

Saint Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church

SUNDAY BULLETIN | June 23, 2024



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MASS SCHEDULE:

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

Weekend: Saturday 5:30 PM (Vigil);
Sunday 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM (Bilingual),
11:00 AM, 5:30 PM

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: 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

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SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, June 24

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

8:30 AM Angela Cardenas by *Esther Islas*

Tuesday, June 25

8:30 AM Rosemarie & Anthony Olivieri by *Family*

Wednesday, June 26

No Mass

Thursday, June 27

8:30 AM Carmella Santangelo by *Family*

Friday, June 28

Saint Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr

8:30 AM Lucy Winkler by *David & Anita DiLucia*

Saturday, June 29

Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles

8:30 AM Dorothy Martello by *Mary Janes*

5:30 PM Fr. Gus Puleo by *Anne Korkus*

Sunday, June 30

7:00 AM Mary Ann Leggin by *The O'Neill Family*

9:00 AM Guido Bartholomew by *Maria Angela Basile*

11:00 AM Pro Populo

5:30 PM Susan Scharff by *The Coogan Family*

LECTOR & EM SCHEDULE

June 29 - 5:30 pm

L - B. Collins

EM - A. Collins
S. Robins

June 30 - 11 am

L - L. Hallahan

EM - M. Palmore,

June 30 - 7 am

L - D. DiLucia

EM - BJ Mumford,
C. Zurek

June 30 - 5:30 pm

L - K. Bradbury

EM - D. Skaw

June 30 - 9 am

L - S. Matour

EM - Deacon Matour

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)

FRIDAY / VIERNES

6:00 Benediction

(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 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

So many things have changed with Christ coming into the world. The majority of the time, we discuss how Jesus improved and reshaped our relationship with God. We now relate to God in a more intimate way than we did before Jesus walked the Earth. However, that is not the only relationship that Jesus changed. St. Paul, as he is writing to the Corinthians, points out how we now view others in the world. He says, "from now on we regard no one according to the flesh". Through Christ, we no longer see man or woman, Anglo or Hispanic, rich or poor, or even young and old. We are all equal in the eyes of Christ whose eyes now belong to all of us. Now that's a very tall order especially in our society today. So many things try to divide us on every possible topic and level. It is hard some days to not fall into these divisions. Because Jesus is now in our lives always, we can rise above all the negativity that comes at us. This is because we don't see any of it. All we now see is Christ and His love for all of us. Let us commit ourselves to this sight this week. Let us see everyone that comes into our Church, our place of work and our homes through the eyes of Jesus.

Tantas cosas han cambiado desde que Cristo caminó el mundo. La mayoría del tiempo discutimos como Jesus ha mejorado y remodelado nuestra relación con Dios. Ahora podemos relacionar a Dios en una manera más íntima que antes de que Jesus caminara en la tierra. San Pablo, mientras él está escribiendo a los Corintios, señala como nosotros vemos a otros en el mundo. El dice, "de ahora en adelante nosotros no consideramos a nadie según su carne." A través de Cristo, ya no vemos hombres ni mujeres, Anglicano o Hispano, rico o pobre, ni siquiera joven o mayor. Todos somos iguales en los ojos de Cristo quién sus ojos ahora nos pertenecen a todos nosotros. Ahora eso es una tarea muy difícil, especialmente en la sociedad actual. Tantas cosas tratando de dividirnos en cada nivel de tema posible. Es muy difícil a veces no caer en estas divisiones. Porque Jesus está siempre en nuestras vidas, podemos surgir por encima de toda la negatividad que nos llega. Esto porque no lo vemos. Todo lo que vemos es Cristo y su amor por todos nosotros, comprometámonos a esta visión esta semana. Veamos a todos los que llegan a nuestra iglesia, nuestro lugar de trabajo y nuestros hogares a través de los ojos de Jesus.

Twelfth
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time

Reading I: Job 38: 1, 8-11

Yahweh speaks to Job and asks him, "Were you with me at the creation when I set the boundaries for the seas?" In turn, we are asked to trust in God, who can surely do such things.

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 5: 14-17

We believe that Christ died and rose again for our sakes. Because of His sacrifice, we are free to love God and avoid sin.

Gospel: Mark 4: 35-41

When "even the winds and the sea obey Him," we realize that we must make a decision about Christ. This is for our present and the future.

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.

Pre-Jordan

Our Next SPANISH Pre-Jordan Baptism Class will be on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 7 PM. Classes are in the Meetinghouse. *Prior registration is necessary.* If you have a child you need Baptized, please contact the Rectory to register for Pre-Jordan. Thank you!

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 8:30 AM Mass
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament - Monday-Friday from 9 am - 6 pm in the Chapel. *Stop by the Rectory for the keypad code.*

24 Hour Confidential Pregnancy Hotline 610-626-4006

SCHOOL NEWS

Kindergarten

On Monday, June 10th, 2024 our Kindergarten Class celebrated their last day of school and their Kindergarten Graduation. Our Kindergarten students are ready to move onto 1st Grade in September:

- Kai Anderson
- Kenia Arias Palma
- Everett Noah Bradley
- Skylar Curran
- LeAnna Emerick
- Maria Lopez Gonzalez
- Coley Mitchell
- Mateo Munoz
- Bailei Nelson
- Dorian Orea Castro
- Aldo Palacios Gonzalez
- Carmen Queen
- Samaij Randall
- Rosalie Scheponik
- Jayla Smith
- Penelope Terrero
- Brielle Tolliver-Williams
- Esmarlyn Vargas Riveras

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 para padres. **Incluso si previamente nos proporcionó un Certificado de Bautismo, deberá proporcionarlo 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.

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 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 16, 2024

Sunday	\$7,776
E-Giving	\$1,872

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 sfaprolifegroup@gmail.com.