

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, August 5, 2018

7:00AM Mary Price

8:30AM Bonnie Sell

10:00AM Mary T. Nelson

11:30AM Meredith DiFilippo

Monday, August 6, 2018

8:00AM Deacon Art McGuire

1:00PM ADORATION

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

8:00AM Robert Charles Haney

Wednesday, August 8, 2018

8:00AM Anthony James Mullen

Thursday, August 9, 2018

8:00AM Margaret Meehan Hughes
(1st Anniversary)

Friday, August 10, 2018

8:00AM Assunta Spadea

Saturday, August 11, 2018

8:00AM Sharon Duffy (1st Anniversary)

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, August 12, 2018

7:00AM Deacon Art McGuire

8:30AM Sally E. Schneider

10:00AM Liz Canavan

11:30AM Christopher Cash



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

This candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. For the Week of **August 5th**, the candle will burn in memory of **Rocco DiTaranto** as requested by his **wife and family**.

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 AUGUST 2018

BREAD and WINE

The Herron and Valley Families

†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†

Especially, Stella Farese, Domenic Lanciano

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



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

EMAIL: Debbie Peterson at sfascrripsales@gmail.com

Or call 484-432-1472

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

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 12th, 2018

1 Kings 19:4-8

All 3 readings have examples of people complaining in different ways. In the midst of Elijah's complaint in the first reading, the Lord strengthens him with food. This food renews Elijah and he sets out to "the mountain of God, Horeb." As God sustained and renewed Elijah's life, so Jesus now sustains his followers through himself. In your experience, how does the Eucharist renew you and give you a new sense of strength for your life's journey?

Ephesians 4: 30-5:2

What have you "grieved the Holy Spirit" within your complaining recently? Change your complaint to a prayer of petition and pray it now.

John 6:41-51

In John's Gospel, he connects the death of Jesus and the Eucharist. How would you explain this connection between the Eucharist and Jesus' Death and Resurrection to a newcomer? Take some time to formulate this and find someone who needs to hear about "the living bread that came down from Heaven."

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK



Baby Michael Farley	5 year old, Shiloh Cronck
Timothy Duke	Dominic Rosini
Meghan Rauchut	Diane Colgan
Isabella Carullo	Emilee Serrano
Mag Post	Robby Wonder
Pam Flood	Patty Winter
Rich Buckley	Doreen Grafstrom
Peter Minnis	Marie Brown
Bridget McHugh	Anne McGlone
Steven Little	John Harlow
Anna Rokos	Richard Gildea
Daniel Fahey	James McKay
Bob Iatesta	Phyllis Dunn
Nicole Vela Small	Linda Marandola
Diana Nardello	John Eckman
Charles Casalnova	Lucille Francesco
Kathy Fritz	MaryLou Dellipriscoli
Kenneth M. Siebert	Jeannette Siebert
Rev. Mark Kunigonis	Cynthia Fries
Rita O'Donnell	Judy Devine
Tony McGinley	Doris O'Hara
Cass Johnston Lavan	Roseanne Dappollone
Barbara Easterday	John Peters
Jean Gallagher	Shealyn Mencil
Jack Valvardi	Stephen Marchini
Gino Francisco	Thomas Campanile
Carrie Serrano	Bill Colgan
James Fox	Monique Carpenter
Andrew Barna	Helen Hoyt
Jackie McPeake	Bill Seavey
Colleen Minnis	Violet McGeever
Terri DeSantis	Robert Busch
Christopher Biddle	Jim McDonnell
Shealyn Mencil	Rita Murphy
Dr. Bill Hushion	Joann Hoffman
Beth McCarron	Jon Grady
Alan Lauer	

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.

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

MASS TIMES WHILE ON VACATION

If you are going on vacation, don't take a vacation from the Lord. There is a website available that will list all the Masses available across the United States. You will need the City, state, or zip. www.Masstimes.org.

St. Francis of Assisi School



St. Francis of Assisi School will commence the 2018-2019 academic year, welcoming all our new and returning families with the following schedule. This is different from previous years, so please read carefully:

Tuesday, Sept. 4 – You will be sent information about what time to come.

