

## FIRST SUNDAY UNIVERSE

Sunday, December 2, 2018

7:00AM Frank Magee, Sr.

8:30AM Joseph Conner

10:00AM Deacon Art McGuire

11:30AM Helen Grinnan

Monday, December 3, 2018

8:00AM Joseph Clapper

1:00PM ADORATION

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

8:00AM Daniel V. McGarvey, Jr.

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

8:00AM Joseph Clapper

Thursday, December 6, 2018

8:00AM Mickey Russell

Friday, December 7, 2018

8:00AM Joseph Clapper

9:30AM Deceased Members of the  
St. Francis Memorial Fund

7:00PM Benny Augello

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception,**

**December 8, 2018**

8:00AM Sally Schneider

10AM Maureen Thomas

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, December 9, 2018

7:00AM Joseph McGovern Hoegan

8:30AM Bonnie Sell

10:00AM Deacon Art McGuire

11:30AM Marty Stenson



The Advent Season is a unique time of preparation for the celebration of Christmas and also for Jesus' coming at the end of time. Saint Bernard spoke of

three comings of the Lord: "The intermediate coming is a hidden one...In his first coming our Lord came in our flesh and in our weakness; in this middle coming he comes in spirit and in power; in the final coming he will be seen in glory and majesty. Because this (middle) coming lies between the other two, it is like a road on which we travel from the first coming to the last. In the first, Christ was our redemption; in the last, he will appear as our life; in this middle coming, he is our rest and consolation."

May the time of Advent be one of prayer and reflection about the gifts of faith, hope and love that are our true joy. *The Word Among Us* is a great resource for prayer with Scripture and daily meditations. You are invited to take a copy from Church and use during Advent. If you are not with us at Mass each weekend please consider this time to come back to our family in Christ. Our Lord invites us to come to Him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation as we prepare to celebrate the miracle of Christmas. If it has been some time since you have experienced God's love and mercy in this Sacrament, allow the words of the angel to the shepherds announcing the birth of Jesus to be in your heart: "Do not be afraid".

In Christ's love,  
Fr. Costa

### 2018 DAY OF SANCTIFICATION FOR PRIESTS

The priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia assemble each year for a day of prayer and reflection on the Sacred Priesthood. This year our priests will gather with Archbishop Chaput at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary on Monday, December 3rd, for the *2018 Day of Sanctification for Priests*. Please pray for all priests of the Archdiocese, especially this weekend and Monday, with the following prayer from the *Roman Missal*:

*Lord our God, who in governing Your people, make use of the ministry of Priest, grant to these men a persevering obedience to Your will, so that by their ministry and life they may gain glory for You in Christ, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen*

### 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 **December 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you!  
*God Bless!*



### BEST ADVENT EVER!

Sign up at [DynamicCatholic.com/SignUp](http://DynamicCatholic.com/SignUp)  
to have the best Advent Ever!

Starting **December 2<sup>nd</sup>**, the first Sunday of Advent, you can begin receiving daily emails with short inspirational videos, practical tips to incorporate into your everyday life, and real-life stories to encourage your faith journey. During Advent, you will discover how to slow down and focus on what really matters in preparing for Christmas.

### THE SANCTUARY CANDLE



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

### MEMORIAL FOR DECEMBER 2018

BREAD ~ Frank Krewson

WINE ~ Mary P. Price



†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†

*Especially, Jack Kline, Linda Marandola, Dion Elentrio*

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



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

Debbie Peterson at [sfascriptsales@gmail.com](mailto:sfascriptsales@gmail.com) call 484-432-1472

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

### ENVELOPE PRINTING ERROR

In your packet of contribution envelopes there is an error on the Christmas Remembrance Envelope. Please disregard the "Easter Mass Remembrance" on the left side. Your donation will be for Christmas 2018.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK**



