

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, August 12, 2018

7:00AM Deacon Art McGuire

8:30AM Sally E. Schneider

10:00AM Liz Canavan

11:30AM Christopher Cash

Monday, August 13, 2018

8:00AM Robert J. Burns

1:00PM ADORATION

Tuesday, August 14, 2018

8:00AM Yi Chang

7:00PM Michael Komar, Jr.

Assumption, August 15, 2018

7:00AM Deacon Art McGuire

10:00AM Eileen and Erin Doyle

7:00PM Frank Conforti

Thursday, August 16, 2018

8:00AM Jeannie DiGirolamo

Friday, August 17, 2018

8:00AM Deacon Art McGuire

Saturday, August 18, 2018

8:00AM Mary Fahey

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, August 19, 2018

7:00AM Martin Thomas

8:30AM Deacon Art McGuire

10:00AM Deacon Thomas Woods

11:30AM Marty Stenson



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

This candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. For the Week of **August 12th**, the candle will burn in thanks for the **Rescuers of the Thai Boys** as requested by **Jim and Rita Hindley**



MEMORIAL FOR AUGUST 2018

BREAD and WINE

The Herron and Valley Families

†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†

Epecially, Helen Hoyt

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



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

EMAIL: *Debbie Peterson* at sfascripsales@gmail.com

Or call 484-432-1472

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

ATTENTION:

The Rectory will be closed Sat. & Sun., 8/11 & 8/12 due to vacation and Wednesday, August 15th due to Holyday.

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS!



Please be advised that there are several nationwide scams that have affected several parishes in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Gift Card Scam

The parishioners of a parish are targets. An unknown person creates an email address account which contains the Pastor's name or the name of the church. An email is then sent to the parishioners requesting them to purchase a gift card and reply to the email with the numbers off of the back of the card. After the unknown person receives the numbers, they stop sending emails.

Donation or Fund Raising Scam

A variation of the gift card scam involves a phony donation campaign which uses the story and/or picture of an ill parishioner or family member. Again, this is not legitimate and should be ignored.

There have been several fake emails sent out using Fr. Anthony Costa as the sender. As always, if you see an email that is suspicious, **Do Not click on any links contained in the email, Do Not give away any personal or financial Information, and Delete the email.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK



Baby Michael Farley	5 year old, Shiloh Cronck	
Timothy Duke	Dominic Rosini	Gino Francisco
Meghan Rauchut	Diane Colgan	Thomas Campanile
Isabella Carullo	Emilee Serrano	Carrie Serrano
Mag Post	Robby Wonder	Bill Colgan
Pam Flood	Patty Winter	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	James McKay	Colleen Minnis
Bob Iatesta	Phyllis Dunn	Violet McGeever
Nicole Vela Small	Linda Marandola	Terri DeSantis
Diana Nardello	John Eckman	Christopher Biddle
Charles Casalnova	Alan Lauer	Robert Busch
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
Tony McGinley	Doris O'Hara	Joann Hoffman
Cass Johnston Lavan	Roseanne Dappollone	Beth McCarron
Barbara Easterday	John Peters	Jon Grady
Jean Gallagher	Shealyn Mencil	Stephen Marchini
Ryan Montgomery		

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.

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!

**WELCOME BACK
TO SCHOOL**

ATTENTION SFA PARENTS:

The Home and School will sponsor a "Uniform Recycle" night on Monday, August 13th in the Conway Conference Center (CCR) at 6:30PM.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 19th, 2018

Proverbs 9:1-6

Proverbs opens the Liturgy of the Word with the image of Woman Wisdom calling us to share in her banquet. Begotten by God and helper at creation, Woman Wisdom promises to feed us with insight and knowledge. Our parish has recently provided each member with an opportunity to be fed with insight and knowledge through an online program called FORMED. Go to www.sfaparish.formed.org. Click register and enter your name, email address, and desired password. You're all ready to access the inspiring and engaging content on **FORMED!**

Ephesians 5:15-20

"And do not get drunk on wine, in which lies debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit..." Attend the upcoming 3 parish Evangelization series entitled "**The Wild Goose**"/**Life in the Spirit** and you will be "filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.

