

**60 YEARS A
PRIEST...AND
STILL GOING
STRONG!!!**

**CONGRATS
FR. MEEHAN!**

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 Rev. Joseph J. Meehan

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 Rev. Henry J. McKee

Deacon W. Timothy Baxter

Deacon James Kane

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Sunday, May 16, 2021

7:30AM Mary Alecia Smith

9:30AM Daniel Longo

11:30AM Frank Saldarelli

Monday, May 17, 2021

8:00AM Robert and Dorothy Howe

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

8:00AM The John Family

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

8:00AM Richard Bastian

ADORATION

(Following 8AM Mass until 3:00PM)

Thursday, May 20, 2021

8:00AM Robert McCullough

Friday, May 21, 2021

8:00AM Dan Herron

Saturday, May 22, 2021

8:00AM Ed Grafstrom

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, May 23, 2021

7:30AM Thomas Smolik

9:30AM Marge McNicholas

11:30AM Ann Boyle (1st Ann)

†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†

Especially, Robert Walton, Florence McIntyre

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



MEMORIAL FOR MAY 2021

BREAD & WINE ~ Daniel Herron, Sr.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE



This candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. For the Week of **May 16th**, the candle will burn in loving memory of **Jane C. Smith and George Layer** as requested by **Don and Mary Ann Smith**.

TO CONTACT FR. MATT:

Please feel free to contact Fr. Matt with any questions or comments through email: frtrialies@gmail.com. You can always call the rectory at 610-543-0848 ext 126. Thank you!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR

My Dear Parishioners,

Congratulations on Fr. Meehan's 60th anniversary as a priest! When I was assigned here to St. Francis, my parents asked if there were any other priests living in the rectory and I said, "Yes, there is another guy...his name is Fr. Joe Meehan." Well, my mom took out her 1960s O'Hara yearbook and there was his picture. Fr. Meehan could rock the 1960's thick glasses and sideburns like no other! Those days must have been exciting but challenging times to be a priest, so many things were changing in our nation and church; today probably feels like a different world. No matter what the challenge may be, Fr. Meehan always has a smile and optimistic attitude—that is a total testament to his faith that our Lord is in charge of all time, both challenging and good. Fr. Meehan and (more recently) Fr. McKee are great guys to live with and we are blessed as a parish to have them! Fr. Grant is living at the priest's retirement home in Darby and is doing well, we are looking forward to getting him back into the rotation of Masses too.

It's crazy (in a good way) here at the parish right now. We wrapped up Confirmation, two First Communions, the May Procession, a bunch of baptisms and 5 weddings in just the past few weeks. There are a ton of things coming up too. I love seeing so many young families and couples who are proud to call St. Francis their spiritual home.

This weekend, two guys were ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. 2 guys out of 1.4 million Catholics. Oh man, I'll never be able to retire!

Here is a little financial update, I've included March again because it's been updated based off envelopes that were donated just recently:

March 2020 - \$61,911.00

March 2021 - \$75,319.64

April 2020 - \$47,951.18

April 2021 - \$57,106.83

Easter 2020 - \$29,392.94

Easter 2021 - \$35,108.46

Our financials are solid, but we are comparing these months to last year's COVID months when we were shut down, so they look really good in comparison to last year. No matter what, I am completely grateful for your dedication to our Lord and this parish. Have a great weekend and enjoy the time with family and friends!

In Christ,

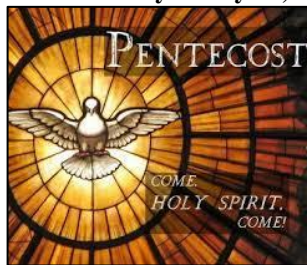
Fr. Matthew Tralies

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**

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BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Pentecost Sunday ~ May 23, 2021



Acts 2:1-11

In the First Reading we read of a miracle occurring ...people who speak many different languages become united. In what ways have you experienced the power of the Spirit creating unity?

Galatians 5:16-25

What helps you when you find the Spirit and the flesh at war within you? Do you turn to a particular form of prayer? A saint? A Spiritual Director? Some other resource?

