

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Monday, September 10, 2018

8:00AM John Gainvittorio

1:00PM ADORATION

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

8:00AM Vincent and Carmela Conforti

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

8:00AM Edward Murphy

Thursday, September 13, 2018

8:00AM Jay Pollard

Friday, September 14, 2018

8:00AM Evan Lennon (4th Anniversary)

Saturday, September 15, 2018

8:00AM Dolores Bernot

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, September 16, 2018

7:00AM Thomas Smolik

8:30AM Deacon Art McGuire

10:00AM Carol Kane

11:30AM Rocco DiTaranto

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 16th

Isaiah 50:5-9A

Meditate upon moments in your life when you felt beaten, broken and betrayed? Perhaps, even a bit like Our Lord, in that the betrayal was by those whom you felt you could trust implicitly. Think as to how you came to the reaffirmation that it is the Lord God Who is your true, immutable refuge and not any human being or institution.

James 2:14-18

Reflect upon the power of this passage. Meditate upon how shallow faith is when it is not backed up by works. Ponder how this hearkens to what our parents taught us, "Actions speak louder than words."

Mark 8:27-35

To what degree would you embrace rejection in order to follow the Lord's will?



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.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE



This candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. For the Week of September 9th, the candle will burn in loving memory of Mary Laver as requested by her sister, Dorothy Stetyick.

MEMORIAL FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

BREAD and WINE
The Power Family



†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†

Especially, Rick Smedley, Sr.

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



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

EMAIL: Debbie Peterson at dfscripsales@gmail.com

Or call 484-432-1472

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

HOPE IN CHRIST:

SPIRITUAL SUPPORT FOR ADDICTIONS

"I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security."

~Jeremiah 33:6

Seeking solace and spiritual support in the journey towards recovery? Many local parishes are offering ways to experience Christ's extended hand of love and mercy in your time of need. Find Catholic resources for addiction for you or your loved one at archphila.org/hope.

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.

Mr. Jeffrey P. Braconnier Regional Youth Minister

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

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 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:

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**.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS:

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

PRESCHOOL – Green Gym shorts and tee shirts

GIRLS:

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

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

BOYS:

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

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

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

Thank you! Can't wait for your return!



URGENT MESSAGE!

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

1 First Grade Catechist, and 3 Aides (for evening session 6:45-8PM)

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

Life in the Spirit Seminar following the Wild Goose Program

Do you want the tools to proclaim your faith to others? Do you want these tools? Do you really appreciate your own faith enough to share it with others?

Come and see! Come and hear!

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).

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK



Baby Michael Farley	Baby Caroline Ferry	
	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	Ryan Montgomery	Christopher Biddle
Charles Casanova	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	

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

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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2018

Daughters OF THE KING

Join us for a day of friendship, prayer and growth in your faith at the 2018 Catholic Women's Conference. This year's theme is "**Daughters of the King**" and the day will be devoted to helping women discover their foundational identity as daughters of the King of Heaven and Earth. **Saturday, October 27, 2018, 9am-4pm**, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. Talks will be offered in English, Spanish and American Sign Language. A mid-September sellout is expected. Register today at: www.catholicwomensconference.org.

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. Our first meeting in the fall will be on **Wednesday, September 26**. We will be discussing our two summer reading books and the September selection.

September

The Power of Pause by Terry Hershey

This book offers 52 weekly readings divided by seasons. For September we will read numbers 36 to 40 (some of late summer and early autumn.)

October

One Thousand Gifts by Ann Voskamp

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. All are welcome.

PRO-LIFE GROUP MEETING

Please join us for our joint monthly Pro-life Group Meeting on **Wednesday, September 12, at 7 PM** at Holy Cross Rectory, 651 E. Springfield Rd., Springfield, PA 19064.

Your prayers and suggestions are most welcome.

For more information, please call Phyllis Heppard at 484-472-8020, Regina Scheerer at 610-328-2463 or Lori Cotterall at 610-328-6054.

Jesus, protect and save the unborn.

MOTHER'S HOME FUNDRAISER

Mother's Home, a shelter for pregnant women, is holding its inaugural fundraiser dinner on **Friday, September 21st, 7PM** at Drexelbrook, Drexel Hill, Pa. Tickets: \$85/person, \$75pp with table of 10. Dinner and dancing. Register at www.Mothershome.org. Sponsors and Ads 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.

ST. FRANCIS OVER 50

The first meeting is this Thursday Sept. 13. The dues (\$6) are to be paid at this meeting. The doors to Leonard Hall are open at 12:30 pm and the meeting starts at 1:15 pm. Come early to sign up. Since it is the first meeting, we will have a continental brunch of cream cheese and bagels plus coffee and tea to welcome you. Tickets for pizza day (Oct. 11) will be on sale. The theme for pizza day is Halloween. Flu shots will be available before the meeting (12:30 pm) on Sept. 27. Have the necessary information.

UPCOMING TRIPS:

Casino Trips: (9/17~Resorts) Reminder: This trip has to be paid prior to the first meeting. (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.

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.

For Rosaries: call Claire Doyle at 610-604-0160

For Membership: call Betty Pote at 610-544-7570

The club is non-denominational and all are welcome

Consider joining in September. We have so much fun!

The Club wishes all grandparents



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'!

OLPH ALL CLASS REUNION on **Sunday September 30, 2018**. Mass at 11:30 followed by a reception at the Heritage Ballroom from 1:30-4:30, featuring buffet, 3hr open bar, music, Eagles game and more! Cost: \$40 pp/\$75 a couple. All proceeds will be donated to Our Lady of Angels Regional Catholic School. For more info or to buy tickets contact Joanne Bitzberger Falcone '76 at 484-686-7946.

THE CATHOLIC TENT REVIVAL, Sunday, October 7th from 12 noon to 7:30 PM on the grounds of Malvern Retreat House. This is a FREE event for individuals and families endorsed by Archbishop Charles Chaput. Under a gigantic 1,000 person tent, Mass will be celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Timothy Senior, Rosary in conjunction with The National Rosary Crusade, confessions in the field, adoration, and a national line-up of speakers including Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Jesse Romero, Fr. James Blount and Johnnette Benkovic. Music by Teresa Peterson and her band, and Marty Rotella, a 3-time Grammy nominee. Lay witnesses by Kathleen McCarthy and Jennifer Hubbard. FREE parking at Radnor Hunt Club w/shuttle buses all day. Food trucks. Inspirational teaching and music by the Donut man for children under 10 years of age. We are encouraging registration at www.malvernretreat.com or by calling (610)644-0400.

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.

MSGR. BONNER HIGH SCHOOL-A SPECIAL ALUMNI REUNION for the Founding Classes of '57, '58, and '59. The Reunion will be held at Springfield Country Club on **Saturday, September 29, 2018** from 12N-4PM. If you are one, or know of someone else, please contact Mrs. Georgine Rickards at Msgr. Bonner HS at 610-259-0280.

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).

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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A PRAYER FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR



Dear Lord, as we begin this new school year, we gather once again as your community of believers. We thank You for the energy and the spirit that you renewed in us through the summer months. We thank you for the time to enjoy our family and friends and to reflect on what is important in our lives.

Let this year be marked by enthusiasm and love so that, with the inspiration of your Spirit, we may continue to grow in our faith.

Help us to fulfill Your hope for us with honest intentions and works of faith. Let us be gentle with ourselves and bring laughter, joy and love to others. We ask this in your name. Amen."