

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, September 2, 2018

7:00AM Theresa St. Leger

8:30AM Dorothy Fiore

10:00AM Marie Donnelly

11:30AM Rocco DiTaranto

Monday, September 3, 2018

8:00AM Susan Bova (4th Anniversary)

NO ADORATION~RECTORY CLOSED

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

8:00AM Deacon Art McGuire

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

8:00AM Rocco DiTaranto (1st Anniversary)

Thursday, September 6, 2018

8:00AM Sabina Friel

Friday, September 7, 2018

8:00AM Marie Donnelly

Saturday, September 8, 2018

8:00AM Donna Braunlinger

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, September 9, 2018

7:00AM Joseph and Anna Coccoli

8:30AM Ken Finsness

10:00AM Mr. and Mrs. Albert Baselice

11:30AM Rocco DiTaranto

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE



This candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. For the Week of **September 2nd**, the candle will burn in loving memory of **Rocco DiTaranto** as requested by **his wife and family**.



MEMORIAL FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

BREAD and WINE

The Power Family

†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†

Especially, Genevieve Abbott, Robert E. Moore

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



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

EMAIL: Debbie Peterson at dfascripsales@gmail.com

Or call 484-432-1472

ATTENTION: DUE TO LABOR DAY HOLIDAY, THERE ARE NO SCRIP SALES THIS WEEKEND

Many Catholic believers around the world are having a difficult time after the release of the Grand Jury Report and other information in the news about the priests and bishops of the Church who are responsible for the tragic and horrifying abuse of so many young children and teens over



many years. Reading that Archbishop Mc Carrick, one of the leaders of the Church in the United States, abused minors, seminarians and others who were vulnerable stirs feelings of warranted anger. Last weekend a letter from the Archbishop who is the former nuncio or representative of the Holy See to the United States was published accusing Pope Francis of knowing about Mc Carrick and making other accusations.

It is like a nightmare that will not end and so I worry about you. I worry about how this has hurt your faith and your trust in the Church in the past and shaken you now. A priest once said: "All too often, we priestly shepherds fall far short in our efforts to represent Jesus, the Good Shepherd, in leading God's People. Our personal sinfulness and our pastoral failures can seriously weaken the faith of our people."

The second reading this Sunday from the Letter of St. James invites us to "Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls."

Our first response to St. James is continued prayers for a healing of victims who have suffered any form of personal abuse. Please pray for those whose faith is damaged and whose trust in the Church has been broken because of the sins of the clergy in the abuse of young people.

Another response to St. James is protecting our children. We will continue to work together to ensure the safety of the children of our parish. We have almost 400 current volunteers for our school, PREP, CYO and all activities involving children who have received Safe Environment and Mandatory Reporter training programs to help them recognize, respond to, and report suspected abuse. Every volunteer receives this training. It is your commitment to keep our children safe that is so inspiring to me.

We feel the pain and hold it along with the hope and promise of this time of year. A new school term begins as children, teens, and adults return to class, and parish activities are revived after summer vacations. Our parish school will welcome about 285 students to begin this year! There is added excitement because air conditioning has been installed in both school buildings and Leonard Hall. We are grateful that this project will be completed as the construction activities for the new Springfield High School are underway. In all things may we: "Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls."

In Christ's Love,

Fr. Costa

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**.

FOOD COLLECTION

The food goes to help many needy families. The Food Collection will be the weekend of **September 8th & 9th**. Thank you! *God Bless!*

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**

URGENT MESSAGE!

The Parish Religious Education Program is in need of many volunteers for 2018-2019: Afternoon Session (4:30-5:45PM)

1 First Grade Catechists, 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

NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION

The Collection for the **Black and Indian Missions** will be held next weekend, **September 8th and 9th**. Thank you, in advance for your continued prayers and generosity.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 9th

Isaiah 35:4-7A

Recall the times in your life when you felt discouraged and/or in anguish. Nothing in this world provides relief. How do you respond during those periods? To Whom do you go as your bulwark of strength?

James 2:1-5

Ponder the ways in which you have shown partiality in regard to spiritual matters. In what manner have you fallen astray? How might you rectify this in the future?

Mark 7:31-37

You've probably heard the expression, 'Turning a deaf ear'. In what ways have you turned a 'deaf ear' in your faith life? How did the Lord restore your spiritual hearing; giving you true wisdom and a deeper faith?



