

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 1, 2024

Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who walk in the *ways of God*



Psalm 128:1-2

What your
hands provide
you will enjoy;
you will be happy
and prosper.

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Rectory Office

We will be **CLOSED**
TO OBSERVE
Labor DAY

Monday, September 2nd

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



**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.

FLAME OF LOVE
OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

To Host the Pilgrim Queen Statue in your home for one
week, visit sfaparish.org and click on the **Sign Up** link to
reserve your week. For information, call Roseann Squitiera
at 610-328-0635.

THE 22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Sunday, September 1, 2024

7:30AM Leo A. Mullin, Jr.

9:30AM Rosemary McMenamin

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

Labor Day, September 2, 2024

8:00AM Francis Wallace

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

8:00AM Susan Bova (10th Ann.)

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

8:00AM Ramond A. Delagol

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

Thursday, September 5, 2024

8:00AM Marion McCorriston

Friday, September 6, 2024

8:00AM Maureen Mitchell

Saturday, September 7, 2024

8:00AM Betty and Frank O'Neill

3:00PM Confessions

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, September 8, 2024

7:30AM Ryan Patrick Howarth

9:30AM Suzanne Oakes

11:30AM Eric Eisenman

†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 1st** the candle will burn in loving memory of **Joe**

Mariano as requested by his **Friends**.

ATTENTION: RECTORY HOURS

Due to the Labor Day Holiday, the Rectory will be closed Friday, August 30th through Monday, September 2nd. We will resume regular business hours on Tuesday, September 3rd.

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
Maria DiGiacinto	Amy Faulls	Joanne Marks
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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.

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.

LUNCH MONITORS NEEDED

St. Francis of Assisi School is in need of "Lunch Monitors".
Time Period: 11:30AM ~ 1:00PM
Monday through Friday
If interested, please reach out to Nicole Hamilton with your availability.
nhamilton@sfaschool.com



FOOD COLLECTION

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive resumes **September 7th & 8th**. This monthly collection occurs the *second weekend of the month from September through April*. The food goes to help many needy families. Thank you! *God Bless!*

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

The 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ September 8th



Isaiah 35:4-7a

“...Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not...”

How do you feel when you are in the tight grip of fear? Do you feel constricted? Like a blanket of dread suffocating you? Now think of how you feel when someone reaches out in love and support. How does that make you feel? Do you feel like you can breathe just a bit easier? That there are shafts of hopeful light piercing that darkness of dread?

After this reflection, can you keep these two thoughts in mind? To Whom do I reach out when I am ensnared by fear? How can I then help others whom I encounter when they are faced with this challenge?

James 2:1-5

“... show no partiality as you adhere to the faith ...”

Can you think of the many ways you categorize people? At work? In the neighborhood? At social gatherings? It is human to do so. Gravitate to those with whom you have an affinity, a similarity, things in common. Can you see how Faith asks you gently but persistently not to ‘pigeonhole’ people?

That even those with whom you might have disagreement (even legitimate, heartfelt and well thought out ones) you are called to love. To pray for. To assist if called upon.

Mark 7:31-37

“...He looked up to heaven and groaned and said to him, “Ephphatha!”— that is, “Be opened!”immediately the man’s ears were opened ...

Have you ever focused on the part where Jesus groaned while doing this healing? Can you see where Christ might be trying to convey that ‘opening your ears’ in Faith to the precepts of your Faith can be a daunting experience, a grueling process at times? Are there ways, even small ways, this coming week and the weeks to come when you can, even if difficult, open your ears spiritually?

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: <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): 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 Lord is My Shepherd, there is Nothing I Shall Need;



...EXCEPT FOR VOLUNTEERS!!!

Our Parish Religious Education Program needs the following:

1 First Grade Catechist
1 First Grade Classroom Aide
(Afternoon Session 4:15 - 6:00PM)

1 Second Grade Catechist
2 Second Grade Classroom Aides
(Afternoon Session 4:15 - 6:00PM)

1 Third Grade Catechist
(Afternoon Session 4:15 - 6:00PM)

Please call Madelyn McBride to volunteer 610-543-0848 Ex. 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

Saturday, September 28th



In Memory of Ryan McKnight

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Saturday, September 28th

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**SFA CYO REGISTRATION IS CURRENTLY OPEN
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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
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Tom Rutledge | Athletic Director

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[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.

