



*As a mother  
comforts her child,  
so will I comfort you...*  
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*Isaiah 66:13*

Church of Saint Philip  
Pennsburg, PA  
May 14, 2023



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**Monday & Friday:** Offices are closed

**Tuesday & Thursday:** 8:00 AM – 4:00PM

**Wednesday:** 12:00 PM – 8:00PM

**ROSARY:** Prayed in the Saint Anne Chapel

Monday's at 1:00 PM

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION in St. Anne Chapel**

**Monday – Friday:**

9:00 AM – 7:00 PM

**Saturday's:**

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS**

9:00 AM: in Church

Adoration: 10AM – 7:00PM in Chapel.

**FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS**

For a floral arrangement to be placed at the altar, please call the rectory.

**SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday – Vigil Mass – 4:00 PM

Sunday – 7:30 AM; 10:00 AM

Holy Day Masses as announced

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE.**

Daily Masses are celebrated in the Saint Anne Chapel.

Monday; Tuesday; Wednesday; Thursday; Friday – 8AM

**CONFESSIONS**

Saturdays: 3:00 – 3:45 PM

OR at the Rectory BY APPOINTMENT.

**BAPTISMS:** Call the rectory office to register your child for baptism between 10AM & 4PM.

**PRE-JORDAN BAPTISMAL CLASSES:**

Call the rectory office to register for classes between 10AM & 4PM.

**SPONSORS:** Sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation need to be at least 16 years of age, be baptized and received the Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation, attend Mass weekly; and if married, be in a valid Marriage.

**MARRIAGES**

Arrangements should be made at least SIX MONTHS before the date of the wedding.

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

Stop by or call the rectory between 9:30AM-4:30 PM. Also, children who turn 26 years of age or complete higher education and continue to reside within our area should become individually registered parishioners.

**SHUT-INS**

Call (215 679 9275) OR email the Parish Outreach Office: [parishoutreach@spnparish.org](mailto:parishoutreach@spnparish.org).

**SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Call or email the Rectory Office.

### OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are the Catholic Parish Community of St. Philip Neri, answering Christ's call to discipleship through Word, Sacrament and Service. We proclaim God's hope and love to all.

## Mass Intentions

### **Sunday, May 14, 2023, MOTHER'S DAY SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

4:00 PM – In Loving Memory of Veronica Slagel  
on her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
7:30 AM – NO Intentions  
10:00 AM – NO Intentions

### **Monday, May 15 EASTER WEEKDAY SAINT ISIDORE**

8:00 AM – Kenneth Miller, (Dottie Coary)  
9:00 AM – Adoration in the Chapel  
1:00 PM – Holy Rosary Hour

### **Tuesday, May 16 EASTER WEEKDAY**

7:20 AM – Holy Rosary  
8:00 AM – Virginia & Ruben Casilla, (Steven & Lourdes Zajac)  
9:00 AM – 7:00 PM: Adoration in the Chapel

### **Wednesday, May 17 EASTER WEEKDAY**

7:20 AM – Holy Rosary  
8:00 AM – Virginia & Ruben Casilla, (Steven & Lourdes Zajac)  
9:00 AM – 7:00 PM: Adoration in the Chapel

### **Thursday, May 18 EASTER WEEKDAY SAINT JOHN I, POPE and MARTYR THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

6:30 AM – For the Living and Deceased Members  
Of the Parish.  
8:20 AM – Holy Rosary  
9:00 AM – Virginia & Ruben Casilla, (Steven & Lourdes Zajac)  
7:00 PM – Stanley & Dolores Misiak  
9:00 AM – 7:00 PM: Adoration in the Chapel

### **Friday, May 19 EASTER WEEKDAY**

7:20 AM – Holy Rosary  
8:00 AM – Virginia & Ruben Casilla, (Steven & Lourdes Zajac)  
9:00 AM – 7:00 PM: Adoration in the Chapel

### **Saturday, May 20 SAINT BERNARDINE OF SIENA, PRIEST**

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Adoration in the Chapel  
4:00 PM – Kathy Duffy, (Bob & Dawn Ellis)

### **Sunday, May 21 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

7:30 AM – Shirley M. Cox, (Rev. Anthony Hangholt)  
10:00 AM – For Living & Deceased Members of the Parish.



