

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>



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 and the preferred Mass time you attend.

If you are a senior, who lives within the boundaries of St. Francis Parish and would like a ride to Mass, please call Pat Brown. Give her your name, phone number, address, and the preferred Mass time you would like to attend and a ride will try to be arranged for you.

Pat's phone number is 610-328-9831.



<u>Saint F</u>rancis Over 50's Club

Over 50's Club provides relaxation, entertainment, social activities, meals, and seasonal trips. Anyone 50 years of age or older may join the club. *Membership is open to the entire community.* The Club meets twice a month in the afternoon on a Thursday, September through June in Leonard Hall at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish. *New Members Are Always Welcome!* For Membership Information Contact

Cathy Randazzo 610-543-6835

THE 20[™] SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Sunday, August 18, 2024 7:30AM Ryan McKnight 9:30AM Edith and Thomas Dappollone 11:30AM Mary Fahey Monday, August 19, 2024 8:00AM Sr. Mary Paul, O'Carm (Living) Tuesday, August 20, 2024 8:00AM Sr. Phillip Ann O'Carm (Living) Wednesday, August 21, 2024 8AM Sr. Antoinette LaForest, OCD (Living) ADORATION (Following 8AM Mass through 7PM Holy Hour) Thursday, August 22, 2024 8:00AM Lisa Salmieri (2nd Ann.) Friday, August 23, 2024 8:00AM Marie O'Brien (4th Ann.) Saturday, August 24, 2024 8:00AM Ryan McKnight **3:00PM Confessions** 4:00PM For the People of the Parish Sunday August 25, 2024 7:30AM Ryan McKnight 9:30AM Diane Byrne 11:30AM John Duncan, Sr. (2nd Ann.)

†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED† Especially. Roxann Bambach

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 18th, the candle will burn in loving memory of Frank Magee as requested by his Family.



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.

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 Tim Corlies**

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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.

SFA CYO REGISTRATION IS CURRENTLY **OPEN FOR THE FOLLOWING SPORTS:**



Football (JV) Boys - 4th Grade - 6th Grade (4th Grade is a new option for 2024).

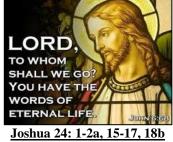
Football (V) Boys - 7th Grade - 8th Grade Cheerleading Girls - 5th Grade - 8th Grade Soccer Co-Ed (JV) 5th Grade - 6th Grade Soccer Co-Ed (V) 7th Grade - 8th Grade Volleyball Girls (JV) 5th Grade - 6th Grade Volleyball Girls (V) 7th Grade - 8th Grade

To register your child, please visit us @ www.sfabruins.org If you have any questions, please email or call Tom Rutledge.

Tom Rutledge | Athletic Director St. Francis of Assisi CYO 136 Saxer Avenue, Springfield, PA 19064 trutledge@sfabruins.org | www.sfabruins.org

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

The 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ August 25th, 2024



Joshua challenges God's people to declare where they stand, even in unsettled times. What might be a similar situation today? Could you respond with such conviction...therefore we will also serve the lord, for he is our God? Spend some intentional time reflecting on your actions from this past week. Did you serve the Lord or serve other gods such as wealth, prestige or some worldly desire?

Ephesians 5: 21-32

Ephesians calls for extreme mutuality in all our relationships including those in our society. How do you manifest solidarity with the "other" in various relationships?

John 6: 60-69

In John's Gospel, Jesus has challenged the crowds to the very limits of their religious worldview. All of John 6 leads to a turning point as we witness the mass exodus of disciples and crowds, Peter's declaration of who Jesus is, and the foreshadowed end of the Son of Man's earthly mission. Where would you stand?

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!!

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team If you doubt God's love, it's just the wounds you carry.

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.



NEW CITY TEAM EVENT- HOPE CAFE

On **Saturday September 14**, SFA is offering our assistance at the Hope Cafe, at City Team Hdqtrs., 634 Sproul St., Chester, from **3:30-6:30 PM**.

Hope Cafe offers a multi-course hot meal twice monthly, served by 15-20 volunteers, to unhoused members of the community. Their goal is to build lasting, supportive relationships which lift up these people in need.

All that is required is a generous heart and caring smile! Children over the age of 6 may volunteer with an adult guardian present. Parishioners who have volunteered for this event before have reported a wonderful experience. If interested in volunteering please visit their website at:

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Either Sign In OR Create Account if you are new to this site. If you need any assistance or wish to carpool with Parishioners, please contact Helen Golden at: Helengolden1@gmail.com

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.



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





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.

