



Lazarus COME OUT!

JOHN 11:43

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Sunday, March 26, 2023

7:30AM Joan Doris Kane (1st Ann)

9:30AM W. Donald Riley (1st Ann)

11:30AM Joseph Santoleri

Monday, March 27, 2023

8:00AM Dolores DePaul

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

8:00AM Ruth Marion Wieda-Empie

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

8:00AM Cathy Ridgik

NO ADORATION or HOLY HOUR TODAY
7:00PM LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Thursday, March 30, 2023

8:00AM Shawn Bennett (7th Ann) and

Marguerite McLaughlin

Friday, March 31, 2023

8:00AM Jim McFadden

1:30PM Living Stations of the Cross

6:30PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 1, 2023

8:00AM Patricia, Matthew and James Horan

3:00PM Confessions

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023

7:30AM Joe Corbi

9:30AM Eddie Wood

11:30AM Mary Polischuk Markford

7:00PM Living Stations of the Cross

†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†

Especially, Jackie Clifford

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

MEMORIAL FOR APRIL 2023

Bread & Wine ~ Available

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE



This candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. For the Week of

March 26th, the candle will burn in memory of the

Joseph and Laura Cavanaugh as requested by **Noel and Joanne Peranteau**.

EASTER BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Attention please: The Easter Bulletin deadline is **Wednesday, March 29th**. Thank you!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK



Baby DeSantis

Michael Farley

Colin Murray

Dolores Govannicci

Bill Colgan

Robert Perkins

Maria DiGiacinto

David Clemmer

Catherine Lindsey

Danny Hynes

Robert W. Bollinger

Emily Meakim

Tommy DeVito, III

Jack Braconnier, Sr.

Maryann McCauley

Bob Buchanan

Alicia Bona

Arsenio Guzman

Natalie Berry

Dominic Rosini

Marty Meenan

Dorothy O'Brien

Monique Carpenter

Carmen Salerno

Amy Faulls

Mary Benedetti

Shealyn Mencil

Kathy Fritz

Jeannie Brattini

Leslie Dougherty

Paula Bazela

Denise DeAngelis

Marie Martin

Greg Schmidt

Albert Panebianco

Anita Kellie Pace

Gerald Berry Dr. William J. McCusker

Arthur Le Tourneau

Brian Marandola

Eric Eisenman

Stephen Fiore

Evan Farrington

Michael Costa

Daniel McTague

Veronica Suppa

Caroline Donovan

Fran Donnelly

Dorothy O'Brien

Joanne DeSantis

Margaret Binetsky

Joe Calabrese

Beverly Scarani

Vince Kelly

Hank McElwee

Nikki Lutteroty

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.

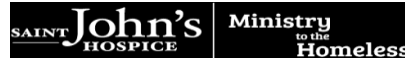
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

We are all invited and encouraged to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation this Lent. Experience anew the forgiving love of God the Father, revealed to us in His Son, Jesus Christ, who has reconciled the world to Himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins made available to us through the ministry of the Church. Individual confessions are heard on **Saturday afternoons at 3:00PM. The Lenten Communal Penance Service with individual Confessions is this Wednesday, March 29th, at 7:00PM, here at St. Francis of Assisi Church.**

ATTENTION ALL INTERIOR DECORATORS!

Anyone interested in helping with the decorating of our Church for Easter, please join us on **Good Friday, April 7th, at 6PM in the Church.**
Come and share your many talents!

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 next weekend, **April 1st & 2nd**. 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.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

Our monthly St. Vincent de Paul Food Collection will be on April 15th and 16th due to Easter falling on the 2nd weekend of the month.

MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE...



This year we will remember the *Special Women* we love with *Beauty and Simplicity*.

A beautiful wicker basket will be placed at the Feet of Our Lady at her Altar. We ask each family to write the name of their mother or special women in their life and place the names in the basket at the Blessed Mother Altar.

The basket will remain at Our Lady's Feet the entire month of May. Our special women will be remembered in our Sunday Petitions for the month of May. There is NO COST to submit your names. *(This will begin after Easter).*

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Palm Sunday ~ April 2nd, 2023



Isaiah 50:4-7

In Isaiah's reading, the third Servant Song, we see Jesus being obedient by the things He suffers. He perseveres because He knows that He has acted blamelessly, and that God is with Him. And if God is on His side, no one can triumph over Him. In a world of darkness do you walk confidently because you trust in God? When have you experienced someone you know depend on human scheming instead of depending on God? What was the result?

