



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 13, 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, October 13, 2024

Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17;
Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 14

Memorial of St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr

8:30 Charles Schottle by Virginia Marks

Tuesday, October 15

Memorial of St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor

8:30 Peter & Kathy Palma by David & Anita DiLucia

Wednesday, October 16

Memorial of St. Hedwig, Religious

Memorial of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

No Mass

Thursday, October 17

Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

8:30 Margaret Donnelly by Pat Fazio

Friday, October 18

Memorial of St. Luke, Evangelist

8:30 For New Converts

Saturday, October 19

Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, & Companions, Martyrs

8:30 Carmella Angelichio by Mike & Marie Moser

5:30 Theresa Santaniello by Family

Sunday, October 20

7:00 Pro Populo

9:00 Wanda & Stephen Humay by Lee McNamara

11:30 Andres Yllescas y Regina Apolinar by Regina Romero Yllescas

LECTOR & EM SCHEDULE

Oct. 12 - 5:30PM

L - S. Matour

EM - J. Shearer,
S. Robins

Oct. 13 - 9AM

L - J. Silva,
C. Chavez

Oct. 13 - 7AM

L - R. Gelet
EM - C. DeGrazio,
J. DeGrazio

Oct. 13 - 11:30AM

L - L. Hallahan
EM - M. Anders,
O. Russo

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

OCTOBER 6, 2024

Sunday \$8,188
E-Giving \$1,753

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

RECTORY CLOSED - HOLIDAY

6:00 PM - Benediction (A)

TUESDAY / MARTES

1:00 PM - Seniors (PC)

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)

THURSDAY / JUEVES

6:30 PM - Christmas Bazaar Meeting (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

SUNDAY, October 13, 2024

Reflection by Rev. Richard J. Smith

“Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” This is a great question and a question that is not thought about enough. A good deal of the time, when we think of our spiritual life, we think about what we can do better here. Is there a way we can pray better? Can we live our lives in Christ better? However, have we ever thought about how we can inherit eternal life? It’s a deep question that might make us quake a little bit but it is worth asking. At its core, the question is asking, are we preparing to meet God. Now I know this is a lot of questions to be throwing into a brief article like this. This is why we don’t ask questions like this only once. These are questions we ask over a lifetime. Jesus wants us to ask these questions and he is also there to help us find the answers. This is what he is doing with the young man in the Gospel today. The young man is not worried about his life here. He is more concerned about what will happen to him after. It is a difficult question to ask and journey to take but the young man knows that it is worth it. These questions are still worth asking and any discomfort we may feel when we ask them. The answers you will find will do more than bring you peace and make you a better person. They will prepare you to meet your God and be with him for all eternity. So this week, risk asking the uncomfortable question. Risk asking the question you would dare not ask. In doing so, you will find eternal life.

“Buen maestro, qué debo hacer para heredar la vida eterna?” Esta es una gran pregunta y una pregunta que no se reflexiona lo suficiente. Una buena parte del tiempo, cuando pensamos en nuestra vida espiritual, se piensa que podemos mejorar. ¿Hay alguna manera de que podamos orar mejor? ¿Podemos vivir nuestra vida en Cristo mejor? Sin embargo, alguna vez hemos pensado cómo podemos heredar la vida eterna? Es una pregunta muy profunda que nos puede hacer templar poquito pero vale la pena preguntarse. En esencia la pregunta es, ¿estamos preparados para conocer a Dios? Ahora, se que son muchas preguntas que incluir en un breve artículo como este. Es por eso que no hacemos estas preguntas solo una vez. Son preguntas que hacemos durante toda la vida. Jesus quiere que hagamos estas preguntas y él está allí para ayudarnos a encontrar las respuestas. Esto es lo que está haciendo con el joven en el evangelio de hoy. Este joven no está preocupado por su vida aquí. El está más preocupado por lo que va pasar después. Es una pregunta difícil de hacer y un viaje que tomar pero el joven sabe que vale la pena. Estas preguntas valen la pena hacerse y cualquier incomodidad que sentimos cuando las hacemos. Las respuestas encontradas harán más que traernos paz y hacernos mejores personas. Nos preparan para conocer a Dios y estar con él por toda la eternidad. Esta semana, arriesguémonos hacer esta pregunta incómoda. Arriesguémonos a hacer la pregunta que no te atreverías a hacer. Al hacerlo, encontrarás la vida eterna.

*Twenty-Eighth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Reading I: Wisdom 7: 7-11

Solomon prefers wisdom over power, riches, health, comeliness and light. As a result, wisdom came to him, and those others besides.

Reading II: Hebrews 4: 12-13

God’s Word challenges us to persevere because our attachment is to be to Jesus only and not to lesser realities.

Gospel: Mark 10: 17-30, or 10: 17-27

Jesus teaches that wealth can be an obstacle to true discipleship. That path has rewards that outweigh the sacrifices it asks us to make. The rich man makes an unwise decision.

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.

- October 15 - Speaker Mr. Shallcross from Attny. General Office speaks about scams
- November 5 - Zep Day
- November 19 - Pretzel Sale & Christmas Luncheon Sign-Up

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

Full schedule TBA.

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 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*



SCHOOL NEWS

SFA CARES Program

Saint Francis of Assisi School is looking for qualified individuals to help with the CARES After School Program for the 2024-2025 school year. Part-time positions are available Monday through Friday from 2:30 PM - 5:30 PM. Applicants must possess the following:

- Minimum of a High School Diploma
- Minimum of 2 years working with children
- Required clearances (Child Abuse, Criminal Record, & FBI Fingerprint)
 - *If hired, the applicant will have to take the Protecting God's Children class as well as complete Mandated Reporter Training & Act 126 Training*

Assistance can be provided in obtaining necessary clearances.

Please contact Bridget M. Tigue, Principal, at btigue@sfacatholic.org or you may contact the Main Office at school (610) 272-0501.



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 Comunion 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.

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.



National Rehab Hotline 866-210-1303

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:

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