



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 10, 2024

CLERGY

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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, November 10, 2024

1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10;
Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 11

Memorial of St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

8:30 All Veterans

Tuesday, November 12

Memorial of St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

8:30 Anne Zurek by Patricia McNamee

Wednesday, November 13

Memorial of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

No Mass

Thursday, November 14

Ordinary Weekday

8:30 Frank Winkel by The Martens Family

Friday, November 15

Memorial of St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor

8:30 Assunta Hand by SFA 4th Grade Class

Saturday, November 16

Memorial of St. Margaret of Scotland;

Memorial of St. Gertrude, Virgin

8:30 Miryan Ester Romero Tejada by Miriam Polanco y Deisy Torres

5:30 Catherine R. Schwark by Michael & Cheryl Maresca

Sunday, November 17

7:00 Pro Populo

9:00 Hermilo Sosa Rodriguez by Roger Sosa Romero

11:30 Peter Romano by Wife & Family

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

NOVEMBER 3, 2024

Sunday \$8,467

E-Giving \$1,675

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)

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

Nov. 16 - 5:30PM

L - B. Collins

EM - A. Collins,
M. Anders

Nov. 17 - 9AM

L - E. Muñoz,
M. de la Torre

EM - L. Adan,
N. Guzman

Nov. 17 - 7AM

L - D. DiLucia

EM - C. DeGrazio,
J. DeGrazio

Nov. 17 - 11:30AM

L - K. McDonald

EM - M. Palmore,
D. Skaw

SUNDAY, November 10, 2024

Reflection by Rev. Richard J. Smith

There is a reminder for all of us in this week's Gospel. It is a reminder that we are all here to help one another grow closer to God. There is first, a reminder to the clergy that we are here to help bring people closer to their God. So many times clergy find themselves wrapped in the prestige that can come from the active priesthood. They care more about being on top of the pedestal than raising others to God. This is why I ask for your prayers on a daily basis so that I stay focused on lifting the parish to God and not my status. Then there is the widow who gives all that she can. Look at the personal sacrifice she makes so that others can come and pray at the temple. In her own way and to the best of her abilities, she is helping raise others to God. The parishioners of this parish can and have done the same thing. With your donations both of your finances and time, you give what you can to lift up the parish. You see, both priests and the people have the same mission, to help others move closer to God. A strong healthy parish has this balance where the pastor and the parishioners work together to raise everyone in their faith. As we enter into the next chapter of our parish, let it begin with this. That her pastor and her people lift each other up to God.

Hay un recordatorio para todos esta semana en el Evangelio. Es un recordatorio que todos estamos aquí para ayudarnos unos a otros a crecer más cerca a Dios. Primero, un recordatorio al clero que estamos aquí para ayudar a traer al pueblo más cerca a Dios. Muchas veces el clero se encuentra envuelto en el prestigio que deriva del sacerdocio activo. Les importa más estar arriba de un pedestal que alzar a otros a sea Dios. Es por eso que pido sus oraciones diariamente para que me mantenga enfocado en alzar la parroquia a Dios y no mi estatus. Y luego está la viuda que da todo lo que puede. Miren el sacrificio personal que hace para que otros puedan venir y rezar en el templo. A su manera y en las mejores de sus habilidades, ella está ayudando a alzar a otros a Dios. Los feligreses de esta parroquia pueden y han hecho lo mismo. Con sus donaciones, de finanzas y tiempo, dan lo que pueden para alzar la parroquia. Ven, ambos sacerdotes y el pueblo tienen la misma misión, ayudar a otros acercarse a Dios. Una parroquia fuerte y saludable tiene este balance donde el pastor y el pueblo trabajan juntos para alzar a todos en su fe. A medida que entramos al siguiente capítulo de nuestra parroquia, dejemos que empiece con esto. Que el pastor y el pueblo se levanten unos a otros a Dios.

*Thirty-Second
Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Reading I: I Kings 17: 10-16

The widow obeys Elijah's order and is rewarded with divine providence acting in her favor for a year. Such is the devotion of the humble.

Reading II: Hebrews 9: 24-28

Jesus' sacrifice of Himself was the perfect one as High Priest for all time. It did not require repetition to do further good because it took away all sins.

Gospel: Mark 12: 38-44, or 12: 41-44

The two characters featured here, the scribe and the widow, are starkly contrasted. Jesus favors the poor widow He had observed donating her whole livelihood to the temple treasury.

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 meetings are at 1 PM in the Parish Center.

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.

Christmas Bazaar Bake Sale

We will be taking donations of baked goods on Friday, December 6 from 5 PM - 7 PM and on Saturday, December 7 from 8 AM - 11 AM. Donations can be dropped off at the School Gym. For questions or more information, contact Barbara at 610-831-1063 or Shirley at 610-539-5851.

Thank you for all your help!!

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:

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, November 21 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*

SCHOOL NEWS

Shady Brook Farm Trip

On Tuesday, October 29th, 2024 our Pre-K, Kindergarten, 4th Grade, and 8th Grade traveled to Shady Brook Farm for their Fall Prayer Partner Field Trip.

The classes enjoyed many Fall activities including a Tractor ride, seeing farm animals, picking pumpkins, finding their way through a corn maze and haunted house, playing on the playground, and many other things. The weather was beautiful and all chaperones, students, and teachers had a wonderful time!



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!

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

REMINDER: The next class Mass is Sunday, November 24 at 11:30 AM. This is **MANDATORY & REQUIRED** for all **PREP Students** to attend.

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

RECORDATORIO: La próxima misa de clase es el domingo. 24 de noviembre a las 11:30 A.M.. Esto es **OBLIGATORIO Y OBLIGATORIO** para que asistan todos los estudiantes de **PREP**.

Kids Corner



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.

PARISH CENSUS

If you have not done so already, please
complete your parish census! We ask that you
fill it out completely, even if you think we
have all of your information already on file.
Once completed, you can mail it back, place
it in the collection basket, or drop it off at the
Parish Center! Thank you!!

National Rehab Hotline 866-210-1303

2025 MASS BOOK

The 2024 Mass Book is **FULL**. The 2025
Book opens on **MONDAY, NOVEMBER
11**. When the 2025 Book opens, there
will be a limit of 8 Masses per
household, including a maximum of two
(2) Sundays/Saturday Vigils. As
always, Masses **MUST** be ordered via
phone or email **ONLY**. PLEASE do not
come to the Parish Office to order Mass
Intentions. **Do not try to reserve dates
in the 2025 Book before NOVEMBER
11.**

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.

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, Anne Korkus, 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.

"PRAY, HOPE, AND
DON'T WORRY.
WORRY IS USELESS.
GOD IS MERCIFUL
AND WILL HEAR
YOUR PRAYER."
- PADRE PIO



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.

24 HOUR CONFIDENTIAL PREGNANCY HOTLINE 610-626-4006