



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 20, 2024

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 9:30AM-4:00PM

(closed 12-12:30PM daily)

Friday 9:00AM-Noon

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: M/T/Th/F - 8:30AM

no Wednesday Mass

Sunday: 7:00AM, 9:00AM (Spanish), &
11:30AM

Saturday: 8:30AM & 5:30PM (Vigil)

CONFESSION

Saturday: 9:00AM & 4:00PM - 5:00PM

ADORATION

M/W/F 9:00AM - 6:00PM in the

Adoration Chapel [stop by the Parish Center
for the Chapel code]



SUNDAY, October 20, 2024

Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22;
Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 21

Ordinary Weekday

8:30 S. Joseph Andre Intriери, SSJ by Frank Panfile & Family

Tuesday, October 22

Memorial of St. John Paul II, Pope

8:30 J. Kaye Weidman by Jim Smith

Wednesday, October 23

Memorial of St. John of Capistrano, Priest

No Mass

Thursday, October 24

Memorial of St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

8:30 Paul & Sue Scharf by The Martens Family

Friday, October 25

Ordinary Weekday

8:30 Assunta Hand by Bridget Tigue

Saturday, October 26

Ordinary Weekday

8:30 John Sgarlatta & Mary Lou Hall (liv.) by Joanne Schonley

5:30 Luis Gamez Mendez & Petra Diaz by Rosa Gamez

Sunday, October 27

7:00 Elizabeth Manjardi by The O'Neill Family

9:00 Mario Marin Alcala by Familia

11:30 Pro Populo

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

OCTOBER 13, 2024

Sunday	\$7,201
E-Giving	\$1,667

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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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 PM - Benediction (A)

TUESDAY / MARTES

7:00 PM - RCIA (PC)

WEDNESDAY / MIÉRCOLES

8:30 AM - Church Cleaners (C)

6:00 PM - Benediction (A)

6:30 PM - The Chosen (PC)

7:00 PM - Men's Bible Study (PC)

THURSDAY / JUEVES

7:00 PM - Confirmation Parent Meeting (C)

FRIDAY / VIERNES

6:00 PM - Benediction (A)

SUNDAY / DOMINGO

10:00 AM - PREP (S)

(A) Adoration Chapel
(C) Church
(PC) Parish Center
(R) Rectory
(S) School

LECTOR & EM SCHEDULE

Oct. 19 - 5:30PM

L - J. Martens

EM - D. Skaw,
K. Bradbury

Oct. 20 - 9AM

L - F. Davila,
M. Chanez

Oct. 20 - 7AM

L - T. Leone

EM - C. Zurek,
J. Fitzpatrick

Oct. 20 - 11:30AM

L - K. McDonald

EM - M. Palmore,
C. Hurd

SUNDAY, October 20, 2024

Reflection by Rev. Richard J. Smith

The month of October is dedicated to our Blessed Mother under the title of Our Lady of the Rosary. This particular feast day is celebrated on October 7th but the entire month gives us the chance to reflect on the Rosary. So many saints have spoken about the power of the Rosary. St. Louis de Monfort says, "To become perfect, say a Rosary a day." St. John Paul II tells us, "Our heart can include in the decades of the Rosary all the events that comprise the life of the individual, the family, the nation and all humankind." I could fill this entire article with quotes about the Rosary. This is how powerful the Rosary is and should be a staple in our Spiritual lives. Yet how often do we take the time to pray the Rosary? Many times, I see the Rosary hung from our rear-view mirror in cars or being worn like a necklace. Is this really the appropriate use or spot for such a powerful prayer? I would encourage everyone to take a few moments this week to reflect on the power of the Rosary. I know in my own life, when I am feeling a bit off, it's often because I haven't prayed my Rosary that day. Let us, as a parish dedicate ourselves to praying the Rosary more frequently so that, through the guidance of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we can grow closer to Christ.

El mes de Octubre está dedicado a nuestra Santa Madre bajo el título de Nuestra Señora del Rosario. Este día festivo en particular es celebrado el 7 de Octubre pero el mes entero nos da la oportunidad de reflexionar sobre el rosario. Tantos santos han hablado sobre el poder del rosario. San Luis de Monfort dice, "Para ser perfecto, di un rosario al día." San Juan Pablo II nos dice, "Nuestros corazones pueden incluir en las décadas del rosario todos los acontecimientos que componen la vida de un individuo, la familia, la nación y toda la humanidad." Podría llenar todo este artículo con frases sobre el rosario. Así de poderoso es el rosario y debe ser un elemento básico en nuestras vidas espirituales. Sin embargo, ¿con qué frecuencia nos tomamos el tiempo para rezar el rosario? Muchas veces, veo el rosario colgado en el espejo retrovisor en los coches o usado como un collar. ¿Es este el uso o lugar apropiado para una oración tan poderosa? Los animo a todos a tomarse unos momentos esta semana para reflexionar sobre el poder del rosario. En mi vida propia, cuando me siento un poco mal, usualmente es porque no he rezado el rosario ese día. Dedicémonos como parroquia a rezar el rosario más frecuente para que por medio de la guía de la Santa Virgen Maria, podamos acercarnos más a Cristo.

*Twenty-Eighth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Reading I: Isaiah 53: 10-11

The Suffering Servant (Jesus) offers His suffering for us so that we might all be justified in the eyes of God.

Reading II: Hebrews 4: 14-16

Jesus, as great High Priest, outranks the Jewish high priests. His outstanding compassion is also what makes Him great.

Gospel: Mark 10: 35-45, or 10: 42-45

More than halfway through his gospel, Mark presents us with Jesus giving the rather obtuse James and John the actual consequences of discipleship.

The CHOSEN watch | discuss | reflect | rejoice



The Chosen is shown on Wednesday Nights in the Parish Center (formerly the Meetinghouse) at 6:30 PM, followed by a discussion. This is a free event, all are welcome to attend! ***This will take The place of the Women's Bible Study.***

SFA Seniors

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

November 5 - Zep Day

November 19 - Attny. Shallcross speaks about scams

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

CONFIRMATION MEETING

There is a MANDATORY Meeting for Families of Confirmation Students on Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 7:00 PM. This meeting will be in Church. This meeting is for PREP **and** School Families.

CHURCH CLEANERS

We are looking for volunteers to assist with gently cleaning our Church. We will be meeting every other Wednesday at 8:30AM to clean. If you are interested in helping, simply show up!

Fall 2024 cleaning dates:

October 23rd & 30th

November 13th

THANK YOU!

Suicide Prevention Helpline 800-273-8255

Crisis Lifeline 988

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Christmas bazaar committee is seeking volunteers to help plan for the 2024 Bazaar which will be held December 7. For table information & space availability, contact Jane Caruso at 610-539-1681. To volunteer your time in any way, please email admin@sfanorristown.com or call the Parish Center.

Our next Christmas Bazaar meeting will be **Thursday, October 17** at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center.

Prayer Shawl Group

first Wednesday of the month | 1 PM
We meet in the Parish Center. No experience needed -- if you don't know how to crochet/knit, someone in the group would be happy to teach you!

note - we do not meet in June/July/August

for more information, contact
Kay Boyce at 610-772-7216

How to Pray the Rosary



Religious Education

Begin at the tail end of the rosary beads

1. *Holding the crucifix:*
"In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit"
one Apostles' Creed
2. *On the first bead:*
one Our Father
3. *On the three grouped beads:*
one Hail Mary on each bead
4. *On the next single bead:*
one Glory Be

Many people ignore the tail and begin at this point.

The first mystery

5. *Announce the first mystery. For example, the first luminous mystery is the baptism of Jesus.*
6. *On the same single bead as above:*
one Our Father

Move on to the loop of beads

7. *On the first set of ten beads:*
one Hail Mary on each bead (total of ten)
8. *Pause and reflect on the first mystery*
9. *On the single bead:*
one Glory Be

The second to the fifth mysteries

Announce the mysteries one at a time and repeat the pattern of
one Our Father
ten Hail Marys
one Glory Be

