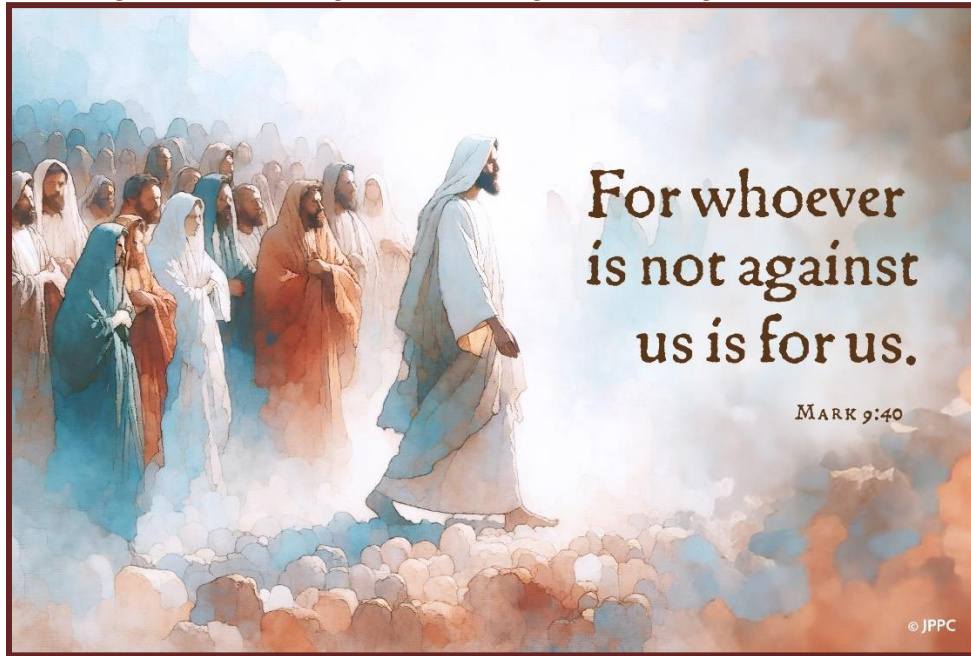


Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 29, 2024



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Join us to give thanks for God's
creation and ask for a blessing
of our pets.

**In honor of Saint Francis
of Assisi's Feast Day**

"Blessing of the Animals" will take place at
our Grotto on the grounds of
Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

Thursday, October 3RD
6:00 PM ~ 7:00 PM

You and all your furry friends are welcome!

26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Sunday, September 29, 2024

7:30AM Leo A. Mullin (30th Ann.) and Kathleen R. Mullin (5th Ann.)

9:30AM Alexander "Sandy" McGrath (5th Ann.)
11:30AM Herman Alessi

Monday, September 30, 2024

8:00AM Donna Grein

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

8:00AM Eric Eisenmann (1st Ann.)

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

8:00AM Jack McConaghy

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

Thursday, October 3, 2024

8:00AM Marion McCorrison

Friday, October 4, 2024

8:00AM Terry Lyons

Saturday, October 5, 2024

8:00AM Ida, Carmela and Michael
(no last name given)

3:00PM Confessions

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, October 6, 2024

7:30AM Natalia and Emidio Galie

9:30AM Kelly and Jackie Allen

11:30AM John Wells

†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†

Especially, Mary DePetris, Richard de Uriarte

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



MEMORIAL FOR OCTOBER

Bread and Wine

Jim and Paul Braconnier



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

This candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. For the week of **September 29th** the candle will burn in loving memory of **Gloria Brookshire** as requested by her sister, **Esther Salerno**.

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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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
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Anne McGlone	Carmen Salerno	Michael Costa
Maria DiGiacinto	Amy Faulls	Joanne Marks
David Clemmer	Mary Benedetti	Veronica Suppa
Catherine Lindsey	Shealyn Mencil	Caroline Donovan
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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
Tim Corlies	Paul Ansaldo	Peggy Burke
Susan Aljets	Scott Aljets	Joy Van Berg
Fox Family	Merkle Family	Dobbs Family
Lucretia Murphy	Jenine Amato	Joe Mastalski
Mark McKinsey	Mary Herron	

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.

REMINDER!!

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI HOME & SCHOOL
ASSOCIATION MUMS FUNDRAISER



**ORDER PICKUP: Wednesday, October 2nd
3:30PM- 6:30PM in the SFA School Parking Lot
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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.



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.