**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.

All Are Welcome

Less than one month until the start of—**Life in the Spirit Seminar**, following the Wild Goose Program.

The apostles were fearful and hiding in the Upper Room until the Spirit came upon them and gave them the tools to spread the gospel near and far. Is your faith hiding in an upper room? Do you want the tools to proclaim your faith to others? To appreciate it more yourself? Then come to Life in the Spirit, starting on **Thursday, September 20th**.

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: 7~8:30 pm. Held at the 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).

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.

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

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 |
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| Jean Gallagher | Shealyn Mencil | Stephen Marchini |
| Ron Fraatz | 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.

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.



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
Jimmy Braconnier ~ Colin Butler ~ Liam Golden
Jake & John-Michael Bartivic ~ Nicholas & Stephen Peranteau
Sean Wallace ~ Anthony Del Vecchio ~ Shane Donnelly
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.

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.

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.

ST. FRANCIS OVER 50

The First meeting is Thursday, September 13. Flu Shots will be available before September 27 meeting.

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.

Our Officers for the coming year (Sept. 2018-June 2019):

President: James "Chuck" DiDio

Vice President: Claire Doyle

Secretary: Mary Ann Goers

Treasurer: Charles "Chappie" Casalnova

UPCOMING TRIPS:

Casino Trips: (9/17~Resorts) (10/15~Resorts) (11/19~Resorts) 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. THIS TRIP IS COMING THIS SATURDAY (9/8). Bus leaves at 10 am with boarding at 9:45 am.

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!

PRO-LIFE INFO...

Mothers' Home First Annual Gala Dinner & Fundraiser

Please join us for a wonderful night of dinner and dancing in support of the women and children of Mothers' Home. Meet and congratulate our honoree, Msgr. Ralph Chieffo, pastor of St. Mary Magdalen Parish, Media, PA, for his unwavering support of the Mother's Home.

Where: Drexelbrook Caterers, Drexel Hill, PA 19026

When: Friday, September 21, 7~11PM

Ticket Prices: \$85.00 per ticket / \$750.00 for table of 10
Tickets and sponsorships can be purchased at www.mothershome.myevent.com.

"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.

what's happenin'!

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Here's...

SEASONS OF HOPE

A faith-centered support group offering those in mourning an opportunity to come together to share God's love. With support of the faith community, we can give voice to our unique journeys of grief and find healing. Please join us on **Tuesday evenings, September 25th, October 2, 9, 16, and 23, and 30 in the Holy Cross Parish Center ~ 7PM. Sign-in at 6:45 (Meeting 1½ hours).**

For registration, please contact Margaret Mary McNicholas 610-324-2133 or at mmcnicholas@allstate.com.

For further information, contact Deacon Tim Baxter at 484-432-1872 or at tbaxter31@comcast.net.

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.

3rd ANNUAL POLISH HARVEST FESTIVAL at the TK Club at **521 East Hector Street** in Conshohocken on **Sunday September 30th**, Noon to 5 pm. This event will feature live Polka music from the Naturalistix Polka Band, delicious Polish food, a 50/50 drawing and other games of chance, a basket raffle, and baked goods for sale. Families are welcome, as there will be games for children with plenty of prizes! All the money raised by St. Mary Polish American Society will assist with the maintenance and upkeep costs for St. Mary's Church as it begins its new life as an apostolate for the Fraternity of St. Peter.

Admission is \$10 in advance and \$15 on the day of the event. Admission for children is \$7 each and free for children under the age of 6. While the discounted admission price is available until the day before the event, we would appreciate if people could purchase their tickets by Wednesday September 19th so we can purchase the correct amount of food. For tickets, please email stmaryconshy@gmail.com or call Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861.

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.

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.

ST. PIUS X CLASS OF 1968 50TH REUNION – Friday, November 2, 2018, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Barnaby's in Havertown. If you are interested in attending, please e-mail Bob Levi (rlevi117@verizon.net) or Donna Messa Bucciarelli (dmb0804@comcast.net).

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A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests; for Your unfaithful and tepid priests; for Your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for Your tempted priests; for Your lonely and desolate priests; for Your young priests; for Your dying priests; for the souls of Your priests in purgatory.

But above all I recommend to You the priests dearest to me; the priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way.

O Jesus, keep them all close to Your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen.