

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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June 30, 2024



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Mass Schedule:

Daily: M/T/Th/F - 8:30AM in the Chapel

Sunday: 7:00AM, 9:00AM (Bilingual), 11:00AM & 5:30PM
Misa en Español el 1 y 3 Domingo del mes a las 1:00PM

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 Office for the Chapel code]

OFFICE HOURS:

**Monday-Thursday 9:30AM-4:00PM
(closed 12-12:30PM daily)
Friday 9:00AM-Noon**

Parish Office Staff

Administrative Assistant: Miss Lauren Kibler

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SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13;
2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

MONDAY, JULY 1

Ordinary Weekday

8:30AM Eleanor Kovach by David & Anita DiLucia

TUESDAY, JULY 2

Ordinary Weekday

8:30AM John Mahar by St. Francis Seniors

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle

No Mass

THURSDAY, JULY 4

Ordinary Weekday

8:30AM For Prosperity of the Country

FRIDAY, JULY 5

Ordinary Weekday

8:30AM All Those in the SFA Memorial Society

SATURDAY, JULY 6

Ordinary Weekday

8:30AM James Hasson by Claire Madden

5:30PM Carol Gratkowski by Holly Gratkowski & Family

SUNDAY, JULY 7

7:00AM Pro Populo

9:00AM John Mahar by Barbara Ruser

11:00AM Shelli Palladino by Dee Landis

5:30PM Patricia Poliwoda by The Anders Family

LECTOR & EM SCHEDULE

July 6 - 5:30 pm

L - B. Collins

EM - A. Collins

MJ Bondi

July 7 - 11 am

L - K. McDonald

EM - M. Palmore,

T. Greco

July 7 - 7 am

L - D. DiLucia

EM - BJ Mumford,

T. Barbato

July 7 - 5:30 pm

L - C. Hurd

EM - J. Gallagher

July 7 - 9 am

L - S. Matour

EM - Deacon,

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

6:00 Benediction

6:30 The Chosen (MH)

7:00 Men's Bible Study (MH)

THURSDAY / JUEVES

RECTORY CLOSED

FRIDAY / VIERNES

RECTORY CLOSED

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

Pray for the Sick

Robin Caza, Maria Giovinco, Michele Hamilton, Patty Iaccarino, Lois Leggerie, Edward Mateja, Joe McDonald, Constance Monastero, Sandy Orth, Kathleen Prinziavalli, 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:

SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024

Reflection by Rev. Richard J. Smith

Most people in their lives come across a small handful of individuals whom they trust completely. All they have to say to us is, "I got it.", and we know that it will be taken care of. Also, the opposite is true. That same person can come asking for a favor and we do not need to hear the details. We know we are going to help. That is the confidence and trust that both the hemorrhaging woman and Jairus show Jesus. They did not need the details; they did not need a long-winded speech. All they wanted and needed was Jesus to tell them that it would be ok. Both had a situation that they were told by others was insurmountable. Both were told to let go of hope and accept that nothing could be done. In the face of overwhelming odds, they chose Christ and were rewarded for their faith. I must admit, there are times that I wish I had that kind of faith. There are days in the rectory that I do feel overwhelmed with what is in front of our parish. I know that many of you have felt this too in your own lives. This is why we must learn to completely trust in Christ. Let Jesus be that first person in your life that all you have to hear him say is, "We got this" and everything will be fine. He does not have to tell us how it's going to work or even when. All he has to do is tell us it will work. This is the trust we need to work on this week. Let this unnamed woman and Jairus encourage us with their example to look past how lost we may feel. Let us instead choose to trust Jesus in all the hopeless moments of our day.