FLAME & F LOVE

To Host the Pilgrim Queen Statue in your home for one week, (Sunday to Sunday), visit the Parish website at <u>sfaparish.org</u> 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.

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 a 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



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.



"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.

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

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 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.

MASS AND HEALING PRAYER SERVICE AT OUR

LADY OF FATIMA All are invited to Our Lady of Fatima's Quarterly First Friday Mass and Healing Prayer Service on September 6, 2024. Praise & Worship begins at 6:45 pm and then 7:00 pm Mass with Healing Prayer Service. The pastor, Rev. Roland Slobogin, is the celebrant. Prayer teams will be available for individual healing afterwards. Martha's House will provide music. Our Lady of Fatima, 1 Fatima Drive, Secane, PA 19018 More Information: visit the website https://www.archphilaccr.org

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. 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,** 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 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: <u>https://www.malvernretreat.com/events/family-labor-</u> <u>day-2024/</u> registration is required for this event.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT AT MALVERN RETREAT HOUSE: IN DEFENSE OF TRUTH: UNDERSTANDING CORE CATHOLIC TEACHING

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are welcome to Malvern Retreat House for a weekend retreat with Fr. Ambrose Christe, O.Praem, a priest of St. Michael's Abbey in California. Fr. Ambrose will explore the Catholic teaching on the human person, the relationship between grace and nature, the sacramentality of the world and the Four Last Things. The weekend will include Holy Mass, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, spiritual direction, testimonies and time for fellowship and prayer. Guest appearances by the Sisters of Life and local Catholic musicians! Friday, September 20th – 22nd, Friday 6pm–Sunday 1:30pm, at St. Joseph's Hall. For more information or to register:

https://www.malvernretreat.com/calendar

Questions? Contact Peter Land at <u>pland@malvernretreat.com</u> or 484-321-2538.

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.

MARRIED COUPLES – When's the last time you gave your marriage a tune-up? Keep your engines running by getting away together on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next in-person experiences are October 11-13 and November 15-17 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more info visit: <u>https://www.wwmephilly.org</u>.

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* **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. You can also contact Ken Johnston at 215-327-3236 or

<u>ken@notsaintsyet.org</u>. For more info about our meeting at SFA: please contact Luke LeTourneau at 610-986-6660.

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**

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 <u>www.archphila.org/hope</u>

Also available for support is Faith-based drug rehab website: www.AddictionCenter.com/Treatment/Faith-Based-Drugand-Alcohol-Rehab

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

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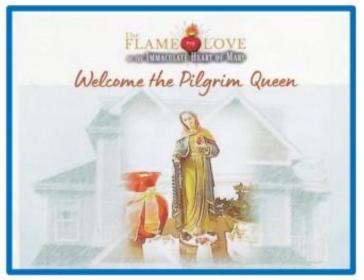
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<u>A PRAYER TO</u> PRAYER FOR ONE BURDENED WITH WORRY

Father, teach me that, as Your child, WORRY has no place in my life. I know that it helps nothing. I know that worry overcomes no difficulty. Often in the past, Lord, I have come to You with heavy heart and burdened life, and You have answered my prayers and graciously lifted the burden from me. Yet, I still refuse to leave my burdens with You. Always I gather them up, those heavy bundles of fears and anxieties, and shoulder them again.

Help me dear Lord to overcome these useless thoughts and lift from me once again all anxieties and apprehensions. Help me to live just one day at a time with a confident trust in Your tender mercy and love. May my heart know Your promise that *I rest only as I rest in You*. I thank You for Your love for me and for Your help. Amen.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO SIGN UP



FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO OPEN YOUR HEART AND HOME

AND LET MARY VISIT WITH YOU - DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE AN EFFUSION OF GRACE - BY SPENDING TIME WITH OUR LADY.

Mary, Our Mother, wants every family to be a sanctuary, a wonderful place where, in union with you, she works miracles in the depth of hearts. Going from heart to heart, she places in your hands the Flame of Love of her heart. Through your prayers and sacrifices, it will blind Satan who wants to rule over families." FOL-Blue Diary p187

GO TO WEBSITE: sfaparish.org - SCROLL DOWN TO THE FLAME OF LOVE CLICK ON THE 'SIGN UP' BUTTON TO HOST "MARY" FOR ONE WEEK. SELECT THE DATE -- SUNDAY TO SUNDAY ENTER YOUR NAME, PHONE NUMBER, AND EMAIL ADDRESS. * PLEASE READ THE FULL DESCRIPTION OF THE INFORMATION YOU WILL NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE PILGRIM QUEEN STATUE. * FOL ROSARY PROMOTERS: BETH KNAUB, MAUREEN ZANE, ROSE SQUITIERE



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