Wednesday, Sept. 5 - School begins at 8:00 AM for all students in grades Preschool to 8. Dismissal will be at 2:40 PM. Our after school CARES program begins. Kindergarten Parent Orientation 7:00 pm in Kindergarten rooms.

Thursday, Sept. 6 – School for Preschool to Grade 8, regular hours. Parent Orientations for Grades 1-3, 7:00 pm in the classrooms.

Friday, Sept. 7 – School for Preschool to grade 8, regular hours.

Monday, Sept. 10 - Parent Orientation for Grades 4, 5, 6 beginning at 7:00 pm in the classrooms. Instrumental Music parent meeting 6:30 pm in Room 10.

Wednesday, Sept. 12 – Parent Orientation for grades 7 and 8, beginning in the classrooms at 7:00 pm.

Friday, Sept. 14 – Opening of school Mass at 9:30 am – all are welcome!

NOTE WELL – HOT LUNCH PROGRAM WILL BEGIN ON **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th**. You will be emailed the menus and order forms in August for September and October. *These forms are due on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH.*

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS:

Students are required to wear the uniform from the first day...

PRESCHOOL – Green Gym shorts and tee shirts

GIRLS:

Grades K-6 – either winter uniform (green plaid jumper WITH INSIGNIA – hem must reach the top of the knee – yellow blouse, navy blue knee socks, tan bucks) OR summer uniform (blue shorts or skort, yellow knit shirt, white socks, sneakers)

Grades 7 & 8 – either winter uniform (blue jumper WITH INSIGNIA – hem must reach the top of the knee- yellow blouse, navy blue knee socks, tan bucks) OR summer uniform, same as above.

BOYS:

Grades K-8 – either the winter uniform (navy blue dress pants, belt, yellow dress shirt, green plaid tie, navy blue or black socks, tan bucks) OR summer uniform of blue shorts, yellow knit shirt, white socks, sneakers.

The summer uniforms will be worn until Thursday, November 1st.

REMEMBER – SNEAKERS WITH WHEELS AND/OR LIGHTS ARE NOT PERMITTED AT ANY TIME.

Thank you! Can't wait for your return!



URGENT MESSAGE!

The Parish Religious Education Program is in need of many volunteers for 2018-2019:

Afternoon Session (4:30-5:45PM)

2- 1st Grade Catechists

2- 1st Grade Aides

1 Second Grade Catechist

1 Second Grade Aide

Evening Session (6:45-8:00PM)

1 Third Grade Aide

1 Fifth Grade Aide

3 Sixth Grade Aides

If God is knocking on your heart to fill any one of these vacancies, please call Madelyn McBride at the rectory asap. 610-543-0848, ext 118. Please put this plea in prayer asking God to touch the hearts of others.

ATTENTION YOUTH GROUPS

Dear Friends of St. Francis, Holy Cross and St. Kevin,

We will be meeting periodically through the summer. Be sure to look out for announcements on social media and in the bulletins. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Peace and Harmony,

Mr. Jeffrey P. Braconnier Regional Youth Minister

Mr. Braconnier's contact information: 610-544-8777 or jbraconnier@stkevin.com

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.

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.

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 archphila.org/hope.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

SFA: Stewardship-Faith in Action

Stewardship in the Great Arena of Life

"Gladiator", as many of you probably know, is a film of how respected Roman general, Maximus Decimus Meridius (Russell Crowe) is betrayed by weak-willed emperor, Commodus (Joaquin Phoenix). Maximus escapes death by the emperor's assassins. However, he winds up being enslaved. In order to escape this plight, Maximus uses his fighting skills and becomes a champion gladiator in order to face his cowardly adversary. By doing so Maximus becomes a charismatic figure for a nation suppressed and manipulated by a vain, psychotic and dangerous tyrant. Before the movie's climactic ending, an epic swordfight in the Coliseum between the two men, the sneering Commodus says to Maximus, "The general who became a slave. The slave who became a gladiator. The gladiator who defied an emperor. Striking story. Now the people want to know. How does the story end? What could be more glorious than to face the emperor himself in the great arena of Rome?"