ANNUAL DELCO LIFE CHAIN



October is Respect Life month. Please join us for our annual Life Chain on **Sunday, October 6, from 1 to 2 PM** along the sidewalks of Baltimore Pike starting at Saxer Ave. in Springfield. Let us witness to our belief in the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. (Rain date Sunday, October 13).

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

The 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ October 6th

Genesis 2:18-24

For Jesus, the creation account suggests that God's original intention was for the permanence of marriage. How can the Church accompany people who struggle in marriages that are filled with pain?

Hebrews 2:9-11

Jesus, the only begotten Son of God, came as a human being so He might take our place, so He might suffer the punishment that was due to us, and so that we might be freed from slavery to sin and death. How do you feel about Jesus, your brother, doing that for you?

Mark 10:2-16

In Jesus' day, women and children were of little importance. Women were property of their husbands, and if the husband chose to divorce her, she was left penniless and homeless if no other family could support her. Likewise, children were invisible until they reached the age of ability to work for the family. In Mark's gospel, Jesus is sticking up for the vulnerable by saying women are also made in the image of God; equal in His eyes. And that God wants us to trust and depend on Him with the innocence of a child. How can we help encourage and support our families in need and in their faith?

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.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Please consider joining us as we pray the Holy Rosary Weekdays and Saturdays before the 8:00am Mass.

"Pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world..."

-- Our Lady of Fatima

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the richest in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary." --Pope Saint Pius X



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World Mission Sunday 2024 Takes Place on October 20th

Next weekend October 5th & 6th we welcome our Missionary Guest Speaker,
Rev. Bruno Dongo
from the **Apostle of Jesus Religious of Priests**

World Mission Sunday this year reflects on the theme:
"Go and invite everyone to the banquet"
(Matthew 22:9)

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, call 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 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 Squitieri 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.

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 this weekend, September 28th & 29th.** 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!

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.

MARY MOTHER OF CAPTIVES

A Support Group for those coping with a loved one in prison. Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at St. Charles Borromeo Church Hall, 3422 Dennison Avenue, Drexel Hill, Pa 19026. **Attendees remain confidential.** For more information, please call John or Sue at 610-259-3178 or email: marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org.

Visit the Imprisoned. Become a Pen Pal... In prison, sometimes the only contact with the outside world is in the form of letters. Pen Pal writers are needed to write to the poorest of the poor. For more info, call John or Sue at 610-259-3178 or email: marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org.

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---Matthew 9:37 and Luke 10:2

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SAINT FRANCIS OVER 50 CLUB



The next meeting is Thursday, October 10th. We will be entertained by "Calvin Pressley." Tickets for "Hoagie Day," October 24, and the "Christmas Luncheon", December 12, will be on sale.

Casino Trips: 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.

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	Cale Amador	John Michael Bartivic
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Connor Lyons	Dan Marchini	Timothy McCanns
Shawn McConaghy	Bill McDermott	Emma McDonald
James McDonald	Nicholas McDonald	Michael McGarvey
Francis McGrail	Daniel McLee	Nicholas Peranteau
Stephen Peranteau	Ronan Plummer	Peter Quinn
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.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS & CROCHETERS



Are you looking for a way to serve the Lord using your God given talent? "PROJECT LINUS" is a nationwide project where knitters or crocheters donate their handmade blankets for hospitalized children from Premies to Teens. For more info, call 610-328-0741.

PRAY FOR A PRIEST

The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a national organization that prays for priests. For one year, each of the Seven Sisters commits to taking a designated day of the week and promises to pray in front of a tabernacle for one hour during the day. For more information visit: www.sevensistersapostolate.org.



Please join the SFA PRO-LIFE Group in the month of October, **RESPECT LIFE MONTH**, by supporting the Mothers' Home in Darby by taking an empty baby bottle and filling it with your change. The bottles will be available at the entrances of the Church on October 5th and will be collected on Sunday, October 27th. The Mothers' Home is a residential shelter that provides a safe haven for vulnerable pregnant women in crisis who choose life as a sacred gift. Thank you for your support of new life.

"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.dcpchester.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.

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. If you have questions or wish to volunteer and help reach out, please contact Rob Longo (Rob@LiveVertical.org) or Luke LeTourneau (Luke@LiveVertical.org) or call 610-986-6660. For more info, visit: 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
 Also available for support is Faith-based drug rehab website: www.AddictionCenter.com/Treatment/Faith-Based-Drug-and-Alcohol-Rehab

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GIFT CARD BINGO AT HOLY CROSS October 5th, doors open at 6PM, 1st game starts at 6:30PM. Cost is \$30/person (includes 1 card per round). BYO food and drink. For tickets, contact HCDDevelopmentFund@gmail.com or call the office at 610-626-3321. (240 N. Bishop Ave., Springfield)
CARDINAL O'HARA CLASS OF '74 50TH REUNION

The Cardinal O'Hara High School Class of 1974 is celebrating their 50th Reunion on **October 19** at Llanerch Country Club. For tickets, go to events.humanitix.com/cohs1974reunion. For more information email alumni@cohs.com

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. www.catholicwomensconference.org.

