

Saint Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church



SUNDAY BULLETIN | May 12, 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:

Mondays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm October - May; Mondays 9:00 am - 10 am June - September

Administrative Assistant: Miss Lauren Kibler

Business Manager: Mr. Carl Needles

St. Francis Rectory 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 Tighe, Principal

Phone: (610) 272-0501

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SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MAY 13 - *Our Lady of Fatima*

8:30 AM - Tom J. Przybek
(*Michael & Cheryl Maresca*)

TUESDAY, MAY 14 - *St. Matthias*

8:30 AM - Philip Seamon
(*Sharon Robins*)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

No Mass

THURSDAY, MAY 16

8:30 AM - Mary Bibbo
(*Joe & Becky Picard*)

FRIDAY, MAY 17

8:30 AM - Mary Bibbo
(*Sandy Pascavage & Family*)

SATURDAY, MAY 18 - *St. John I*

8:30 AM - Pat McCabe
(*Barbara Ruser*)

5:30 PM - All Police Personnel

SUNDAY, MAY 19

7:00 AM - Carmen Molinaro
(*Anna Nave & Family*)

9:00 AM - Rev. George Ettore

11:00 AM - Pro Populo

1:00 PM - Lourdes Zepeda & Delia Arencibia
(*Family*)

5:30 PM - Raimundo Garcia
(*Ray & Dana Garcia*)

LECTOR & EM SCHEDULE

May 18 - 5:30 pm

L - P. Smith
EM - MJ Bondi
J. Fitzpatrick

May 19 - 11 am

L - L. Gambone
EM - T. Greco,
L. O'Donnell

May 19 - 7 am

L - R. Gelet
EM - C. DeGrazio,
J. DeGrazio

May 19 - 5:30 pm

L - J. Martens
EM - M. Anders

May 19 - 9 am

L - K. Bradbury
EM - O. Russo
D. Skaw

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is every Monday
from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, unless otherwise noted.*

MONDAY / LUNES

1:00 Benediction (C)

WEDNESDAY / MIÉRCOLES

7:00 Men's Bible Study (MH)

7:00 Women's Bible Study (MH)

SATURDAY / SÁBADO

5:30 Blue Mass (C)

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

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

MEMORIAL SOCIETY

Sanctuary Lamp, Blessed Mother Altar:

Kathleen Primavera (*Primavera Family*)

Sanctuary Lamp, St. Joseph Altar:

Altar Bread at Mass this Week:

Floral Arrangement, Main Altar:

All Mothers

Floral Arrangement, Blessed Mother Altar:

Toni Pellechia (*Children*)

Floral Arrangement, St. Joseph Altar:

This Weeks' Memorial Society Enrollees:

24 Hour Confidential Pregnancy Hotline 610-626-4006

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024

Reflection by Rev. Richard J. Smith

Over the next few weeks in the Archdiocese, we will have ordinations of new Deacons and Priests and new assignments given out. It is a joyous and exciting time. I admit a bit of nostalgia thinking back to my own ordination fifteen years ago. That day at the Cathedral was beautiful and I recall smiles and tears shared with family and friends. At the time, I had no idea where my ministry would take me or what challenges I may be facing. It was exciting and a little scary at the same time. Every newly ordained priest starting a new assignment is experiencing this in the coming days. This is why I ask that we all pray for our newly ordained and all priests who will be starting new assignments. This time also brings to light the need for more men to answer the call to the priesthood.

Here in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, we will only be ordaining three new priests when the number of those retiring is growing each year. You see the growth of our own parish, and it is a blessing that we have Msgr. Doody and Fr. Abner to assist us, but that can change at any moment. Let us not simply pray for those in the seminary and priesthood, but let us also encourage the young men of our parish to consider entering the priesthood. It has been sometime since our parish has produced a vocation to the priesthood. Let it make it our parish goal to have a young man enter the Seminary in the upcoming years.

