

Saint Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church



SUNDAY BULLETIN | June 2, 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:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM in the Adoration Chapel - *stop by the Parish Office for the Chapel code*

Administrative Assistant: Miss Lauren Kibler

Religious Education: Mrs. Maritza Reyes

Business Manager: Mr. Carl Needles

St. Francis Parish Office 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
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SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024
Corpus Christi
(The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, June 3

Saint Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs
8:30 AM Pearl C. Stenz *by Family*

Tuesday, June 4

8:30 AM Walter Margavich *by Wife & Children*

Wednesday, June 5

Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
No Mass

Thursday, June 6

Saint Norbert, Bishop
8:30 AM Rev. Dominick Finn, OSFS *by Dee Landis*

Friday, June 7

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
8:30 AM All Those in the SFA Memorial Society

Saturday, June 8

Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 AM Sean Cullen & Family (*Liv.*) *by Ann Harrington & Victoria Kessler*
5:30 PM Shana Marie Enochs *by Margie DeSimone*

Sunday, June 9

7:00 AM Maria Hernandez Alcala *by Family*
9:00 AM June Williams *by James Humes*
11:00 AM Pro Populo
No 5:30 Mass

LECTOR & EM SCHEDULE

June 8 - 5:30 pm

L - S. Matour
EM - J. Shearer
M. Anders

June 9 - 11 am

L - B. Collins
EM - N/A

June 9 - 7 am

L - R. Gelet
EM - BJ Mumford

June 9 - 9 am

L - T. Leone
EM - R. Sirkissoon

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is every Monday from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, unless otherwise noted.

MONDAY / LUNES

No Adoration or Benediction

TUESDAY / MARTES

1:00 Seniors Meeting (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, 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. 610-272-0402. 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:

Suicide Prevention Helpline 800-273-8255

Crisis Lifeline 988

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Reflection by Rev. Richard J. Smith

Over the last several months, the Church in the United States has been partaking in a National Eucharistic Revival. It has been leading up to the Eucharistic Congress being held in Indianapolis later on this year. Starting a few weeks ago from different points in our country, there have been Eucharistic Processions as part of the pilgrimage to the Congress. These last few days, the procession has passed through the Archdiocese. These types of events are very powerful, but I always wonder about the longer effect they have. After all the fanfare has died down, has our devotion to the Eucharist deepened? Has our belief that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist grown stronger?

As we celebrate this Corpus Christi Sunday, there are good questions to ask. It is important for us as a parish to ask these questions as we approach the conclusion of our Centennial Celebrations. At the beginning of this year, I made it a point to have the Eucharist at the heart of our celebrations. Next Sunday, we will dedicate the new Adoration Chapel. I chose this because at the heart of every parish and every Catholic is the Eucharist. This is what the Congress, Pilgrimage and all the processions are trying to reinforce this year. Let the conclusion of our parish celebrations not be the end of our own renewal in the Eucharist but the beginning. Let us make frequent visits to our Adoration Chapel and grow in our love for Jesus truly present in the Eucharist.

Durante los últimos meses, la Iglesia en los Estados Unidos ha estado participando en un Avivamiento Eucarístico Nacional. Esto ha sido previo al Congreso Eucarístico que se celebrará en Indianápolis a finales de este año. Desde hace unas semanas desde distintos puntos de nuestro país se han realizado Procesiones Eucarísticas como parte de la peregrinación al Congreso. Estos últimos días la procesión ha pasado por la Archidiócesis. Este tipo de eventos son muy poderosos pero siempre me pregunto cuál es el efecto a largo plazo que tienen. Después de todo el trompeteo se ha apagado, ¿se ha profundizado nuestra devoción a la Eucaristía? ¿Se ha fortalecido nuestra creencia de que Jesús está realmente presente en la Eucaristía?

Mientras celebramos este domingo de Corpus Christi, hay buenas preguntas que hacer. Es importante para nosotros como parroquia hacer estas preguntas a medida que nos acercamos a la conclusión de nuestras Celebraciones del Centenario. A principios de este año, me propuse tener la Eucaristía en el centro de nuestras celebraciones. El próximo domingo dedicaremos la nueva Capilla de Adoración. Elegí esto porque el corazón de cada parroquia y de cada católico es la Eucaristía. Esto es lo que el Congreso, la Romería y todas las procesiones intentan reforzar este año. Que la conclusión de nuestras celebraciones parroquiales no sea el final de nuestra propia renovación en la Eucaristía sino el comienzo. Hagamos visitas frecuentes a nuestra Capilla de Adoración y crezcamos en nuestro amor por Jesús verdaderamente presente en la Eucaristía.

