

Saint Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church



SUNDAY BULLETIN | May 5, 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

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

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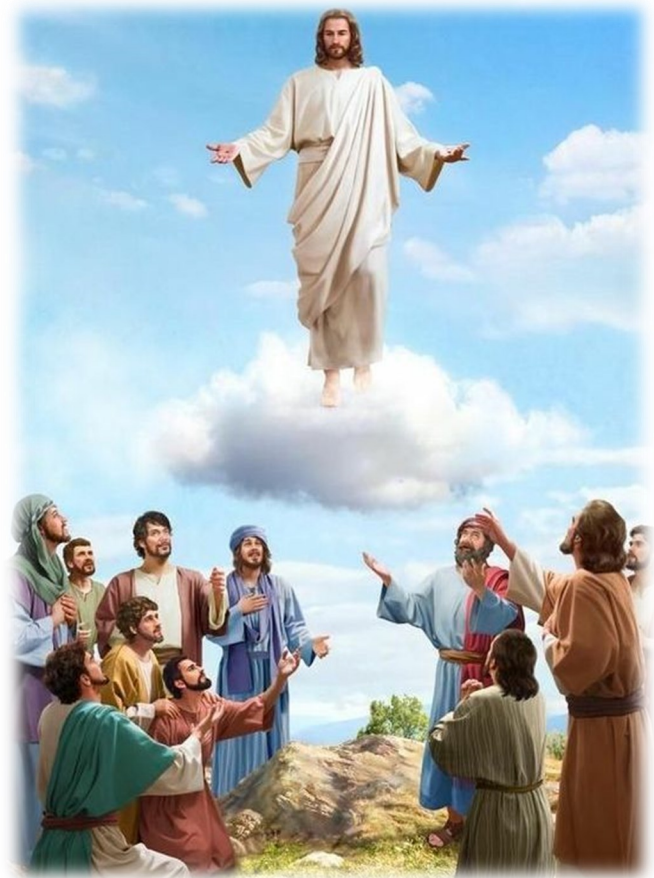
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SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MAY 6

8:30 AM - Joseph & Antoinette Rotondo
(Dolores & Frank Spoerl)

TUESDAY, MAY 7

8:30 AM - Siobhan Ickes - Liv.
(Family)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

No Mass

THURSDAY, MAY 9 - *Ascension of the Lord*

8:30 AM - Pro Populo

12:15 PM - Pro Populo

7:00 PM - Pro Populo

FRIDAY, MAY 10

8:30 AM - Pete & Toni Pellechia
(Children)

SATURDAY, MAY 11

8:30 AM - Deceased Parishioners

5:30 PM - Deceased Members of the McNamee Family
(Patricia McNamee)

SUNDAY, MAY 12

7:00 AM - Guido Bartholomew Jr.
(Ann Harrington & Family)

9:00 AM - Rev. James Cassidy

11:00 AM - Pro Populo

5:30 PM - Mildred D. Moore
(Family)

LECTOR & EM SCHEDULE

May 11 - 5:30 pm

L - S. Matour

EM - J. Fitzpatrick
Deacon Dave

May 12 - 11 am

L - L. Hallahan

EM - M. Palmore,
D. Skaw

May 12 - 7 am

L - D. DiLucia

EM - BJ Mumford,
L. Steppe

May 12 - 5:30 pm

L - C. Hurd

EM - J. Gallagher

May 12 - 9 am

L - T. Leone

EM - K. Bradbury

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

7:00 Men's Bible Study (MH)

7:00 Women's Bible Study (MH)