John 6:51-58

In this week's Gospel, we hear the Bread of Life Discourse. Jesus' words culminate by saying that "the one who feeds on me will have life because of me." Taking part in Eucharist is our unparalleled way to closer unity with Jesus. The more fully we get involved, the more we advance toward the promised eternal life. The Second Vatican Council called us to "Fully conscious and active participation in liturgy." How can you respond to this call? Make a plan...and also, look forward to **Bishop Barron's new course on the Mass** beginning at SFA in November!

URGENT MESSAGE!

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

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

2 First Grade Catechists

1 Second Grade Catechist

1 Third Grade Catechist

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.

High School Students College Students Needed...



As classroom aides in the PREP Program

Evening Session ~ 6:45-8:00PM.

If available, Please call Mrs. McBride at the rectory. 610-543-0848, ext. 118

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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

SFA: Stewardship-Faith in Action

Libation for Stewards: Sin and Tonic

During the summer months many people afford themselves the luxury of an 'adult beverage' in order to quench their thirst in response to the unrelenting humidity of the season. One choice is a simple mixture: Gin and Tonic. Recently it has become a 'trendy' drink. Experts weighed in that bartender innovation had a lot to do with the resurgence in this liquor. Often bartenders went back to the "classics" like gin. It so happens that gin is the most versatile spirit with which to mix. Thus, its adaptability enhances its popularity.

The Holy Spirit is the One with whom you, as a Christian steward, need to stir into your life in order to quench your deep spiritual thirst. The legacy dates back to the time of Our Lord. When Jesus took leave of His disciples, He said that He would pray that the Father would send them the Holy Spirit. "... (the Holy Spirit) He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you..." (John 14:26). The disciples needed the Holy Spirit to be reminded of what Jesus had said to them when He was on earth.

You are human, fallible and prone to the vagaries and temptations of this world. Christ understands you. Loves you for who you are and is always there for you. Therefore, when you fall prey to sin, Our loving Lord provides a refreshing and rejuvenating tonic. Not only does Jesus forgive you but he provides a never ending mystical libation to quench the deepest thirst of your heart and soul. He asks you to return to the classic Messenger of Hope, the Holy Spirit, a versatile Entity Who can adapt to any circumstance you have encountered and help you. Once you receive the Spirit you are made ready to perform your duties as God's devoted steward. Our Heavenly Father knows there is sin. However, He always provides the Tonic to restore and heal you.

All Are Welcome

Coming in September—Life in the Spirit Seminar
Following the Wild Goose Program

COME EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF GOD'S HEALING LOVE THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT...If you desire Peace, Healing and Contentment in a world that only gives confusion, COME and encounter the only true love our soul desires. "TASTE AND SEE THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD."

Thursdays--September 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25. Retreat Day—October 21 (Each session includes a time for fellowship with light refreshments.) Time: 7-8:30pm at the Holy Cross Parish Center. For more information or to register, send your name, phone number, and parish to discoveringchristianspringfield@gmail.com or call or text the Christlife information line: 215-531-3266 giving your name, parish, and email (if possible).

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. **PLEASE PAY FOR THIS TRIP ASAP!**

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.

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

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.

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.

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 BLESSED MOTHER

We fly to your protection, most holy Mother of God; please listen to our petitions and needs, and deliver us from all dangers, ever glorious and blessed Virgin Mary.

Mary, our model and mother, by your obedience and patience you have taught us how to be true children of God. Please help us by your powerful assistance to overcome all our weaknesses, and to fulfill perfectly our tasks in life.

By your compassionate aid may we ever stand in spirit with you beneath the cross of Christ so that we may also rejoice with you in your divine Son's triumphant victory over sin and death.

In your maternal kindness help us to be faithful to prayers in the company of God's Church as you were one with the Apostles in the upper room as you waited for the promised Spirit of Pentecost.

With your gracious assistance may we be near you in the glory of Christ's kingdom come to sing with you and all the faithful the eternal praise of God. Amen.

*O Mary, conceived without sin,
Pray for us who have recourse to you.*