until you have reflected on all five mysteries

Conclude each series (set of five mysteries) with
Hail, Holy Queen

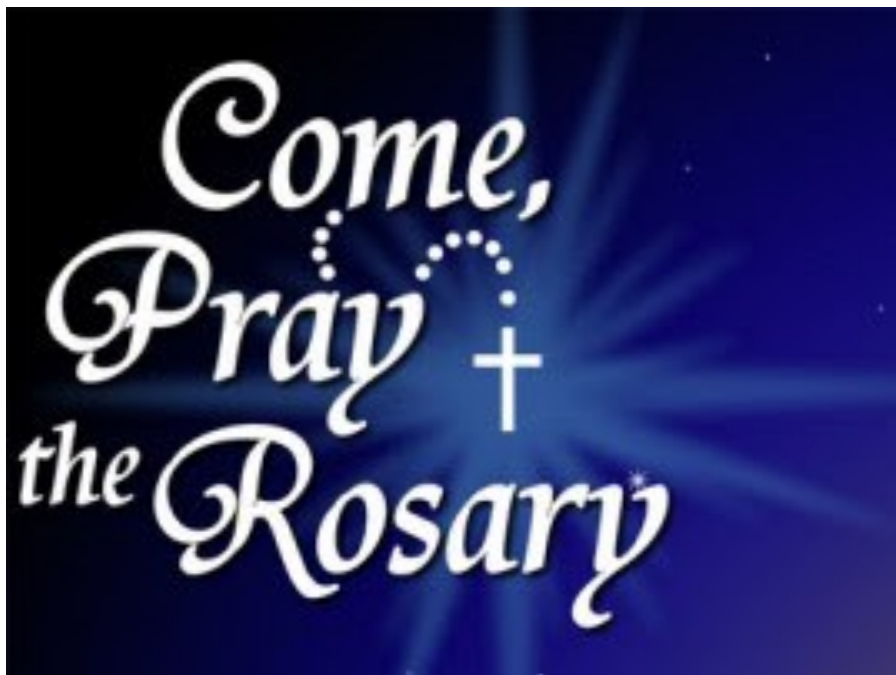
Welcome to the Blessed Carlo Acutis Religious Education Page at Saint Francis of Assisi! Here, you will find important information, updates, and dates to know!

Reminder: There is a **mandatory** Parent meeting for Confirmation Families on Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 7:00 PM in Church!

Remember to get your Mass Attendance Sheets stamped **every Sunday!!**

Recordatorio: ¡Hay una reunión de padres **obligatoria** para las familias de la Confirmación el jueves 24 de octubre de 2024 a las 7:00 p. m. en la Iglesia!

¡Recuerde sellar sus Hojas de Asistencia a Misa todos los domingos!



Prayer to St. Michael The Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God,

thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

Oración a San Miguel Arcángel

San Miguel Arcángel, defiéndenos en la batalla. Sé nuestra protección contra la maldad y las asechanzas del diablo;

Que Dios lo reprenda, te lo pedimos humildemente; y haz tú, oh Príncipe de las Huestes Celestiales, con el poder de Dios, arrojar al infierno a Satanás y a todos los espíritus malignos, que merodean por el mundo, buscando la ruina de las almas.

Amén.

2024 MASS BOOK

There are still dates open in October, November and December of the 2024 Mass Book! **We cannot open the 2025 Mass Book until this book is filled.** If you would like a Mass, please email admin@sfanorristown.com or call the Parish Center at 610-272-0402.

CANDLES IN CHURCH

As you may have noticed, there are no candles in Church. This is because there has been a large increase in candles being lit without any money being put in the candle boxes. As candle costs continue to rise, we have had to make the decision to (temporarily) discontinue placing candles in church until further notice. We understand that this may be inconvenient, but we hope to come up with a solution that doesn't continue to lose the parish money.



National Rehab Hotline 866-210-1303

PREP HELP NEEDED

We are in need of Catechists & PREP Volunteers for this coming PREP year!! We are in search of people willing to teach Sunday morning classes or be classroom aides for our children! For more information or to volunteer, please contact Father Smith at the Parish Center!!

Catholic Social Services 267-331-2490

Thank you for your continuing prayers.

Prayers 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

Prayers for the Sick

Robin Caza, Maria Giovinco, Michele Hamilton, Patty Iaccarino, Lois Leggerie, Edward Mateja, Joe McDonald, Constance Monastero, Sandy Orth, Kathleen Prinzivalli, Dolores Salvo, 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. When your loved one recovers, please notify the Parish Office so we can offer a prayer of thanks!

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:

To request any above memorials, please contact Miss Kibler in the Parish Center at 610-272-0402.



DEVOTIONS at ST. FRANCIS

The Rosary is recited daily before the 8:30AM Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet - Tuesdays after Mass

Sacred Heart Devotions - Fridays after Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena - Saturdays after 8:30AM Mass

Visits to the Blessed Sacrament - Monday-Friday from 9AM - 6PM in the Chapel. Stop by the Parish Center 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 Center. 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.

24 HOUR CONFIDENTIAL PREGNANCY HOTLINE 610-626-4006