

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Sunday, January 6, 2019

7:00AM Joseph McGovern Hoegen

8:30AM Claudio Del Grosso

10:00AM Matthew LeTourneau (1st Anniversary)

11:30AM Sarah and Daniel Fahey

Monday, January 7, 2019

8:00AM Joseph Clapper

1:00PM ADORATION

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

8:00AM Carl Atkinson

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

8:00AM Frank Magee

Thursday, January 10, 2019

8:00AM Joseph Clapper

Friday, January 11, 2019

8:00AM Judith A. Bastian

Saturday, January 12, 2019

8:00AM Matthew LeTourneau

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, January 13, 2019

7:00AM Maureen B. McCallum

8:30AM Lisa DiNicola

10:00AM Deacon Art McGuire

11:30AM Matthew LeTourneau



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

This candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. If you wish to have the Sanctuary Candle burn for a week in memory of a loved one, or for the Special Intention of a loved one, you can make arrangements by coming to the rectory. Offering of \$20 is requested.



MEMORIAL FOR JANUARY 2019

BREAD ~ John & Bernadine Neary

WINE ~ available

†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†

Especially, Thomas Shields, John Peters, Bill Murphy

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



Home Sales: Monday-Thursday; 9AM-5PM

Debbie Peterson at fscripsales@gmail.com call 484-432-1472

Sunday hours: CCR (building behind Church): 9-11:15AM.

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA--TELEVISION MASS

Sunday mornings at 5:30AM: WPVI—Channel 6

The Archdiocese thanks Channel 6 for its generosity in broadcasting the Television Mass.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Baptism of the Lord ~ January 13, 2019

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Isaiah says, "Fear not to cry out...Here is your God." Are his words for me, too? How and when am I being called upon to cry out, here is your God? Do I listen? Do I obey?

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Paul reminds Titus (and us) that Jesus came to save us, "not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy." Do I thank God for his mercy or do I simply accept it as my due?

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Jesus was among the crowd which had just been baptized by John, but upon no others did the Spirit descend in the form of a dove. What more did the people need to see before following Him? What more do I need to see before following Him with all my mind and strength?

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK



Baby Michael Farley	7 y/o Lexi Cable	Baby Caroline Ferry
Shiloh Cronck		14 y/o Evan Farrington
Timothy Duke	Dominic Rosini	Gino Francisco
Meghan Raucht	Diane Colgan	Marjorie Silli
Isabella Carullo	Emilee Serrano	Carrie Serrano
Mag Post	Robby Wonder	Bill Colgan
Pam Flood	Susan Marcantonio	James Fox
Rich Buckley	Doreen Grafstrom	Monique Carpenter
Peter Minnis	Marie Brown	Andrew Barna
Bridget McHugh	Anne McGlone	Jack Valvardi
Steven Little	John Harlow	Jackie McPeake
Anna Rokos	Richard Gildea	Bill Seavey
Daniel Fahey	John Conforti	Colleen Minnis
Bob Iatesta	Phyllis Dunn	Violet McGeever
Nicole Vela Small	Thomas Nolan	Terri DeSantis
Diana Nardello	Ryan Montgomery	Christopher Biddle
Alan Lauer	Robert Busch	Barry Hill
Kathy Fritz	MaryLou Dellipriscoli	Jim McDonnell
Kenneth M. Siebert	Jeannette Siebert	Shealyn Mencil
Rev. Mark Kunigonis	Cynthia Fries	Rita Murphy
Rita O'Donnell	Judy Devine	Dr. Bill Hushion
Frank Canavan	Doris O'Hara	Joy Van Berg
Cass Johnston Lavan	Beth McCarron	Mary Benedetti
William Teste	Laura Howarth	Jon Grady
Jean Gallagher	Lauren McRae	Stephen Marchini
Kathleen Mullin	Ralph Feindt	Marty Meenan

Stephen Spence

Henry Gray

If you have someone you would like prayed for, OR have removed from prayer list, please email Joan Curtis at fabulletin@hotmail.com or call the Rectory at 610-543-0848. Thank you for your prayers.

FOOD COLLECTION

Thanks again for your support to our Food Drive. The food goes to help many needy families. The Food Collection will be the weekend of **January 12th & 13th**. Thank you!
God Bless!



GIVING TREE THANK YOU!



