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#### 23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Sunday, September 8, 2024
7:30AM Ryan Patrick Howarth
9:30AM Suzanne Oakes
11:30AM Eric Eisenman
Monday, September 9, 2024
8:00AM Terry Lyons
Tuesday, September 10, 2024
8:00AM Ruth "Bunny" Implazo (2<sup>nd</sup> Ann.)
Wednesday, September 11, 2024
8:00AM Michael Hoey

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

Thursday, September 12, 2024
8:00AM Patricia Noone Bonner (2<sup>nd</sup> Ann.)
Friday, September 13, 2024
8:00AM Kathleen "Kitty" Lynch
Saturday, September 14, 2024
8:00AM Evan Lennon (10<sup>th</sup> Ann.)

3:00PM Confessions
4:00PM For the People of the Parish
Sunday, September 15, 2024

7:30AM Theresa St. Leger 9:30AM Cathy Wilson (4<sup>th</sup> Ann.) 11:30AM Rose Iannarelli

#### †REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†

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



# MEMORIAL FOR SEPTEMBER Bread ~ Available

Wine ~ Available

#### THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

This candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. For the Week **September 8**<sup>th</sup> the candle will burn for the **69**<sup>th</sup> **Wedding Anniversary of Jack and Joan Braconnier** as requested by their daughter, Joan Curtis.



Emily	Belfie Evan Farrington	
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Susan Aljets	Scott Aljets	Joy Van Berg
If you have someone you would like prayed for, OR have <b>REMOVED</b>		

If you have someone you would like prayed for, OR have **REMOVED** from prayer list, please email Joan Curtis at <u>sfabulletin@hotmail.com</u> or call the Rectory at 610-543-0848. Thank you for your prayers.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 <a href="mailto:jfogartysfa@gmail.com">jfogartysfa@gmail.com</a>.



St. Francis of Assisi School is in need of "Lunch Monitors".
Time Period: 11:30AM ~ 1:00PM Monday through Friday
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<a href="mailton@sfaschool.com">nhamilton@sfaschool.com</a>

#### **BREAKING OPEN THE WORD**

The 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ September 15th



Isaiah 50:4c-9a

# "...The Lord GOD opens my ear that I may hear... The Lord GOD is my help..."

Can you recall that moment when after hearing something explained to you many times over, you suddenly 'get it'? Maybe you had to mature. Perhaps you had to really slow down and truly listen.

In what manner might this same situation be applicable to your relationship with God? How many days and in how many ways has the Lord imparted His 'Mighty Whispers' into your ears?

How would you describe that 'thunderbolt' experience where your spiritual 'hearing' is finally opened up to the transformational truth that, no matter what challenge or difficulty or trial you encounter, you now know God is always your help?

#### James 2:14-18

#### ".... demonstrate my faith to you from my works..."

Reflect on the first reading. What do you think you are supposed to do after really 'hearing' God speaking to you? In grade school when the teacher caught a student with candy during class, the question that was asked was, "Do you have enough for the other students?" It was a 'tongue-in-cheek' way to discipline the wayward pupil, meaning that the child was to share this sweet item with others.

Can you see how, in this second reading, the Lord challenges you in the same manner with regard to sweet gift of Faith? How will you live out the answer to the question, "Do you have enough to share with others?"

#### Mark 8:27-35

spiritually? "...whoever loses his life for My sake will save it... Can you discern how the Gospel builds upon the foundation of the first two readings?

First: Open your ears to God. Second: Demonstrate that you have heard Him by what you do.

Can you see how the Gospel takes you to the ultimate challenge? It is not just by doing good deeds here and there. It is by a complete surrender to God, forsaking the false and fickle allures of this temporal world, while focusing mind, heart and actions on the eternal, transcendent kingdom.

Can you try to set your spirit on this course as best you can?

#### 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. 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 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 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 visit website: <a href="https://cityteam.volunteerhub.com">https://cityteam.volunteerhub.com</a>
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: <a href="https://cityteam.left.new.com">Helengolden1@gmail.com</a>

#### **CARING FOR FRIENDS (CFF): NEW INFO:**

Until further notice, please drop off meals at St. Kevin's parish in the foyer in the Parish Life Center. Meal tins are located in the SFA rectory (during regular business hours) and the vestibule of the church. The meals will go to the elderly, homebound, and veterans.

