

# Saint Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church



SUNDAY BULLETIN | June 16, 2024

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**Rev. Richard J. Smith, M.Div., Pastor**

**Deacon David J. Matour**

**Weekend Assistants: Rev. Msgr. Peter J. Doody; Rev. Abner Gonzalez Bonilla, SP**

**Mass Times:**

**Daily:** Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat 8:30am *No Wednesday Masses*

**Weekend:** Vigil: Saturday 5:30pm;  
7:00am, 9:00am (Bilingual), 11:00am, 5:30pm  
*Misa en Español es el 1 y 3 Domingo del mes a las 1:00 pm*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturdays: 9:00 am & 4:00pm - 5:00pm, or by appointment - please call 610-272-0402.

**Adoration Times:**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM in the Adoration Chapel - *stop by the Parish Office for the Chapel code*

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**Administrative Assistant:** Miss Lauren Kibler

**Religious Education:** Mrs. Maritza Reyes

**Business Manager:** Mr. Carl Needles

**St. Francis Parish Office Hours**

Monday thru Thursday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Friday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Noon  
closed on weekends

**St. Francis Early Learning Center**

**636 Hamilton Street, Norristown**  
*Mrs. Virginia Bueno, Director*  
Phone: (610) 757-1523  
Website: [www.saintfranciselc.org](http://www.saintfranciselc.org)

**St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School**

**601-A Buttonwood Street, Norristown**  
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SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2024

# Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, June 17

8:30 AM Mary Bibbo by *Pat McNamee & Family*

### Tuesday, June 18

8:30 AM Walt & June Schonely by *Joanne Schonely*

### Wednesday, June 19

No Mass

### Thursday, June 20

8:30 AM Deceased Members of the SFA Seniors by *Patricia McNamee*

### Friday, June 21

*Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious*

8:30 AM Blanche McIntyre by *Deacon Dave & Sue Matour*

### Saturday, June 22

8:30 AM William & Joan Plutte by *Sons Jim & Joe*

5:30 PM Pro Populo

### Sunday, June 23

7:00 AM Josephine Morabito by *Anna Nave & Family*

9:00 AM John Ruser by *Barbara Ruser & Family*

11:00 AM Frank Cemini by *Wife Lucia & Kids*

5:30 PM Gregory Arakelian (*liv.*) by *Mother*

## LECTOR & EM SCHEDULE

June 22 - 5:30 pm

**L** - J. McLaughlin

**EM** - J. Shearer  
MJ Bondi

June 23 - 11 am

**L** - K. McDonald

**EM** - D. Skaw,  
T. Greco

June 23 - 7 am

**L** - L. Steppe

**EM** - C. DeGrazio,  
J. DeGrazio

June 23 - 5:30 pm

**L** - C. Hurd

**EM** - J. Gallagher

June 23 - 9 am

**L** - T. Leone

**EM** - O. Russo

## PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM in the Adoration Chapel, unless otherwise noted.*

### **MONDAY / LUNES**

6:00 Benediction

### **WEDNESDAY / MIÉRCOLES**

RECTORY CLOSED

6:00 Benediction

7:00 Men's Bible Study (MH)

7:00 Women's Bible Study (MH)

### **FRIDAY / VIERNES**

6:00 Benediction

(C) Church  
(MH) Meeting House  
(R) Rectory  
(S) School

## Pray for the Sick

Robin Caza, Maria Giovanco, Michele Hamilton, Patty Iaccarino, Lois Leggerie, Edward Mateja, Joe McDonald, Constance Monastero, Sandy Orth, Kathleen Prinzivalli, Veronica Severino, Christina Shea, Anthony Tarmin, James Tuggle, Michele Tuggle, Olivia Tuturice, Brandon Washinko, Peter Wiggins, Mai Wise, Charles Yura, All Those Homebound, & All Our Deceased.