A great big thank you to all those who participated in our annual Giving Tree!
From the creators of the ornaments and decorators of the tree ...
to those who purchased gifts... to those who carried them down to the library ... to those who delivered them (wasn't that morning wonderful?!)...
THANK YOU & GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

Giving Tree Pilgrimage to St. Martin de Porres Parish Parishioners' Experience



Whether you live in the suburbs or city, what your party affiliation is or color, you can open your heart and receive JOY!

That was the message received by the families of St. Francis who travelled to St. Martin de Porres on December 16th in the heart of Philadelphia.

Prompted by the Pastor, Father Thorne, we opened our hearts and received A JOYOUS EXPERIENCE of great proportions that centered us for this Christmas season and each day.

Father Thorne claps, bounces and sings along with his parish choir in a spiritually uplifting way that brings all hearts together in one spiritual beat.

We all love this pilgrimage and can't wait to experience Christmas next year with the loving parishioners who give us so much to learn from.

Thank you dear sister church.

Sandy and Al Kapczynski

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY



Our conference of The St. Vincent de Paul Society assists the parish in performing the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Due to these difficult times, we have been unable to provide needed help to some clients in need. Donations to the St. Francis Conference would be appreciated. 100% of all donations have always been distributed to those in need; there are no middleman costs or overhead. We acknowledge donations over \$50.00 and we are a Section 501 © (3) charity. Vincentians practice the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy in helping those in need. Our assistance is given confidentially. We are always open to new members who have a desire to aid those in need. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month in Conway Hall at 7:30PM.

GREENDROP CLOTHING PICKUP

Donate your gently used CLOTHING every 2nd and 4th Tuesday. GreenDrop Clothing pickup will be at the White Elephant from 9AM for an hour (sometimes longer). ONLY CLOTHING WILL BE ACCEPTED. Collections benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

PARISH CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

Coordinated by the Three Parish Adult

Faith Formation Team



The Three Parish Book Club meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the Parish Center of Holy Cross Church.

At each meeting, we not only discuss the selected book(s) but also offer suggestions of books we personally enjoyed. You need not have read the month's selection to attend. We would love to have you join us for refreshments and conversation!

JANUARY: The Twelve by Bernard Ruffin

For more information, please call Angie Hominy at 610- 328-1054.



Sponsored by St. Francis Fryers

Sunday, January 13, 2019

Blueberry, chocolate chip and plain buttermilk pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit, apple/orange juice, coffee/tea, and milk. (Free will donations accepted at the door). Tickets are available at the rectory during regular business hours. Please pick up tickets by January 11th. **TICKETS ARE LIMITED**

THREE PARISH EVANGELIZATION TEAM

St. Francis ~ St. Kevin ~ Holy Cross

All Are Welcome

ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR WAYS TO BECOME CLOSER TO JESUS?

Listen to the experiences of your fellow parishioners, any time. Right here in our parish we have...

Eucharistic Adoration every Monday from 1 to 8 pm.

Marian activities including a Legion of Mary Praesidium and a Flame of Love Cenacle.

A Weekly Men's Group

Several weekly Bible Study groups

A Mom's Faith Sharing Group

A Family Rosary Group

Small Church Communities to study the Sunday gospels during Lent...

And more...

Coming up there will be the **Bishop Barron** presentation on the **Eucharist** ...and in the Spring...

Life in the Spirit (part II)

And, **formed.org**—online resources, **free** to all parishioners!

JUST LOOK AROUND AND LISTEN & PARTICIPATE

PRO-LIFE INFO...

JANUARY IS PRO~LIFE MONTH... SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PRAYER PROGRAM

Third Month

Your spiritually adopted baby is quite active. Even though their mother cannot feel them yet, the baby kicks and flips around in their secure, watery world. Their eyes have closed so that the delicate eyeballs can finish developing. Their cartilage skeleton begins to change over to real bone. Your baby sucks their thumb, hiccups when they swallow the amniotic fluid, and can close their fingers around an object placed in their hand. Your baby's face is very expressive; they can squint, frown and smile! Your baby is now 3 inches long and can hear outside noises. Their favorite sound is their mother's voice.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PRAYER

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child whom I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

JOINT PARISH PRO-LIFE MEETING

Please join us for our monthly Pro-life Meeting on **Wednesday, January 9**, at 7 PM at St. Francis Parish. We will be meeting in the Library, in the Church basement. The entrance is from the parking lot. Your prayers and suggestions are most welcome. For more information, please contact Regina Scheerer at 610-328-2463.

Jesus, protect and save the unborn.

"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: 484-580-6436,

www.ababysbreath.org.

Delaware County Pregnancy Center: www.dcpchester.org.

Mother's Home: 610-583-HOME, www.mothershome.org.

Pro-Life Union of Delaware County: 610-789-LIFE,

www.prolifedelco.org.

MARCH FOR LIFE



St. Francis of Assisi Parish will again be sending a bus to the 46th Annual "March for Life" in Washington, DC on **Friday, January 18th**. For more information, or to

reserve a seat, please call Anita Galligan at (610)585-0142.

Pray for an end to abortion---all lives are precious.

ST. FRANCIS FAMILY ROSARY GROUP

Father Patrick Peyton is known for saying, "The family that prays together stays together." The St. Francis Family Rosary Group meets to bring families together for the purpose of prayer – to pray for families and youth, the parish, our priests, bishops, our Holy Father Pope Francis, the Universal Church and peace in the world as requested by Our Lady of Fatima. If you have any questions, please contact Anita Galligan at anitagalligan1@verizon.net or Beth McCarthy at mccarthy9022@aol.com

Family Rosary group meets Fridays at 7pm in the church.

Families and individual parishioners of all ages are all welcome to join us!

WEEKLY MEN'S GROUP AT SFA

Weekly Men's Group meets here at St. Francis every **Saturday, 7-8AM** in "Conway Conference Room" (building behind Church). Experience the power of investing one hour a week with men who share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, grandfathers, leaders, followers, sons and friends. Free material is supplied. For more info, call Rob Longo 610.544.2103.

FLAME OF LOVE CENACLE at ST. FRANCIS

The parish Cenacle Group meets each **Monday at 1:30PM in the Church** for Adoration and the Rosary. Join us to pray for priests, the dying, the souls in purgatory and for our parish. All are welcome.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary presidium, called Our Lady Queen of Peace, meets every **Thursday evening at 7:00PM**, in Conference Room 'A' of the Rectory basement. We welcome those interested in becoming members and auxiliary members. Members do two hours a week of good work for the parish; auxiliary members pray for the universal Church and the intentions of the Blessed Mother. Come and see what you can do for Our Lady.

BABYSITTING DURING MASS

Babysitting is available during the 8:30-10:00 Mass. Babysitting is now taking place in the *Pre-school room of St. Francis School*. Please enter by the gate to the little playground. Infants to age 4 years old are welcome. No registration is necessary.

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

ST. FRANCIS OVER 50



The next meeting is **January 10**. We will be entertained by Rob Carroll. Tickets for Hoagie Day (Feb. 28) will be on sale.

UPCOMING TRIPS:

Casino Trips: (1/21~Resorts) (2/18~Resorts) (3/18~Resorts) Cost: \$23 with a return of \$25 in slot play. Bus leaves at 10AM. Call Bob Hodgson at 610-449-2956.

The casino trips leave from the **Springfield Country Club (400 W. Sproul Rd.)** Use the parking lot near the Ice Rink and park in spaces facing Sproul Rd.

March 31, 2019: "Late Nite Catechism" comedy show called Sister Rolls the Dice. The convent needs a new roof so Sister throws a Las Vegas Night. Cost is \$85 (includes bus, show at Church of Visitation, full course luncheon with 4 entrees at Tuscany Restaurant). Bus departs 9AM from Springfield Library (70 Powell Road) Boarding at 8:45AM. For more info or reservations, contact Maria Santone at 610-544-7664 or 610-745-0820. Reserve ASAP since this trip is expected to sell out!

For Rosaries: call Claire Doyle at 610-604-0160

For Membership: call Betty Pote at 610-544-7570

The club is non-denominational and all are welcome!

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.
Sean Sweeney ~ Michael Jones ~ Peter Quinn ~ Joseph Spence
Mitch Devine ~ Rick Kern, Jr. ~ Cale Amador
Timothy Drabyak ~ Daniel McGonigal
James M. Ketler, Jr ~ Jonathan Butterfield
Jimmy Braconnier ~ Colin Butler ~ Liam Golden
Jake & John-Michael Bartivic ~ Nicholas & Stephen Peranteau
Anthony Del Vecchio ~ Shane Donnelly
Jesse and Chase Stewart ~ Shawn McConaghy

Let us pray for those who SERVE and PROTECT...

