

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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July 7, 2024

Rev. Richard J. Smith, M.Div., Pastor Deacon David J. Matour

Weekend Assistant: Rev. Msgr. Peter J. Doody

Mass Schedule:

Daily: M/T/Th/F - 8:30AM in the Chapel

Sunday: 7:00AM, 9:00AM (Bilingual), 11:00AM & 5:30PM

Misa en Español el 1 y 3 Domingo del mes a las 1:00PM

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 Office for the Chapel code]

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 9:30AM-4:00PM

(closed 12-12:30PM daily)

Friday 9:00AM-Noon

Parish Office Staff

Administrative Assistant: Miss Lauren Kibler

Religious Education: Mrs. Maritza Reyes

Business Manager: Mr. Carl Needles

St. Francis Early Learning Center

636 Hamilton Street, Norristown

Mrs. Virginia Bueno, Director

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601-A Buttonwood Street, Norristown

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SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2024

Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4;
2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, JULY 8

Ordinary Weekday

8:30AM Joseph Lynch *by David & Anita DiLucia*

TUESDAY, JULY 9

Ordinary Weekday

8:30AM John Mahar *by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Shannon*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

Ordinary Weekday

No Mass

THURSDAY, JULY 11

Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot

8:30AM John & Mary Nowack *by Patricia McNamee*

FRIDAY, JULY 12

Ordinary Weekday

8:30AM Charles Hurd (liv.) *by Family*

SATURDAY, JULY 13

Ordinary Weekday

8:30AM Nathaniel P. Stottlemeyer *by The Busciacco Family*
5:30PM Sara Martin Lowe *by Jack & Alicia Bradley*

SUNDAY, JULY 14

7:00AM Lois Falcone *by Spike & Joan DeStefano*
9:00AM Maria Olivieri-Kuehn & Thomas Kuehn *by Children*
11:00AM John Davis *by Jim Smith*
5:30PM Pro Populo

LECTOR & EM SCHEDULE

July 13 - 5:30PM

L - K. Bradbury

EM - S. Robins

J. Shearer

July 14 - 11AM

L - O. Russo

EM - K. McTamney

July 14 - 7AM

L - L. Steppe

EM - C. Zurek

July 14 - 5:30PM

L - L. Gambone

EM - L. O'Donnell

July 14 - 9AM

L - A. Franz

EM - R. Sirkissoon

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

6:00 Benediction

WEDNESDAY / MIÉRCOLES

6:00 Benediction

6:30 The Chosen (MH)

7:00 Men's Bible Study (MH)

FRIDAY / VIERNES

6:00 Benediction

(C) Church
(MH) Meeting House
(R) Rectory
(S) School

PRAYER LIST

Robin Caza, Maria Giovinco, Michele Hamilton,
Patty Iaccarino, Lois Leggerie, Edward Mateja,
Joe McDonald, 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. 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:

24 Hour Confidential Pregnancy Hotline 610-626-4006

SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2024

Reflection by Rev. Richard J. Smith

Scholars have wasted a great deal of time trying to figure out what the “thorn” is that Paul is telling the Corinthians. Could it be all the times he was marooned or attacked in his travels? Could it be all those who rejected him or those who misunderstood what he was presenting to them? Whatever it may have been is not important. What is important is how Paul handled it. He trusted in God when He tells him, “My grace is sufficient for you”. Every challenge Paul faced in life he was able to overcome because Christ made this promise to him that he would be with him always. This is the same promise that Jesus has made to us. Think back to all those difficult moments of your life and see how you were able to rise above all of it. It may have taken everything you had to get through it, but you did so not by yourself but with the grace of God. This is why Paul boasts in his weaknesses. It is in his weak moments that he can truly see the grace of God working in his life. We can do the same thing. In our frailty, in our weakness, we see how much Jesus reaches out to us to help us up and to move forward. So, I encourage you, challenge your limitations and weaknesses today. You have already been given the grace of God to overcome everything.

