



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 29, 2024

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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, September 29, 2024

Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14;
Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 30

Memorial of St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor
8:30 Annette Girard by Sharon Robins

Tuesday, October 1

Memorial of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor
8:30 William Kibler by The Kibler Family

Wednesday, October 2

Memorial of The Holy Guardian Angels
No Mass

Thursday, October 3

Ordinary Weekday
8:30 Anne Piantone by Deacon Dave & Sue Matour

Friday, October 4

Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi
8:30 All Those in the St. Francis of Assisi Memorial Society

Saturday, October 5

Memorial of St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin
Memorial of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
8:30 Lauren Magargle by Theresa Dever
5:30 For World Peace

Sunday, October 6

7:00 Pro Populo
9:00 For an Increase in Vocations
11:30 Pete & Toni Pellechia by Children

LECTOR & EM SCHEDULE

Oct. 5 - 5:30PM

L - B. Collins
EM - A. Collins,
MJ Bondi

Oct. 6 - 9AM

L - M. Merino,
L. Adan

Oct. 6 - 7AM

L - D. DiLucia
EM - T. Barbato,
BJ Mumford

Oct. 6 - 11:30AM

L - R. Lattanze
EM - K. McTamney,
C. Hurd

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

Sunday \$6,976
E-Giving \$1,602

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

40 Hours (C)
Blessed Carlo Acutis Exhibit for School Students (S)
NO ADORATION IN CHAPEL DUE TO 40 HOURS

TUESDAY / MARTES

40 Hours (C)
7:00 PM - RCIA (PC)

WEDNESDAY / MIÉRCOLES

6:00 PM - Benediction (A)
6:30 PM - The Chosen (PC)
7:00 PM - Men's Bible Study (PC)

THURSDAY / JUEVES

6:30 PM - Back to School Night (C)

FRIDAY / VIERNES

6:00 PM - Benediction (A)

SATURDAY / SÁBADO

1:00 PM - Blessing of Animals

SUNDAY / DOMINGO

10:00 AM - PREP (S)

(A) Adoration Chapel
(C) Church
(PC) Parish Center
(R) Rectory
(S) School

SUNDAY, September 29, 2024

Reflection by Rev. Richard J. Smith

This weekend begins our Forty Hours devotion. This Eucharistic devotion was brought to our diocese by St. John Neumann, our fourth bishop. Forty Hours gives us the opportunity to take time away from our daily routine and spend it with the Eucharist. I would encourage everyone to think about their day. How much of it is wasted with useless activities? How much time is spent on social media hearing the latest round of hatred? How much time is wasted watching mindless videos that do not enhance us at all? How much time do we spend trying to avoid conversations or projects that we know are going to be difficult? Whether it is out of boredom or being scared to act, we do waste a great deal of time in our day. This is a perfect time to reevaluate our day. Starting on Sunday, September 29th after the 11:30 am Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be on the altar in Church for all of you. This is the time to come and ask our Eucharistic Lord to help us with all the struggles and difficulties of our lives. We can ask Him to help us to be better at everything we are called to do throughout the day. At the end of each evening, from Sunday through Tuesday, we will end the day at 7:00 pm with Solemn Vespers and a homily from Fr. Michael Pawelko, the pastor of St. Joseph's in Warrington. I am inviting our First Holy Communion Class to join us on Monday evening and our Confirmation class to join us on Tuesday evening. I would love to see as many of our parishioners as possible during this sacred time. Please take advantage of this sacred time to be in front of the Eucharist so that we can all grow as a parish.

Este fin de semana comienza nuestra devoción de Cuarenta Horas. Esta devoción Eucarística es traída a nuestra diócesis por San Juan Neumann, nuestro cuarto obispo. Las Cuarenta Horas nos dan la oportunidad de tomarnos tiempo de nuestra rutina diaria y pasarla con la Eucaristía. Los animo a todos a pensar sobre su día. ¿Cuánto se desperdicia con actividades inútiles? ¿Cuánto tiempo se dedica a escuchar rondas de odio en redes sociales? Cuanto tiempo es gastado viendo videos sin sentido que no nos mejoran en absoluto. Cuánto tiempo nos gastamos tratando de evitar conversaciones o proyectos que sabemos van a ser difíciles? Ya sea por aburrimiento o por el miedo de actuar, desperdiciamos una gran cantidad de tiempo en nuestro día. Este es el momento perfecto para reevaluar nuestro día. Empezando el Domingo 29 de Septiembre después de la misa de las once y media, el Santísimo Sacramento estará en el altar en la Iglesia para todos ustedes. Es el tiempo para venir y preguntarle a nuestro Señor Eucarístico para que nos ayude con todas nuestras luchas y dificultades en nuestras vidas. Podemos pedirle que nos ayude a ser mejor en todo lo que somos llamados hacer durante nuestro día. Al final de cada noche, de Domingo a Martes, terminaremos el día a las 7:00 pm con Vísperas Solemnes y la homilía del Padre Michael Pawelko, el Pastor de San José en Warrington. Invito a nuestra clase de Primera Comunión acompañarnos el Lunes en la noche y nuestra clase de Confirmación acompañarnos el Martes en la noche. Me encantaría ver la mayor de feligreses posible durante este tiempo tan sagrado. Por favor tomen ventaja de este tiempo tan sagrado para estar al frente de la Eucaristía para que todos podamos crecer como parroquia.

