

# Saint Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church



SUNDAY BULLETIN | April 7, 2024

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**Rev. Richard J. Smith, M.Div., Pastor**

**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

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**Parish Secretary:** Miss Lauren Kibler

**Office Manager:** Mrs. Dolores Landis

**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

Website: www.sfacatholic.org



# SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

## Sunday of Divine Mercy

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, APRIL 8

8:30 AM - Mary Bibbo  
(Barbara Mullen)

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

8:30 AM - John Ruser  
(Barbara Ruser & Family)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

**No Mass**

THURSDAY, APRIL 11 - *St. Stanislaus*

8:30 AM - Lillian Berner  
(Lillian Gambone)

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

8:30 AM - Joshua Moser  
(Mom & Dad)

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

8:30 AM - John L. Dickinson  
(Harriet & Carol Murray)  
5:30 PM - Mary Bibbo  
(Maria Giovinco & son Anthony)

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

7:00 AM - Mary Bibbo  
(Sal Ritrovato & Family)  
9:00 AM - Rev. Dennis Coghlan  
11:00 AM - Joseph Chinnici  
(Rev. Richard Smith)  
5:30 PM - Pro Populo

### LECTOR & EM SCHEDULE

Apr. 13 - 5:30 pm

L - P. Smith,  
EM - J. Gallagher,  
J. Shearer

Apr. 14 - 11 am

L - K. McDonald,  
EM - M. Palmore,  
O. Russo

Apr. 14 - 7 am

L - C. Zurek  
EM - C. DeGrazio,  
J. DeGrazio

Apr. 14 - 5:30 pm

L - J. Martens  
EM - M. Anders,  
D. Skaw

Apr. 14 - 9 am

L - A. Franz,  
EM - T. Leone,  
J. Fitzpatrick

### 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)

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

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

### MEMORIAL SOCIETY

**Sanctuary Lamp, Blessed Mother Altar:**

**Sanctuary Lamp, St. Joseph Altar:**

**Altar Bread at Mass this Week:**

**Floral Arrangement, Main Altar:** *Easter Envelopes*

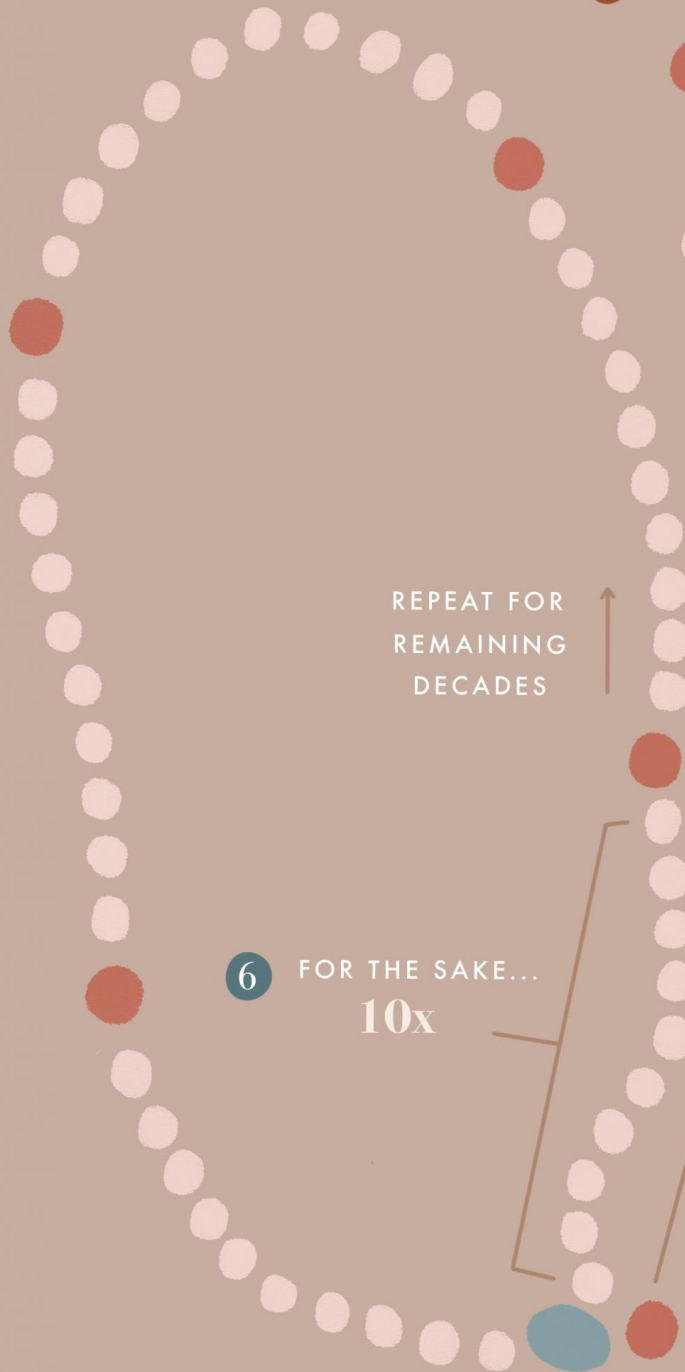
**Floral Arrangement, Blessed Mother Altar:**