(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 5, 2024

Reflection by Rev. Richard J. Smith

A significant chapter of our parish came to a close this past week. This is not the closing of the Centennial, but the retirement of a long-standing employee. Dolores Landis began volunteering her time at St. Francis in the 1980s. She helped in many ways at the Rectory and the School while her sons were students here. Her roles increased over the years from volunteer, to part time secretary, to the Office Manager position which she has held since 2005, as well as serving as both a Lector and Extraordinary Minister here. When I arrived here in 2020, knowing that this would be my first time as pastor, Dee helped me navigate those early days and I greatly appreciate her kindness. Mrs. Landis helped me to better understand the history and the growing needs of our parish. She has served under the last four pastors and I know they would all echo my words of thanks for her continued service and dedication to our parish. She will be greatly missed by all and on behalf of the entire parish, I would like to thank her for all that she has done and brought to our St. Francis of Assisi Family. Mrs. Landis, I pray that your retirement will be filled with laughter and joy. God Bless You.

Un capítulo importante de nuestra parroquia llegó a su fin la semana pasada. No se trata del cierre del Centenario, sino del retiro de un empleado de larga data. Dolores Landis comenzó a trabajar como voluntaria en St. Francis en la década de 1980. Ella ayudó de muchas maneras en la Rectoría y la Escuela mientras sus hijos estudiaban aquí. Sus funciones aumentaron a lo largo de los años, desde voluntaria hasta secretaria a tiempo parcial y el puesto de directora de oficina que ocupa desde 2005, además de servir como lectora y ministra extraordinaria aquí. Cuando llegué aquí en 2020, sabiendo que sería mi primera vez como pastora, Dee me ayudó a navegar esos primeros días y aprecio mucho su amabilidad. La Sra. Landis me ayudó a comprender mejor la historia y las crecientes necesidades de nuestra parroquia. Ella ha servido bajo los últimos cuatro pastores y sé que todos ellos harían eco de mis palabras de agradecimiento por su continuo servicio y dedicación a nuestra parroquia. Todos la extrañaremos mucho y, en nombre de toda la parroquia, me gustaría agradecerle por todo lo que ha hecho y aportado a nuestra Familia de San Francisco de Asís. Sra. Landis, rezo para que la jubilación se cubrirá con risas y alegría. Dios lo bendiga.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Much activity occurs in Cornelius' house. The main point in all this is that God's love is to be revealed to the whole world, including that of the Gentiles.

Reading II: 1 John 4: 7-10

The Father's love is proven by His sending of His only Son in expiation for our sins.

Gospel: John 15: 9-17

Remaining in God's love is a matter of keeping His commandments. The main one of those is that of loving one another as He has loved us.