Baby Michael Farley	7 y/o Lexi Cable	Baby Caroline Ferry
Shiloh Cronck		14 y/o Evan Farrington
Timothy Duke	Dominic Rosini	Gino Francisco
Meghan Rauchut	Diane Colgan	Marjorie Silli
Isabella Carullo	Emilee Serrano	Carrie Serrano
Mag Post	Robby Wonder	Bill Colgan
Pam Flood	Susan Marcantonio	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	John Conforti	Colleen Minnis
Bob Iatesta	Phyllis Dunn	Violet McGeevor
Nicole Vela Small	Thomas Nolan	Terri DeSantis
Diana Nardello	Ryan Montgomery	Christopher Biddle
Alan Lauer	Robert Busch	Barry Hill
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	Beth McCarron	Mary Benedetti
William Teste	John Peters	Jon Grady
Jean Gallagher	Lauren McRae	Stephen Marchini
Kathleen Mullin	Ralph Feindt	Marty Meenan
Stephen Spence	Henry Gray	Laura Howarth

*If you have someone you would like prayed for, OR have removed from prayer list, please email Joan Curtis at [sfabulletin@hotmail.com](mailto:sfabulletin@hotmail.com) or call the Rectory at 610-543-0848. Thank you for your prayers.*

**BREAKING OPEN THE WORD**

**Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 9th**

**Baruch 5:1-9**

In today's reading, Baruch encourages us to rejoice in the splendor of God, even when our enemies lead us astray. God promises to bring us back to Him with mercy and justice. How difficult is it to rejoice in the midst of turmoil? How can you remind yourself not to fall into despair while waiting for God's mercy and justice?

**Philippians 1 :4-6, 8-11**

Paul offers a simple prayer for the early Christians, petitioning them to continually increase their knowledge, perception and discernment of Christian love. Is there someone in your life that needs you to pray for them in this way? Develop a plan to include them in your daily prayers.

**Luke 3:1-6**

Has there been a "John the Baptist" in your life? How did he/she help prepare your heart for Christ? Reflect on your gratitude for them.

**BABYSITTING DURING MASS**

Babysitting is available during the 8:30-10:00 Mass. Babysitting is now taking place in the *Pre-school room of St. Francis School*. Please enter by the gate to the little playground. Infants to age 4 years old are welcome. No registration is necessary.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL THANKS YOU!**



We want to thank all of those who donated to the "Thanksgiving Dinner Collection." The following were donated: **\$1,315.00 in money, 18 bags of food (trimmings) and 18 Turkeys!**

After filling all of our parish needs, we delivered the rest to the St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Cupboard at Darby BVM. We want to thank all those who volunteered to work on the collection, as well as our CYO, under the leadership of Jim Larkin for their contributions. With Christmas coming shortly, if you know of anyone in need, please let the rectory know. We expect to get several Ham Dinners from the Brinker Co. at O'Hara High School for Christmas.

**GREENDROP CLOTHING PICKUP**

Donate your gently used CLOTHING every **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**THE GIVING TREE**



Once again, we have adopted 35 families from St. Martin de Porres parish in North Philadelphia for our parish Christmas giving. Please take a tag from the tree and purchase a gift for the name specified on the ornament.

Please wrap the gift and tape the tag securely on the package. We have also included tags suggesting gift certificates to a supermarket, Kohl's, Target, Toys 'R Us and Walmart. Place the gift under the tree after any Mass. **The last day to return your present is Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. We will bag them on Friday December 14<sup>th</sup>.**

Individuals, couples, and families are asked *to call the rectory to sign up* if they wish to be part of the **delivery of the gifts on Sunday, December 16th**. We will leave from the parish library at 8:30AM to deliver the gifts and join Father Steven Thorne and his parish for their 10:00AM Gospel Choir Mass. Participants are asked to bring a gallon of orange juice and a dozen donuts. 610-543-0848 ext. 118.

**MOM'S FAITH SHARING GOSPEL**

**REFLECTION GROUP**

**ADVENT 2018**

Are you looking for ways to connect your faith with Advent in a more meaningful way? Come out to the Mom's Faith Sharing Group to take time to reflect upon the weekly Gospel readings, Advent ideas and fellowship with other moms. We are also going to coordinate service opportunities as well! All our women are welcome!

