

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, August 26, 2018

7:00AM Dorothy and Frank Rafferty

8:30AM Dolores Bernot

10:00AM Deacon Art McGuire

11:30AM Rocco Di Taranto

Monday, August 27, 2018

8:00AM George Trout, Sr.

1:00PM ADORATION

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

8:00AM Carol Iacobucci

Wednesday, August 29, 2018

8:00AM Marie Valvardi

Thursday, August 30, 2018

8:00AM Frederick Mirarchi

Friday, August 31, 2018

8:00AM Barbara Clark

Saturday, September 1, 2018

8:00AM Leo A. Mullen, Jr.

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, September 2, 2018

7:00AM Theresa St. Leger

8:30AM Dorothy Fiore

10:00AM Marie Donnelly

11:30AM Rocco DiTaranto



The week of August 12th was so hard. The release of the Grand Jury report on August 14th regarding six dioceses in Pennsylvania is trying to read and painful for all of us. It is most intense for the survivors of clergy sexual abuse and their family and friends. We continue to pray for them and dedicate ourselves to make our parish a sanctuary where our children are safe and come to know how deeply God loves them.

As I write this on Tuesday, August 21st, it is another hard week. We had two funerals on Monday and another one today here at our parish. Tomorrow, August 22nd, is the funeral for Sue Marinari. Sue worked in our rectory, served as a cantor and lector, and volunteered for various events in the parish. She died suddenly. On Friday I will be going to Camp Hill for the funeral of another Sue who died suddenly. This Sue was a dedicated teacher and is the sister of one of my classmates from the seminary. Our families have become very close over these past 33 years. Please pray for all of them and their families.

May these words of Saint Katharine Drexel give us consolation as we face the sorrows together:

"I think you are all dearer to me now because we have all together endured a sorrow—and sorrow binds hearts together in holy love. I wonder why it is? Perhaps because it was under the cross Our Lord bound all our hearts to His, for there on the cross He obtained our great redemption. There He obtained the right for all hearts to enter into His open side...Let us stay all together in the Heart of Love, united as our sorrowing Lord desired and desires so vehemently."

In Christ's Love,
Fr. Costa

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE



This candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. For the Week of **August 26th**, the candle will burn in loving memory of **Geraldine LoPresti** as requested by **Mary Rieder**.



MEMORIAL FOR AUGUST 2018

BREAD and WINE

The Herron and Valley Families

†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†

Especially, Sue Marinari, Victoria Frattarola, Michael Venditto, Joan Franks

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



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

EMAIL: [Debbie Peterson at sfscripsales@gmail.com](mailto:Debbie.Peterson@sfscripsales@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!

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 2nd

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Jesus told us that the law of God is to be written upon our hearts. We are to obey Our Father's statutes, not out of fear, but love. Of those two emotions, love and fear, which one drives your adherence to God's Law more often?

James 1:17-18, 21B-22, 27

This reading admonishes each of us to not be passive when it comes to the Word. We are encouraged to be active participants and live it out by implementing it in our daily lives. Do you feel you are more often active or passive when it comes to inculcating the Word in your life?

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

"...This people honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me." How hard do those words hit home with you? Where have you seen this kind of attitude play out in real life? Is that the way you want to follow Jesus? In what ways have you been like a Pharisee in your relationship with the Lord?

JUST A REMINDER: ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE

Thank you for your generous donations to the breakfast collection for the homeless men. **Due to the Labor Day Holiday, we will NOT be collecting in September Our next collection will be October 7th .**

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 – Preschool Orientation- information had been sent 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**



TWILITE EVE OF PRAYER

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 4-9pm

AT THE RAPHAELA RETREAT CENTER

This Twilite Retreat offers people who cannot get away for a weekend retreat a chance to spend time away from the busy, hectic world to get their priorities in order, to relax, to find some peace.

The Sunday evening begins at 4PM with time for meditation before the Blessed Sacrament, dinner and ending before 9PM with the Sunday Liturgy. Raphaela Retreat Center provides a place for peaceful, quiet meditation to renew your relationship with the Lord.

Offering and Dinner cost: \$42.00. For reservations, call Dot at 610-328-0741. Reservations are closed September 10th.

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

All Are Welcome

Less than one month until the start of—**Life in the Spirit Seminar**, Following the *Wild Goose Program*
“TASTE AND SEE THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD”

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

There is still time to register.