Corpus Christi

Reading I: Exodus 24: 3-8

The "Old Covenant" between Yahweh and His people is ratified. Moses sprinkles the blood of young bulls both on the altar and on the people.

Reading II: Hebrews 9: 11-15

The sacrifice of Jesus constitutes a truly unblemished sacrificial offering.

Gospel: Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26

The Apostles secure the pre-arranged meal setting. The meal previews Christ's death. What He does with the bread and wine seals the new covenant.

**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**

REGISTER
Using QR code



*Cocktail Hour from
3-4 (cash bar!)*

**Last Chance! ONLINE
TICKET SALES END
JUNE 5!!!**



SCHOOL NEWS

World Language News

We are delighted to share the latest news from our vibrant Spanish classroom! We are committed to providing an enriching language-learning experience at Saint Francis of Assisi School for students in Pre-K through 8th Grade and we are excited to highlight the newest additions and activities in our classroom.

- 1. Enriched Vocabulary Expansion:** We are expanding our vocabulary curriculum to include more thematic units, incorporating everyday language and expressions. Students will continue to explore a broader range of topics, from daily routines to traditional cuisine, allowing them to communicate more fluently in real-world situations.
- 2. Conversation Adventures:** Communication is key, and our students are actively participating in exciting conversation adventures. From role-playing to simulations, each activity is designed to strengthen their communicative skills in Spanish.
- 3. Magic of Culture:** Cultural richness is essential in our classroom. We are exploring the diversity of Spanish-speaking cultures through creative projects, presentations, and interactive activities.
- 4. Virtual Tours:** In addition to our language focus, we are excited to announce virtual tours to iconic Spanish-speaking locations. These virtual experiences allow students to immerse themselves virtually in the daily life, history, and architecture of Spanish-speaking countries, providing a deeper connection with the language and culture.
- 5. Religious Observances for Semana Santa:** During the 3rd Trimester, students created Stations of the Cross for Lent and delved into the religious and cultural significance of Semana Santa in Spanish-speaking countries. Students learned about traditional customs, rituals, and celebrations associated with Semana Santa, fostering a deeper understanding of Spanish culture and history.
- 6. Educational Apps Integration:** To enhance the learning experience further, we have integrated educational apps such as Anton, and Lingoland in addition to IXL and Duolingo. These apps provide personalized language exercises, interactive lessons, and gamified challenges, allowing students to reinforce their Spanish skills in engaging and adaptive ways.



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. *ALL REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE BY JULY 12.***

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. *TODAS LAS INSCRIPCIONES DEBEN HACER EL 12 DE JULIO.***

Changes Effective In June

Beginning in June, there will be multiple changes regarding Daily Mass and Adoration:

The Following Changes take effect on June 10th:

1. Adoration will be on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM in the new Adoration Chapel. Please come to the Rectory for the Chapel door code.

The Following Changes take effect on June 17th:

1. Daily Masses on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday will be in the Chapel. Saturday Daily Mass will remain in the Church with Confessions in Church following Mass.

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

National Rehab Hotline 866-210-1303

Cambios efectivos en Junio

A partir de junio, habrá múltiples cambios con respecto a la Misa Diaria y la Adoración:

Los siguientes cambios entran en vigor a partir del Lunes, 10 de Junio, 2024:

1. La adoración ahora será en la nueva Capilla de Adoración los días Lunes, Miércoles y Viernes de 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM. Por favor pase a la Rectoría por el código para abrir la puerta de la capilla. NO tendremos adoración en la iglesia principal.

Los siguientes cambios entran en vigor a partir del Lunes, 17 de Junio, 2024:

1. La Misa diaria los Lunes, Martes, Jueves y Viernes ahora se llevará a cabo en la Capilla de Adoración. La misa diaria del Sábado seguirá tomándose a cabo en la iglesia principal y confesiones en la iglesia después de la Misa.

Men's Bible Study

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

Catholic Social Services 267-331-2490

Pray 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



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

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



SFA Pro Life

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