*Twenty-Sixth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Reading I: Numbers 11: 25-29

The fact that Eldad and Medad are equal prophets to those prior confirmed by Joshua tells us that the gifts of the Spirit exclude nobody. They go to whomever the Spirit chooses.

Reading II: James 5: 1-6

The rich will be condemned if their wealth blinds them to the needs of the poor and needy among them.

Gospel: Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

The true believer must always be tolerant of those whom the Spirit blesses outside his/her group. The Twelve are taught this by Jesus Himself when they expressed dismay when an "outsider" performed an exorcism for a possessed person.

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.***

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES

As you all may know, Father Smith has been mentioning that we will need to make some adjustments to the Mass Schedule. Father Smith is the *only priest* here at St. Francis, and as such, we unfortunately need to cut back on the amount of Masses we have here.

As of Sunday, September 8, 2024, the new Mass Changes are as follows:

1. The 9:00AM Mass will now be *fully* in Spanish. We will no longer have the 1 PM bi-monthly Spanish Mass.
2. The 11:00AM Mass will be moved to 11:30AM.
3. We will ***no longer*** be offering the 5:30PM Mass on Sunday night.
4. The 5:30PM Vigil Mass on Saturday night will **REMAIN THE SAME.**

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:

October 9th, 23rd, & 30th

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, October 17 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*



Back to School Night

Thursday, October 3, 2024

Back to School Night

Curriculum Night #2

Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st Grade,
2nd Grade, 3rd Grade, & 4th Grade

6:30 P.M. - Church

7:00 P.M. - Classroom Session #1

7:20 P.M. - Classroom Session #2

7:40 P.M. - Classroom Session #3

At least one parent/guardian should attend for each family. We look forward to seeing you there!



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!

PREP began **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024.**

As a reminder, if you have not already done so, please submit a copy of your child's Baptism & Communion Certificates.

Mass Attendance forms began Sunday, September 15. They are available online, and will be distributed to all students during PREP classes. Remember to come up after Mass to get a stamp!!

El programa PREP comenzó el **DOMINGO, 8 DE SEPTIEMBRE, 2024.** Como recordatorio, si aún no lo han hecho, por favor proporcione una copia del certificado de Bautizo y Comunión de su hijo.

Las hojas de asistencia a Misa empiezan este Domingo, 15 de Septiembre. Están disponibles en línea y también serán distribuidas a todos los estudiantes durante la clase de PREP. ¡¡Recuerden pasar al frente después de Misa para sellarlo!!

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.

2024 MASS BOOK

There are still dates open in October,
November and December of the 2024
Mass Book! **We cannot open the 2025
Mass Book until this book is filled.** If
you would like a Mass, please email
admin@sfanorristown.com or call the
Parish Center at 610-272-0402.

National Rehab Hotline 866-210-1303

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

for Saint Francis of Assisi will
be Saturday, October 5, 2024 at
1 pm in the upper field

FORTY HOURS SCHEDULE

September 29 - October 1
Homilist: Rev. Michael J. Pawelko

Sunday, September 29, 2024

7:00 AM - Mass

9:00 AM - Mass

11:30 AM - Mass

*Adoration will begin immediately
following the 11:30 AM Mass and will end
prior to the start of the 7:00 PM Vespers*

7:00 PM - Vespers & Benediction

Monday, September 30, 2024

8:30 AM - Mass

Adoration to follow Mass

7:00 PM - Vespers & Benediction

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

8:30 AM - Mass

Adoration to follow Mass

7:00 PM - Solemn Vespers & Benediction
to close out 40 Hours

PREP HELP NEEDED

We are in need of Catechists & PREP Volunteers for
this coming PREP year!! We are in search of people
willing to teach Sunday morning classes or be
classroom aides for our children! For more
information or to volunteer, please contact Father
Smith at the Parish Center!!

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, 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:

Sydney Ritter (Salvatore Ritrovato & Family)

To request any above memorials, please contact Miss Kibler in the Parish Center at 610-272-0402.



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.

SFA Pro Life

Our Pro-Life group meets on the First Saturday of every month at 9:00 AM in the Parish Center. 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.

24 HOUR CONFIDENTIAL PREGNANCY HOTLINE 610-626-4006