Durante las próximas Semanas en la Arquidiócesis, tendremos ordenaciones de nuevos diáconos y presbíteros y se asignan nuevas asignaciones. Es un momento alegre y emocionante. Admito que siento un poco de nostalgia al recordar mi propia ordenación hace quince años. Ese día en la Catedral fue hermoso y recuerdo sonrisas y lágrimas compartidas con familiares y amigos. En ese momento, no tenía idea de adónde me llevaría mi ministerio ni qué desafíos podría enfrentar. Fue emocionante y un poco aterrador al mismo tiempo. Cada nuevo sacerdote ordenado comenzar una nueva asignación lo experimentará en los próximos días. Es por eso que pido que todos oremos por nuestros recién ordenados y por todos los sacerdotes que comenzarán nuevas asignaciones. Este momento también saca a la luz la necesidad de que más hombres respondan al llamado al sacerdocio.

Aquí en la Arquidiócesis de Filadelfia, solo ordenaremos tres nuevos sacerdotes cuando el número de los que se jubilan crece cada año. Se ve el crecimiento de nuestra propia parroquia, y es una bendición que tengamos a Mons. Doody y el p. Abner para ayudarnos pero eso puede cambiar en cualquier momento. No oremos simplemente por aquellos en el seminario y el sacerdocio, sino que también animemos a los jóvenes de nuestra parroquia a considerar ingresar al sacerdocio. Ha pasado algún tiempo desde que nuestra parroquia produjo una vocación al sacerdocio. Que nuestra meta parroquial sea que un joven ingrese al Seminario en los próximos años.

Seventh
Sunday
of
Easter

Reading I: Acts 1: 15-17, 20a, 20c-26

The Apostles elect Matthias to replace Judas, who had "turned away to go to his own place." Thus, the sacred number of 12 is once again denoting those who had witnessed the resurrection.

Reading II: 1 John 4: 11-16

"We must love one another" because God remains in each of us.

Gospel: John 17: 11b-19

Jesus offers His high priestly prayer after the Last Supper in which He not only asks His Father to protect His Eleven, but also has in mind Judas who is about to betray Him.

GOD BLESS OUR STUDENTS SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

Abdiel Andrade Diaz

Maria Ascension Grande

Marcelino Assobo

Ian Bañuelos

Gabriel Calderon-Juarez

Eduardo Chavac Hernandez

Mayerli Flores Nieto

Jeffrey Gonzalez

Jacinta Kedi

Oscar Martinez Portillo

Makenzie Meacham

Grettel Muñoz Perez

Alexander Nieto Monroy

Christopher Ortiz Velazquez

Camila Perez Navarro

Julian Pineda-Ayala

Andrea Ramirez Serrano

Melanie Rebollo

Owen Reese

José Sanchez Flores

Amanda Santana Portilla

Iris Santana Portillo

Khaleesi Sosa Romero

Kristin Tecpoyotl

Diego Trejo Villanueva

Sara Valdez Reynoso

Catherine Yollong

COLLECTION MAY 5, 2024

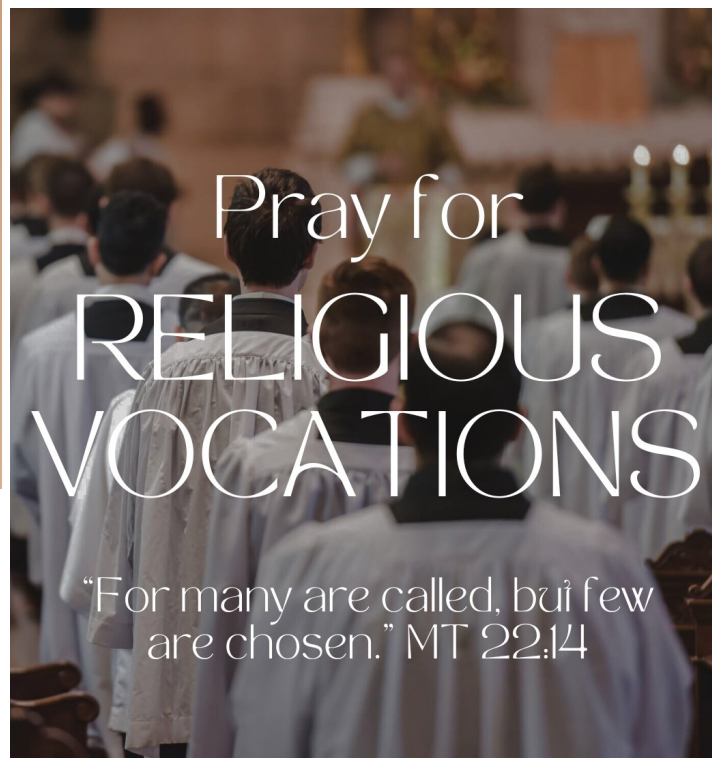
Sunday	\$8,459
E-Giving	\$1,882

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



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National Rehab Hotline 866-210-1303





SCHOOL NEWS

Sacraments

We would like to congratulate our students in our Religious Education Program (PREP) and Saint Francis of Assisi School who received the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation.

