

# Saint Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church



SUNDAY BULLETIN | May 26, 2024

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**Rev. Richard J. Smith, M.Div., Pastor**

**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

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**Administrative Assistant:** Miss Lauren Kibler

**Religious Education:** Mrs. Maritza Reyes

**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](http://www.saintfranciselc.org)

**St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School**

601-A Buttonwood Street, Norristown

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# SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2024

## The Most Holy Trinity

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MAY 27 - *Memorial Day*  
8:30 AM - Holy Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, MAY 28  
8:30 AM - Kathleen Carney (*Liv.*)  
(*Family*)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29  
**No Mass**

THURSDAY, MAY 30  
8:30 AM - Mary Palma  
(*David & Anita DiLucia*)

FRIDAY, MAY 31 - *Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
8:30 AM - Mary Beth Butler  
(*The Butler Family*)

SATURDAY, JUNE 1 - *St. Justin*  
8:30 AM - Carmella & Pasqual Santangelo  
(*Family*)  
5:30 PM - Deacon Armand Maresca  
(*Michael & Cheryl Maresca*)

SUNDAY, JUNE 2  
7:00 AM - Pro Populo  
9:00 AM - Ann Leedom  
(*The Moloney Family*)  
11:00 AM - Rev. Vincent Welsh  
**1:00 PM - Spanish Mass**  
5:30 PM - Vincent Corropolese  
(*Mike & Marie Moser*)

### LECTOR & EM SCHEDULE

June 1 - 5:30 pm  
**L** - J. Martens  
**EM** - MJ Bondi  
S. Robins

June 2 - 11 am  
**L** - K. McDonald  
**EM** - T. Greco,  
M. Palmore

June 2 - 7 am  
**L** - D. DiLucia  
**EM** - T. Barbato,  
C. Zurek

June 2 - 5:30 pm  
**L** - L. Gambone  
**EM** - L. O'Donnell,  
A. Collins

June 2 - 9 am  
**L** - A. Franz  
**EM** - J. Fitzpatrick

### PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

#### **MONDAY / LUNES**

RECTORY CLOSED

No Adoration or Benediction

#### **TUESDAY / MARTES**

7:00 Hispanic Ministry 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 Prinziavalli, 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 26, 2024

# Reflection by Rev. Richard J. Smith

Scholars and theologians have spent the last two thousand years trying to explain the Most Holy Trinity. Trying to condense all they have written and prayed over to a small bulletin article is very complicated. There isn't enough room to unpack what St. Augustine or St. Thomas Aquinas wrote on the Trinity. So, what should we take out of this Trinity Sunday? As complicated as the Trinity can be, we have it in ourselves to enter into this mystery. It would not have been revealed to us if this was not the case. I have come to believe that the Trinity is filled with lessons that we are still unpacking but these lessons are rooted in the same truth.

The perfect love, the perfect balance that is found in the Trinity is there for us. It is there not just as an example but also an encouragement and grace to achieve this perfect balance. This balance is offered to us to be used in every aspect of our lives. When we want to be a better spouse, the Trinity can show us how. When we want to be a better sibling or family member, the Trinity gives us the grace to do so. When we want to be a better coworker, student or just a better member of our society, the Trinity can guide us to this goal. We may never fully understand how three persons can fully possess one nature as the saints have tried to explain. What we can do is learn from the Trinity how to live our lives in a more perfect and loving way.

Eruditos y teólogos han pasado los últimos dos mil años intentando explicar la Santísima Trinidad. Tratar de condensar todo lo que han escrito y orado en un pequeño artículo de boletín es muy complicado. No hay suficiente espacio para analizar lo que San Agustín o Santo Tomás de Aquino escribieron sobre la Trinidad. Entonces, ¿qué debemos sacar de este Domingo de la Trinidad? Por muy complicada que pueda ser la Trinidad, la tenemos en nosotros mismos para entrar en este misterio. No nos habría revelado si este no fuera el caso. He llegado a creer que la Trinidad está llena de lecciones que todavía estamos desentrañando, pero que estas lecciones están arraigadas en la misma verdad.

El amor perfecto, el equilibrio perfecto que se encuentra en la Trinidad está ahí para nosotros. Está ahí no sólo como ejemplo sino también como estímulo y gracia para lograr este equilibrio perfecto. Este equilibrio se nos ofrece para utilizarlo en todos los aspectos de nuestras vidas. Cuando queremos ser mejores cónyuges, la Trinidad puede mostrarnos cómo hacerlo. Cuando queremos ser mejores hermanos o familiares, la Trinidad nos da la gracia para hacerlo. Cuando queremos ser mejores compañeros de trabajo, estudiantes o simplemente un mejor miembro de nuestra sociedad, la Trinidad puede guiarnos hacia este objetivo. Quizás nunca comprendamos completamente cómo tres personas pueden poseer plenamente una naturaleza, como los santos han tratado de explicar. Lo que podemos hacer es aprender de la Trinidad cómo vivir nuestras vidas de una manera más perfecta y amorosa.

## The Most Holy Trinity

### **Reading I: Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40**

Israel's unique vocation is to declare the uniqueness of the one and only God, whom they knew as Yahweh.

### **Reading II: Romans 8: 14-17**

Through the Spirit, a Christian becomes a child of God, so that he/she can, in turn, has the right to call God "Abba," which is often translated "Daddy."

### **Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20**

This section contains the "Great Commission", which is given to the eleven disciples despite their doubt.



**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

## Middle School Dance

Our Home & School Association hosted a successful Middle School Dance on Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 6:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M. in the Gym. Approximately 60 students in 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades attended this fun night! The theme for the evening was "Aloha". We would like to thank the following people who volunteered to make our dance happen:

- Frank Raffa, our DJ from Sound Sensation
- Mr. Alpuche
- Damaris Colon
- David Daoud
- Anne Haith
- Lisa Hallahan
- Jaime Marino - Home & School President
- Kim Reese
- Mrs. Salamone
- The Yeager Family



## 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.**

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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 10<sup>th</sup>:***

*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 17<sup>th</sup>:***

*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.*

Fr. Smith is hosting an open meeting for our Hispanic Community. This meeting is to discuss what we as a parish can do better to minister to our growing Hispanic Community. The meeting will be held on Tuesday May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Meeting House.

## Memorial Day

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

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 entrarán en vigor el 10 de junio:***

*1. La Adoración será los lunes, miércoles y viernes de 9:00 am a 6:00 pm en la nueva Capilla de Adoración. Por favor venga a la Rectoría para obtener el código de la puerta de la Capilla.*

## ***Los siguientes cambios entrarán en vigor el 17 de junio:***

*1. Las Misas diarias los lunes, martes, jueves y viernes serán en la Capilla. La Misa diaria del sábado permanecerá en la Iglesia con confesiones en la Iglesia después de la Misa.*

P. Smith está organizando una reunión abierta para nuestra comunidad hispana. Esta reunión es para discutir qué podemos hacer mejor como parroquia para ministrar a nuestra creciente comunidad hispana. La reunión se llevará a cabo el martes 28 de mayo a las 19 horas en la Casa de Juntas.

## Rectory Closing

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

Catholic Social Services 267-331-2490

# COLLECTION

## MAY 19, 2024

Sunday \$6,449  
E-Giving \$1,899

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](mailto:admin@sfanorristown.com)



# PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

U.S. Army - CPT Nathan Bevans  
Army National Guard - SPC Nathan Enslin  
U.S. Army - PVT 2<sup>nd</sup> 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