Dates: **Thursdays--September 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25. Retreat Day—October 20**

(Each session includes a time for fellowship with light refreshments.)

Time: 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Location: Holy Cross Parish Center

For more info 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).

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK



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| 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 | Ryan Montgomery | 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 |
| Ron Fraatz | Susan Marcantonio | Rick Smedley, Sr. |

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.

LEGION OF MARY

Please join us on Saturday, September 8, to celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary with Mass at 8AM followed by Breakfast in Conway Hall.

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. 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 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.

SFA CYO is the recipient of the United Way under the Honor Option Plan. Your donation supports our activities for youth of our parish.

If you wish to support the CYO, please indicate:

CYO/ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI/SPRINGFIELD #7046 SFA CYO

ST. FRANCIS 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: (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!

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.

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.

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.

what's happenin'!

ST. FRANCIS CENTER FOR REHABILITATION AND HEALTH CARE

...Volunteers are needed to assist residents to devotions on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at St. Francis Nursing Home in Darby. If interested, please call Father John Gabin at 484-493-7173. If no answer, leave a message.

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.

SISTERS' NIGHT – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 6 - 9pm, Villa Maria House of Studies, 1140 W. King Rd., Malvern, PA 19355. Single young women ages 18-35 are invited to spend an evening of cookout, fun and prayer with the Immaculate Heart of Mary sisters, novices, and postulants. This is a great opportunity for young women who may be curious or thinking about a vocation to the religious life to spend some time informally with the IHM sisters.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT-SEPTEMBER 7, (6PM)-SEPTEMBER 9, (1PM), Villa Maria House of Studies, 1140 King Rd., Malvern, PA 19355. Experience a weekend retreat at the IHM Motherhouse with the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary sisters, novices, & postulants. Single young women ages 18-35 are invited to come for a weekend of prayer, spiritual conferences, meals, and times of recreation with the sisters. Daily Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, and Eucharistic adoration are included in our weekend retreat. Contact: 610-889-1553 or ihmvoc@gmail.com.

DIVORCED & SEPARATED *Surviving Divorce* is a Catholic ministry offering welcome, support, confidentiality and direction in navigating a most stressful, confusing and painful time. Topics: shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, the courts, the kids, the ex-spouse, annulment, dating, spirituality, remarriage and more. Whether you were divorced/separated 10 years ago or 10 days ago, the program offers valuable insight. Meetings begin **September 18** at St. Pius X. For more info, contact Mary Lou or Paul Butler, 610-316-3232 or mlpenn44@gmail.com.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP...St. Dorothy Parish offers an 8-week Bereavement Support Group to begin on **Tuesday, September 18, at 7:30PM** in the library (Church

Annex). All are welcome especially those who have lost a loved one during the past 6-36 months. There is an experienced group leader, on-site parking and no fee. Call Trish Sullivan at 610-789-7257 or Kathie McGonigal at 610-613-4014 for information or to register. St. Dorothy Church is located on Township Line Road (Rte 1) at Burmont Road, Drexel Hill, Pa.

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 info or to register, go to www.wwme-philly.org or call 484-393-1645.


SHROUD ENCOUNTER will be hosted at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church in West Chester on **Saturday September 29, 1:30pm**. This highly acclaimed dramatic visual experience examines the mystery of the Shroud of Turin like a CSI investigation; presented by **Russ Breault** an internationally recognized expert on the Shroud. Experience this fast paced 90 minute big screen encounter revealing and examining clues, exploring the science, history and mystery of the Shroud. Suitable for ages 12 and up. **Admission is \$10/ person on-line, \$15 at the door, under 16 free.** A self-guided tour of the **Man of The Shroud Exhibit** featuring a full size replica of the Shroud, and a 90 panel display of scientific and historical information will be open for free public viewing, see flyer for details. For tickets and additional info visit www.kofc11319.org or contact St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish Office at 610-399-6936.

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.

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A PRAYER OF THANKS

 Thank You, God, for the pleasures of summer, the bright sunny days and perfect moonlit evenings, the smells of mowed grass and air thick with rain. Thank You for days at the lake and evenings chasing fireflies, for vacations and festivals, picnics and cookouts, baseball and concerts and swimsuits and popsicles. Thank You for the fireworks of thunderstorms, for watermelon sweetness, for summer's pace and summer's grace, for all Your beauty and power, faithfulness and fruitfulness displayed in summer, Amen.