

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Sunday, January 20, 2019**

7:00AM Daniel McGarvey

8:30AM Ida and Michael Palladino &  
Carmela and George Loudon

10:00AM Rudolph Shiller (19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

11:30AM Marty Stenson

**Monday, January 21, 2019**

8:00AM Mickey Russell

1:00PM ADORATION

**Tuesday, January 22, 2019**

8:00AM Mickey Russell

**Wednesday, January 23, 2019**

8:00AM Joseph Clapper

**Thursday, January 24, 2019**

8:00AM Kevin Gallen

**Friday, January 25, 2019**

8:00AM Thomas Petner

**Saturday, January 26, 2019**

8:00AM Donna Braulinger

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, January 27, 2019**

7:00AM Mary Ciarrochi

8:30AM Frank Magee, Sr.

10:00AM John Govannicci

11:30AM Deacon Art McGuire

### 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†

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



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

Debbie Peterson at [sfascriptsales@gmail.com](mailto:sfascriptsales@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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 27, 2019



### Nehemiah 8:2-4A, 5-6, 8-10

Ezra read to the people from the book of the law for a long time, interpreting it so that everyone could understand. Do I take opportunities to learn more about the Word of God as proclaimed in the scriptures? If I do not, why not?

### 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Just as each part of the human body has its own function to perform, so does each part of the Body of Christ. Am I content to do my part as well as I can? Do I wish I had a different calling? What happens if I leave my part undone?

### Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

After His Baptism, Jesus started preaching in all the synagogues of Galilee. He came to the synagogue in Nazareth, read a prophecy from Isaiah concerning Him, and then calmly told the people that this prophecy had been fulfilled in their hearing. Jesus doesn't always make His presence known in such a dramatic fashion. Am I listening to hear His words to me?

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK



Baby Michael Farley	Lexi Cable	Baby Caroline Ferry
Shiloh Cronck		Evan Farrington
Timothy Duke	Dominic Rosini	Gino Francisco
Meghan Rauch	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	Stephen Spence	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	Henry Gray
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
Anne McGlone	Nicholas Panichelli	Kate Ciavarelli
	Amy Faulls	

*If you have someone you would like prayed for, OR have removed from prayer list, please email Joan Curtis at [sfbulletin@hotmail.com](mailto:sfbulletin@hotmail.com) or call the Rectory at 610-543-0848. Thank you for your prayers.*



### 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 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month in Conway Hall at 7:30PM.

### GREENDROP CLOTHING PICKUP

Donate your gently used CLOTHING every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Our next meeting will take place on**

**January 30<sup>th</sup>.** 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

**FEBRUARY: The Diary of Ann Frank**

**MARCH: Rejoice and Be Glad** by Pope Francis

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

### JOIN WOMEN FOR A WOMEN'S WEEKEND



What do the Beatitudes say to us about growing in holiness? What opportunities in daily life are given to you to grow in holiness? Drawing

on the thoughts of Pope Francis, we will explore ways we can take up this challenge to live the Gospel and grow in holiness.

Rev. Jim McBurney, OSA and Sister Sagrario Núñez, ACJ

**Friday, February 1-4pm to Sunday, February 3-12pm**

St. Raphaela Center, 616 Coopertown Rd., Haverford, PA 19041. Cost: Shared Room – \$185.00.

Private Room with Bath – \$225.00

Individual Room - \$215.00

Hermitage – \$235.00

Deposit Required. Register: 610-642-5715 or Email –

[info@straphaelacenter.org](mailto:info@straphaelacenter.org). If you have any questions call

Marianne Calabrese 610-543-0728

### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS ~ PREP

A high school student is needed as a one-on-one classroom aide for a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader in the Parish Religious Education Program which is held on Tuesdays from 4:30-5:45.

If interested, please contact Madelyn McBride at [sfare@sfaparish.org](mailto:sfare@sfaparish.org).