ELDER CARE COMPANION: My name is Marge McGoldrick, and I am an Elder Care Companion with 10 years' experience. I have worked with clients in many parishes in Delaware County! My skills include arts and crafts, exercising, light housework, and light meal preparation as well as transporting to and from appointments. I can be reached at 484-845-8848. Hourly charges apply.

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.wmme-philly.org>.

**IHM Conference Center
401 S. Bryn Mawr Avenue
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010**

October 9th: Movie With Meaning: "Ordinary Angels."

Time: 12:00 noon for lunch, followed by 1PM movie. Stipend: \$20 (lunch). Based on a remarkable true story, "Ordinary Angels" centers on Sharon Steves, a fierce but struggling hairdresser in small-town Kentucky who discovers a renewed sense of purpose when she meets Ed Schmitt, a widower working hard to make ends meet for his two daughters. With his youngest daughter waiting for a liver transplant, Sharon sets her mind to helping the family. This sets in motion an inspiring story of faith, everyday miracles and ordinary angels.

October 15th Conference Day: "God's Power in Forgiveness."

Presenter: Sister Beth Woodward, IHM. 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Stipend: \$40 (includes breakfast, lunch, and Mass). Today, more than ever, forgiveness is needed in our world. What is forgiveness? How does one forgive? What are the obstacles to forgiveness? These questions will be explored on this conference day. In addition, modern day examples of people who have forgiven will be presented, reflecting the power of God in such actions.

Please register for these events by calling 610-581-0120 or emailing S. Marie at ihmconferencecenter@gmail.com

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

The next program will be held the weekend of **October 4-6pm** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more info, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

THE HOLY SHROUD OF TURIN, a Silent Witness of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ (PowerPoint Presentation).

Sunday, October 6, 11:30 AM Along with this presentation, a life-size replica of the Holy Shroud, and a two-foot statue, showing the position of the body of Christ when He was wrapped in the Holy Shroud, will be displayed. There is no entrance fee; a basket will be available for those who may wish to make a free-will donation. **Presenter:** Massimo Paris, Researcher and Lecturer on: Holy Shroud of Turin, Tilma of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Eucharistic Miracles.

Location: St. Francis De Sales Parish, 4625 Springfield Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19143.

More information: Questions? Contact Massimo Paris at 610-356-6778.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD...November 8-10, at the IHM Spirituality Center, 210 IHM Drive, Malvern, PA 19355. If you or someone you love has been suffering from the emotional and spiritual pains of an abortion – no matter how much time has passed – please know that a Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend will help your soul transform that pain into a hope for the future. Contact our team to register or for questions: Susan – 610-716-4795, Susiemck@comcast.net Georgeann – 484-955-4278, geemcgarry@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.

FOOD ADDICTS IN RECOVERY Are you having a hard time controlling the way you eat? Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous, FA is a recovery program for people who suffer from food obsession, overeating, bulimia and under-eating. The program is based on the Twelve Steps of AA. Everyone is welcome to this free meeting, including those who think they may have a food problem or those who are concerned about someone who may. FA is FREE and open to all women, men, and teens who want to stop eating addictively. **Meetings are held every Wednesday at 1:30 PM at St. Kevin School, 2nd Floor.** For more information, please call Joanne at 484-848-6301 or visit www.foodaddicts.org.

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

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Dear Lord, it is my will to surrender to You everything that I am and everything that I'm striving to be. I open the deepest recesses of my heart and invite Your Holy Spirit to dwell inside of me. I offer You my life, heart, mind, body, soul, and spirit. I surrender to You my past, present, and future problems. I ask You to take hold over every aspect of my life. I surrender to You all my hurt, pain, worry, doubt, fear, and anxiety, and I ask You to wash me clean. I release everything into Your compassionate care.

Please speak to me clearly, Lord. Open my ears to hear Your voice. Open my heart to commune with You more deeply. I want to feel Your loving embrace. Open the doors that need to be opened and close the doors that need to be closed. Please set my feet upon the straight and narrow road that leads to everlasting life. Amen.

— Unknown

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