**Floral Arrangement, St. Joseph Altar:**

**This Weeks' Memorial Society Enrollees:**

24 Hour Confidential Pregnancy Hotline 610-626-4006

# How to pray the *Divine Mercy* Chaplet



**On each of the large beads**  
Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

**On each of the small beads**  
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

## AFTER PRAYING ALL 5 DECADES

### Concluding Doxology (repeat 3x)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

### Closing Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

6 FOR THE SAKE...  
10x

5 ETERNAL FATHER...

4 APOSTLE'S CREED

3 HAIL MARY

2 OUR FATHER

1 SIGN OF THE CROSS

blessed is *she*

# PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,  
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
 where there is injury, pardon;  
 where there is doubt, faith;  
 where there is despair, hope;  
 where there is darkness, light;  
 where there is sadness, joy;  
 O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
 to be consoled as to console;  
 to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to  
 love.  
 For it is in giving that we receive; it is in  
 pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying  
 that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

# LA ORACIÓN DE SAN FRANCISCO DE ASÍS

Señor, hazme un instrumento de tu paz  
 Para sembrar amor donde hay odio  
 Donde hay ofensa, dar perdón  
 Donde hay duda, fé  
 Donde hay desesperación, esperanza  
 Donde hay obscuridad, luz  
 Donde hay tristeza, alegría.  
 O Maestro divino, concédeme  
 que no busque el ser consolado, sino el poder  
 consolar que no busque el ser comprendido,  
 sino el comprender que no busque el ser amado,  
 sino el amar  
 Porque es en dar, que recibimos  
 Es en perdonar, que somos perdonados  
 Es en morir, que nacemos a la vida eterna. Amén.

# 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.*



# COLLECTION

Sunday 3/24/2024	\$8,589
Sunday 3/31/2024	\$4,134
Easter	\$16,370
E-Giving	\$1,490

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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 to learn more.



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 logged donations, please fill out this coupon &  
 place it in the collection basket, mail to the  
 Rectory, or drop it off at the Rectory mailbox. **Be  
 sure to mark how you want your donation  
 statement sent to you, otherwise it will be  
 mailed.** NOTE: Those using Parish Giving will have  
 their statements emailed to them by the company.  
 Online giving numbers will not be included in the  
 statements provided by SFA.

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 City, State, & Zip

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 Phone Number

Mail statement to name & address above

Call when ready & I will pick statement up

National Rehab Hotline 866-210-1303





# SCHOOL NEWS

## Kindergarten Fun

Kindergarten is having a great time! We are learning our sight words and take great pride in seeing them in books, on papers, and even on our shirts. We spend a lot of time practicing how to stretch out words to help us read them. Many of us are starting to read on our own! In Math class we learned addition and subtraction, boy were they hard to do! During Lent, we went to Church for the Stations of the Cross on Fridays with our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Prayer Partners. We learned that Ash Wednesday began Lent and that Lent is the season where we follow Jesus' journey when he died and rose again on Easter Sunday.

Our class loves going out to play on the playground. We get to play on the equipment, draw with sidewalk chalk, and play ball. We enjoyed the snow this year and had a lot of fun on our Snow Days.

On Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, we went to the Please Touch Museum with our Pre-K friends. It was so much fun! The bus ride was awesome since some of us had never been on a bus before our field trips this school year. The Please Touch Museum had so many fun things to play with while we were there. Our favorites were the water and the grocery store. Many of us fell asleep on the way home.

In the upcoming weeks, we look forward to warmer weather, watching for signs of Spring, and continuing to become better at Math and Reading so that we can grow into First Graders!



## 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!**

*First Holy Communion Students: You have MANDATORY practice on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 11:00 AM in the Church.*

*Confirmation Students: You have 2 practices in April, BOTH ARE MANDATORY. Your first practice is on Saturday, April 20 at 11 AM. Your second practice is on Tuesday, April 23 at 7 PM. Your sponsor MUST ATTEND the second practice.*

If you/your family attend & are registered at Saint Patrick's Church and are attending PREP classes here at St. Francis, PLEASE CONTACT ST. PATRICK'S. They have your dates for Sacrament Meetings.

