

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 25, 2024



Back to School

A Prayer for Our Students

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of education in every form. As our children prepare to start a new year, may confidence be their foundation, may grace be their guide and may hope be their compass toward a bright future. I pray they would have eyes to see the needs of those around them and a heart to love well. May they face each day with positivity knowing that no matter what comes their way, they don't have to face it alone. In Jesus' name, amen.

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food collection

**Our Monthly Food Collections
Resume 2nd Weekend @ Month
(September through April)**

**Collection will take place
Weekend of September 7th & 8th**

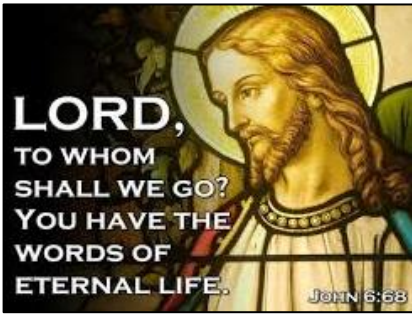


The food helps many
needy families in our
parish and our
community.
Thank You for your
support!

For Information regarding
Upcoming Funerals & Services,
Please visit our Parish Website at
www.sfaparish.org
and click on...



THE 21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Sunday August 25, 2024

7:30AM Ryan McKnight

9:30AM Diane Byrne

11:30AM John Duncan, Sr. (2nd Ann.)

Monday, August 26, 2024

8:00AM Ryan McKnight

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

8:00AM Kathleen "Kitty" Lynch

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

8:00AM James Niemann

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

Thursday, August 29, 2024

8:00AM Vincent Cacciatore

Friday, August 30, 2024

8:00AM Kathleen "Kitty" Lynch

Saturday, August 31, 2024

8:00AM Ryan McKnight

3:00PM Confessions

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, September 1, 2024

7:30AM Leo A. Mullin, Jr.

9:30AM Rosemary McMenamin

11:30AM Biagio Guardavaccaro (1st Ann.)

†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†
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 25th**, the candle will burn in loving memory of **Marion McCorriston** as requested by her **Friends**.



Simply the right way to fundraise

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 or call 484-432-1472.

THANK YOU FATHER EUGENE!

For the last two summers, Fr. Eugene has taken his own personal vacation time to stay with us here in the USA. I know St. Francis has become a second home to Father and we are truly grateful for his assistance; I am grateful for his friendship as well! Well, this is his last weekend here at our parish as he heads home to see his family and then continue on with his studies. Please wish him well and say a prayer for his wellbeing. I said to Father Eugene we would set some baskets at the exits of the church if anyone would like to give a free-will donation to help off-set the cost of his studies and assist with his cost of living. We're all going to miss him but look forward to his return soon.

God Bless you Father!

Fr. Matt Tralies

PRAYER REQUESTS TOGETHER WE WILL PRAY

Emily Belfie	Evan Farrington	
Baby DeSantis	Arthur LeTourneau	Michael Farley
Dominic Rosini	Bill Colgan	Bill Seavey
Colin Murray	Lou DeSantis	Dolores Govannicci
Monique Carpenter	Brian Marandola	Ethel LeVasseur
Anne McGlone	Carmen Salerno	Michael Costa
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Maryann McCauley	Marie Martin	Beverly Scarani
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Ray Kenney, Sr.	Mary Jean Grandizio	Inger Sexton
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Carolina Longmore	Ann Farren	Brian Griffin
Maryann Murphy	Dan Bruno	Marsha Four
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Francine Piccone	Robert Ranieri	Jack Schultz
Deacon Joe Gousie	Michelle Rodger	Ambrose Hummel
Sandy Keller	Sadie Keller	Patricia Lindsey
Chris Touchton	Craig Taulman	Ian Regino
Tim Corlies	Paul Ansaldo	Peggy Burke

JOB POSTINGS

We are currently looking to fill 2 positions at the Parish:

The 1st position is for a part-time facilities manager, 3 days/week. The responsibilities will include but are not limited to overseeing the maintenance of all parish buildings along with managing a full time maintenance/custodial person.

The 2nd position is for a full time, 5 days/week, maintenance/custodial person. This person will be responsible for minor repairs as directed by the facilities manager along with various custodial duties.

Per Diocesan policy, a requirement is to be able to complete all Safe Environment requirements including fingerprinting, criminal record and child abuse. Interested candidates should email their résumé to jfogatysfa@gmail.com.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

The 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ September 1st
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

"...In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God.... you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it...."

When I was a boy, I might 'overdo it' when keeping some commandment. My Mom would say, *"Do you think you're holier than the Church?"* Meaning why my need to go past the precepts of Jesus? Granted I could also go the 'other way' and backslide.