You will probably not be called upon to confront an evil despot with the fate of a country hanging in the balance. However, in many ways, as a Christian and steward you have had to and will continue to face evil, whether it is in the form of injustice, poverty, bigotry, hatred, violence and so forth. While you are carrying out your stewardship you might be subject to misfortune yourself such as illness, financial setback etc... In each case you must make a decision as to how you will respond.

Like Maximus', yours is also a striking story. How you deal with adversities in the great arena of Life as a Christian steward will determine not how your story ends but how it will continue for all eternity. For what could be more glorious than to come face to face with the great King of Kings Himself as He welcomes you to Heaven with open arms saying, "Well done, my good and faithful servant!"

All Are Welcome

Coming in September—Life in the Spirit Seminar

Are you ever anxious...worried...afraid? Do you seek the peace that Jesus promises? Do you want to establish or renew a relationship with Jesus Christ? Come and experience God's love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thursdays--September 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25.

Time: 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Retreat Day—October 21

Location: Holy Cross Parish Center. For more information or to register, send your name, phone number, and parish to discoveringchristinspringfield@gmail.com or call or text the Christlife information line: 215-531-3266 giving your name, parish, and email (if possible).

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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. *Please note: there will be an alternate meeting place for the months of July, and August.*

God Bless All Who Serve Our Country

**HOME OF THE FREE
BECAUSE OF THE BRAVE**



Davidson Cox ~ Skip Turner ~ Kevin Geiger ~ Jon Hylton
Michael Lynch ~ 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
Sean Wallace ~ Anthony Del Vecchio ~ Shane Donnelly
Chase Stewart ~ Connor Lyons

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.

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 from September through June. You need not have read the month's selections to attend the meeting. We would love to have you join us for refreshments and conversation.

Summer Reading:

The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio by Terry Ryan
Grandma Gatewood's Walk by Ben Montgomery

Our first meeting in the fall will be on **Wednesday, September 26**. For more info, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610-328-2095 or at joyvanberg@gmail.com.

ST. FRANCIS OVER 50



Requirements: Anyone 50 or older regardless of religion or nationality.

Dues: \$6, payable at the first meeting, September 13.

Meetings: Leonard Hall (school gym) on 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month from September to June. Doors open at 12:30PM and the meeting begins at 1:15PM. Refreshments are served at every meeting.

Membership: Call Betty Pote at 610-544-7570.

Rosaries: Call Claire Doyle at 610-604-0160.

UPCOMING TRIPS:

Casino Trips: (8/20~Resorts) (9/17~Resorts) (10/15~Resorts) (11/19) Cost: \$23 with a return of \$25 in slot play. Bus leaves at 10AM. Call Bob Hodgson at 610-449-2956.

Sept. 8: National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa and Polish American Family Festival and Country Fair in Doylestown. Cost is \$45 for adults and \$35 for children and teens up to 18 (includes bus, admission to fair grounds). There will be a mass, visitation to Shrine and Chapels, entertainment, music, dancing, midway rides and games, Polish and American food, The Polish Village with vendors and crafters, and a Festival Sweepstake. Bus leaves at 10 am with boarding at 9:45 am. Call Maria Santone at 610-544-7664 or 610-745-0820.

Dec. 3: Hunterdon Hills for their Christmas show called "Christmas in the Air". There will be original songs, classic and traditional Christmas favorites, hilarious comedy sketches, spectacular dance numbers, and a great orchestra. Cost is \$95 (includes bus, show, full course meal, and dessert buffet). Bus leaves at 9 am. Call Dan Fahey at 610-544-4632 or 610-291-0565

Consider joining in September. We have so much fun!

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 Friday nights at 7:00 p.m. to pray the Rosary. (During the summer, we meet outdoors at St. Francis Holy Family Grotto). All are welcome.

"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.

what's happenin'!