Los estudiantes han gastado una gran cantidad de tiempo tratando de averiguar cuál era la “espinas” de la cual Pablo le está hablando a los Corintios. Sería todas las veces que fue abandonado o atacado en sus viajes? Pudieron haber sido todas esas personas que lo rechazaron o todos los que malentendieron lo que les estaba presentado? Lo que haiga sido no es importante. Lo que sí es importante es como Pablo lo maneja. El confió en Dios cuando le dijo “Mi gracia es suficiente para ti”. Cada desafío que Pablo se enfrentó en la vida él pudo superar porque Cristo le hizo una promesa de siempre estar con él. Esta es la misma promesa que Jesus nos hace a nosotros. Piensa en todos esos momentos difíciles en nuestras vidas y ve cómo hemos superado todo. Pudo haber tomado todo de nosotros pero lo pudimos superar, pero no solos, si no con la gracia de Dios. Es por eso que Pablo resalta en su debilidad. Es en sus momentos más débiles que él puede en verdad ver la gracia de Dios trabajando en su vida. Nosotros podemos hacer lo mismo. En nuestra fragilidad, en nuestra debilidad podemos ver cuánto Jesus se acerca a nosotros para ayudarnos a levantarnos y caminar hacia adelante. Así que te animo a desafiar tus limitaciones y debilidades hoy. Ya se te ha dado la gracia de dios para superar todo.

*Fourteenth
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time*

Reading I: Ezekiel 2: 2-5

The prophet is told that his mission will be to speak to Israelite rebels the message of Yahweh to a people “obstinate of heart.”

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10

Paul acknowledges that any pride he might feel because of the revelations he received from God would be unjustified. In fact, he admits to a certain “thorn in the flesh” from which he suffers constantly.

Gospel: Mark 6: 1-6a

Jesus is rejected by His own family, because His teachings were repulsive to them. In turn He concludes that “a prophet has no honor in his native place.”

The CHOSEN

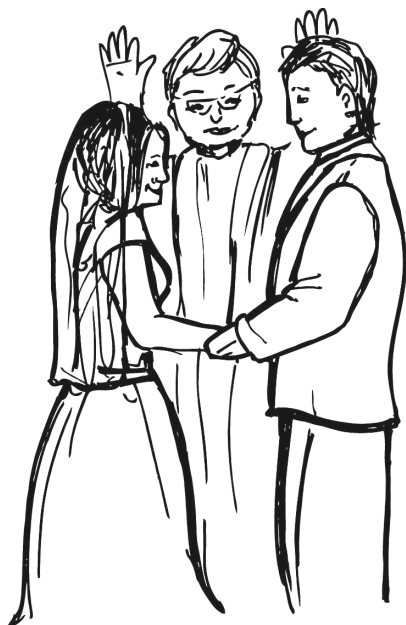
watch | discuss | reflect | rejoice



Join us this summer for a reflection on "The Chosen"!

Wednesdays this summer, SFA will view and then discuss the series "The Chosen". We will begin with Season 1 Episode 1 starting June 12th. Episode viewing will begin at 6:30 PM in the Meetinghouse. This is a free event. All are welcome!

Note: This will take the place of the Women's Bible Study.



MARRIAGE MEETING

There are many married couples in our parish and our community who are not married in the Church. It could have been for several reasons why this happened. This does not mean the husband and wife do not love each other nor do they lack the desire to get married in the Church. In August, I am inviting any couple who finds themselves in this situation to a meeting. I am offering to sit down with each couple and help them to have their marriage blessed in the Church. This does not mean you have to plan a huge wedding. This is only an invitation to get your marriage blessed. This meeting will take place on two different nights. August 22nd and August 23rd at 7pm in the Meeting House. I hope to see you there and I look forward to helping our couples have their marriage blessed.