**Meeting Dates: 12/5 ~ Conway Hall 7PM**

**12/12 ~ Library 7PM**

**12/19 ~ Library 7PM**

For more information, please contact Helen at [hedowns@aol.com](mailto:hedowns@aol.com) or Mary at [mary.letourneau521@gmail.com](mailto:mary.letourneau521@gmail.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 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](mailto:anitagalligan1@verizon.net) or Beth McCarthy at [mccarthy9022@aol.com](mailto:mccarthy9022@aol.com)

*Family Rosary group meets at 7pm in the church. Families and individual parishioners of all ages are all welcome to join us!*

### **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  
Anthony Del Vecchio ~ Shane Donnelly  
Jesse and Chase Stewart ~ Shawn McConaghy

*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.*

### **WHITE ELEPHANT THRIFT SHOP**

There are many ideas for Christmas gifts available at the shop. Come in and we know you will find that special gift. The shop also sells trees, lights, and a variety of indoor and outdoor decorations. The store is open on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9:00 – 2:00PM. The store accepts donations on those days from 9:00 – 1:00PM. As a reminder – do not leave items outside the shop. Too many have been damaged by weather and have to be discarded. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **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 [www.archphila.org/hope](http://www.archphila.org/hope)

### **WEEKLY MEN'S GROUP AT SFA**

Weekly Men's Group meets here at St. Francis every **Saturday, 7-8AM** in "Conway Conference Room" (building behind Church). Experience the power of investing one hour a week with men who share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, grandfathers, leaders, followers, sons and friends. Free material is supplied. For more info, call Rob Longo 610.544.2103.

### **FLAME OF LOVE CENACLE at ST. FRANCIS**

The parish Cenacle Group meets each **Monday at 1:30PM in the Church** for Adoration and the Rosary. Join us to pray for priests, the dying, the souls in purgatory and for our parish. All are welcome.

### **LEGION OF MARY**

The Legion of Mary presidium, called Our Lady Queen of Peace, meets every **Thursday evening at 7:00PM**, in Conference Room 'A' of the Rectory basement. We welcome those interested in becoming members and auxiliary members. Members do two hours a week of good work for the parish; auxiliary members pray for the universal Church and the intentions of the Blessed Mother. Come and see what you can do for Our Lady.

### **PRO-LIFE INFO...**

#### **SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PRAYER PROGRAM**

##### ***Second Month***

Your spiritually adopted baby is growing very quickly. They are now 1 ¼ inches long and weigh 1/30 of an ounce. But if they were to keep growing all 9 months as fast as they grow during the second month, they would weigh 14 TONS at birth! Luckily, the growth rate slows down dramatically so that they will probably weigh somewhere between 7 and 8 pounds at birth. All internal organs, their heart, stomach, liver and kidneys, are present and beginning to work. Brain waves have been recorded at 40 days. Your baby's finger prints are formed and will never change except for size.

#### **SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PRAYER**

**Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child whom I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.**

#### **MONTHLY JOINT PRO-LIFE MEETING**

Please join us at our monthly Pro-life meeting on **Wednesday, December 5**, at 7 PM at Holy Cross Parish Center, located behind the school in the parking lot. Your prayers and suggestions are most welcome.

*Jesus, protect and save the unborn.*

#### **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE DINNER**

Please join us for the annual pro-life Our Lady of Guadalupe Dinner on **Wednesday, December 12**, at St. Pius X Parish in Broomall. Mass is 5:15 PM at St. Pius Church followed by dinner at 6 PM in the school auditorium. Guest speaker is Brett Atterby, President of Heroic Media. Ticket cost is \$30 each or \$200 for table of 10. For tickets or more information, please call Lori Cotterall at 610-328-6054. Proceeds benefit crisis pregnancy centers in our area.

#### **"PRO-LIFE" LINES"**

Crisis Pregnancy Resource hotline: 610-626-4006.

Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion healing: 877-HOPE-4-ME

[www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

A Baby's Breath 24-hour hotline: 484-580-6436,

[www.ababysbreath.org](http://www.ababysbreath.org).

Delaware County Pregnancy Center: [www.dcpchester.org](http://www.dcpchester.org).

Mother's Home: 610-583-HOME, [www.mothershome.org](http://www.mothershome.org).

Pro-Life Union of Delaware County: 610-789-LIFE,

[www.prolifedelco.org](http://www.prolifedelco.org).

## ST. FRANCIS OVER 50



The meeting is this Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. The doors to Leonard Hall are open at 12:30PM and the meeting begins at 1:15PM. We will be celebrating our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! It will be a festive meeting for MEMBERS ONLY. All members are encouraged to attend. **REMINDER:** This is the last meeting to purchase Tickets for the Christmas Luncheon (Dec. 13) at Drexelbrook. Members may invite guests.

### UPCOMING TRIPS:

**REMINDER:** The trip to Hunterdon Hills is tomorrow, Monday, December 3. Bus leaves at 9AM.

**Casino Trips:** (12/10~Resorts) (1/21~Resorts) Cost: \$23 with a return of \$25 in slot play. Bus leaves at 10AM. Call Bob Hodgson at 610-449-2956.

**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!*

### WELCOME NEWLY BAPTIZED!

We welcome into God's family and into our Parish family those who have been baptized in *November*:



Andrew Michael Brady  
Olivia Paige Zagursky  
Emerson Jane Acchione  
Trevor Drew Amis  
Alana Grace Dutton  
Mila Rose Geller  
Isabella Lauren Golato  
Jack Michael Golato  
Andrew Nicholas Addeo  
Thomas Dennis Corbett  
Jace Tyler Johnson  
Isla Aurora Flounders  
Nolan Christopher Greller  
Braeden Kevin McCaffrey  
Shane William Sheridan  
Lawrence Stevenson Babeuf

*May the Lord bless their families  
and keep them close to Him.*

## **what's happenin'!**

**MALVERN RETREATS:** December 3: *An Evening of Reflection with Heather Makowicz*, certified spiritual director. Allowing Jesus to Come Close is the theme for this new retreat evening for men and women. To register go to [www.malvernretreat.com/calendar](http://www.malvernretreat.com/calendar) or call 610-644-0400

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY** Tuesday, December 4, 5PM featuring a live nativity scene and musical performance. (At the horseshoe in front of Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital). Santa Clause will be available from 5:30-6:30PM. Please bring a camera for photos with Santa. All attendees will receive a special gift, refreshment will be served in the Gift Shop Lobby. (in case of rain, gather on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Medical Office Bldg instead of outside).

**CAROL NIGHT AT THE MANSION** Wednesday, December 12, 7-8:30PM, at the IHM Conference Center, 401 S. Bryn Mawr Ave., Bryn Mawr, Pa. Evening includes prayer, reflection, scripture readings, and caroling throughout the mansion in its Advent/Christmas setting. Light refreshments and conversation will follow. (Free will donation to support our ministry of spiritual hospitality will be appreciated). Please call or email to register, call 610-581-0120 or email [ihmconferencecenter@gmail.com](mailto:ihmconferencecenter@gmail.com).

**MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER CLUB** (AGES 52-66) Catholic men & women are cordially invited to join to share common interests & dine together twice a month. Scheduled events: **Sun., Dec 9**, 5:30pm, a Christmas Restaurant Event at The Choice Restaurant located at 845 W. Lancaster Ave., Bryn Mawr. **Mon., Dec. 31**, Our New Year's Eve Restaurant Event at 9pm, at Stephen's On State Restaurant, located at 105 W. State St., Media. More info call Barb (610) 896-6542.

**IMMACULATA SYMPHONY PRESENTS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT** The Immaculata Symphony will hold their annual Christmas Concert on **Sunday, December 2, 3pm** in Alumnae Hall on Immaculata University's campus. Members of the Immaculata University chorale, led by Dorina Morrow, will join the Immaculata Symphony, conducted by music director Joseph Gehring, for the concert. They will perform holiday favorites, traditional Christmas songs, as well as sing-alongs for the audience to enjoy. The cost for the Christmas Concert is \$10 for general admission and free for children under the age of 12. More information and tickets are available online at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)

**CEMETERY BLANKETS** The Holy Cross KOC #15482 will be holding their Annual Cemetery Blanket Sale. Price will be \$22.00 per blanket. As we did last year we are also going to be selling 22/24" Door Wreaths w/Bow as well. Wreaths are \$23.00 each. To place an order you can call, text or e-mail Andy Grajek @ 610-761-9020 or [gfrandy@juno.com](mailto:gfrandy@juno.com) and leave your name, phone number & the amount of blankets/wreaths that you wish to order. Please leave your contact information. There will also be order forms on the tables in the vestibules of Holy Cross Church throughout the sale. If you contact me by e-mail, I can also send you a form electronically. Checks/orders can be sent by mail. Make checks payable to: Holy Cross K.O.C. #15482. Checks can be mailed to: Cemetery Blankets, c/o Andy Grajek, 492 Indian Rock Dr., Springfield PA 19064. Cemetery blankets will be available for pick up in the Holy Cross School Parking Lot on **Saturday, 12/08** from 8:30am until 11:00am.