BOWLING ANYONE?? ... The Springfield Men's Bowling League is about to begin its 59th Season on **Thursday, September 6th at 9:30PM** at the Sproul Lanes. Come join the other 9 members of our parish already in our league. Additional information, please call 610-544-5358.

MERCY & MARY RETREAT FR. MICHAEL GAITLEY Sept. 21-22, at St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic Church (999 Reading Ave. Yardley, PA 19067). Join the Marian Missionaries of Divine Mercy for an inspiring retreat featuring best-selling author and acclaimed speaker Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. This retreat begins with one conference on Friday evening, September 21 at 7:15. <https://events.marianmissionaries.org/events/mercy-mary-retreat-philadelphia-pa/> To register using a printable, mail-in registration form: <https://events.marianmissionaries.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Mail-in-Registration-Philadelphia.pdf>.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER has been strengthening marriages for 50 years. Join the millions of couples around the world who have made a Weekend. The next weekend in the Philadelphia area is **October 19-21**, at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, Pa. For more information or to register, go to www.wwme-philly.org or call 484-393-1645.

CARDINAL O'HARA 50TH REUNION...Class of 1968 50th Reunion, **Friday, Oct. 5**, at the Springfield Country Club, Springfield, PA. Facebook: O'Hara Class of 1968. For info: Nancy Cooney: nancycooney@hotmail.com or Pat Murphy Doman: pmdoman@gmail.com

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR-POT OF GOLD RAFFLE... **September 9, 2018**. The Sisters care for 97 residents, most of who are on Medical Assistance, and they need your help! You can win one of three great prizes: \$25,000, \$10,000 or \$5,000! Only 2,000 tickets will be sold. To purchase a ticket, please send your name, address, phone number and check for \$100 to: Sr. Veronica, Holy Family Home—Dept. PB, 5300 Chester Ave., Phila., Pa 19143. Or visit our website at www.littlesistersofthepoorphiladelphia.org.

THIRD ANNUAL PADRE PIO FESTIVAL St. Bede the Venerable Parish in Holland, PA (Southampton, PA) invites you to join them for their Third Annual Padre Pio Festival. We have moved the date for our festival to the weekend of **Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 14, 15, 16**, in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the death of St. Pio of Pietrelcina. Visit padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com for more details, or simply call 215-357-5720.



ATTENTION: RETREATANTS & NEWCOMERS...

Before you go on vacation or migrate to the shore, mark your calendars for the **Twilite Retreat, Sunday, September 16** at Raphaela Retreat Center. Look for more information in August.

Archdiocese of Philadelphia Television Mass

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

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

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREATS FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION

...Rachel's Vineyard is an extraordinary opportunity for any person who struggles with emotional and spiritual pain of past abortion(s). The weekend is a unique and effective process designed specifically to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God and will help your soul find a voice, and transform the pain of the past into hope. Rachel's Vineyard is a "therapy for the soul" which combines a unique and creative process for psychological and spiritual healing. The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Healing after Abortion will be **Oct. 12-14**. This weekend retreat will be held in Doylestown, PA, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. For more information please call Evelyn at (215) 317-5752. Read more about our retreat online at www.rachelsvineyard.org. All requests are strictly confidential.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE RETREAT

September 28-30, at Marianist Family Retreat Center, 417 Yale Ave., Cape May Point, NJ 08212. This weekend is intended for couples **married at least 10 years**. It honors and celebrates the commitment of marriage. We strike a deliberate balance among participation/reflection, liturgy, free time, fun activities and plenty of "couple time" for walks on the nearby beaches. Cost: \$270/couple (includes all meals, room and program). Sign up at www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829 for more information.

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!

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PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART

Sacred Heart of Jesus, today I wish to live in You, in Your grace, in which I desire at all costs to persevere. Keep me from sin and strengthen my will by helping me to keep watch over my senses, my imagination, and my heart. Help me to correct my faults which are the source of sin. I beg You to do this, O Jesus, through Mary, Your Immaculate Mother. Amen.