**Don't Forget:** All Catholic School Students and ALL PREP Students are now required to use Mass Attendance Forms. If you lost yours, they're available on the PREP website.

*Estudiantes de Primera Comuni3n:* Tienen pr3ctica OBLIGATORIA el d3a s3bado 27 de abril de 2024 a las 11:00 AM en la Iglesia.

*Estudiantes de Confirmaci3n:* Tienes 2 pr3cticas en abril, AMBAS SON OBLIGATORIAS. Tu primera pr3ctica es el s3bado 20 de abril a las 11 a.m. Tu segunda pr3ctica es el martes 23 de abril a las 7 p.m. Su patrocinador DEBE ASISTIR a la segunda pr3ctica.

Si usted o su familia asisten y est3n registrados en la Iglesia de San Patricio y asistiendo a clases de PREP aqu3 en St. Francis, POR FAVOR CONTACTE A SAN PATRICIO. Tienen tus fechas para las Reuniones Sacramentos.

**No lo olvide:** todos los estudiantes de escuelas cat3licas y TODOS los estudiantes de PREP ahora deben usar formularios de asistencia a misa. Si perdiste el tuyo, est3n disponibles en el sitio web de PREP.

## Women's Gospel Reflection

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

## SFA Seniors

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

April 16 - Chick-Fil-A Day & Spring Sale  
May 7 - Bingo & Dessert / Soft Pretzel Sale  
Please do not park in our Lower Parking Lot behind the School. Parking is available on Buttonwood Street and in our Upper Lot.

## Sunday Socials

The Ladies of St. Francis invite you to our Sunday Socials, held on the first Sunday of every month after the 9 & 11 AM Masses. Join us in the Parish Meetinghouse for coffee, doughnuts, and other refreshments and get to know your fellow parishioners!

The next Sunday Socials will be on:  
Sunday, April 7, 2024  
Sunday, May 5, 2024

## PARISH ENVELOPES



If you have not recently received your parish envelopes, please contact the Rectory. We can confirm that the mailing address we have on file is correct. Also, if you have MOVED, please contact the Rectory so we can update your address. Thank you!

Suicide Prevention Helpline 800-273-8255

Crisis Lifeline 988

## Men's Bible Study

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

## 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:

April 17<sup>th</sup>  
May 1<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

THANK YOU!

## Prayer Shawl Group

first Wednesday of the month | 1 PM  
We meet in the Meetinghouse. 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

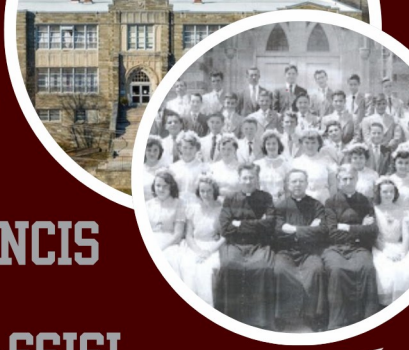
## SFA PRO-LIFE

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](mailto:sfaprolifegroup@gmail.com).

Catholic Social Services 267-331-2490

# SAINT FRANCIS ASSISI



## ALL-CLASS REUNION

SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH

4pm - Mass    5 -9pm - buffet & reunion

limited parking    B.Y.O.B.

for more information & tickets, go to  
[www.sfanorristown.com/reunion](http://www.sfanorristown.com/reunion)  
or scan the QR code



*this is a 21+ event*



## DESIGNER BAG BINGO

TICKETS  
**\$30**

- 50/50 ●
- DOOR PRIZES ●
- RAFFLE BASKETS ●

BYOB and Food

St. Francis of Assisi School Gym  
601 Buttonwood St. Norristown

**SATURDAY**  
APRIL 27, 2024

**7 PM**

DOORS OPEN  
**@ 6PM**

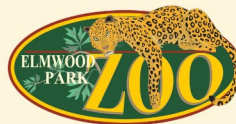
For tickets & information contact:  
Julie Fusco Schad 484-686-9813  
David Fusco 610-389-2086  
SFA School 610-272-0501



## Family Fun Day at Elmwood Park Zoo

**Sunday May 19, 2024**

More information coming soon!



## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

U.S. Army - *CPT Nathan Bevans*  
Army National Guard - *SPC Nathan Enslin*  
U.S. Army - *PVT 2<sup>nd</sup> 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*