**WIGILIA ADVENT SOCIAL** - St. Mary's Hall (at the corner of Elm and Oak Streets in Conshohocken) **Sunday December 16** at 12:30 pm (following the 11 am Mass).

This event is co-sponsored by St. Mary's Quasi-Parish and St. Mary Polish American Society and will feature some of the traditional foods enjoyed at a Polish Christmas Eve Wigilia. There will also be a basket raffle, blessed opłatki wafers available to take home, and pre-ordered babka and pierogi available for pick-up. Admission is \$15 and \$6 for children 18 or under. Family rate of \$45.00 for larger families (parents & children). Pre-ordered cinnamon and

cheese babka are available for \$15 each and frozen potato pierogi are available for \$9 a dozen. To purchase tickets for the Wigilia Advent Social and order babkas and pierogi, please email [stmaryconshy@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryconshy@gmail.com) or call Dorothy Swedkowski at 610-630-0861.

**ATTENTION LADIES:** Do you or any ladies you know need hair care at your home? I offer all services. Color, cut, perm or just a weekly blowout. I have been in the business over 25 years. I have all supplies for all your needs. I have been a lifetime Springfield resident. Don't hesitate to reach out! Call Stacey Godsey at 610-246-9441.

**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 **2<sup>nd</sup> 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!

**ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER AT RAPHAEL CENTER**  
**Dec 5, 2018: 8:30am-3:30pm.** The prophet Isaiah looked forward to the "anointed one" who would come to bring good news to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted, to release captives, and to set prisoners free. As we make our journey through Advent we continue the work of the Prince of Peace by announcing the Good News that God has not forgotten his people. So, we seek healing and forgiveness for the wounds within us and in our world. Highlights of the day: Presentations by Fr. McIsaac, SJ; Personal time for prayer and reflection; Communal sharing; Sacrament of reconciliation; Celebration of the Eucharist with African purification ritual. Cost: \$45. Registration: Please register online ([www.straphaelcenter.org](http://www.straphaelcenter.org)) or call St. Raphael Center at 610-642-5715.

**COME AND SEE WEEKENDS** A Come and See Weekend is a perfect opportunity for men who are considering a vocation to come to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary to see what seminary life is like and explore the possibility of their own call to the priesthood. This is an ideal retreat for someone who is actively pursuing a call to the priesthood. It is also a great opportunity for a man who has been evangelized to explore the possibility of a call to the priesthood! The weekend includes reflections on the priesthood, vocation stories from seminarians, Liturgy of the Hours, Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. Come and See Weekends are scheduled for high school men and post-high school men on separate weekends. To learn more, or to register for a particular weekend, visit [www.heedthecall.org/comeandsee.com](http://www.heedthecall.org/comeandsee.com) or contact the Vocation office at 610-667-5778.

<b><u>HIGH SCHOOL MEN</u></b>	<b><u>POST-HIGH SCHOOL MEN</u></b>
<b>Dec. 8-9, 2018</b>	<b>Jan. 18-20, 2019</b>
<b>Jan. 26-27, 2019</b>	<b>Feb. 22-24, 2019</b>
<b>Feb. 16-17, 2019</b>	<b>Mar. 29-31, 2019</b>

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The following dates are **DEADLINES** for the upcoming Holiday Bulletins. Thank you in advance for your cooperation! Send all bulletin requests to Joan Curtis at [sfabulletin@hotmail.com](mailto:sfabulletin@hotmail.com).

- Bulletin 12/23: Due 12/13 by 4PM**
- Bulletin 12/30: Due 12/19 by 4PM**
- Bulletin 1/6/19: Due 12/26 by 4PM**

**PRAYER TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER**

 Take my hand, O Blessed Mother. Hold me firmly lest I fall. I grow nervous while walking and humbly on thee call. Guide me over every crossing; watch me when I'm on the stairs. Let me know that you're beside me. Listen to my fervent prayers. Bring me to my destination, safely along the way. Bless my every undertaking and my duties for the day. And when evening creeps upon me, I'll never fear to be alone. Once again, O Blessed Mother, take my hand and lead me home. Amen.