### 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.**

### DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

**Tuesday, January 22**, is the National Day of Prayer for the Protection of Unborn Children. Please join us to pray the Rosary for this intention before the 8AM Mass, at 7:40 AM, in our church on Tuesday. *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](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

A Baby's Breath 24-hour hotline: 484-580-6436, [www.ababysbreath.org](http://www.ababysbreath.org).

Delaware County Pregnancy Center: [www.dcpchester.org](http://www.dcpchester.org).

Mother's Home: 610-583-HOME, [www.mothershome.org](http://www.mothershome.org).

Pro-Life Union of Delaware County: 610-789-LIFE, [www.prolifedelco.org](http://www.prolifedelco.org).

### MEN'S RETREAT AT MALVERN

#### COME AS YOU ARE

Please join many of our neighbors on the weekend of **February 22-24**, at the Malvern Retreat House. Retreat Director: Monsignor Mannion is a priest of the Diocese of Camden presently serving as Diocesan Director of Community Relations. He enjoyed a 29-year friendship with Mother Teresa, which began in Rome while serving the poor and studying for the priesthood. Monsignor shares his personal experiences with this newly proclaimed saint, as well as the spiritual insights that he gained from her.

Cost: \$250/person. For questions/register: visit [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com) or contact Ray Kenney 610.328.7987 or [rhkenney1@verizon.net](mailto:rhkenney1@verizon.net) or Denis Reilly 484-574-2592 or [ddreilly15@verizon.net](mailto:ddreilly15@verizon.net). You can find the 60+ year history of our group under PECO/Good Shepherd Retreat Group. Hope to see you there.



*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink..." Matthew 25:35*

MORE THAN 20 YEARS AGO, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

"Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat."

The Souper Bowl of Caring is now a nationwide movement that unites schools, congregations, and community organizations in the fight against hunger. The event has transformed Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest youth-led weekend of giving and service.

We here at St Francis of Assisi are teaming up with the Springfield Ministerium again to collect canned goods, non-perishable food items, and monetary donations on **Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Parishioners receiving a flier can leave a bag with canned goods on their door step **before 10AM** and someone will be by to pick it up and deliver to Conway Hall. Alternatively, Parishioners can also drop off items at Conway Hall before 1:00PM.

**Those who wish to volunteer for Conway Hall packaging and transportation of boxed canned goods to the Bernardine Center in Chester on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, any time between 10:30 AM to 3:00 PM are asked to email Jim Larkin in advance at lark526@comcast.net to let him know of your desire to participate.**

Everything collected will be given to the Bernardine Center in Chester. (Interfaith Coalition of Food Centers of Delaware County). Monetary donations are also accepted. Checks can be made payable to "Delco Community Cares".

**After Mass on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Teens will be at the Church doors with Soup Pots to collect monetary contributions for the hungry.** Your contribution will be sent to the St. Vincent de Paul Cupboard in BVM Parish in Darby.

**Thank You** to everyone for your generosity, donations, and participation, especially our young people. We are grateful for your **CARING AND SHARING!** Visit us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/delcosouperbowlofcaring/](http://www.facebook.com/delcosouperbowlofcaring/).

**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 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](mailto:anitagalligan1@verizon.net) or Beth McCarthy at [mccarthy9022@aol.com](mailto: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!**

**CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE**



SFA will extend Valentine's Day festivities until **Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>** when we will celebrate in a special way with all of our married couples at the **11:30 Mass**. Couples will be invited to renew their marriage vows and to receive a special blessing. Following Mass there will be a reception in Leonard Hall. There is no charge for the reception, but ***please clip out the response form below and return to the rectory by February 14<sup>th</sup>***.

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**RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS AT THE 11:30 MASS ON FEBRUARY 17<sup>th</sup>**

**FAMILY NAME** \_\_\_\_\_  
**FIRST NAMES** \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
**ADDITIONAL GUESTS?** YES NO  
**IF YES, HOW MANY?** \_\_\_\_\_



On January 12<sup>th</sup>, the following parishioners were honored at the Cathedral for their years of service to the parish religious education program:

- ~Mrs. **Amanda O'Donnell** received the St. John Neumann Award for **5 years** of service.
- ~Mrs. **Susan Lafferty** received the Our Lady of Guadalupe Award for **15 years** of service
- ~Mrs. **Annemarie Talvacchio** received the St. Martin De Porres Award for **20 years** of service.