### WE INVITE YOUR PRAYERS

For the sick, those in hospitals, nursing homes, also for their caregivers; and all those we hold close in our hearts.

Please pray in particular for:

**Christine Abate; Michael Agazarian; Amanda Azure; Paul Bowen; Allison Brick; Mila Burnett; Adam Canigiani, Jr.; Christian Vincent Caparra; Carol Clunk; Dolores Duffy; Lou Fahs; Gene Falasco; Beatrice Fronheiser; Chuck Fosburger; Frances Gibbs-Kail; Helen Gibbs; Lauren Gibbs; Doris Gorman; Bill Hanney; Charlene Hamilton; Timothy Kail; Little Leo Kushnir; Hadley Ludwig; Caroline Marks; Mary Ann Moneghan; Maura Murphy; Marianne Peters; Francis M. Robinson; Marine Corporal Eugene Ruduski; Denise Shaw; Moira Stephens; Eunice Wagner and Frani Zappala.**

For those who have died, and in particular for, **Carole Greczek**, grant them eternal rest and peace.

### FLOWERS

The bouquet of flowers at the Blessed Mother Altar are in loving memory of **Veronica Slagel** on her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, by Rick and Linda Benko.

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

#### **Second Quarter 2023 – May 21 ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

4:00 PM:

Servers: Netonna Okeke; Somtoch Okeke;  
Nolan McCloskey  
Lectors: Mike Misiak; Pat Coughlin  
Eucharistic Ministers: Dawn Ellis; Bob Ellis;  
Janet Kendra; Bob Schwind

7:30 AM Mass

Servers: Adults  
Lectors: Chris Mullaney; Erin Runkle  
Eucharistic Ministers: Maureen Moser; Paul Moser;  
Beverly Bowser; Cameron Bowser

10:00 AM Mass

Servers: Julian Lao; Sean Lao; Harrison Wike  
Lectors: Jim Brinckman; Renee DeGrassi  
Eucharistic Ministers: Rose Anderson; Mary E. Paulk;  
Karen Garland; Barbara Jaruszewski.



### ASCENSION THURSDAY – MAY 18

**Masses: 6:30AM; 9AM & 7PM**

## **SPN Parish Council Holy Moment Thought...**

### **"How Will You Respond to God's Call?"**

Abraham responded at once when God called him. "The Lord said to Abram: "Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you. Abram went as the Lord directed him..." (Genesis 12: 1 - 4).

Abraham is the father and exemplar of our faith. Here is what we know of Abraham before his Call:

1. He was a pagan.
2. He was 75 years old.
3. Married to Sarah. No children.
4. Heard God's Call and responded at once.

What is Faith? Faith can be simply this...to hear God's word to you and to respond like Abraham. There are several examples of people of faith who responded when called: Mary of Nazareth; Moses; David; Peter and Paul; Francis of Assisi; Ignatius of Loyola; and Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

You, too, based on your baptism, are now a child of God who has the Holy Spirit living in you. Therefore, **if today you hear His Call, harden not your hearts.** Go forth with the peace of Christ and respond confidently!

**Please consider saying the following prayer..."**God our Father, we find it difficult to come to you, because our knowledge of you is imperfect. In our ignorance we have imagined you to be our enemy; we have wrongly thought that you take pleasure in punishing our sins; and we have foolishly conceived you to be a tyrant over human life. But since Jesus came among us, he has shown that you are loving, that you are on our side against all that stunts life, and that our resentment against you was groundless. So we come to you, asking you to forgive our past ignorance, and wanting to know more and more of you and your forgiving love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Prayer of Saint Augustine) "

## **WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Collection for April 30, 2023**

**Week 44**

*Sunday Collection*

**Sunday Collection for  
Weekend of April 30th**

**\$8,787**

**Mother's Day**

**\$1,078**

*Diocesan & Extra-Diocesan  
Collections*

**Parish Fiscal Year Goal  
information will be published at  
a later date.**

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## **WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Our Sunday Collections for May 7<sup>th</sup> will be published in the May 21st Bulletin.