*Please call the Parish Office to give us your name or the name of a loved one to be added to the prayer list. 610-272-0402. When your loved one recovers, please notify the Parish Office so we can offer a prayer of thanks!*

Suicide Prevention Helpline 800-273-8255

Crisis Lifeline 988

## MEMORIAL SOCIETY

**Sanctuary Lamp, Blessed Mother Altar:**

**Sanctuary Lamp, St. Joseph Altar:**

**Altar Bread at Mass this Week:**

Suzanne Kelly (*Family*)

**Floral Arrangement, Main Altar:**

**Floral Arrangement, Blessed Mother Altar:**

**Floral Arrangement, St. Joseph Altar:**

**This Weeks' Memorial Society Enrollees:**

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## Reflection by Rev. Richard J. Smith

What a celebration we had last week. The closing of our Centennial Celebrations went as perfectly as any of us could have asked. As I said in my remarks at the Gala, there were so many people who helped make this year possible that it would be impossible to list them all. I am so blessed to be a pastor of a parish that has such a dedicated parish family. We are now presented with the task of taking this joy and energy of this celebration into the future. What perfect timing that this weekend we hear the Gospel of the Sower. There are multiple ways we can receive this Gospel today. Allow me to offer you two possibilities. The first is asking how we receive the Word of God into our lives. Are we the rocky ground that only accepts the Word of God briefly or are we the fertile ground that lets it find a deep home and prosper? We also have the role of being the Sower himself. As the Word of God grows in each of us, we are called to share it. Recently, there has been this push for Missionary Discipleship. This is an idea of attending classes to help spread the Gospel. I believe we can all do this without the need for classes. Just by sharing with others what it means to follow Jesus is what we have all been called to do. For centuries, the joy and excitement that people have from encountering Christ is what helped to drive the Church forward. We now have an adoration chapel where we can encounter Christ even more than before. Let us all take advantage of this opportunity not just for ourselves but so we can nurture this excitement we have experienced this last year. If we can do this and share it with our community, our parish will continue to grow for another one hundred years.

Qué celebración tuvimos la semana pasada. La clausura de nuestras Celebraciones del Centenario transcurrió tan perfectamente como cualquiera de nosotros podría haber pedido. Como dije en mis comentarios en la Gala, hubo tantas personas que ayudaron a hacer posible este año que sería imposible enumerarlas a todas. Tengo mucha suerte de ser párroco de una parroquia que tiene una familia parroquial tan dedicada. Ahora se nos presenta la tarea de llevar esta alegría y energía de esta celebración al futuro. Qué momento perfecto para que este fin de semana escuchemos el Evangelio del Sembrador. Hay múltiples maneras en que podemos recibir este Evangelio hoy. Permítame ofrecerle dos posibilidades. La primera es preguntar cómo recibimos la Palabra de Dios en nuestras vidas. ¿Somos el terreno pedregoso que sólo acepta brevemente la Palabra de Dios o somos el terreno fértil que le permite encontrar un hogar profundo y prosperar? También tenemos el papel de ser el mismísimo Sembrador. A medida que la Palabra de Dios crece en cada uno de nosotros, estamos llamados a compartirla. Recientemente, ha habido este impulso para el Discipulado Misionero. Esta es una idea de asistir a clases para ayudar a difundir el Evangelio. Creo que todos podemos hacer esto sin necesidad de clases. Simplemente compartir con los demás lo que significa seguir a Jesús es lo que todos hemos sido llamados a hacer. Durante siglos, el gozo y el entusiasmo que la gente siente al encontrar a Cristo es lo que ayudó a impulsar a la Iglesia hacia adelante. Ahora contamos con una capilla de adoración donde podemos encontrar a Cristo aún más que antes. Aprovechemos todos esta oportunidad no sólo para nosotros, sino para alimentar el entusiasmo que hemos experimentado el año pasado. Si podemos hacer esto y compartirlo con nuestra comunidad, nuestra parroquia seguirá creciendo por otros cien años.

### Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### **Reading I: Ezekiel 17: 22-24**

The newly cut twig from the treetop represents a future king from the House of David.

#### **Reading II: 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10**

Paul points out that we walk by faith and not by sight. We need to be courageous facing death.