*Did you like your Christmas gift, from the Parish given out at all Masses during Christmas?*

**THE HOW-TO BOOK OF THE MASS**

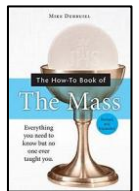
Now try this! Go to [www.CatholicPhilly.com](http://www.CatholicPhilly.com) to view a 7-part series entitled:

**"Inside the Mass: The People Get Ready for Worship".**

Learn how active participation in the liturgy is the new norm! Learn how preparation can help us celebrate the liturgy well on Sundays, and afterwards.

**First in the Series: The Mass: Not a Spectator Event & Parishioners Prepare for Sunday Worship.**

**P.S. Our parish will be hosting small-faith sharing groups soon using our Christmas gift. Start reading now!**



**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.



Welcomel  
New  
Parishioners

St. Francis of Assisi welcomes the following families who have joined our parish family in **December**:

**Mr. and Mrs. Gary & Kristen Huntington**  
**Mr. Sean Fitzgerald and Ms. Katharine Clark**  
**Mr. and Mrs. Thomas & Miranda McPhillips & Family**  
*May the Lord bless your families  
and keep them close to Him.*

### 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.

### 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.



St. Francis of Assisi Parish Fundraiser  
**February 2, 2019 ~ 7PM to 12MN**

Leonard Hall (SFA Gym)  
Advanced Tickets until 1/29: \$45.  
After date and at the Door: \$50

Ticket sales: contact Kara Thompson at [karathompson126@gmail.com](mailto:karathompson126@gmail.com) or 610-357-6031  
We are looking for event sponsors and auction item donations. Contact info for both is listed below:

#### Event sponsors contact:

**Kellie Rutledge** ([kellierutledge27@gmail.com](mailto:kellierutledge27@gmail.com) or 610.405.4246)  
**Bridget Gillen** ([bridgetgillen@gmail.com](mailto:bridgetgillen@gmail.com) or 610.368.1870)

#### Auction item donations:

**Amy Foran** ([amyforan@comcast.net](mailto:amyforan@comcast.net) or 484-432-1472)

### ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

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### ST. FRANCIS OVER 50

The meeting is this Thursday, January 24. The doors to Leonard Hall open at 12:30pm and the meeting begins at 1:15pm. We will have meatball sandwiches. The theme is Good Old Days. Tickets for Hoagie Day (Feb. 28) will be on sale.



**REMINDER:** Trip to Resorts Casino is tomorrow, 1/21. The bus leave a 10AM from Springfield Country Club Ice Rink parking lot.

### UPCOMING TRIPS:

**Casino Trips:** (2/18~Resorts) (3/18~Resorts) (4/15~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



"Deliver me  
from my enemies,  
O my God; protect me  
from those who  
rise up against me."  
Psalms 19:1

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. Ketter, Jr ~ Jonathan Butterfield  
Shawn McConaghy ~ Colin Butler ~ Liam Golden  
Jake & John-Michael Bartivic ~ Nicholas & Stephen Peranteau  
Anthony Del Vecchio ~ Shane Donnelly  
Jesse and Chase Stewart

*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.*

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# what's happenin'!

## HEART OF A PRIEST~RELIC PILGRIMAGE OF ST. JEAN VIANNEY'S INCORRUPT HEART...

The Cathedral Basilica will be the host for the Relic of Saint John Vianney's incorrupt heart on the first weekend in February. All are welcome. **Saturday, February 2, 2:00 PM** Solemn Reception of the Relic Veneration until 5:00 PM 4:15 PM Confessions 5:15 PM Anticipated Mass for Sunday Veneration until 7:00 PM Sunday, February 3.