## **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

### **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**

Spiritual Direction is an opportunity to grow closer to God, self and others. Some feel called to learn how to identify how they are relating to God, as well as, how to trust their everyday experiences of God. Everyday events are often a means through which God is trying to reach us. Some people are going through difficult times in their lives and it is helpful to process this with a Spiritual Director; to share struggles, losses and disappointments through the lens of God's love. Some go to Spiritual Direction to learn discernment in consolation and desolation, which gives them ongoing tools for making difficult choices in their lives. God invites us to learn to bring our authentic self to him. Spiritual Directors are honored to journey with you in your efforts to deepen your relationship with God. Have you thought of receiving spiritual direction to help you grow in your relationship with God and with your prayer life? Pope Francis has said, "In spiritual direction, I must examine what is happening in my heart, where the Spirit is moving, if I feel desolation or consolation... these are things to talk about with my spiritual director."

For more information or the name of Spiritual Director, please contact Eileen Koch at 215.696.2089 or [adultfaithformation@spnparish.org](mailto:adultfaithformation@spnparish.org)

**BIBLE STUDIES** – in progress, but anyone is welcome to join or visit any session:

Ascension Press: Tues 7PM, Wed 7PM,

Thurs 7PM (Men's group)

Little Rock: Tues 10AM (Women's group), Wed 7PM, Thurs 10AM

**LECTIO DIVINA** – Reflection on Gospel and Readings for the coming Sunday. Meets every Tuesday at 10:30 AM – Facilitator Lino Viola - 617.777.0300

If you have questions about any of our Faith Formation activities, please contact Eileen Koch at 215.696.2089 or [adultfaithformation@spnparish.org](mailto:adultfaithformation@spnparish.org)



## PARISH OUTREACH

### **Attention new MOMS!**

Need to talk to a fellow MOM? Looking for support during the first few months home with baby? Look no more! Elizabeth Ministry is BACK! Contact SPN Office for more details.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### **FR LEO LETTERHOUSE COUNCIL 6614**

The K.O.C. is a Catholic Family Service Organization, open to all practicing Catholic gentlemen who are 18 years of age or older. KOC Council meets on the second Sunday of the month at 7:30 PM in their Meeting Room in basement of SPN rectory. Call Chuck Rodgers: 215 407 3663 or email: [crodders75@comcast.net](mailto:crodders75@comcast.net) or see any of the Knights to join.

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### PREP (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION)

PREP Registration for the 2023-2024 Year is open. Any child entering First thru Seventh Grade who attends Public School or Non-Catholic Private School should be enrolled in our Parish Education.

Registrations are submitted online; Link can be found on [spnparish.org](http://spnparish.org). Please contact Wendy Benner at: 215.679.7839 or [prep@spnparish.org](mailto:prep@spnparish.org).

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### SPN SENIOR CLUB



#### **SPN SENIOR CLUB LUNCHEON SCHEDULE/EVENTS**

May 23	Memorial Day Celebration
June 27	Bingo
July 25	Luncheon
August 9	Senior Trip
August 22	Picnic
September 26	Luncheon
October 24	Halloween Party
October 31	Senior Trip
November 14 ***	Thanksgiving Luncheon
December 13	Senior Trip
December 19 ***	St. Mary's Choir

\*\*\* Indicates date change due to Holidays

**Trips, events, fundraisers, etc. to be announced.**

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### BULLETIN PRINTING SCHEDULE

The bulletin company is moving to a different location and is requesting that the May bulletins be sent in early. May 21<sup>st</sup> bulletin information due by Friday – May 12<sup>th</sup>. (announcements due Thursday – May 11) May 28<sup>th</sup> bulletin information due by Friday – May 19<sup>th</sup>. (announcements due Thursday – May 18)

## MOTHER OF MERCY HOUSE



"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor". Proverbs 22:9

Thank you for all you donate to the Mother of Mercy House. As you know it has been very a trying time for the people of Kensington and they do appreciate all that St. Philip Parish does for the Mother of Mercy House. Listed below are the non-perishable donation requests for delivery to the Mother of Mercy House on Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Canned Tuna, canned meats, veggies,  
Pinto and Black beans; fruits,  
Dry Cereal (reg size)  
Oatmeal; peanut butter and jelly  
Pasta and sauce, macaroni and cheese  
**Diapers: 2 to 5**

Please drop off your donations in one of the totes at each side door of the church or on the wooden box in the narthex. All donations need to be received by Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. As always, thank you for your generosity.

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### **A message from Bill Robinson, Parish Hall Facilitator**

"St. Philip Neri Parish would like to thank those who have graciously donated towards the upgrading of our parish hall equipment. To date, we have replaced two (2) Coffee Urns; a Waffle Maker; and numerous Stock Pots. One table is also accounted for in the future".

