

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, August 19, 2018

7:00AM Martin Thomas
 8:30AM Deacon Art McGuire
 10:00AM Deacon Thomas Woods
 11:30AM Marty Stenson

Monday, August 20, 2018

8:00AM Dorothy Bowers
 1:00PM ADORATION

Tuesday, August 21, 2018

8:00AM Elmer M. Giampaolo

Wednesday, August 22, 2018

8:00AM Tierney Family

Thursday, August 23, 2018

8:00AM Anna DeVirgiliis

Friday, August 24, 2018

8:00AM Elmer M. Giampaolo

Saturday, August 25, 2018

8:00AM Richard "Dack" Popdan (1st Anniversary)

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, August 26, 2018

7:00AM Dorothy and Frank Rafferty
 8:30AM Dolores Bernot
 10:00AM Deacon Art McGuire
 11:30AM Rocco Di Taranto



We received an update on the commencement of construction activities for the new Springfield High School. Work on the project is expected to begin this week with trailers, fencing and security/sound protection being installed around the construction area.

The air conditioning has been installed in our Primary School. The focus now is completing the installation work in the Upper School and Leonard Hall.

The Our Lady of Perpetual Help PREP program will be held at our school on Mondays for the upcoming school year. Please continue to pray for the school and parish communities as they recover from the fire at Our Lady of Angels School.

Enjoy the last few weeks of summer!

In Christ's Love,
Fr. Costa

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK



Baby Michael Farley	Shiloh Cronck	Baby Caroline Ferry
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		Susan Marcantonio

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.



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

This candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. For the Week of **August 19th**, the candle will burn in loving memory of **Charles Bevilacqua** as requested by **his wife, Betty**.



MEMORIAL FOR AUGUST 2018

BREAD and WINE
 The Herron and Valley Families

†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

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

Or call 484-432-1472

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



FOOD COLLECTION

Our monthly Food Drive will be starting up again in September. The food goes to help many needy families. The Food Collection will be the weekend of **September 8th & 9th**. Thank you!
God Bless!

Mr. Jeffrey P. Braconnier Regional Youth Minister
Mr. Braconnier's contact information: 610-544-8777 or
jbraconnier@stkevin.com

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 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.***

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 26th, 2018

Joshua 24: 1-2a, 15-17, 18b

In life we face many important choices, and today's readings illustrate some of them. "Decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served... or the gods of the Amorites?" What gods (internet, money, shopping, sports, food or drink, etc) do you not need to serve so you can say "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Ephesians 5:21-32

In the Letter to the Ephesians, Paul speaks about the foundational choice man and woman make when they commit themselves totally to each other. In their self-sacrificing love for each other in their marriage, we glimpse the depths of Christ's self-sacrificing love for the Church. Who have you offered ***self-sacrificing love*** to recently? How did you do this? Recall the glimpse of the depths of Christ's self-sacrificing love for the Church which you received.

John 6:60-69

Reflect on your own relationship and commitment to the Lord. In what ways are you able to confess with Peter: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

SFA: Stewardship-Faith in Action

Stewardship of Spirit not of Stone

It is not often that I visit the graves of my parents. The infrequency is not attributable to neglect or disrespect. There are the occasional visits and not even for the 'expected' days of Mother's or Father's Day. I wondered why I was not drawn to stop by the cemetery as many others do.

Over time, the answer came to me. In many respects Mom and Dad have never left me. It is rare that even a day goes by where either one or the other (or usually both) come up in thought, meditation or conversation. It seems as if I am always referring to them in one way or another. Dad's poetic flair. His devotion to God and family. His dry Irish wit. His persevering work ethic. Our shared love of baseball. With Mom it can be her 'Energizer Bunny' drive. Tackling life's reversals of fortune head-on. Packing large coolers full of sandwiches to take to Vet Stadium for games. Tirelessly getting birthdays and Christmases to come to full fruition. Her endless supply of 'Mary O' – isms; succinct, slices of sage advice that were short in length but packed with wisdom.

Mom and Dad are in my DNA physically. However, more importantly, they live on psychically and spiritually within me. It is as if they are in the very air I breathe. I also believe that it is not just me who is graced with this "aura of goodwill". I think of how many other countless lives were blessed by their presence while they walked upon this mortal coil and who still feel the impact of their good works.

It is fitting and good for us to memorialize those who have passed from this world with headstones and the like. But might it not be a more lasting, dare I say, everlasting testament to a person when he or she is no longer physically with us that it is an individual's legacy of faith, hope and love that remains enkindled in our minds and hearts?

When I think about it, this is another important aspect of stewardship. It is not something chiseled out of rock hard stone or marble. The loving legacy of a good steward, as my Mom and Dad both were, transcends the transient tributes of this fragile and finite world. To steal a line once again from 'Gladiator' 'What we do today echoes for all eternity.'

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

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 20 (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



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.

REMINDER: Trip to the Resorts Casino is tomorrow, August 20. The Bus leaves at 10AM.

UPCOMING TRIPS:

Casino Trips: (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.

NOVENA FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF HUMAN LIFE

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities is sponsoring a special novena. Each **Friday, between August 3rd and September 28th**, the standing weekly Call to Prayer will be adapted as a nine-week Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life. In addition to the current invitation to fast on Fridays, participants are encouraged to pray one *Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be* for the intention of this novena.

This initiative was prompted by the announcement earlier this summer that United States Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy would retire. Neither the Archdiocese of Philadelphia nor the USCCB supports or opposes the confirmation of any presidential nominee. However, given this historic moment, the U.S. bishops are **urging all people of good will** to pray that a change in the U.S. Supreme Court may move our nation closer to the day when every human being is protected in Law and welcomed in life.

For additional resources, please visit <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/take-action-now/call-to-prayer/legal-protection-of-human-life.cfm>.

"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.

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.wvme-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 Raphaella Retreat Center. Look for more information in August.

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.

1968 BONNER/PRENDIE JOINT CLASS REUNION PARTY **Saturday, November 17, 2018, 5-10PM.**

Springfield Country Club—Grand Fair Way Room, 400 W. Sproul Road, Springfield, Pa 19064. Call Tim Valentine at 610-446-4661 or Patti Grillo Kirkpatrick at 610-247-6509. Email: valtimcpa@verizon.net or soiree111@gmail.com.

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PRAYER OF SPOUSES FOR EACH OTHER



Lord Jesus, grant that I and my spouse may have a true and understanding love for each other. Grant that we may both be filled with faith and trust. Give us the grace to live with each other in peace and harmony. May we always bear with one another's weaknesses and grow from each other's strengths. Help us to forgive one another's failings and grant us patience, kindness, cheerfulness and the spirit of placing the well-being of one another ahead of self.

May the love that brought us together grow and mature with each passing year. Bring us both ever closer to You through our love for each other. Let our love grow to perfection.

Amen.