Today's first reading addresses 'going overboard' like a Pharisee, fixating on needlessly adding to 'God's Law'. Can you recall times when you do this? Conversely, can you remember when you gravitate the other way? About when you fail to adhere to the '*Spirit of God's Law*' by subtracting from it? Cutting corners? Avoiding the tough parts?

James 1:17-18, 21B-22, 27

".... Humbly welcome the Word that has been planted in you.... Be doers of the Word and not hearers only..."

Do you see how the second reading perfectly complements the first? How it guides you to first welcome '*God's Word*' planted in your heart? Can you recall times though when you only heard the Word but failed to follow through? How you were not a 'doer' of the Word by carrying it out?

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

"...the Pharisees and scribes questioned Jesus, "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders.... Our Lord responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me..."

Can you see how this Gospel passage really brings it 'home' for these readings? Do you understand how today's readings show how, even in matters of faith, that '*things come in threes*'? How each reading builds logically and emotionally upon the preceding one? This week, might you spend some time silently to reflect deeply about the symmetry and synergy of this spiritual sustenance? How it breaks down into three digestible parts?

Absorb His Word...Accept His Word...Live Out His Word

CATECHISTS AND CLASSROOM AIDES ARE NEEDED

for the Weekly Parish Religious Education Program

(Afternoon Session: 4:15-6:00PM)

CATECHISTS – Afternoon Session

ONE-Grade 1, ONE-Grade 2 & ONE-Grade 3

CLASSROOM AIDES – Afternoon Session

ONE-Grade 1 Aide and TWO-Grade 2 Aides

Please call Madelyn McBride to volunteer.

Rectory 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



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.

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.



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 the weekend of August 31st & September 1st.** 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 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 to arrange for pick up or other drop off times. Casseroles are due the same weekend as the St John's collection. Thank you!

NEW CITY TEAM EVENT- HOPE CAFE

On **Saturday September 14**, SFA is offering our assistance at the Hope Cafe, at City Team HQ., 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 unhouse 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 visit website: <https://cityteam.volunteerhub.com> Either Sign In OR Create Account if you are new to this site. If you need any assistance or wish to carpool with Parishioners, 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 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

Tuesday is the feast day of **St Monica**. She is recognized as the patron saint of mothers. It took many years and many tears to bring her son back to the Catholic faith. We know her son, **St Augustine**, one of the four Great Fathers of the West and a Doctor of the Church, whose feast day is tomorrow! Never stop praying for those who have gone astray.



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 will call you.

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.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL THANKS YOU!

The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank everyone who contributed food, a monetary donation, or a grocery store gift card on Manna Sunday in May. That was our last food collection until September. However, because of your kind & thoughtful generosity, we had enough food to continue to help our struggling families in June, July & August. May God bless you!

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

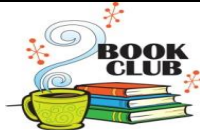
Volleyball Girls (JV) 5th Grade - 6th Grade

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
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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



All women are invited to join us in fellowship, aimed at strengthening our faith and journeying closer to the heart of God. This year, we will be using Walking with Purpose's "Touching the Divine" bible study. You can visit <https://walkingwithpurpose.com/bible-study/> for more info and to order the book. Meetings will take place in SFA's Library on select Saturday mornings at 8:30am, beginning September 14th. If you have questions or want more info, please reach out to: Jen Lorenz 610-333-3011.

SAINT FRANCIS OVER 50 CLUB



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

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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| | 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.

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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Delaware County Pregnancy Center: 610-872-2229, www.dcpchester.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. 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.

To save a seat or for more information, contact Jane Collins at elizabeth.collins3@verizon.net or 610.623.3412.

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**. 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: <https://www.archphilaccr.org>

HOLY CROSS CLASS OF 74 is hosting their 50th grade school reunion! Saturday Sept 28th 6:00 pm at PJ Whelihan in Newtown Square (private room). \$65pp includes full buffet and soft drinks. Cash bar for all other drinks. Venmo for tix Robert-Pace-103. Contact Robert Pace with questions: 484-470-9490 or RobertPace1978@gmail.com

"MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER CLUB " (AGES 52-68)

Catholic single men & women are cordially invited to join "The Main Line Singles Dinner Club" to share common interests & dine together usually twice a month or once every 3 weeks. Our next scheduled event is on **Sunday, Sept. 15**, a restaurant event @ 5:15 at "Momoyama Hawaiian BBQ 11" located @ 2305 Darby Rd., Havertown, PA 19083. Our Aug. 18 restaurant event at "Masami Japanese Hibachi" was rescheduled to Sunday, August 25 due to the bad weather forecast. More info call BARB (610) 896-6542. Memo: I do not TEXT!

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

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

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PEACE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. 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.

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