

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, January 27, 2019

7:00AM Mary Ciarrochi

8:30AM Frank Magee, Sr.

10:00AM John Govannicci

11:30AM Deacon Art McGuire

Monday, January 28, 2019

8:00AM Sally Schneider (1st Anniversary)

1:00PM ADORATION

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

8:00AM Madeline O'Brien (31st Anniversary)

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

8:00AM Sean Laughlin (1st Anniversary)

Thursday, January 31, 2019

8:00AM Catherine Lonigan

Friday, February 1, 2019

8:00AM Thomas Doyle

9:30AM Deceased Members of

SFA Memorial Fund

Saturday, February 2, 2019

8:00AM Julio Serviano (1st Anniversary)

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, February 3, 2019

7:00AM Joseph McGovern Hoegen

8:30AM Frank Magee, S.

10:00AM Maureen Cassidy

11:30AM Robert J. Burns



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

This candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. For the Week of **January 27th**, the candle will burn in loving memory of **Jim and Paul Braconnier** as requested by their Mother, **Joan Braconnier**.



MEMORIAL FOR JANUARY 2019

BREAD ~ John & Bernadine Neary

WINE ~ available

†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†

Especially, Mary K. Kenney, Frank Tarsia, Peter McFadden

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 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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 3, 2019

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

“...They will fight against you but not prevail over you, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.”

The words of the prophet assure us of God's saving power and today's Psalm echoes this theme of God's protection. Yet, the evils in our world keep some people in fear for their lives. The disasters and shootings and disease and financial problems in the daily news reports can shake our faith. What scares you the most at this time? What prayer can you say to call upon God to “...deliver us from evil?”

1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13

St. Paul's definition of love is worth dwelling upon for examining our lives and for reassuring us of the power of this greatest virtue. It is even said that love dispels our fears. Do your life and your actions reflect Paul's definitions of love? Is there some room for improvement that you need to address?

Luke 4:21-30

Jesus proclaims Himself as the fulfillment of the Scripture prophecies in the synagogue before all the people. Place yourself in this scene. Do you see yourself as the “amazed”, the one who questions His humble beginnings, or the one who demands proof and miracles in order to believe Jesus? Why do you think Jesus was able to escape their attempt to murder Him at this point?

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Francis of Assisi School's **OPEN HOUSE** will be on **Wednesday, January 30, 2019** from 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM. We will have our Academic Fair exhibits, Art Exhibit, a Scholastic Book Fair, and many of our students' wonderful projects on display. Come and see our technology at work, meet our teachers, parents and students and find out why SFA is the place to be! Our newly renovated library will also be open, so be sure to go to the library underneath the Church and see what a wonderful place it now is. Looking forward to seeing you on the 30th!



ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE

Thank you for your generous donations to the breakfast collection for the homeless men. Due to the Souper Bowl of Caring collection, we will **NOT** be collecting for St. John's Hospice next weekend. The monthly collection will resume **March 2nd & 3rd**. Thank you for being so thoughtful and generous!



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS ~ PREP

A high school student is needed as a one-on-one classroom aide for a 2nd 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.



LOST & FOUND:

A key was found in the church parking lot on 1/13/19. Please call the rectory for more information: 610.543.0848.

All Are Welcome

Coming in the Spring. Life in the Spirit, Part 2
“TASTE AND SEE THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD”

If you desire Peace, Healing and Contentment in a world that only gives confusion, ...COME

Dates: April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6 (Each session includes a time for fellowship with light refreshments.)

Location: Holy Cross Parish Center

Time: 6:45 to 8:30 pm

Did you miss Part 1? Join us for Part 2 anyhow.

Do you want to review any of the Part 1 sessions? They are available at <https://thewildgooseisloose.com>

Registration: Email invitation will be sent to all Life in the Spirit participants. You can also call or text **215-531-3266** giving your name and parish to register. Or online, send your name, phone number, and parish to discoveringchristinspringfield.org.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK



Baby Michael Farley	Lexi Cable	Baby Caroline Ferry
Shiloh Cronck		Evan Farrington
Timothy Duke	Dominic Rosini	Gino Francisco
Meghan Rauchut	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
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
Anne McGlone	Nicholas Panichelli	Kate Ciavarelli
Amy Faulls		Jeanette Perkins

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.

HOPE IN CHRIST:

SPIRITUAL SUPPORT FOR ADDICTIONS

“I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security.”
~Jeremiah 33:6

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

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. If you have any questions call

Marianne Calabrese 610-543-0728

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 or contact Ray Kenney 610.328.7987 or rhkenney1@verizon.net or Denis Reilly 484-574-2592 or ddreilly15@verizon.net. You can find the 60+ year history of our group under PECO/Good Shepherd Retreat Group. Hope to see you there.

CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE

SFA will extend Valentine's Day festivities until **Sunday, February 17th** 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 14th***.



RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS AT THE 11:30 MASS ON FEBRUARY 17th

FAMILY NAME _____
FIRST NAMES _____ and _____
ADDITIONAL GUESTS? YES NO
IF YES, HOW MANY? _____

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



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 2nd**.

On February 2nd, 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 3rd, 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 2nd and Sunday, February 3rd, 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/.



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 30th. 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.

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

THE HOW-TO BOOK OF THE MASS

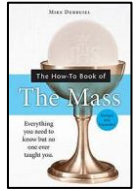
Now try this! Go to www.CatholicPhilly.com to view a 7-part series entitled:

“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!



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.**



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, 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 or 610.405.4246)

Bridget Gillen (bridgetgillen@gmail.com or 610.368.1870)

Auction item donations:

Amy Foran (amyforan@comcast.net or 484-432-1472)

PRO-LIFE INFO...
JANUARY IS PRO~LIFE MONTH...
SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PRAYER PROGRAM
Fourth Month

Your spiritually adopted baby's mother can finally feel the movements of her baby within her womb. By the time this fourth month is over, your baby is 6 inches long. Their tiny heart has been beating since they were 21 days old. Now this stronger little heart pumps 6 gallons of blood each day (picture 6 milk cartons—your baby's heart is a pumping miracle)! Your baby is becoming stronger and they like to turn somersaults. Your baby has lots of nice skin, but not much fat to fill it out so they look a little wrinkly. Their skin is covered in vernix, a thick white cream which protects their skin from the salty amniotic fluid. Your baby's face is becoming prettier and they begin to resemble their parents.

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.

"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.

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.

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.

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.

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
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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ST. FRANCIS OVER 50

The next meeting is February 14. We will be entertained by Bobby Jones. Tickets for Hoagie Day (Feb. 28) will be on sale.

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!

Request for Year-End Financial Statement

If you would like a statement of your yearly contributions for tax purposes, please complete this request form and either mail it, drop it off at the Rectory, or place it in the collection basket.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Pick-Up _____ Mail _____

To request your year-end statement or for any questions, please call Joan Fogarty at 610-543-0848 ext. 117.

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.

ST. JAMES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HS 2019-20 SCHOLARSHIPS

Once again, the St. James Alumni Association will be sponsoring **high school scholarships for the 2019 – 2020 school year**. The scholarship applications are available upon request beginning in January 2019 (phone: 610-876-2006 or email: stjdoghouse@comcast.net). These are partial 4 year high school scholarships with required enrollment at a Philadelphian Archdiocesan High School. The scholarship applicant must be a practicing Catholic from a Delaware County parish. The students eligible are graduating 8th graders and current high school students. All applications with the complete requested information must be returned by Friday, April 5, 2018. The St. James Alumni Association will host a **Scholarship Program Open House** on **Tuesday, February 19th** at 7 PM. The Scholarship Open House will be held at the St. James Headquarters, the "Doghouse" located at 1499 E. 9th St. Eddystone, PA.

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!

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. 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. 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 stmaryconshy@gmail.com or call Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861.

MOTHERS' HOME 8th ANNUAL BOWL-A-THON

Saturday, March 2, 3-5pm and 6-8pm at Sproul Lanes, 745 S. Sproul Rd, Springfield, Pa 19064. Cost: \$150. Reserve your lane today at 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION-

March 6, 9AM-3PM. Directed by Fr. James McGuinn, this is the perfect day for you to begin Lent with the distribution of ashes, a sit-down lunch with Mass and Confessions. \$40.00 per person. Register at www.malvernretreat.com. or call (610)-644-0400.



SPIRITUAL DIRECTION COMPANIONS FOR THE JOURNEY

Spiritual Direction is the contemplative practice of helping others to awaken to the mystery of God in their lives. The Spiritual Direction Ministry at the Daylesford Abbey in Paoli, PA offers trained and experienced Spiritual Directors for those seeking to revitalize their relationship with God and for those who want to deepen their spiritual lives. For more information on how this ministry can enrich your life, contact Daylesford Abbey at 610-647-2530 ext. 102 or at spiritualdirector@daylesford.org.

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PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

God of life, who cares for all creation, and calls us to justice and peace, may our security not come from arms, but from respect. May our force not be of violence, but of love. May our wealth not be in money, but in sharing. May our path not be of ambition, but of justice. May our victory not be from vengeance, but in forgiveness. May our unity not be in the quest of power, but in vulnerable witness to do Your will. Open and confident, may we defend the dignity of all creation, sharing, today and forever, the bread of solidarity, justice and peace. This we ask in the name of Jesus, Your Holy Son, our brother, who, as victim of our violence, even from the heights of the cross, gave forgiveness to us all. Amen.