We are still in need of more Waffle Makers @ \$475/EA; Stock Pots @ \$80/EA and Tables @ \$190/EA.

Please consider donating to our Parish Hall Equipment so we can maintain our level of quality for each and every Event. Feel free to contact our SPN Hall Facilitator, Bill Robinson at 215.896.5949 or [hallfacilitator@spnparish.org](mailto:hallfacilitator@spnparish.org).

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### METANOIA

METANOIA is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County. Events are listed below and begin at 7:30PM on most Tuesdays unless otherwise noted.

#### MAY 2023:

Social Event TBD

**Tuesday, May 16:** Theology on Tap @ Local Tap, Lansdale.

**Tuesday, May 23:** Prayer, Penance, Pub @ Mary, Mother of the Redeemer – Montgomeryville.

### **RED HILL BAND – ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT**

The Red Hill Band will be performing their Annual Spring Concert on Sunday – May 21 at 2:00PM in the Upper Perkiomen High School Auditorium. Enjoy a FREE Concert of Marches, Concert pieces, Broadway tunes and Pop Music.

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### **POPE JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL**

This summer, Pope John Paul II High School is excited to host 17 summer camps for students entering grades K-9. Sessions include: fine arts, drama, archery, cheer, volleyball, basketball, tennis, baseball, field hockey, football, soccer, and multi-sport. To view more details about our camps and register for a session, please visit [www.pjphs.org/apps/pages/summercamps](http://www.pjphs.org/apps/pages/summercamps). We look forward to seeing you at PJP this summer!

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### **SAINT FRANCIS CLASSICAL CATHOLIC ACADEMY AFTER-CARE PROGRAM**

Bally, PA . . . Saint Francis Classical Catholic Academy (SFCCA), an independent Catholic school in the Allentown Diocese that continues the tradition of academic excellence offered at Most Blessed Sacrament parish since 1743, is pleased to announce that it will be offering an After-Care Program for enrolled students of the Academy during the 2023-24 academic year. Along with its full-day Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten programs, and the offering of all subsequent grades 1-8, SFCCA is poised to play a major role in renewing educational excellence in the region, and providing a safe and caring environment for our children, something that is more important than ever.

"I am very glad that Saint Francis Classical is stepping-up to provide valuable after-school assistance for our families," commented Dr. Richard Brake, founding Headmaster of SFCCA. "Parents these days are working harder than ever to make ends meet, and they deserve a warm and nurturing place for their children to do their homework, receive educational enrichment, and socialize with their friends before they are picked-up to return home. It is our intent that for those who need it, our after-care program will be a calming influence on the home-front and make family-time in the evenings less stressful and more enjoyable."

**SFCCA's After-Care Program** will be available for students enrolled at Saint Francis Classical from 3:35 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday – Friday during the school year when classes are in session (the first day of school is September 5, 2023; and the last day is June 7, 2024). The cost of the program will be \$70/week per student. To qualify for the After-Care Program, families must first apply and then enroll their students at SFCCA, and once they pay their enrollment deposit, they can then register for after-care. Families can inquire, apply, and enroll all online at the Saint Francis Classical website

at <https://sfcca.school/admissions>. If you have any questions, please contact our Headmaster Dr. Richard Brake at [headmaster@mbsbally.org](mailto:headmaster@mbsbally.org). Located in Bally, Pennsylvania on the campus of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, the oldest Catholic Church in the original 13 Colonies, Saint Francis Classical Catholic Academy is an independent Catholic school with a mission to assist parents in the education of their children-*mind, body, spirit*-inspiring them with joy and wonder to better understand the **truth** of the Gospel, the **goodness** of the golden rule, and the **beauty** of God's Creation. SFCCA offers its authentically Catholic and rigorously classical curriculum to students in Grades PreK-Eight. To learn more about SFCCA and how to enroll and apply for financial aid, email the Academy at [enroll@mbsbally.org](mailto:enroll@mbsbally.org) and peruse the website <https://sfcca.school>. *Virtus Bonum et Decorum.*