John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

“The Spirit of Truth, he will guide you to all truth...” Have you experienced an insight or intuition that you believed was inspired by the Holy Spirit? Be a witness to the Holy Spirit working in your life. Share with someone the circumstances and consequences.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace Presidium Legion of Mary



Legion of Mary

We invite you to become an auxiliary member of The Legion of Mary. There are no meetings to attend and no dues to pay. Auxiliary members commit to praying the prayers of a small pamphlet (called the Tessera) each day as well as five decades of the rosary. If you are already praying the rosary, you need not add an additional five decades. The prayers of the Tessera may be said together or divided throughout the day. The Legion recommends that you offer your prayers as an unreserved gift to Our Lady. If you are interested in becoming an auxiliary member of the Legion of Mary, please call Gus McClay at 610-544-7223.

The Corner

Brought to you by your Evangelization Team

This Easter season we have been working our way through the *Acts of the Apostles*. As we watch these ordinary men doing extraordinary things, we realize that they were zealously on a mission! Not just a mission, but a commission given to them by Jesus Himself when **“He said to them, ‘Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.’”** Mark 16:15

We are ordinary people, too. And Jesus has given us that same commission, to bring others passionately and joyously to the Lord by proclaiming the Good News of the gospel to every creature.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK



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| 3 y/o Lincoln Hanson | | Zach Biemesderfer |
| Baby Abigail Whelan | Lily Crudele | Ashley Ferkler |
| Michael Farley | Baby Arthur LeTourneau | Vincent Nowroozi |
| Shiloh Cronck | Caroline Ferry | Evan Farrington |
| Timothy Duke | Dominic Rosini | Lexi Cable |
| Meghan Rauchut | Amy Faulls | Marjorie Silli |
| Isabella Carullo | Carrie Serrano | Bill Seavey |
| Mag Post | Robby Wonder | Bill Colgan |
| Eddie Meyers | Susan Marcantonio | James Fox |
| Rich Buckley | Doreen Grafstrom | Monique Carpenter |
| Marty Meenan | Marie Brown | Kara Thompson |
| Bridget McHugh | Stephen Spence | Jack Valvardi |
| Steven Little | Peg Donohue | Jackie McPeake |
| Anna Rokos | Mary Lou Gildea | Doris O'Hara |
| Jeannie Brattini | Billy Carroll | Ed Trombley |
| Bob Iatesta | Joan Ehly | Colin Murray |
| Thomas Nolan | Neil Bohley | Janice Leone |
| Harry Feindt | Ryan Montgomery | Christopher Biddle |
| Thomas Doyle | Robert Bollinger | Buck Clark |
| Kathy Fritz | Jonathan Edwards | Cathy Ridgik |
| Kenneth M. Siebert | Jeannette Siebert | Shealyn Mencil |
| Stephen Marchini | Cynthia Fries | Henry Gray |
| Rita O'Donnell | Dolores Spicer | Anne McGlone |
| Frank Canavan | Joy Van Berg | Maureen Kirlin |
| Beth McCarron | Mary Benedetti | Ann Greb |
| William Teste | Janet Doherty | Jon Grady |
| Erin McCarthy | Dawn Marley | Danny Hynes |
| Daniel McTague | Theresa Sherwin | Beverly Scarani |
| Thomas Moran | Mike Capozzoli | Carol Naughton |
| Barbara Briglia | Megan Amis | Elmer Schneider |
| Maria DiGiacinto | Ray Kenney | Cathy Baj |
| Catherine Lindsay | David Clemmer | LeeAnna Zanbrano |
| Theresa Price | Norman Douglas, Sr | Robert Perkins |
| Kurt Puryear | Stephen Fiore | Bonnie Fitzgerald |
| Frank Mirigliano | Fr. Dennis Carbonaro | Fr. Bill Kirk |
| Michael Costa | John Bean | Sue Del Biondo |
| John Kane | Franny Devlin | Brian Marandola |
| Donna Fiore | Shealyn Menceh | Jan Hoagland |
| Eric Eisenman | Teri Lynn Merola | Charlotte Smolik |

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.