*Dear Lord, bless our soldiers, protectors of our land.
Servants called to battle when our country takes a stand.
Please give them the strength and courage and hearts that
will forgive. With peace and understanding in a world for
all to live. Our country's prayers are with them, no matter
where they roam. Please listen when they are lonely and
return them safely home. Amen.*

ST. FRANCIS PLAYERS PRESENT

"GUYS AND DOLLS!"



The St Francis Players are pleased to announce that our 2019 and 60th Annual SFP Production will be "Guys and Dolls". Performing this timeless classic is the perfect way to celebrate 60 years of entertaining Saint Francis of Assisi, Springfield, and the community at large. We hope you will join us on stage or come out and see the production. We will have six (6) performances held on 4/26, 4/27, 4/28 and 5/1, 5/2, and 5/3.

Signups and auditions for this year's show will be held on Sunday, January 6th at 7:00PM in Leonard Hall. Call backs will be the following evening on Monday, January 7th at 7:00PM. Auditions are necessary only for leading roles. It is strongly preferred that anyone interested in a leading role come prepared to sing a song from the show for their tryout. Anyone interested in chorus or production staff roles need only sign up. Children are not required to audition and need only sign up. We look forward to seeing you there!!!

For more information regarding auditions and other special events regarding the Saint Francis Players, please visit our website at www.stfrancisplayers.org

what's happenin'!

ATTENTION LADIES: Do you or any ladies you know need hair care at your home? I offer all services. Color, cut, perm or just a weekly blowout. I have been in the business over 25 years. I have all supplies for all your needs. I have been a lifetime Springfield resident. Don't hesitate to reach out! Call Stacey Godsey at 610-246-9441.

CAMILLA HALL...known by many as the "Powerhouse of Prayer", is a convent home for the sick and aging Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary located in Immaculata, PA. The Camilla sisters are ready, willing and able to respond to your requests for prayers and special intentions. Consider putting the **Powerhouse of Prayer** to work for you. Call 610-386-2000 to leave a message or email prayforme@camillahall.org.

COME AND SEE WEEKENDS A Come and See Weekend is a perfect opportunity for men who are considering a vocation to come to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary to see what seminary life is like and explore the possibility of their own call to the priesthood. This is an ideal retreat for someone who is actively pursuing a call to the priesthood. It is also a great opportunity for a man who has been evangelized to explore the possibility of a call to the priesthood! The weekend includes reflections on the priesthood, vocation stories from seminarians, Liturgy of the Hours, Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. Come and See Weekends are scheduled for high school men and post-high school men on separate weekends. To learn more, or to register for a particular weekend, visit www.heedthecall.org/comeandsee.com or contact the Vocation office at 610-667-5778.

HIGH SCHOOL MEN POST-HIGH SCHOOL MEN

Jan. 26-27, 2019

Jan. 18-20, 2019

Feb. 16-17, 2019

Feb. 22-24, 2019

Mar. 29-31, 2019

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS This year for the Called by Name program, parishes across the Archdiocese nominated men to consider the priesthood. We invite you to bring friends and family and join us for a Holy Hour for Vocations to be held at **1PM on Sunday, January 6, 2019**. The Holy Hour will be at St. Denis Parish, 2401 St. Denis Lane, Havertown, PA 19083. For more information, visit heedthecall.org/holyhour. Let us unite before the Blessed Sacrament and pray for fortitude, discernment, and attention to God's call for those men in seminary and those discerning a vocation to the priesthood. "The love of God and neighbor, the greatest commandment, is expressed in, and the fruit of, Eucharistic worship." – **Pope St. John Paul II**

MOVIE WITH MEANING: "JULIE AND JULIA" will be featured at the IHM Conference Center, 401 S. Bryn Mawr Avenue, Bryn Mawr, Pa 19010 on **Wednesday, January 9, 10AM and 1PM (if necessary)**. Lunch is served at 12N for both groups. Stipend: \$15. Based on two true stories, "Julie and Julia" intertwines the lives of two women who are both at loose ends until they discover that with the right combination of passion, fearlessness and butter, anything is possible!