La mayoría de las personas en sus vidas se encuentran con un pequeño número de personas en quienes confían completamente. Todo lo que tienen que decirnos es "Lo tengo" y sabemos que se ocuparán de ello. Así también lo opuesto es verdad. Esa misma persona puede venir a pedir un favor y no necesitamos detalles. Sabemos que los ayudaremos. Esa es la confianza que la mujer que sangro por doce años y Jairo le demostraron a Jesús. Ellos no necesitaban detalles, no necesitaban un discurso amplio y largo. Todo lo que necesitaban y querían era que Jesús les dijera "todo va estar bien". Ambos tenían una situación que otros les habían dicho era insuperable. Ambos fueron dichos que dejaran ir la esperanza y aceptaran que nada se podía hacer. Frente a probabilidades abrumadoras, ellos escogieron a Cristo y fueron recompensados por su fe. Tengo que admitir que hay veces que yo desearía tener esa fe. Hay días en la rectoría que si me siento abrumado con lo que enfrenta nuestra parroquia. Yo se que muchos de ustedes también han sentido esto en sus propias vidas. Es por eso que debemos aprender a confiar en Cristo completamente. Dejemos que Jesús sea la primera persona en nuestras vidas que solo tengamos que escucharlo decir "lo tenemos" y todo va estar bien. El no nos tiene que decir cómo va a trabajar ni siquiera cuando. Solo nos tiene que decir que va funcionar. Esta es la confianza en la que debemos trabajar esta semana. Dejemos que esta mujer sin nombre y Jairo nos animen con su ejemplo a mirar más allá de lo perdido que nos podamos sentir. En lugar de eso, escojamos confiar en Jesús en todos los momentos desesperanzados de nuestro día.

*Thirteenth
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time*

Reading I: Wisdom 1: 13-15; 2:23-24

"God did not make death." So, the writer insists. Rather was it the devil's envy and consequent sin that brought death into the world.

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 8: 7, 9, 13-15

Our Lord Jesus made Himself poor that we might become rich. Not rich by worldly measure but in the measure of eternal life.

Gospel: Mark 5: 21-43, or 5:21-24, 33b-43

Here Mark uses his trademark "sandwich" device to tell two stories of healing, both of which share components.

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.



MARRIAGE MEETING

There are many married couples in our parish and our community who are not married in the Church. It could have been for several reasons why this happened. This does not mean the husband and wife do not love each other nor do they lack the desire to get married in the Church. In August, I am inviting any couple who finds themselves in this situation to a meeting. I am offering to sit down with each couple and help them to have their marriage blessed in the Church. This does not mean you have to plan a huge wedding. This is only an invitation to get your marriage blessed. This meeting will take place on two different nights. August 22nd and August 23rd at 7pm in the Meeting House. I hope to see you there and I look forward to helping our couples have their marriage blessed.

Hay tantas parejas en nuestra comunidad parroquial que no están casados por la iglesia. Pudo ser por diferentes razones y esto no significa que el marido y la mujer no se amen ni que no tengan el deseo de casarse en la iglesia. En Agosto estoy invitando a toda pareja que se encuentre en esta situación a una junta. Los invito a que platiquemos sobre cómo bendecir su matrimonio en la iglesia. Esto no significa que tengan que planear una boda a lo grande. Esto solo es una invitación para bendecir su matrimonio. Esta junta se llevará a cabo en dos noches diferentes. Agosto 22 y 23 a las 7 pm en la casa de reuniones. Espero verlos allí y espero poder ayudar a nuestras parejas con esta bendición.

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!

Summer 2024 cleaning dates:

July 17th

August 28th

THANK YOU!

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 Rectory for the keypad code.*



SCHOOL NEWS

8th Grade Graduation

Congratulations to our 8th Grade Class of 2024! The 8th Grade celebrated their Graduation from Saint Francis of Assisi School on Tuesday, June 11th, 2024 with a Mass of the Holy Spirit celebrated by Fr. Smith. The Graduation Liturgy was held at 6:00 P.M. in our Church. The following are the members of the SFA Class of 2024:

- Savannah Rain Bartsch
- Ethan Suleyman Branch
- Jacob Aidan Calbazana
- Dana Guadalupe Calderon-Juarez
- Brayanna Ashlynn Desince
- Joel Eusebio Dominguez
- Sophia Jane Esposito
- Fernanda Marlen Flores Gomez
- Charles Allan Hallahan III
- Olivia Elizabeth Marino
- Ignacio Leonel Mendez Morales
- Angel Miranda Jimenez
- Diego Monroy Reyes
- Oluwakemi Oreoluwa Oke
- Dannel Ramon Quintero-Castro
- Alister Jesus Reinoso Xoyatla

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. 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 manual par a padres. **Incluso si previamente nos proporcionó un Certificado de Bautismo, deberá proporcione uno nuevamente este año. Gracias. TODAS LAS INSCRIPCIONES CIERRAN 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

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.

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

4th of July

Please note: We will be CLOSED on Thursday, July 4, and Friday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day. We will reopen on Monday, July 8 with normal hours. Have a safe July 4th!

COLLECTION JUNE 23, 2024

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| Sunday | \$5,812 |
| E-Giving | \$1,541 |

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.

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.