First Reconciliation was on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. in Church. Approximately 50 students received God's healing forgiveness that day.

Our parish welcomed Bishop Cooke on Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 4:00 P.M. for the sacrament of Confirmation. 43 students were confirmed and sealed with the Holy Spirit. We look forward to seeing the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit at work in these young men and women as they continue their faith journey. Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

On Saturday, May 4, 2024 our parish celebrated First Communion at 11:00 A.M. 26 students received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time.

We would like to thank our catechists and teachers for preparing these students to receive these sacraments. Please continue to keep these young children and teens in your prayers as they continue their faith journey.

Congratulations!



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 for families who are re-registering**. Registration for **new** families will open on June 3. 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.**

La inscripción para el próximo año PREP **está abierta para las familias que se reinscriben**. La inscripción para **nuevas** familias se abrirá el 3 de junio. 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.**

Women's Gospel Reflection

Every Wednesday | 7 PM | In the Meetinghouse
No registration required
for information, contact Olga Russo at
olgarusso6255@gmail.com or
Theresa Greco at theresagreco67@gmail.com

Men's Bible Study

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



FAMILY FUN DAY
AT THE
ELMWOOD PARK ZOO

Sunday, May 19, 2024 | 1pm - 5pm

SFA has reserved the Stoney Creek Pavilion for our attendees! Come out for a fun afternoon with our SFA family!!

Ticket information:

\$14.95 online	\$15.95 at gate	children 0-2 free!
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www.elmwoodparkzoo.org

The poster features a cartoon illustration of a zoo with a giraffe, a tiger, a deer, and a sign that says 'ZOO'.

Church Cleaners

We are looking for volunteers to assist with gently cleaning our Church. We will be meeting every other Wednesday at 9 AM to clean. If you are interested in helping, simply show up!

Spring 2024 cleaning dates:

May 22nd

THANK YOU!

SFA Seniors

Here are our upcoming meeting dates for the Seniors group. All meeting are at 1 PM in the Meetinghouse.

May 21 - Essie's Ice Cream Social

June 4 - Covered Dish

Please do not park in our Lower Parking Lot behind the School. Parking is available on Buttonwood Street and in our Upper Lot.

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.



SFA PRO-LIFE

Our Pro-Life group meets on the First Saturday of every month at 9:00 AM in the Parish 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.

Catholic Social Services 267-331-2490

Blue Mass for Police

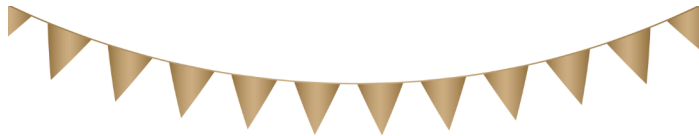


Saturday, May 18, 2024

5:30 PM

St. Francis of Assisi
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Join us in honoring & praying
for our local law enforcement
officers - all are welcome!



CENTENNIAL GALA

SUNDAY, JUNE 9 | 3 PM

PRESIDENTIAL CATERERS

SCAN THE QR
CODE TO
PURCHASE
TICKETS



Suicide Prevention Helpline 800-273-8255
Crisis Lifeline 988

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



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

U.S. Army - *CPT Nathan Bevans*
Army National Guard - *SPC Nathan Enslin*
U.S. Army - *PVT 2nd Cl. Matthew Hahn*
U.S. Army - *MAJ John Orendorff*
U.S. Army - *SSGT Eric D. Pearson*
U.S.A.F. - *SSG Jonathan D. Pearson*
U.S.A.F. - *SSGT Katlyn Pearson*
U.S. Navy - *PO1 Evan Slizofski*
U.S. Navy - *PO2 Jonathan Slizofski*
U.S.A.F. - *SrA Joseph M. Stasik*
U.S. Army - *SGT James Stephenson*
U.S. Army - *LTC Ramon A. Ramos*
Army National Guard - *Col Steven Zahuranec*