BEREAVEMENT DAY: "FOOTSTEPS THROUGH GRIEF: LEARNING HOW TO LIVE" will be held at the IHM Conference Center, 401 S. Bryn Mawr Avenue, Bryn Mawr, Pa 19010 on **Thursday, January 17, 10AM-2PM**. Presenter: Domenica Rafferty. Stipend: \$25 (includes lunch). If you are grieving the death of a loved one (recent or not), this time of reflection will help you explore ways of moving forward through this time of sorrow.

THE CALIX SOCIETY: Are you currently in a 12-Step Program? Would you like to be able to freely discuss how your Catholic Faith, Christ and His Sacraments nourish your recovery? If so, The Calix Society is for you! We welcome participants from other 12-Step Programs and those concerned with addiction. We meet on the **2nd Monday** of each month, at 6:15PM in the Adoration Chapel at Nativity B.V.M. Church, located at Monroe and Franklin Streets, Media, PA. We follow our Holy Hour with discussion from 7-8PM in the brick building. For more details, please contact Harry at 610-316-5560. All are welcome!

REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE!

The Retrouvaille Marriage Program offers help for struggling marriages. It gives you the chance to rediscover yourself and your spouse. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the six post sessions that follow it. The next program begins on the weekend of **February 8-10** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register for our upcoming weekend, visit our website: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 1-800-470-2230 or 1-215-766-3944. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

BUSY PERSON'S RETREAT...YOU NEED A BREAK!

January 22, 2019 - 8:30-11:30AM. Make yourself a priority for a short morning retreat and take a breath while spending the morning finding balance in mind, body and spirit. Highlights of the morning: SoulCore Movement Class, Resources for creating work/life balance, Adoration, meditation, spiritual direction. Cost - \$15, with lunch at noon - \$25, with spiritual direction booked in advance \$35-\$75. Registration: Online <http://straphaelacenter.org/index.php?page=calendar> OR Contact 610-642-5715 OR straphaelacenter@gmail.com.

WINTER DIRECTED RETREAT EXTENDED

**January 25 - 4:00pm to February 1 - 11:00am OR
January 25 - 4:00pm to January 27 - 12:00pm**

Spend a week or a weekend in silence and tranquility to listen more deeply to the quiet voice of God. Our spiritual directors on staff will accompany you throughout this time of retreat in the Ignatian spirit. Come away to be renewed and refreshed in the abundant love of God. Cost: Ranges from \$200-\$605 depending on length of time & choice of room. Registration: On-line at www.straphaelacenter.org or call St. Raphaela Center at 610-642-5715 by Friday, January 11, 2019

LILY'S GIFT... If a prenatal diagnosis is poor... you are not alone. There is help. Lily's Gift is a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding poor prenatal diagnosis. Modeled and trained by BE NOT AFRAID, volunteers from Lily's Gift offer a free service of practical guidance and compassionate care focusing on meeting the needs of expectant parents as they seek to honor the life of their baby no matter how frail or how brief. For more info, visit www.LilysGift.org, or www.benotafraid.net. For support call Sr. Kathleen Schipani at 215.587.3530; or email LilysGiftLuke12.27@gmail.com.



WELCOME NEWLY BAPTIZED!

We welcome into God's family and into our Parish family those who have been baptized in *December:*

**Evangeline Adele Repice
Charlotte Patricia Repice
Emily Nicole Baxter**

*May the Lord bless their families
and keep them close to Him.*



SAVE THE DATE FOR...

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH FUNDRAISER

FEBRUARY 2, 2019---7:00 PM TO 12 MIDNIGHT

LEONARD HALL: SFA GYM

ADVANCED TICKETS SALES UNTIL 1-29-19: \$45.00

AFTER DATE & AT THE DOOR--\$50.00

**TICKET SALES AT RECTORY OR CONTACT KARA THOMPSON AT
KARATHOMPSON126@GMAIL.COM OR 610-357-6031**

WE ARE LOOKING FOR EVENT SPONSORS & AUCTION ITEM DONATIONS

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PRAYER FOR EPIPHANY SUNDAY



Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come!
Darkness covers the earth and its people,
but the radiance of God's Light
burns away its shadows, illuminates the smallest corner,
and heralds in the start of a new dawn,
where hearts no longer fear,
souls might be set free,
and sister shall follow brother,
nation shall follow nation,
and kings and princes bow down in awe
before the one who comes to reign.
Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come!
Alleluia!