

Saint Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church



SUNDAY BULLETIN | June 9, 2024

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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*

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

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School

601-A Buttonwood Street, Norristown
Miss Bridget Tigue, Principal
Phone: (610) 272-0501
Website: www.sfacatholic.org



SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, June 10

8:30 AM Joe & Anthony Picard by *Andi Picard*

Tuesday, June 11

Saint Barnabas, Apostle

8:30 AM Pat McCabe by *SFA Seniors*

Wednesday, June 12

No Mass

Thursday, June 13

Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:30 AM Anthony Palma by *David & Anita DiLucia*

Friday, June 14

8:30 AM Anna Picard by *Andi Picard*

Saturday, June 15

8:30 AM Souls in Purgatory

5:30 PM Stanley & Susan Serosky by *Stan & Mary Ann Serosky*

Sunday, June 16

7:00 AM John & Sally Lattanze by *Dave & Jeanne Marie Lattanze*

9:00 AM Pro Populo

11:00 AM Philip H. Moore by *Family*

1:00 PM Spanish Mass

5:30 PM Marie E. Gallagher by *Joe & Jim Gallagher*

LECTOR & EM SCHEDULE

June 15 - 5:30 pm

L - J. Martens

EM - MJ Bondi
S. Robins

June 16 - 11 am

L - R. Lattanze

EM - T. Greco,
J. Gallagher

June 16 - 7 am

L - C. Zurek

EM - BJ Mumford,
L. Steppe

June 16 - 5:30 pm

L - S. Matour

EM - C. Hurd

June 16 - 9 am

L - O. Russo

EM - J. Fitzpatrick

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

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 Giovenco, Michele Hamilton, Patty Iaccarino, Lois Leggerie, Edward Mateja, Joe McDonald, Meghan McLaughlin, 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:

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

One hundred years. That is difficult to really process since so much can happen inside that time. In that time there have been seventeen presidents, eight Popes, World War Two, the Cold War and several other events that helped shape this century. There have been revolutions, counter revolutions on political and social levels. Styles in music, art and fashion have morphed in more ways that can be counted and sometimes wish not remembered. I am grateful to say I avoided the frost tip hair fad. It can not be said that these events did not have an impact on our parish during its first one hundred years of existence. What can be said is that these events did not have the most impact on our parish. What has always been the driving force and guiding principle of our parish is the Eucharist. From the first mass that Fr. Ross celebrated the closing mass of our Centennial, the Eucharist has been the cornerstone of our parish. The Eucharist must be more than just found in our Church and in our new Adoration Chapel. The power of the Eucharist and our devotion to it must be found everywhere. We can take an example from our own patron St. Francis of Assisi, who was described to have "a glowing devotion that consumed the very marrow of his bones". It is this deep devotion to the Eucharist that we must strive for every day. It truly has been the only pursuit that can shape a society, a parish and a person. Many other things will come and go in our lives to help shape it for a time. As we begin our second century, let us follow the example of St. Francis. Let the Eucharist penetrate our every thought and action. If we can do this, then it will not be difficult to understand what guides our parish and what we are about. We will be a Eucharistic people free from the changing world.

Cien años. Esto es realmente difícil de procesar ya que pueden suceder muchas cosas en ese tiempo. En ese tiempo han sido diecisiete presidentes, ocho Papas, la Segunda Guerra Mundial, la Guerra Fría y varios otros acontecimientos que ayudaron a dar forma a este siglo. Ha habido revoluciones, contrarrevoluciones a nivel político y social. Los estilos en la música, el arte y la moda se han transformado en más formas que se pueden contar y que a veces no se desean recordar. Me alegro de poder decir que evité la moda del cabello con puntas heladas. No se puede decir que estos acontecimientos no hayan tenido impacto en nuestra parroquia durante sus primeros cien años de existencia. Lo que puede ser dicho es que estos eventos no tuvieron el mayor impacto en nuestra parroquia. ¿Cuál ha sido siempre el motor y la guía? El principio de nuestra parroquia es la Eucaristía. Desde la primera misa que el P. Ross celebró la Misa de clausura de nuestro Centenario, la Eucaristía ha sido la piedra angular de nuestra parroquia. La Eucaristía debe encontrarse más que simplemente en nuestra Iglesia y en nuestra nueva Capilla de Adoración. El poder de la Eucaristía y nuestra devoción a ella deben encontrarse en todas partes. Podemos tomar un ejemplo de nuestro propio patrón, San Francisco de Asís, de quien se describió que tenía "una devoción resplandeciente que consumía la médula misma de su ser". huesos". Es esta profunda devoción a la Eucaristía por la que debemos esforzarnos todos los días. Realmente ha sido la única actividad que puede dar forma a una sociedad, una parroquia y una persona. Muchas otras cosas vendrán y desaparecerán en nuestra vida para ayudar a darle forma por un tiempo. Al comenzar nuestro segundo siglo, sigamos el ejemplo de San Francisco. Que la Eucaristía penetre en cada pensamiento y acción. Si podemos hacer esto, entonces no será difícil entender qué guía a nuestra parroquia y cuál es nuestro objetivo. Seremos un pueblo eucarístico libre del cambio del mundo.

Tenth
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

Reading I: Genesis 3: 9-15

Eating from the forbidden tree begins the reign of sin and the banishment from the garden of Adam and Eve. The garden was the locale of God.

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 4:13 to 5:1

Having the spirit of faith, we are to believe that we will be raised up by the same God who raised Jesus from the dead.

Gospel: Mark 3: 20-35

Jesus embarrasses His family and angers the scribes. He tells a parable about divided kingdoms that stand or fall.

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 12th. 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.

MASS & RALLY FOR LIFE

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.

Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024

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.

Mass - March - Rally Please participate in one or all of these events on June 22 as we promote the Right to Life and pray for moms & babies. (prolifeunion.org)

COLLECTION

JUNE 2, 2024

Sunday	\$7,957
E-Giving	\$1,296

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 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

Happy 100th Anniversary Saint Francis of Assisi Parish!

As we wind down the 2023-2024 academic year, we remember all of the wonderful memories from this past school year. These memories and SFA smiles are captured in our Saint Francis of Assisi School Yearbook. Students who already purchased an SFA Yearbook have received this special treasure. Yearbooks will continue to be on sale the final week of school as well as throughout the Summer in the Main Office for \$25.00.

We would like to thank Olivia Marino in 8th Grade as well as her mother & SFA Home & School President, Mrs. Jaime Marino, for putting our SFA Yearbook together this school year. Thank you for your time and talent!

GO WOLVERINES!



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.**

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 10th:

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 17th:

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

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.

National Rehab Hotline 866-210-1303

Catholic Social Services 267-331-2490

Pray for Those Serving our Country

U.S. Army - CPT Nathan Bevans

U.S. Army - PVT 2nd 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



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 sfaprolifegroup@gmail.com.