#### **Gospel: Mark 4: 26-34**

We have two "kingdom parables." The first is about seeds that grow. The second is about encouraging believers because the coming of the kingdom is inevitable.

# The CHOSEN

watch | discuss | reflect | rejoice



Join us this summer for a reflection on "The Chosen"!

Wednesdays this summer, SFA will view and then discuss the series "The Chosen". We will begin with Season 1 Episode 1 starting June 12<sup>th</sup>. Episode viewing will begin at 6:30 PM in the Meetinghouse. This is a free event. All are welcome! **Note: This will take the place of the Women's Bible Study.**

## RECTORY CLOSING

**Please Note:** The Rectory will be CLOSED on Wednesday, June 19. We will reopen on Thursday, June 20 with normal hours.

## Pro-Life Mass & Rally for Life!

Saturday, June 22, 2024



You are invited to join the pro-life community as we gather for a special Mass at the Cathedral in Philadelphia, followed by a March to Independence Mall and a Rally for Life.

### Schedule:

- 9:00 am - Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral
- 10:30 am - March to Independence Mall
- 11:30 am - Pro-Life Rally at Independence Mall with music & guest speakers

As part of these events there will be a collection at the Cathedral of items needed by moms & babies that will then be distributed at Philly's Biggest Baby Shower in September. ([prolifeunion.org](http://prolifeunion.org))

## COLLECTION

JUNE 9, 2024

Sunday	\$7,009
E-Giving	\$1,733

Thank you for your continued kindness and generosity towards our Parish and may God Bless you in all you do. ~ Fr. Smith



Easily tithe with online giving and no longer worry about envelopes. Visit [sfanorristown.com/donate](http://sfanorristown.com/donate) to learn more.

## DEVOTIONS at ST. FRANCIS

**The Rosary** is recited daily before the 8:30 am Mass

**Divine Mercy Chaplet** - Tuesdays after Mass

**Sacred Heart Devotions** - Fridays after Mass

**Miraculous Medal Novena** - Saturdays after daily Mass

**Visits to the Blessed Sacrament** -

Tuesday - Saturday from 9 am - 4 pm

Stop by the Rectory for the keypad code.



24 Hour Confidential Pregnancy Hotline 610-626-4006





# SCHOOL NEWS

## Spring Show

On Thursday, May 23, 2024 Saint Francis of Assisi School performed "SFA Matinee/Night at the Movies" for our families with an afternoon show at 1:00 P.M. and an Evening Show at 7:00 P.M. All students in Pre-K through 8th Grade performed various songs from movies. Here is a list of our credits:

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade - Aladdin
- 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Shrek
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - Sing
- 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade - The Muppets
- Pre-K, Kindergarten, & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade - Annie
- Finale

It was a fun day filled with dance, music, and laughter! We would like to thank Mr. Fedak and Mr. Hurd for creating our Movie Marquee & Ticket Booth for our performances as well as setting up the Gym. Also, thank you to Miss Mele for organizing our Spring Show and a big thank you to all who came and supported our children!



## Religious Education

**Welcome to the Blessed Carlo Acutis Religious Education Page at Saint Francis of Assisi! Here, you will find important information, updates, and dates to know!**

**Registration for the upcoming PREP year is open.** To register, please find a volunteer after Mass or come to the Rectory. ***Please note: this year, in order to register, you will need to provide a copy of the following AT TIME OF REGISTRATION:***

1. Your child's Baptismal Certificate
2. Your child's First Communion Certificate
3. Payment is due at time of registration

Registration forms are available on the website under the PREP tab, along with the parent handbooks. **Even if you previously provided us with a Baptism Certificate, you will need to provide us with one again this year. Thank you. ALL REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE BY JULY 12.**

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**La inscripción para el próximo año PREP está abierta.** Para registrarse, busque un voluntario después de la Misa o venga a la Rectoría.

***Tenga en cuenta: este año, para registrarse, deberá proporcionar una copia de lo siguiente AL MOMENTO DE LA INSCRIPCIÓN:***

1. El certificado de bautismo de su hijo
2. Certificado de Primera Comunión de su hijo
3. El pago debe realizarse al momento de la inscripción.