ST. FRANCIS PARISH MEN'S GROUP



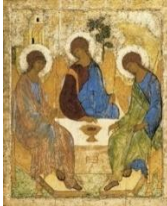
Parish Men's Group meets every Saturday morning from 7:00~8:00AM to share the desire to follow Jesus more closely by being better husbands, fathers, grandfathers, leaders, followers, sons, and friends. Due to the current Covid situation, the group meets by conference call. All are welcome to join us! To join, please call in at 6:45AM at 425-436-6313. **Conference Code is: 519111.**

Catholic Charities Appeal 2021
"Giving Hope To All"

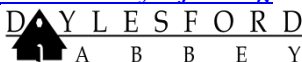


As we celebrate In-Pew Weekend for the 2021 Catholic Charities Appeal, please consider helping those in most need in the Greater Philadelphia Area. Please take a Pew Card located at the Church Entrances ~or~ Visit www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org to make a donation. We thank all who have given and ask those who have not yet given to the 2021 Appeal to prayerfully consider helping those in need by supporting the Catholic Charities.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION
COMPANIONS FOR THE JOURNEY



Spiritual Direction is the contemplative practice of helping others to awaken to the mystery of God in their lives. Even more so in these unprecedented times, our need for our personal connection to God is vital. Meetings can be in person (masked), outdoors (weather permitting), or virtual. The Spiritual Direction Ministry at the Daylesford Abbey in Paoli, PA offers trained and experienced Spiritual Directors for those seeking to revitalize their relationship with God and for those who want to deepen their spiritual lives. *For more information on how this ministry can enrich your life, contact Daylesford Abbey at 610-647-2530 ext 1020 or at www.spiritualdirector@daylesford.org.*



SAINT FRANCIS OVER 50 CLUB



The next virtual meeting is May 27. Today, May 16, is a good day to have a barbecue and drink mimosas. May 17 have some cherry cobbler, May 18, have a cheese souffle, May 19 have a piece of Devil's Food cake and wash it down with a juice slush, May 20 have Quiche Lorraine and for dessert strawberries that you picked, May 21 have more of those strawberries with cream, and end on May 22 with vanilla pudding.

Continue to call members and check on getting the vaccine. If you lost your list or have a question, call Claire Doyle at 610-604-0160

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. ~ Anthony Del Vecchio
 Sean Sweeney ~ Michael Jones ~ Peter Quinn
 Shane Donnelly ~ Rick Kern, Jr. ~ Cale Amador
 Timothy Drabyak ~ Daniel McGonigal
 James M. Ketler, Jr ~ Jonathan Butterfield
 Shawn McConaghy ~ Colin Butler ~ Liam Golden
 John-Michael Bartivic ~ Joseph Spence
 Nicholas & Stephen Peranteau ~ Jesse and Chase Stewart
 Matthew Kauffman ~ Christopher Baxter
 Thomas Cresta ~ Michael Armellini ~ Vincent Jones
 Kayla Drabyak

Let us pray for those who SERVE and PROTECT...
All-powerful and ever-living God, when Abraham left his native land and departed from his people, You kept him safe through all his journeys. Protect these soldiers. Be their constant companion and their strength in battle, their refuge in every adversity. Guide them, O Lord that they may return home in safety. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



The Caring for Friends freezer will be open at the St. Francis rectory basement on Sundays between 9am and 12N for drop off or pick up. Please enter using the outside basement doors only. You can also continue to drop off or pick up at St. Kevin's Parish Center which is open 24 hours/7 days a week. If you have any questions, please call or text one of us.
 Cheryl Monkman. 610-574-5541
 Joanne Santivasci 610-316-1560

THE THREE PARISH BOOK CLUB



The Three Parish Book Club's next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 26th at 7PM** via Zoom. Members will discuss **The World's First Love** by Fulton J. Sheen and will offer suggestions for other readings. You need not have read the book to join in the meeting.

June
One Ordinary Sunday
 by Paula Huston

Summer Suggestions
Coffee With Nonna
 by Vincent Iezzi
The Lost Ravioli Recipes of Hoboken
 by Laura Schenone
 (a favorite book from childhood)

For more information, to join us or for a list of recent Book Club selections, please contact Joy Van Berg at 610 328-2095 or at joyvanberg@gmail.com.