Philippians 2:6-11

"Rather He emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave." What does Jesus' self-emptying reveal about God's character? Following the example of Jesus, when have you emptied yourself for the sake of others?

Matthew 26:14—27:66

On Palm Sunday, the readings invite us into the Passion, or suffering, of Jesus during His final week on earth. The last line of the reading has a grim finality to it. With that, we enter into the long silence of Holy Saturday. How do you plan on dwelling in the silence and darkness of Good Friday and Holy Saturday before moving on to the Joy of Easter?

SFA SCHOOL HELP WANTED

St. Francis of Assisi School is seeking a full-time Preschool aide position for the incoming 2023/2024 school year. Applicants should have experience in an early childhood setting. Please contact Mrs. Nicole Hamilton, principal, at nhamilton@sfaschool.com.

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.



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. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY



Anyone needing assistance with utility bills, or other bills, or in need of food, or, if you know of someone who needs help, please call the Rectory at 610-543-0848 and someone from the St. Vincent de Paul Society will call you back. Also, if you are in need of a ride to a doctor or test appointment, please call the Rectory and someone from the St. Vincent de Paul Society will call you back to coordinate a ride for you.

SFA/SK MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY SPRING SERVICE CLUB



We have some great opportunities for you to be a part of this Spring for 6th ~ 8th graders. ANY PARISH welcome!!

APRIL 16th, 4-5:15PM: Spring Cleaning! In April we'll be serving our host parish and assisting with some spring cleaning around St. Kevin's Parish. We'll meet in the youth room and have a snack to share!

MAY 21st, 4-5:15PM: May is the month of our Blessed Mother Mary! This month we will be serving both St. Kevin and SFA Parishes by collecting intentions from parishioners and bringing them in prayer to Mary. We'll have a snack and play outside together as well! Contact Clare Field at sfa.sk.19064@gmail.com for questions or more information.



PRO-LIFE PRAYER WARRIORS NEEDED

Prayer warriors needed to commit to saying 5 Hail Mary prayers each day to petition Our Blessed Mother for the end of abortion through the conversion of hearts and minds. Abortion needs to become unthinkable.

"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.

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

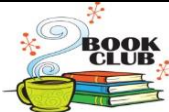


The next meeting is April 13th. Tickets for "Hoagie Day", April 13, will be on sale.

Casino Trips: Resorts casino 4/17, 5/15 & 6/19. 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.

THE THREE PARISH BOOK CLUB



The Book Club will meet at Holy Cross on **Wednesday, March 29 at 7PM**. Members discuss the current month's reading and offer suggestions for other spiritual reading. For more information or if you would like to join us, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610 328-3095 or at joyvanberg@gmail.com.

March

Can You Drink This Cup by Henri Nouwen

April

Braving the Thin Places by Julianne Stanz



COME AND SEE MR. ERIC LONGO PERFORM both popular and operatic selections at Anthony's Ristorante (Lamb Tavern at the Porch) on **Tuesday, May 9th** - doors open at 5pm. The following dinner selections will be served buffet style: Chicken Francaise; veal parmigiana; blackened salmon and vegetarian with Caesar salad and dessert plus coffee/tea. Price for dinner and performance is \$50.00 per person. Cash bar. Make checks payable to: **Pa sons and daughters of Italy**, and please forward checks to the following address (with a phone number for acknowledgement purposes): Ronald L. Gionta, 955 Millison Drive, Springfield, Pa. 19064. 610-329-8003.

SFA CYO is the recipient of the United Way under the Honor Option Plan. Your donation supports our activities for youth of our parish. If you wish to support the CYO, please indicate: **CYO/ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI/SPRINGFIELD #7046 SFA CYO**



FIFTH: THE POWER OF SACRIFICE Lent can feel like a long time. Sometimes we'd like to skip right to Easter! But through prayer and sacrifices, we share in Christ's suffering and prepare for the joy of his resurrection. This Lent, we've learned how people in Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya made sacrifices so their families and communities can thrive. How have your Lenten sacrifices helped your family and community and communities around the world? Visit www.crsricebowl.org to learn more.