The CFF program is also looking for volunteers to deliver meals to people in Clifton Heights, Drexel Hill, Media, and Broomall. 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 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 7PM. 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**

SFA CYO

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



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 <a href="https://www.sfascripsales@gmail.com">www.sfascripsales@gmail.com</a> 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: CYO/ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI/SPRINGFIELD #7046

#### SAINT FRANCIS OVER 50 CLUB



The meeting is Thursday, September 12. This is our Open House Meeting. The doors to Leonard Hall (gym) open at 12:30pm and the meeting begins at 1:15pm. Tickets for "Hoagie Day," October 24, and the "Christmas Luncheon", December 12, will be on sale. REMINDER: Casino Trip is this Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Bus leaves at 10am.

<u>Casino Trips</u>: 10/9, 11/13 & 12/11. 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.

<u>Membership</u> 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.

#### The Corner

#### Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

On Saturday we observe the Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. We venerate and exalt and love the Cross of Christ, for by the suffering and death of God's only Son on the Cross, we have new life.

"We adore You O Christ, and we praise you, because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world."

---St Alphonsus de Liguori

#### GOD BLESS ALL WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY



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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 REGISTRATION IS CURRENTLY OPEN FOR THE FOLLOWING SPORTS:



<u>Football (JV) Boys</u> - 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 @ <u>www.sfabruins.org</u> 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

#### 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.

# FLAME & LOVE OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

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 **Wednesdays at 1:30PM** in the Church.

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#### DELCO PARISHES PRO-LIFE MEETING

Please join us for our first Delco Pro-life meeting of the season on Wednesday, September 11, at 6:30 PM in St. Francis of Assisi Rectory Basement Conference Room in Springfield. Entrance is from the parking lot and down the outside steps. Your prayers and suggestions are most welcome.

Also mark your calendars for the PA March for Life on Monday, September 23, in Harrisburg. Transportation will be provided. Rally at 11 AM with March around the Capitol building at 12 noon. More info to follow.

#### "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.



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.



#### **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:

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.

#### HEY ABBEYFEST FANS...ARE YOU READY FOR

THIS YEAR? Saturday, September 14, 2024. This year's musical lineup features headliner Matt Maher, a nine-time-GRAMMY® nominee and three-time-GMA Dove Award® recipient, emerging star, Seph Schlueter, who recently took home K-LOVE's Breakout Single of the Year award for "Counting My Blessings," Brother Isaiah, Dana Catherine, and the Philadelphia Catholic Gospel Mass Choir with Tonya Dorsey. Most Reverend Archbishop Nelson Perez will celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass again this year. A faith-filled day is planned for all! Get your tickets now for our TENTH AbbeyFest celebration of faith, family and music! Get your tickets now!

#### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2024**

Join Catholic women from the greater Philadelphia area for a day of fun, friendship, faith formation and prayer at the Catholic Women's Conference. Saturday, October 19, 9am-4:00pm, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown,

PA. visit: www.catholicwomensconference.org.

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:

https://www.wwme-philly.org.

#### RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN

YOUR MARRIAGE Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held the weekend of October 4-6pm at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

#### **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

#### IN MEMORY OF 9/11... WE PLACE IN YOUR LOVING ARMS

God of love we place in your loving arms the thousands of innocent lives that were lost on that unforgettable morning of September 11, 2001. We also remember the courage of the countless men and women who put their lives at risk in order to rescue, alleviate and bring solace to the afflicted. Help us to continue to work for a world free from every form of hatred, violence and ignorance. May terrorism in all its forms -- disappear from the face of the earth. - Fr. Alberto Cutie Amen.

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# Blood Drive St. Francis of Assisi Church

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# Saturday, September 28, 2024 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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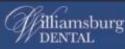
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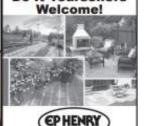
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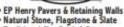
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