## CARDINAL O'HARA FASHION SHOW

"Stepping through the Season's". **February 17, 2019** at Drexelbrook. Luncheon starts at 1:00 pm doors open at noon. Seating will be by reservation only and can be purchased online at cohs.com. Tickets are \$50 per adult or \$450 for a table of 10, \$25 for children 12 and under.

Email [cohsfashionshow2019@gmail.com](mailto:cohsfashionshow2019@gmail.com) with any questions.

**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 **2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 1-800-470-2230 or 1-215-766-3944. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

## TWILIGHT VALENTINE EVENING OF REFLECTION – Sunday, February 10, 5PM-9PM.

Includes Mass celebrated by Fr. James McGuinn and Renewal of Wedding Vows, a five-star dinner and inspirational talk international evangelist and author, Damon Owens and his wife, Melanie. This dynamic duo sure to ignite your marriage! \$100.00 per couple. Register early at [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com) or call (610)-644-0400.

## ST. MARY POLISH AMERICAN SOCIETY'S 3RD ANNUAL POLISH MARDI GRAS POLKA PARTY

All are invited to the TK Club at 521 East Hector Street in Conshohocken on **Sunday February 24, 12N-5PM**. Funds raised from this event will be used to support the restoration of St. Mary's Church in Conshohocken, the home for the Latin Mass in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. This event will feature live Polka music, delicious Polish food, a 50/50 drawing and other games of chance, a basket raffle, and baked goods for sale. Families are welcome, as there will be games for children with plenty of prizes! Admission is \$10 in advance and \$15 on the day of the event. Admission for

children 6 to 12 years old is \$7 each and free for children under the age of 6. For tickets, please email [stmaryconshv@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryconshv@gmail.com) or call Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861.

## MOTHERS' HOME 8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BOWL-A-THON

**Saturday, March 2, 3-5pm and 6-8pm** at Sproul Lanes, 745 S. Sproul Rd, Springfield, Pa 19064. Cost: \$150 includes 2 hours of bowling for 6 bowlers, private lane, shoe rental, 2 pizzas & soda. Arts and crafts for kids at 3pm. You can also support Mothers' Home by being a sponsor. Don't be left out of the fun! Reserve your lane today at [www.mothershome.myevent.com](http://www.mothershome.myevent.com) or send a check to Mothers' Home, 51 N. MacDade Blvd., Darby, Pa 19023 attn: 2019 Bowl-A-Thon. For more info, call 610-583-4663.

**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](http://www.LilysGift.org), or [www.benotafraid.net](http://www.benotafraid.net). For support call Sr. Kathleen Schipani at 215.587.3530; or email [LilysGiftLuke12.27@gmail.com](mailto:LilysGiftLuke12.27@gmail.com).

## WHAT'S NEXT? RETREAT AT THE ST RAPHAELA CENTER

Looking for a Catholic retreat this spring in the Philadelphia area? Charis Ministries is a retreat ministry in the Jesuit tradition for those in their 20s and 30s. This year, Charis and the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Haverford, PA are coming together to host the "What's Next? Retreat" at the St Raphaela Center. This particular retreat is designed for men and women in their 20s and 30s and will occur the weekend of **March 1st through 3rd**. The retreat focuses on the variety of life transitions experienced by retreatants in young adulthood. Registration is open online under special events at <http://straphaelacenter.org/>. If you have any questions, please email us at [ignatianyaretreats@straphaelacenter.org](mailto:ignatianyaretreats@straphaelacenter.org)

## GRANDPARENTS PRAYER



Dear St. Ann,

You were truly twice blessed to have our blessed Mother as your daughter and Jesus, our Savior, as your Grandson.

I know that every period of our lives has its responsibilities as well as its joys. Today, it seems that grandparents have either too little use or too much; either we are shunted aside to do nothing, or we are called upon to do everything. Help me to know just where my duties lie in my particular situation and to carry them out as best I can. Take care of my family, my children, and their children. Inspire them all to follow your Grandson and lead truly Christian lives. Keep all of us in your loving care, never let us turn away from Jesus, and help us in the end to receive the joy of entering into your Grandson's glorious Presence forever. Good St. Ann, pray for us grandparents. Amen.