Los formularios de inscripción están disponibles en el sitio web en la pestaña PREP, junto con el padre manuales. **Incluso si previamente nos proporcionó un Certificado de Bautismo, deberá proporcione uno nuevamente este año. Gracias. TODAS LAS INSCRIPCIONES DEBEN HACER EL 12 DE JULIO.**

## Changes Effective In June

Beginning in June, there will be multiple changes regarding Daily Mass and Adoration:

### ***The Following Changes take effect on June 10<sup>th</sup>:***

*1. Adoration will be on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM in the new Adoration Chapel. Please come to the Rectory for the Chapel door code.*

### ***The Following Changes take effect on June 17<sup>th</sup>:***

*1. Daily Masses on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday will be in the Chapel. Saturday Daily Mass will remain in the Church with Confessions in Church following Mass.*

## Men's Bible Study

Every Wednesday | 7 PM | In the Meetinghouse  
No registration required  
*Studies led by Deacon Dave Matour*

National Rehab Hotline 866-210-1303

## Cambios efectivos en Junio

A partir de junio, habrá múltiples cambios con respecto a la Misa Diaria y la Adoración:

### ***Los siguientes cambios entran en vigor a partir del Lunes, 10 de Junio, 2024:***

*1. La adoración ahora será en la nueva Capilla de Adoración los días Lunes, Miércoles y Viernes de 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM. Por favor pase a la Rectoría por el código para abrir la puerta de la capilla. NO tendremos adoración en la iglesia principal.*

### ***Los siguientes cambios entran en vigor a partir del Lunes, 17 de Junio, 2024:***

*1. La Misa diaria los Lunes, Martes, Jueves y Viernes ahora se llevará a cabo en la Capilla de Adoración. La misa diaria del Sábado seguirá tomándose a cabo en la iglesia principal y confesiones en la iglesia después de la Misa.*

## Seeking:

Eucharistic Ministers who are available and able to visit our homebound parishioners. If you are able and willing to do this, please contact the Rectory.

Catholic Social Services 267-331-2490

# Pray for Those Serving our Country

U.S. Army - CPT Nathan Bevans

U.S. Army - PVT 2<sup>nd</sup> Cl. Matthew Hahn

U.S. Army - MAJ John Orendorff

U.S. Army - SSGT Eric D. Pearson

U.S. Army - SGT James Stephenson

U.S. Army - LTC Ramon A. Ramos

U.S. Navy - PO1 Evan Slizofski

U.S. Navy - PO2 Jonathan Slizofski

U.S.A.F. - SSG Jonathan D. Pearson

U.S.A.F. - SSGT Katlyn Pearson

U.S.A.F. - SrA Joseph M. Stasik

Army Nat. Guard - SPC Nathan Enslin

Army Nat. Guard - Col Steven Zahuranec



## RCIA

*Rite of Christian Initiation for  
Adults*

Change the world - Become  
Catholic!

RCIA is for all those who are new to the Catholic Church, or who need to complete Sacraments but are over the age of 16. Contact the Rectory if you are interested in registering! 610-272-0402

## VOLUNTEERS & CATECHISTS NEEDED!

We are looking for volunteers, Catechists, room aides & hall monitors to help with our fast-growing PREP Program on Sunday mornings!

### More Info:

Contact Father Smith, Pastor  
610-272-0402  
[admin@sfanorristown.com](mailto:admin@sfanorristown.com)



## SFA Pro Life

Our Pro-Life group meets on the First Saturday of every month at 9:00 AM in the Meetinghouse. Meetings are followed by a prayer vigil at the Planned Parenthood on Powell Street. All are welcome to join in the fight to save the unborn.

Keep an eye out on the bulletin board in the back of church for upcoming local Pro-Life events! All Pro-Life correspondence for St. Francis of Assisi can be sent to Judy at [sfapro lifegroup@gmail.com](mailto:sfapro lifegroup@gmail.com).