor. The program is led by an experienced facilitator. It is open

to adults, 18 and older, who have experienced the death of a family member or friend. Eight-week commitment is encouraged. Reading material will be available. There is no fee for the program and the program is non-denominational. For more info/ registration contact George Salloom: 610 306-0252 or [georgesalloom@hotmail.com](mailto:georgesalloom@hotmail.com).

### **ST. TITUS FLEA MARKET September 16, 8AM-1PM.**

at St. Titus Church, 3006 Keenwood Road, Norristown, PA. Vendors needed. \$30 per 8 x 18' space (you can bring 2 tables). Secure your spot: 484-432-5871 or [dhois130@gmail.com](mailto:dhois130@gmail.com).

**Reserve by August 19<sup>th</sup>. Rain date is September 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

### **OUR LADY OF PEACE WOMEN RETREAT: SEPT. 15-17**

Take time to deepen your faith, in the company of other women who seek more from their faith lives. 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. 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](http://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](http://www.catholicwomensconference.org).

**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](http://www.calixsociety.org). You can also contact Ken Johnston at 215-327-3236 or [ken@notsaintsyet.org](mailto:ken@notsaintsyet.org). For more info about our meeting at SFA: please contact Luke LeTourneau at 610-986-6660.

### **WALKING IN GRIEF: BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM: THE SEASONS OF GRIEF ~ VIA ZOOM**

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, no matter how much time has passed, please know that you are not alone. These offerings are for anyone grieving. Come share or just listen to others who also walk in grief. **Thursdays: September 14, 21, 28 and October 5<sup>th</sup>. 6:00-7:30PM. Via Zoom.** Contact Theresa Ferrari, MSN, RN; Certified Spiritual Director, at [dtpcmt@aol.com](mailto:dtpcmt@aol.com) or 484-459-1564. May you know that God is with you.

### **PRAYER FOR WISDOM**

#### **Open Doors Prayer**

Dear God, I know that You can open doors that no man can ever shut. It's not always easy for me to see and sense the direction I need to take. And so today, I trust and ask You to lead me to open doors of opportunity that you have prepared for me. Help me make sense of the options that lay before me and help me see and make the right choices today. Amen.