### **Saint Mary Memorial Day Flea Market and Food Truck Festival**

**Saint Mary Memorial Day Flea Market - May 29th from 7:00AM - 1:00PM, rain or shine!** Browse from over 40 vendors including vintage items, antiques, collectibles, crafts, furniture, art, household goods, jewelry, music, books and all sorts of treasures! Invite family and friends! Enjoy buttermilk pancakes for breakfast or delight in a Rio Bowl with acai, strawberry, banana & coconut water while you shop. **Blendlife** will feature all natural smoothies, acai bowls, grilled panini sandwiches & wraps, then indulge in Rita's Water Ice! Indoor and Outdoor vendor spaces available. To register or for more info visit [www.churchofsaintmary.org](http://www.churchofsaintmary.org) for our [Saint Mary Memorial Day Flea Market Flyer](#) and [Vendor Registration](#). Contact Jeff at [jgoud@yahoo.com](mailto:jgoud@yahoo.com) or Susan at [srodz@churchofsaintmary.org](mailto:srodz@churchofsaintmary.org) or call 610.287.8156 for more info. **Saint Mary Church is located at 40 Spring Mount Road, Schwenksville.**

### **Saint Mary 9th Annual Golf Outing - Monday June 12th**

Please join us for Saint Mary's 9th Annual Golf Outing on **Monday, June 12th at the Brookside Country Club** in Pottstown. Gather your friends and make a foursome and come out and join the fun! Open to the first 100 Golfers! Best Ball is the game format for the day, with a shotgun start at noon, and there are some awesome prizes to be had. **Swing into summer** by [registering to golf](#), contribute as a sponsor, or volunteer at the event by visiting [www.smsk-8.org](http://www.smsk-8.org) or email [adesantis2022@gmail.com](mailto:adesantis2022@gmail.com).

### **TAVE FIVE FOR FAITH**

**Sunday, May 14, 2023**

#### **What keeps us faithful**

Catholics tend to be leery of words like "testimony" and "witness" when it comes to the business of sharing our faith with others. We may prefer to keep our profession of faith in a more formal key: say, with a group recitation of the Apostles' or Nicene Creed. Many of us may feel ill-equipped to give a defense of the faith in the debate style known as apologetics. Yet each of us should be prepared to give the reason for our hope to anyone who asks. What keeps us faithful? And how does what we believe influence who

we're becoming?

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21 (55). "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope."

### Monday, May 15, 2023

#### A patron of plentitude

Isidore, the patron saint of farmers, was a peasant farm worker in Spain around the year 1100. There's a theme of abundance surrounding the stories of his miracles. It's said that at times, an angel was seen doing his work while he prayed, and other times, two angels worked beside him, increasing his output. He made water burst from dry earth to quench the thirsty, and there was always enough in his wife's pot of stew to feed however many hungry people he brought home. When he fed starving animals from his bag of wheat, the same bag produced double the expected amount of flour. When you work, and when you give from the fruits of your work, do so with a prayerful, plentiful heart and think, there's always more where that came from!

MEMORIAL OF ISIDORE, FARMER  
TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26—16:4a (291). "And you also testify, because you have been with me from the beginning."

### Tuesday, May 16, 2023

#### Love triumphs

Joan of Arc was canonized on this day in 1920—making her the only person in history ever to be both condemned and canonized by the Catholic Church. Her triumph: leading the French army to victory over the British. Her tragedy: being burned at the stake, the power of her faith mistaken for witchcraft. Joan's resolve caused Mark Twain to insist, "She is easily and by far the most extraordinary person the human race has ever produced." The centennial of her canonization caused Pope Benedict XVI to insist the "name of Jesus invoked by this saint in the last instants of her earthly life was like the continual breath of her soul." She "understood that Love embraces all things." Love like Joan today.

EASTER WEEKDAY  
TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11 (292). "Jesus said to his disciples: 'Now I am going to the one who sent me.'"

### Wednesday, May 17, 2023

#### Stop, the traffic.

Saint Josephine Bakhita, the first black female saint of the modern era, was beatified on this day in 1992, part of a push within the Catholic Church to honor both black Catholics and to signify the horrors of human trafficking. This practice, also known as modern slavery, accounts for the bondage of an estimated 50 million people today, spread over every continent and present in every country. Bakhita herself was kidnapped as a child in Sudan and later held against her will in Italy before essentially suing for freedom in 1889 and becoming a nun. Her legacy is now global, as she is the patron of all human trafficking survivors. May she

inspire us to recognize the silent suffering of so many and work for the freedom of all God's children.

