

Saint Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church



SUNDAY BULLETIN | May 19, 2024

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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

Administrative Assistant: Miss Lauren Kibler

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

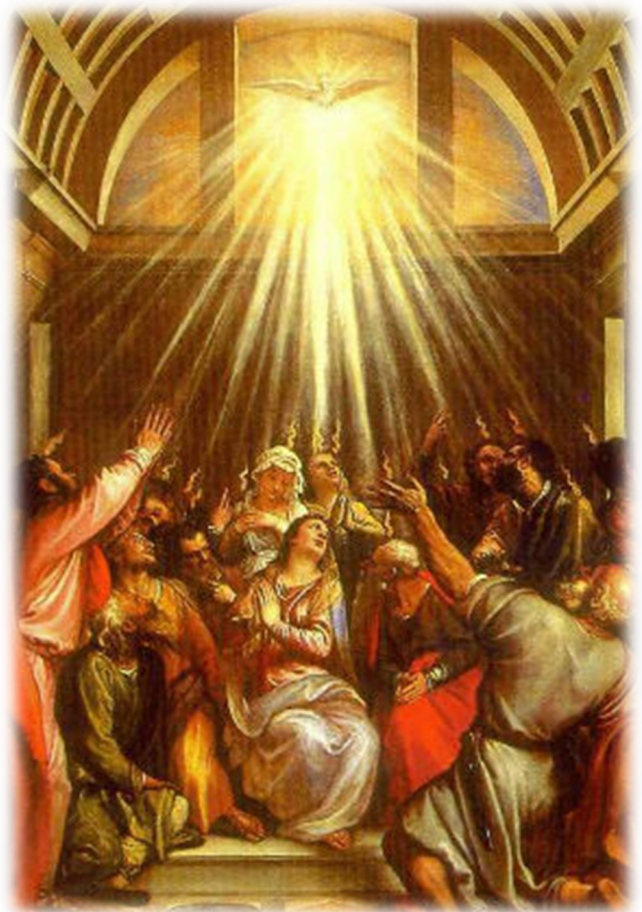
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SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

Pentecost Sunday

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MAY 20 - *The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*

8:30 AM - Margaret Donnelly
(Pat Fazio)

TUESDAY, MAY 21

8:30 AM - Steve Anders
(Wife & Children)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22 - *St. Rita of Cascia*

No Mass

THURSDAY, MAY 23

8:30 AM - Gregory Arakelian (Liv.)
(Mother)

FRIDAY, MAY 24

8:30 AM - Clare Ritz
(Deacon Dave & Sue Matour)

SATURDAY, MAY 25

8:30 AM - Maryellen Christaldi (Liv.)
(Rita Wissert)

5:30 PM - Patricia McCabe
(Joan Johnson)

SUNDAY, MAY 26

7:00 AM - Pro Populo
9:00 AM - S. Charles Consilii
(Dee Landis)

11:00 AM - Rev. Kevin Trautner

5:30 PM - Harry Hertzog
(Joan & Family)

LECTOR & EM SCHEDULE

May 25 - 5:30 pm

L - B. Collins
EM - A. Collins
S. Robins

May 26 - 11 am

L - R. Lattanze
EM - M. Palmore

May 26 - 7 am

L - L. Steppe
EM - C. Zurek,
T. Barbato

May 26 - 5:30 pm

L - C. Hurd
EM - J. Gallagher

May 26 - 9 am

L - S. Matour
EM - R. Sirkissoon
Deacon Dave

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)

TUESDAY / MARTES

1:00 Seniors (MH)

WEDNESDAY / MIÉRCOLES

9:00 Church Cleaning (C)

7:00 Men's Bible Study (MH)

7:00 Women's Bible Study (MH)

THURSDAY / JUEVES

1:00 Spring Show (S)

7:00 Spring Show (S)

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

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Robin Caza, Peter Cilenti, 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.

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:

24 Hour Confidential Pregnancy Hotline 610-626-4006

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024

Reflection by Rev. Richard J. Smith

The disciples in the upper room had to be asking themselves the following question: Now what? They had experienced the Ascension and were told to wait for the Advocate, the Spirit of Truth, to come to them. Now none of them had experienced this before so how could they prepare for the arrival of the Spirit of Truth? It's an interesting conundrum they found themselves in. Yet, look at what they are doing. They are showing complete trust in Christ even though they do not understand what or who is coming next. Their trust in Jesus is rewarded with the Holy Spirit. With this great gift, they would go out into the world spreading the Gospel.

You and I are here today as a living testimony to twelve men's trust and perseverance in Christ. We have been called to do the same thing as the Disciples. Now, recently it's been suggested we need special titles or classes in order to fulfill this calling. The Disciples only had their personal experience with Jesus and the Holy Spirit to work with and we are proof that it worked. Do not be afraid or think you are inadequate to spread the Gospel. We have two thousand years of proof that it can be done. So the only question that needs to be answered is the question answered all those years ago in the upper room: Now what?