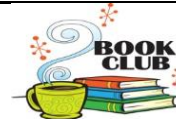


To Host the Pilgrim Queen Statue in your home for one week, (Sunday to Sunday), visit the Parish website at sfaparish.org and click on the link to *Sign Up* to reserve your week and Be Blessed by Our Lady and Our Lord. For more information, call Roseann Squitieri at 610-328-0635.



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.

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

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.**



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.

SAINT FRANCIS OVER 50 CLUB



Our meetings will resume on Thursday, September 12. Tickets for "Hoagie Day," October 24, will be on sale.

Casino Trips: 9/11, 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



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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.



"PRO-LIFE" LINES"

Crisis Pregnancy Resource hotline: 610-626-4006.

Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion healing: 877-HOPE-4-ME
www.rachelsvineyard.org

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

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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

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



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:
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, 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>

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!**

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT AT MALVERN RETREAT HOUSE: IN DEFENSE OF TRUTH:

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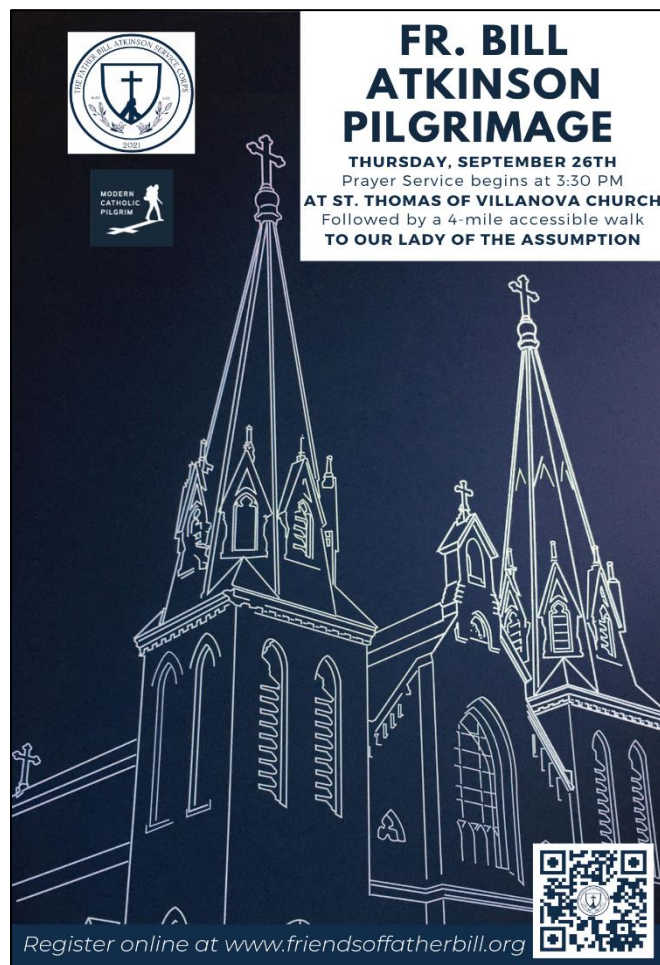
MARRIED COUPLES – When's the last time you gave your marriage a tune-up? Keep your engines running by getting away together on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next in-person experiences are **October 11-13 and November 15-17** at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more info visit:

<https://www.wvme-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.

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 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.



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PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY

God, in Your goodness, You have made a home for the worker. Make a place in our hearts for compassion to the men and women who labor tirelessly for basic necessities. Ensure a place for the men and women who are struggling to find work. Grant us Your wisdom to greet and care for those who are unable to work due to illness or circumstances that prevent their participation. Be with the children who are not able to run and play, but instead must put in a hard day's work to help their family afford to eat, to live. Be with us all, Christ Jesus, as we go about the busyness of our work. Hold us accountable not only for our actions, but most importantly to each of our neighbors. May we continue to work together to bring about Your reign! We ask this in Your holy name, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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