EASTER WEEKDAY  
TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; John 16:12-15 (293). "'In him we live and move and have our being,' as even some of your poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'"

### Thursday, May 18, 2023

#### A family reunion

Although Americans tend to not do much beyond Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, in some parts of Europe (Germany, most notably), the day involves special festivities. Because the day celebrates Jesus returning to his Father, it is the German Father's Day, usually celebrated with picnics or outings. Take a moment today to return in prayer to your heavenly Creator.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)  
TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20 (58) or Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20 (294). "This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

### Friday, May 19, 2023

#### Lessons in hope.

Christians are a hopeful people—an Easter people, if you will. In encouraging young people to hold on to hope, Pope Francis advises: "Dream of a world still not seen, but will certainly come one day. Think of those who sailed oceans, scaled mountains, conquered slavery, or made life better for people on earth." Hope allows us to trust in Christ's promises that his Holy Spirit lives within us, that our lives have purpose, and that we can make a difference. Start small. As Saint Augustine advises: "You aspire to great things? Begin with little ones."

EASTERWEEKDAY  
TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23 (295). "I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice."

### Saturday, May 20, 2023

#### Preaching to the heart.

Bernardine of Siena (1380-1444), a Franciscan priest, lived at a time in Italy when most preachers proclaimed their sermons from the pulpit during the liturgy and to cloistered clerics. Bernardine was among the first to preach to the public. He was so effective a preacher that cynical civil authorities would invite him to their towns because of the money to be made from the large crowds that gathered to hear him. No matter, Bernardine touched hearts and minds in a priceless way. Seek out preaching that feeds your soul.

MEMORIAL OF BERNARDINE OF SIENA, PRIEST  
TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28 (296). "Amen, amen, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you."

# SPN SENIOR CLUB Luncheon

Tuesday, MAY 23  
11:30 IN Parish Hall



THIS LUNCHEON IS DEDICATED TO HONOR ALL VETERANS  
**RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST -**

Call Rita Latshaw @: 215-679-7009

LUNCHEON PRICE: \$6.00 PP



# **SPN SENIOR CLUB**



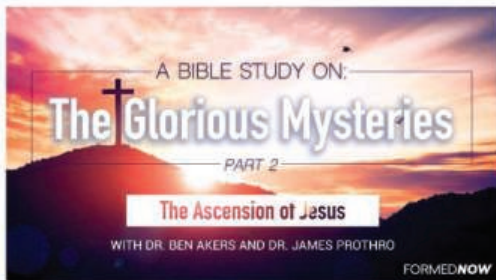
**JUNE, JULY AND  
AUGUST....**

**Senior Club Luncheons**

**WILL BE HELD AT:  
Most Blessed Sacrament -  
St. Francis School Hall  
Bally, PA**

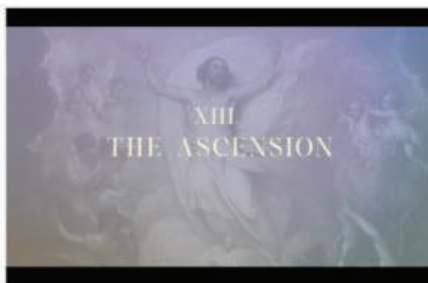
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Week of May 14, 2023



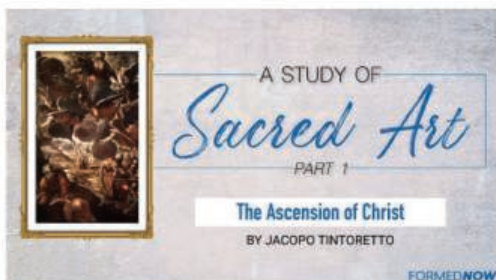
## A Bible Study on the Glorious Mysteries: The Ascension (Part 2 of 5)

Join Dr. Ben Akers and professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School as they walk through the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary through the lens of Sacred Scripture.



## Station 13 | Via Lucis Commentary | The Ascension

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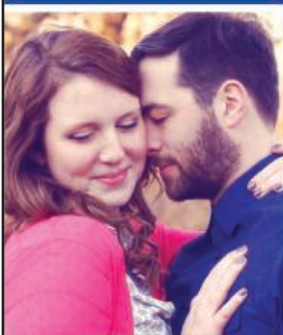
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