

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 9, 2018

7:00AM Joseph McGovern Hoegan

8:30AM Bonnie Sell

10:00AM Deacon Art McGuire

11:30AM Marty Stenson

Monday, December 10, 2018

8:00AM Betty McCarron

1:00PM ADORATION

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

8:00AM John J. Burke (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

8:00AM Edward Murphy

Thursday, December 13, 2018

8:00AM Salvatore Bilotti (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

7PM Christmas Tableau

Friday, December 14, 2018

8:00AM Maureen McGowan

Saturday, December 15, 2018

8:00AM Joseph Baj (7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, December 16, 2018

7:00AM Augustine and Thomas Smolik

8:30AM Emidio and Natalia Galie

10:00AM Deacon Thomas Woods

(1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

11:30AM Frank McKnight

### THE SANCTUARY CANDLE



This candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. For the Week of **December 9th**, the candle will burn in memory of the **Napoli Family** as requested by **Louise Kline**.



### MEMORIAL FOR DECEMBER 2018

BREAD ~ Frank Krewson

WINE ~ Mary P. Price

†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†

*Especially,*

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



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

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

### HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES:

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

### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE



All are invited to 'prepare the way of the Lord' by attending our Advent Penance Service on **Wednesday, December 19 at 7:00PM at St. Kevin's Church**. Several priests will be present to hear confessions and extend the love and forgiveness of God as we wait to celebrate the Feast of Christmas. Be a disciple of Jesus by 'reaching out' in love and compassion and invite someone you know (spouse, child, neighbor, co-worker) who has been away from the Church and the Sacraments to attend the Penance Service with you and 'Come Home for Christmas.'

### CHRISTMAS TABLEAU



Please join us on **Thursday, December 13 at 7:00PM** in Church as our St. Francis of Assisi School children present the beautiful story of Jesus' birth. Come in and find the peace and beauty that Advent has to offer. All are welcome!

### 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 McGeever        |
| 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          |
| Frank Canavan       | Joy Van Berg          | Louis Farese           |

*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.*

### ATTENTION: 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.

## **BREAKING OPEN THE WORD**

Third Sunday of Advent ~ December 16th

### **Zephaniah 3:14-18A**

Chase away your fears by reflecting on today's First Reading and purposefully pull strength from it.

### **Philippians 4: 4-7**

Paul encourages us to ask for God's help with petition and thanksgiving. If we do this, Paul says, we will be rewarded with the "peace that surpasses all understanding." What is your favorite petition prayer?... Your favorite thanksgiving prayer?

### **Luke 3:10-18**

John the Baptist advises us to share our possessions with those in need. Are you aware of anyone who is in need right now? How can you share what you have with them? Try to do it anonymously!

## **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 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:** 12/12 ~ 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).

## **THREE PARISH EVANGELIZATION TEAM**

St. Francis ~ St. Kevin ~ Holy Cross

*All Are Welcome*

## **ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR WAYS TO BECOME CLOSER TO JESUS?**

Listen to the experiences of your fellow parishioners, any time, but especially this weekend of **December 8-9**. Like these, your neighbors, you do not have to look very far. Right here in our parish we have...

**Eucharistic Adoration every Monday from 1 to 8 pm.**

Marian activities including a Legion of Mary Praesidium and a Flame of Love Cenacle.

**A Weekly Men's Group**

Several weekly Bible Study groups

**A Mom's Faith Sharing Group**

A Family Rosary Group

**Small Church Communities to study the Sunday gospels during Lent...**

*And more...*

Coming up there will be the **Bishop Barron** presentation on the **Eucharist** ...and in the Spring...

**Life in the Spirit (part II)**

And, **formed.org**—online resources, **free** to all parishioners!

**JUST LOOK AROUND AND LISTEN & PARTICIPATE**

## **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 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month in Conway Hall at 7:30PM.



## **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 at 7pm** (**PLEASE NOTE: we will not meet on Wednesday, December 26. Our next meeting will be on January 2, 2019**) in the Parish Center of Holy Cross Church. At each meeting, we not only discuss the selected book(s) but also offer suggestions of books we personally enjoyed. You need not have read the month's selection to attend. We would love to have you join us for refreshments and conversation!

**DECEMBER: The Witness of Early Christian Women** by Mike Aquilina.

**JANUARY: The Twelve** by Bernard Ruffin

*For more information, please call Angie Hominy at 610- 328-1054.*



## WHITE ELEPHANT CHRISTMAS SALE



Our one-half price sale for all Christmas items will take place on **12/11, 12/15, and 12/18**. The shop will be closed for the holidays on Saturday, 12/22 and will re-open on Saturday, January 5. Please do not leave donations outside when the shop is closed.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

We Congratulate...

*Staci Rice and Timothy Mc Cans*  
*Mary Kate Mulhern and Jonathan Showers*  
*Catherine O'Donnell and Patrick Hanahan*  
...who married in November of this year.  
May the Lord bless you with peace and love throughout your married life!



## 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.**

## 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. Ketter, 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.*

## 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)

## 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.**

### 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).

### MARCH FOR LIFE

St. Francis of Assisi Parish will again be sending a bus to the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual "March for Life" in Washington, DC on **Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**. For more information, or to reserve a seat, please call Anita Galligan at (610)585-0142.

*Pray for an end to abortion---all lives are precious.*



### 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!*





## ST. FRANCIS OVER 50

The Christmas Luncheon at Drexelbrook is this Thursday, December 13. Social hour is at Noon and lunch is at 1PM. REMINDER: The trip to Resorts Casino is tomorrow, December 10. The

Bus leaves at 10AM.

### UPCOMING TRIPS:

**Casino Trips:** (1/21~Resorts) (2/18~Resorts) (3/18~Resorts) Cost: \$23 with a return of \$25 in slot play. Bus leaves at 10AM. Call Bob Hodgson at 610-449-2956.

**March 31, 2019:** "Late Nite Catechism" will show at the Church of the Visitation Parish Hall in Brick, NJ. Full course sit down luncheon at Tuscany Restaurant in Brick, NJ. Includes: Round trip via deluxe lavatory equipped motorcoach, first come, first served seating. Cost: \$85/person. Bus departs 9AM from Springfield Library and returns to same location by 5:30/6PM. For more info or reservations, contact Maria Santone at 610-544-7664 or 610-745-0820.

**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!*

### 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.

### 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.

**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**

## what's happenin'!

**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).

### IMMACULATA UNIVERSITY'S CHRISTMAS MEET-AND-GREET FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

Immaculata University's undergraduate admissions staff will host a Christmas meet-and-greet event on **Wednesday, Dec. 12, 5-7:30pm** in the Green Room of Villa Maria Hall on the university's campus. Prospective students are invited to view Immaculata's beautiful Christmas decorations and enjoy light refreshments. Weather permitting, current students will provide lantern-lit tours of the campus and its holiday lights. This event will include an informal information session and opportunities to talk with current students and admissions and financial aid reps. For more information, please contact the office of admission at 484-323-3060 or [admiss@immaculata.edu](mailto:admiss@immaculata.edu), or register online at [www.immaculata.edu/visit](http://www.immaculata.edu/visit).

**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.

### 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 event: **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.

### COLLEGE AGE\* RETREAT...January 4-6, 2019

at the Marianist Family Retreat Center at Cape May Point, NJ 08212. This retreat is designed to bring young people together of College age (17-22). So whether you are in college or working, come join us to renew your spiritual life, deepen your relationship with God and meet new friends. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun! Cost: \$135/person, double occ. Register at: [www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org) or call 609-884-3829. *Some financial aid is available. \*Current Year High School Seniors are welcomed.*

**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!

**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.

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

**REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE!**

The Retrouvaille Marriage Program offers help for struggling marriages. It gives you the chance to rediscover yourself and your spouse. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the six post sessions that follow it. Retrouvaille is not just a social gathering or series of seminars, but rather a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. The next program begins on the weekend of **February 8-10** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register for our upcoming weekend, visit our website: [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 1-800-470-2230 or 1-215-766-3944. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

**AUGUSTINE'S BROTHERS**...is a support/accountability group for men who struggle with pornography as well as other excessive sexual behaviors. Augustine's Brothers meets weekly at the Cathedral on **Tuesdays, from 7-9PM**. All inquiries are kept in strict confidentiality and one's wish to remain anonymous is highly respected. *There is no need for registration.* For more information, visit the website: [www.AugustinesBrothers.org](http://www.AugustinesBrothers.org) or call 800.348.0758.

**DO YOU KNOW YOUR TRIBUNAL?** The Tribunal is a group of specially qualified Catholics whose responsibility is to come to the help of people who have experienced divorce and who may wish to remarry in the Catholic Church. When a divorce occurs, the Catholic Church always seeks to balance two realities. One is the unbreakableness of the bond of marriage. This is God's law. It cannot be broken by human intervention. On the other hand, the Church is concerned about the spiritual welfare of the people involved. Was this a true marriage? Even though a Catholic marriage was celebrated, was there perhaps some deficiency in the consent of the parties involved? The annulment procedure addresses this problem. If you are divorced and want to marry in the church or remarried outside the Catholic Church, please call the Tribunal Office at 215-587-3750.

**OREMUS FAMILY ROSARY PROGRAM** ...Join in the regularly scheduled live streaming recitation of The Holy Rosary throughout the year (Monday thru Saturday at 12:15pm & Sunday at 2pm). Just log onto: [www.oremuscomms.com](http://www.oremuscomms.com) and click on: *LISTEN LIVE. OREMUS.*

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**PRAYER FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



Dear Lord, through the darkness, I look for Your wisdom. I want my heart to be open to You. But sometimes in these days, it seems that so many things come between us.

Help me to be awake and aware of the radiance You bring to my life. Help me to be grateful each day for the blessings of family and friends. Let me be a peacemaker in my own life, and in the world. Let me pray especially for this difficult world and those who are so in need of an end to violence. My heart begs for this as my Advent prayer today.

May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.