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

We hear the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead in today's Gospel. Here's a commentary by St Cyril of Alexandria, a 5th century Bishop and a Doctor of the Church.

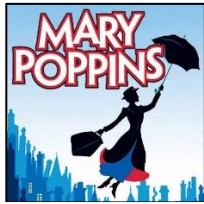
"The Jews thought that Jesus wept on account of the death of Lazarus, but in fact He wept out of compassion for all humanity, not mourning Lazarus alone but all of humanity, which is subject to death, having justly fallen under so great a penalty."

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



The St Francis Players are pleased to announce our 2023 and 62nd Annual Production of Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's "Mary Poppins". All Performances to be held at St. Francis of Assisi's "Leonard Hall," 136 Saxer Avenue, Springfield PA 19064

Performances:

(Matinees)

SUNDAY, APRIL 23rd ~ 2:00 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 30th ~ 2:00 PM

(Evenings)

FRIDAY, APRIL 21st ~ 7:30 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 22nd ~ 7:30 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 28th ~ 7:30 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 29th ~ 7:30 PM

Purchase Tickets Online

www.stfrancisplayers.org

~ or ~

Call 610-505-8874

(Reserved: \$15~General admission:\$10~Seniors:\$8)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT HOLY CROSS We are blessed to have a very INTIMATE Eucharistic Adoration chapel at Holy Cross Parish, where JESUS is waiting for YOU. In good times and in bad, **JESUS LOVES YOU**. We are in need of visitors and hourly adorers to maintain our current adoration schedule. Please consider keeping Jesus company in our chapel, **open weekdays 9:00am to 7:00pm**. For more information, call Eileen at 610.213.3369.

A LENTEN RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN

April 1st, 8AM-3PM. Saint Isaac Jogues, Wayne, Pa. A full day retreat for Catholic women with guest speaker, Anne DeSantis. Come relax, reflect and get revitalized in your faith in preparation for the Glory of Easter. This unique Lenten retreat blends the creative arts, health, and healing through the Catholic faith. Begins with Mass **at 8:00 AM**, and includes lunch. \$68. To register, go to: www.annedesantis.com/speakingevents



Saturday, April 22, 8:30am-4:00pm, Followed by Sunday Vigil Mass. St. Helena's Church, 1489 Dekalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA. Come with your spouse or fiancé and listen to nationally acclaimed Catholic speakers who will inspire you to live out your marriage with greater fervor, love and joy. **For more info and to register, bit.ly/MarriagesofGrace**

GOD BLESS ALL WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY



Davidson Cox ~ Skip Turner ~ Kevin Geiger ~ Jon Hylton
Connor Lyons ~ Michael McGarvey ~ Steven Ramoni
Mike Froeter ~ Daniel McLee ~ Bill McDermott
Dan Marchini ~ James McDonald ~ Timothy McCans
Patrick J. Ryan, Jr. ~ Anthony Del Vecchio
Sean Sweeney ~ Michael Jones ~ Peter Quinn
Katherine Rieder ~ Rick Kern, Jr. ~ Cale Amador
Timothy Drabak ~ Daniel McGonigal
Brian J. McDermott ~ Jonathan Butterfield
Aidan Jones ~ Shawn McConaghy ~ Colin Butler
John-Michael Bartovic ~ Joseph Spence
Nicholas & Stephen Peranteau ~ Jesse and Chase Stewart
Matthew Kauffman ~ Christopher Baxter
Thomas Cresta ~ Michael Armellini ~ Francis McGrail
Christopher Johnson ~ Ronan Plummer
Nicholas and Emma McDonald ~ Eric McDonald

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.



PAGING ALL NURSES!!



Spiritual CPR: A Retreat for Nurses~ Sunday, May 7

Daylesford Abbey, Lunch included. Join fellow nurses for an afternoon of fellowship, reflection, and renewal. All faiths and levels of nursing welcome! To register or to ask any questions, please email Theresa Ferrari: DTPCMT@aol.com or call 484-459-1564.