28TH ANNUAL
SFA CYO
GOLF OUTING
 SPRINGFIELD COUNTRY CLUB
 400 W. SPROUL ROAD SPRINGFIELD PA
FRIDAY, JUNE 4th, 8AM~2PM
7:30 AM - Check-In
8:00 AM - Shotgun Start
 Banquet to Follow
 (for more info or to sign up please visit:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sfa-cyo-golf-outing-tickets-148842934223>

What's Happening

Charismatic Retreat: June 25-26. Fr. Bill Halbing will lead this retreat. There will be prayer, Mass, and sessions discussing spiritual warfare. Cost: \$160 PP Onsite; \$75 Virtual. We will begin at 5 PM on June 25. Register at www.malvernretreat.com/register or call 610.644.0400.

Mind-Body-Spirit Retreat: June 25-26. Sam Kelley of Fierce Athlete will lead retreat attendees in a powerful weekend of election, prayer, and Mass. There will be a workout session built into the program! We begin at 5 PM on Friday. The cost is \$160 PP. Register at www.malvernretreat.com/register or call 610.644.0400.

St. Joseph Retreat: June 11-12: This weekend retreat will focus on St. Joseph. There will be Mass, private prayer time, talks, discussion. This is a wonderful way to celebrate the year of St. Joseph and honor this wonderful Saint. Cost is \$250 PP onsite; \$75 Virtual. We will start at 5 PM and end on Saturday after a 4 PM Mass with Consecration to St. Joseph. Register at www.malvernretreat.com/register or call 610.644.0400.

Private Personal Retreats are now offered at Malvern Retreat House. Beginning in the summer of 2021, anyone interested in making a private retreat at Malvern Retreat House will be welcomed. The first two opportunities for private retreats will be **June 1-4 and August 23-27.** Retreatants will have the opportunity to celebrate daily Mass, participate in Eucharistic Adoration, and spend time by themselves in silent prayer. There will also be the opportunity for spiritual direction, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and the Liturgy of the Hours. Please contact Malvern at 610-644-0400 or visit www.malvernretreat.com.

PENTECOST VIGIL MASS SPONSORED BY THE ARCHDIOCESAN CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

Saturday, May 22, Praise & Worship 7:00 P.M.
Vigil Mass 7:30 P.M. (In-Person & Livestreaming).
 Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. (18th Street & Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103) 215- 561-1313. Rev. Dennis Gill will be the principal celebrant.

MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER CLUB (AGES 52-67)
 Catholic men & women are cordially invited to join "The Main Line Singles Dinner Club" to share common interests & dine together 2 times a month. Our next scheduled event is **(Sun) June 13, 5PM.** A restaurant event at "The Choice" located @ 845 W. Lancaster Ave., Bryn Mawr, PA 19010. More info call Barb (610) 896-6542. Catholic single men are encouraged to participate!

CARDINAL O'HARA CLASS OF 1971 50TH REUNION
Friday night, October 29, 2021 from 7-11 PM, at the Springfield Country Club. The cost: \$50.00 per person. Buffet & Music. Cash Bar. Below is the website for ordering tickets.

<https://www.cohs.com/apps/pages/50yearreunion>

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HOPE IN CHRIST:
SPIRITUAL SUPPORT FOR ADDICTIONS
 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
 Also available for support is Faith-based drug rehab website: www.AddictionCenter.com/Treatment/Faith-Based-Drug-and-Alcohol-Rehab

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK
 We salute the advertisers in our bulletin. This week we thank
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 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.

WORDS TO PONDER...

"In our self-centered culture and classic American emphasis on work, we often feel we have to accomplish something during our times of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. We rate our experience by how 'good' our prayer was, how heartfelt our devotion was, or how focused we could remain. Yet prayer and contemplation are fundamentally God's work, in which we are invited to participate. We need only to give Him the opening, and He will do the rest. By coming to adoration, we are handing Him the keys to our hearts, allowing the rays of His love and grace to bathe our souls in the light of His Presence, as the rays of the sunbathe our bodies in light. If we can take the time to pull away from the busyness and distractions of life and just sit at His feet, He will lead us."
 ~ Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration