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**RCIA is a process for  
welcoming adults into  
the Catholic Church**



**Evening of Inquiry  
Monday, August 26<sup>TH</sup> 7:00PM  
(Rectory Conference Room C)**

- This process is designed for:*
- Adults who have not been baptized.
  - Adults baptized in another Christian Church and wish to inquire about the Catholic Church.
  - Baptized Catholics who have not completed their initiation in the Church by celebrating First Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

***No obligation!***

***Come and see what God has planned for you!***

**For More Information contact Madelyn McBride ~ Rectory 610-543-0848 ext 118**

## THE 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



**Sunday, August 11, 2024**

7:30AM George Rall

9:30AM Rosina and Saverio Celia

11:30AM Kevin & Sharon McKnight (Living)

**Monday, August 12, 2024**

8:00AM Theresa M. Contrasciano

**Tuesday, August 13, 2024**

8:00AM Anne T. Clay (4<sup>th</sup> Ann.)

**Wednesday, August 14, 2024**

8:00AM Michael Burke (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.)

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

**Assumption of the Blessed Mother**

**August 15, 2024**

7:00AM Ryan McKnight

10:00AM Breta O'Malley

7:00PM Ryan McKnight

**Friday, August 16, 2024**

8:00AM Bea Donato

**Saturday, August 17, 2024**

8:00AM Ryan McKnight

3:00PM Confessions

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, August 18, 2024**

7:30AM Ryan McKnight

9:30AM Edith and Thomas Dappollone

11:30AM Mary Fahey

†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†

*Especially, Michael C. Johnson, Jr.*

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



**MEMORIAL FOR AUGUST**  
Bread ~ Daniel and Ann Boyle  
Wine ~ Available

### THE SANCTUARY CANDLE



This candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. For the Week **August 11th**, the candle will burn in loving memory for the **Bianco Family** as requested anonymously.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

TOGETHER WE WILL PRAY

Dean Segal	Emily Belfie	Evan Farrington
Baby DeSantis	Arthur LeTourneau	Michael Farley
Dominic Rosini	Bill Colgan	Bill Seavey
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Francine Piccone	Robert Ranieri	Jack Schultz
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Sandy Keller	Sadie Keller	Patricia Lindsey
Chris Touchton	Craig Taulman	Ian Regino
Paul Ansaldo		

If you have someone you would like prayed for, OR have

**REMOVED** from prayer list, please email Joan Curtis at

[sbulletin@hotmail.com](mailto:sbulletin@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

#### CLASSROOM AIDES

TWO-Grade 2 Classroom Aides

(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 ed. 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

### ATTENTION: RECTORY HOURS

**Due to the Holyday of the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother, the Rectory will be closed on Thursday and Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>.**

## **BREAKING OPEN THE WORD**

The 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ August 18th, 2024



### **Proverbs 9:1-6**

Even the Jews who themselves encountered Jesus struggled “to advance in the way of understanding.” It may still be difficult for us to understand Jesus’ words, but this reading from Proverbs gives us some insight: Wisdom invites us directly to eat her food and drink her wine. She declares that spending intentional time with God is the key to advancing in the way of understanding. How do you spend intentional time with God? Holy Hour on Wednesdays at SFA 7-8PM; to learn more about the examen, a practice that helps us see God at work in our daily life, visit:

[www.ignatianspirituality.com/ignatian-prayer/the-examen/](http://www.ignatianspirituality.com/ignatian-prayer/the-examen/)

### **Ephesians 5:15-20**

The Letter to the Ephesians furthers Proverbs’ call to forsake immediate gratification for the sustenance of the Holy Spirit. Have you decided to try the suggestion in question #1? If not, what is holding you back?

### **John 6:51-58**

John’s Passover narrative comes full circle, from a feeding miracle to Jesus teaching that it is he who makes God known in the Eucharistic meal. And the Jews murmured... Where might you have stood had you been present to hear Jesus’ discourse?

## **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!

### **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*

On Thursday we celebrate **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. Pope Pius XII defined it as one of the four Marian dogmas of the Catholic Church in 1950, expressing hope that the belief in the bodily assumption of the Virgin Mary into heaven “will make our belief in our own resurrection stronger and render it more effective.”



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.sfascrripsales@gmail.com](mailto:www.sfascrripsales@gmail.com) 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:  
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**“PRO-LIFE” LINES”**

Crisis Pregnancy Resource hotline: 610-626-4006.  
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[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.dcpchester.org](http://www.dcpchester.org)  
Mother’s Home: 610-583-HOME, [www.mothershome.org](http://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.



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 Squitiere 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.**

**SAINT FRANCIS OVER 50 CLUB**



**There are no meetings in July and August. Our General meetings will resume in September. REMINDER: Casino trip is Tuesday, 8/13. Bus leaves at 10AM.**

**Casino Trips: 9/11, 10/9 & 11/13.** 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.

**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.**

**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)

# What's up?

## AUTUMN BIBLE STUDY – THE CHOSEN!!



We're back in our newly refreshed Parish Center with Season 4 of **The Chosen!** We will be showing all 8 episodes of Season 4 of **The Chosen.** If you haven't heard of it, this is a beautiful series about Jesus' ministry while on Earth. The actual biblical quotes are true, but the other scenes attempt to fill in the blanks about His everyday life. There will be group discussions after the videos, exploring the related Bible passages and the video production details. Light refreshments will be served. We will show this at 2 different times.

**PICK THE TIME** that is best for you:

**When: Mondays, September 16-November 4: 7-8:30PM:**  
**OR**

**Wednesdays, September 18-November 6: 9:15-10:45AM:**  
(Both sessions held in the Holy Cross Parish Center)

**The Bible Study is free!** A workbook is **NOT** necessary.

**Please join us!**

To save a seat or for more information, contact Jane Collins at [elizabeth.collins3@verizon.net](mailto:elizabeth.collins3@verizon.net) or 610.623.3412.

### **"MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER CLUB" (AGE 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 **Sunday, August 18, 5:15PM**, a restaurant event at "Masami Japanese Hibachi Restaurant" 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. We have both restaurant events, House Parties & special events.

### **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.padrefiofestivalhollandpa.com](http://www.padrefiofestivalhollandpa.com) or call the St. Bede parish office at 215-357-5720.

### **FAMILY LABOR DAY WEEKEND RETREAT (IN**

**PERSON)** Friday, August 30-Sunday, September 1. Join Fr. Stephen DeLacy and other families for a fun and spiritual weekend. The retreat will include family activities, music and arts, Mass, Adoration and more! Malvern Retreat House,

Malvern PA. For more information visit: <https://www.malvernretreat.com/events/family-labor-day-2024/> registration is required for this event.

### **YOUNG ADULT WEEKEND RETREAT**

**Friday, September 20-22, 6PM Friday to 2PM Sunday**

The weekend will include Holy Mass, Conferences on the Spiritual Life, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, fellowship, spiritual direction, exploration of the Bl. Carlo Acutis Shrine and time for prayerful reflection amidst the peace and beauty of Malvern Retreat House. St. Joseph's Hall, 315 S Warren Ave, Malvern, PA. Cost: \$175. For more information, visit: <https://www.malvernretreat.com/events/young-adult-retreat-sept-2024/>

### **ST. KEVIN'S PARISH -TRIP TO WOODLOCH PINES**

**POCONO MOUNTAIN FAMILY RESORT** October 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024. 4 Night Accommodations at this scenic award-winning 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.

### **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](mailto:coclassof1984@gmail.com)

### **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)

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Take my hand, O Blessed Mother. Hold me firmly lest I fall. I grow nervous while walking and humbly on thee call.

Guide me over every crossing, watch me when I'm on the stairs. Let me know that you're beside me. Listen to my fervent prayers.

Bring me to my destination, safely along the way. Bless my every undertaking, and my duties for the day.

And when evening creeps upon me, I'll never fear to be alone. Once again, O Blessed Mother, take my hand and lead me home. Amen.

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