GOD BLESS OUR STUDENTS SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024

Bishop Christopher Cooke, Celebrant

Sarahi *Teresa* Alcala Ascencion

Aline *Jude* Andrade Diaz

Christopher *Joseph of Alaverdi* Andrade Tellez

Carla *Jude* Angel Orea

Madeline *Mariana of Jesus* Angel Orea

Maria *Anne* Grande Ascencion

Anthony *Peregrine* Ayala

Emily *Guadalupe* Bañuelos

Luis *Sebastian* Barragan

Christopher *Jude* Calderon Gonzalez

Daniela *Teresa of Avila* Campos

Dayana *Elizabeth of Hungary* Campos

Matteo *Antonio* Cano

Ixayana *Joan of Arc* Carmona Luna

Kevin *Francis of Assisi* Gonzalez

Diego *John Paul II* Gonzalez Hernandez

Alessandra *Veronica* Griffith

Charlie *Thomas Aquinas* Guerrero-Alcala

Jasmine *Valentine* Hernandez Ruiz

Julian *Francis of Assisi* Hernandez Velazquez

Jacinta *Cecilia* Kedi

Elizabeth *Veronica* Lara

James *Michael* Martinez

Frank *Anthony of Padua* Martinez-Cortez

Reyna *Matilda* Medrano Lopez

Juan *Joseph* Medrano Perez

Diego *Francis* Monroy Reyes

Johana *Claire* Nieto-Monroy

Bernardo *Jude* Orea Castro

Ashley *Guadalupe* Ortiz Navarro

Teressa *Josephine* Osorio

Emily *Claire* Perez Jimenez

Siobhan *Catherine of Bologna* Pulcini

Andrea *Sophia of Rome* Ramirez Serrano

Gabriela *Anne* Rayon Martinez

Aria *Ambrose* Reilley

Saeed *Stephen* Robinson

Antonio *Juan Diego* Rodriguez Hernandez

Irving *Leo the Great* Salas Garcia

Johanthony *Jude* Torres Orea

Yaretzi *Guadalupe* Torres Orea

Noelle *Catherine of Siena* Yorgey

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

SCHOOL NEWS

May Procession

Today, we honor Mary, our Mother, through the Parish May Procession. The following 8th Graders from Saint Francis of Assisi Parish have been selected by their peers to represent their class in today's ceremony:

May Queen - Dana Calderon-Juarez

Crown Bearer - Brayanna Desince

May Court - Savannah Bartsch, Sophia Esposito, Fernanda Flores Gomez, Olivia Marino, Kemi Oke & the girls from the Confirmation PREP Class.

The 8th Grade class would like to thank the Ladies of Saint Francis Craft Group for making the beautiful crowns used during this annual devotion. Also, thank you to Saint Francis of Assisi Parish for providing the fresh flower boutonnieres and bouquets.

May the Blessed Mother continue to watch over our parish, school, and families!



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!

NOTE: Registration for PREP for next year will begin in the next few weeks. Please keep an eye out for announcements in the bulletin and on the website.

First Holy Communion Students: Congratulations on receiving First Holy Communion! If you did not receive your First Communion Certificate, please let your teacher know.

Confirmation Students: Congratulations on Confirmation! If you did not receive your Confirmation Certificate, please let your teacher know.

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.

NOTA: La inscripción para PREP para el próximo año comenzará en las próximas semanas. Esté atento a los anuncios en el boletín y en el sitio web.

Estudiantes de Primera Comunión: ¡Felicitaciones por recibir la Primera Comunión! Si no recibió su Certificado de Primera Comunión, infórmese a su maestro.

Estudiantes de Confirmación: ¡Felicitaciones por su Confirmación! Si no recibió su Certificado de Confirmación, infórmese a su maestro.

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

ASCENSION OF THE LORD MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 9, 2024

8:30 AM - Mass

12:15 PM - Mass

7:00 PM - Mass



note: there will NOT be a Vigil Mass on Wednesday, May 8.

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 meetings are at 1 PM in the Meetinghouse.

May 7 - Bingo & Dessert / Soft Pretzel Sale

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.

FAMILY FUN DAY AT THE ELMWOOD PARK ZOO

Sunday, May 19, 2024 | 1pm - 5pm

SFA has reserved the Stoney Creek Pavilion for our attendees! Come out for a fun afternoon with our SFA family!!

Ticket information:

\$14.95 online	\$15.95 at gate	children 0-2 free!
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www.elmwoodparkzoo.org

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 sfapro lifegroup@gmail.com.

Catholic Social Services 267-331-2490

Blue Mass for Police



Saturday, May 18, 2024

5:30 PM

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join us in honoring & praying
for our local law enforcement
officers - all are welcome!

COLLECTION

APRIL 21, 2024

Sunday	\$7,346
E-Giving	\$1,891

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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Congratulations to our young parishioners!

The following young parishioners of Saint Francis
received Honor Roll at Pope John Paul II High
School:

Pope John Paul II High School

First Honors:

Reese Horn, Class of 2027

Second Honors:

Gabriel Lopez, Class of 2024

Andrew Fortanel-Benitez, Class of 2027

Mariesa Osorio, Class of 2027



HELP WANTED:

- volunteers
- catechists
- hall monitors
- classroom aides

for our Religious Education program
on Sunday Mornings - our program
keeps growing & we need more help!

bilingual preferred (not necessary)

contact the Rectory for more
information! 610-272-0402 or email
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*