Los discípulos en el aposento alto debían estar haciéndose la siguiente pregunta: ¿Y ahora qué? Habían experimentado la Ascensión y se les dijo que esperaran a que viniera a ellos el Abogado, el Espíritu de la verdad. Ninguno de ellos había experimentado esto antes, entonces, ¿cómo podrían prepararse para la llegada del Espíritu de la Verdad? Es un enigma interesante en el que se encontraron. Sin embargo, mire lo que están haciendo. Están mostrando total confianza en Cristo a pesar de que no entienden qué o quién vendrá después. Su confianza en Jesús es recompensada con el Espíritu Santo. Con este gran don saldrían al mundo predicando el Evangelio.

Tú y yo estamos aquí hoy como testimonio vivo de la confianza y la perseverancia de doce hombres en Cristo. Hemos sido llamados a hacer lo mismo que los Discípulos. Ahora, recientemente se ha sugerido que necesitamos títulos o clases especiales para poder cumplir con este llamado. Los Discípulos sólo tuvieron su experiencia personal con Jesús y el Espíritu Santo para trabajar y somos prueba de que funcionó. No tengáis miedo ni penséis que sois inadecuados para difundir el Evangelio. Tenemos dos mil años de pruebas de que es posible. Entonces, la única pregunta que necesita respuesta es la pregunta respondida hace tantos años en el aposento alto: ¿Y ahora qué?

Pentecost Sunday

Reading I: Acts 2: 1- 11

The Apostles elect Matthias to replace Judas, who had "turned away to go to his own place." Thus, the sacred number of 12 is once again denoting those who had witnessed the resurrection.

Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12-13

Each and every one of us receives the power of the Holy Spirit, by which we can do some particular good in the Church. Our baptism has placed us within the one Body of Christ.

Gospel: John 20: 19-23

Jesus appears to the disciples showing them His risen body, now bearing the scars brought about by His crucifixion. He then confers the power of forgiveness on the disciples.



SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI
CATHOLIC CHURCH
CENTENNIAL

Gala Dinner

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024

Doors Open 3:00 PM Dinner 4:00 PM

PRESIDENTIAL CATERERS
2910 DEKALB PIKE
EAST NORRITON, PA 19401

Cocktail Hour from
3-4 (cash bar!) REGISTER
Using QR code





SCHOOL NEWS

Spring Show "SFA Night At The Movies"

Our Saint Francis of Assisi School students in Pre-K through 8th Grade have been diligently working on their Spring Show songs. Our Spring Show, "SFA Night at the Movies" will be on Thursday, May 23, 2024. We will have two performances at 1:00 P.M. & 7:00 P.M. in the Gym. When entering the Gym, please come to the Silver Door in the Parking Lot by Oak Street. For the Evening Performance, students are asked to report to their classrooms by 6:30 P.M. We look forward to welcoming everyone to the SFA Cinema on Thursday, May 23rd, 2024! Get ready to sing along!



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 for families who are re-registering.** Registration for **new** families will open on June 3. 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.**

La inscripción para el próximo año PREP **está abierta para las familias que se reinscriben.** La inscripción para **nuevas** familias se abrirá el 3 de junio. 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 padre manuales. **Incluso si previamente nos proporcionó un Certificado de Bautismo, deberá proporcione uno nuevamente este año. Gracias.**

Women's Gospel Reflection

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

Men's Bible Study

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

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

Rectory Closing

Please note: The Rectory will be CLOSED on
Monday, May 27th, 2024 for Memorial Day. We
will reopen with normal hours on Tuesday, May
28th. Thank You!

Memorial Day

We will **NOT** be having Adoration or
Benediction on Monday, May 27th, 2024 due to
Memorial Day. We WILL have Mass.

National Rehab Hotline 866-210-1303

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:

May 22nd

THANK YOU!

SFA Seniors

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

May 21 - Essie's Ice Cream Social

June 4 - Covered Dish

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

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.



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.

Catholic Social Services 267-331-2490

COLLECTION

MAY 12, 2024

Sunday \$11,803
E-Giving \$1,789

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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RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Change the world - Become Catholic!

RCIA is for all those who are new to the Catholic Church, or who need to complete Sacraments but are over the age of 16. Contact the Rectory if you are interested in registering! 610-272-0402

Suicide Prevention Helpline 800-273-8255
Crisis Lifeline 988

VOLUNTEERS & CATECHISTS NEEDED!

We are looking for volunteers, Catechists, room aides & hall monitors to help with our fast-growing PREP Program on Sunday mornings!

More Info:

Contact Father Smith, Pastor
610-272-0402
admin@sfanorristown.com



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

U.S. Army - CPT Nathan Bevans
Army National Guard - SPC Nathan Enslin
U.S. Army - PVT 2nd 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