MOTHERS' HOME CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

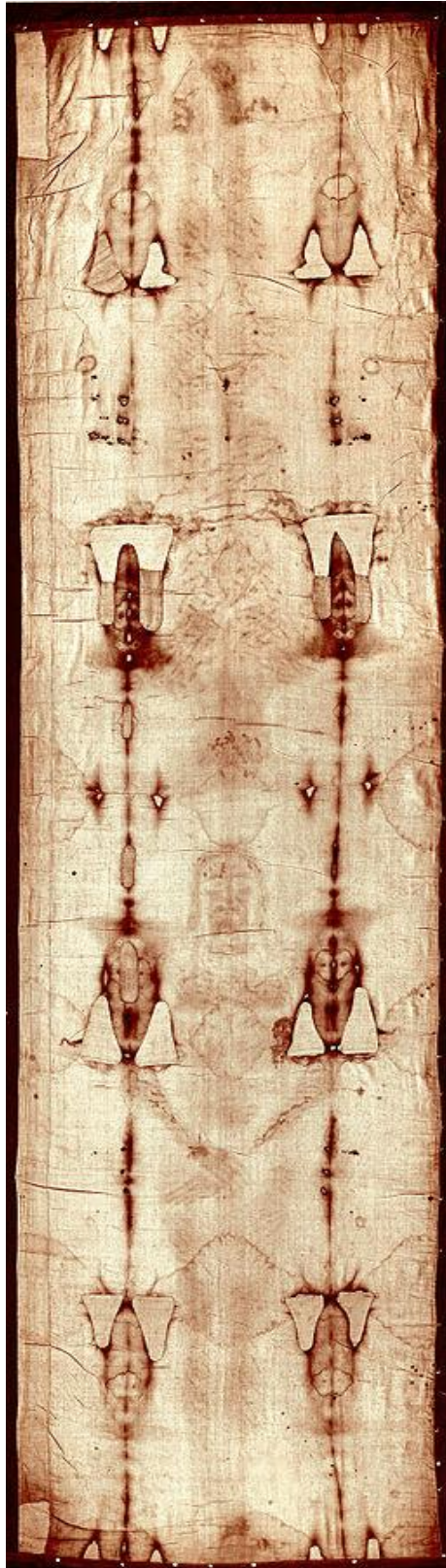
Monday, May 15, at Paxon Hollow Country Club.

Noon lunch / 1:00PM Shotgun Start. Please join us for a fun day of lunch, golf, cocktail reception, and outdoor barbeque on Monday, May 15th at the beautiful Paxon Hollow Country Club in support of Mothers' Home in Darby. Mothers' Home's mission is to transform the lives of pregnant women in crisis by providing safe housing and programs that prepare them for motherhood and provide a strong foundation for themselves and their children. For more information and Registration, please visit our golf website:

www.mothershomegolf.com.

PRAYER FOR CONFESSION

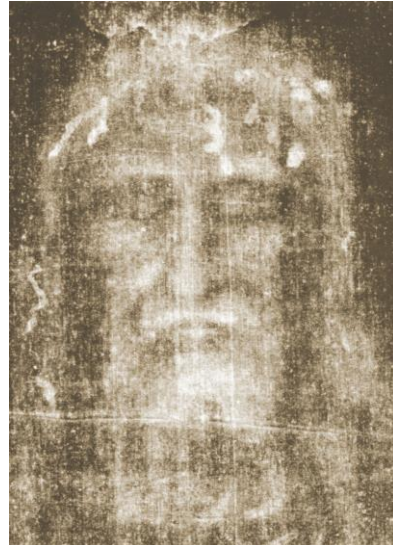
Behold, my God, I come to Your sacrament of Confession to ask for forgiveness and to be restored to Your grace. You so loved us that You sent us Your only Son, and He is a shepherd willing to go searching after even one of His sheep. Guide me as I prepare to approach this sacrament. I would like to be free of guilt, to be pardoned, to have peace, and to be restored to You. Grant me all that is necessary for it to be so. Amen.



Coming to Saint Francis of Assisi Parish:

A Presentation on The Shroud of Turin

**A Silent Witness of the Passion, Death
& Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ**



**Lecture Presentation by Mr. Massimo Paris
Tuesday, April 4, 2023, 7:00 PM**

In Church

136 Saxer Avenue, Springfield, PA 19064

Mr. Paris, born and raised in Rome, Italy, has studied all the aspects of the Holy Shroud, the ancient linen cloth that bears the image of a crucified man, believed by millions to be Jesus Christ. A life size replica of the Shroud will be displayed. For information please call Massimo Paris at 610-356-6778.

[A basket will be available for those who may wish to make a free-will donation.]