Hay tantas parejas en nuestra comunidad parroquial que no están casados por la iglesia. Pudo ser por diferentes razones y esto no significa que el marido y la mujer no se amen ni que no tengan el deseo de casarse en la iglesia. En Agosto estoy invitando a toda pareja que se encuentre en esta situación a una junta. Los invito a que platiquemos sobre cómo bendecir su matrimonio en la iglesia. Esto no significa que tengan que planear una boda a lo grande. Esto solo es una invitación para bendecir su matrimonio. Esta junta se llevará a cabo en dos noches diferentes. Agosto 22 y 23 a las 7 pm en la casa de reuniones. Espero verlos allí y espero poder ayudar a nuestras parejas con esta bendición.

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 Rectory for the keypad code.*

Suicide Prevention Helpline 800-273-8255

Crisis Lifeline 988

Saint of the Week: Benedict of Nursia

Feast Day: July 11

St. Benedict was born in Nursia, Italy to a Roman Noble. He was sent to Rome to study, but chose instead to settle in the mountains, where he met a monk, Saint Romanus of Subiaco, who encouraged him to become a hermit.

Did you know... St. Benedict's sister, Scholastica, is also a Saint? Her feast day is February 10.

After some years, Benedict became known and respected in the area, and the local monks asked him to become their abbot. He accepted, but after a time, their differences became too great, and the monks tried to poison him multiple times. Each time, their attempts failed. Finally, Benedict left the area, founding monasteries along the way.

Did you know... St. Benedict is regarded as the founder of Western Christian monasticism?

Benedict died of a fever not long after his sister (on March 21, 547 according to tradition), and was buried in the same tomb. His feast day is now celebrated on July 11, but in the pre-1970 General Roman Calendar, his feast is kept on March 21.

Did you know... St. Benedict is the patron Saint against poison, against curses, of agricultural workers, farmers, and of students, among other things?



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!

LAST CALL TO REGISTER FOR PREP/CCD

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.**

ÚLTIMA LLAMADA PARA REGISTRARSE EN PREP/CCD

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 Comuni3n de su hijo
3. El pago debe realizarse al momento de la inscripci3n.

Los formularios de inscripci3n est1n disponibles en el sitio web en la pestaña PREP, junto con el manual par a padres. **Incluso si previamente nos proporcion3 un Certificado de Bautismo, deber1 proporcionarlo nuevamente este a1o. Gracias. TODAS LAS INSCRIPCIONES CIERRAN EL 12 DE JULIO.**

PRAYER TO SAINT 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.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

National Rehab Hotline 866-210-1303

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!

Summer 2024 cleaning dates:

July 17th

August 28th

THANK YOU!

FATHER SMITH AWAY

Please note: Father Smith will be on our Parish
Pilgrimage in Italy from July 22 until August 3. He will
be ***unavailable and unreachable*** during this time.
Please plan any needed appointments accordingly. We
ask for your prayers for Father & the other pilgrims,
they will all be praying for you!

TEMPORARY MASS CHANGES

Please note: While Father Smith is away on the parish
pilgrimage, there will be no daily (weekday) Masses.
***We will still have Adoration and Sunday Mass
(including the Vigil on Saturday night).***

Revised Mass Schedule:

July 22-26: No Masses

July 27: No 8:30AM Mass

July 29-August 2: No Masses

August 3: No 8:30AM Mass

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 Zaburanec*



PREP/CCD

Last Call to register for PREP/CCD!

Registration closes **THIS FRIDAY, JULY 12**
at 12 Noon!! No late registrations accepted!

¡Última llamada para registrarse en PREP/CCD!

¡¡La inscripción se cierra **ESTE VIERNES 12 DE JULIO** a las 12 del Mediodía!! ¡No se aceptan inscripciones tardías!



SACRED HEART REVIVAL

Do you want more peace in your family, blessings on your undertakings, and a more perfect faith life? Jesus is standing at the door and knocking. Open the door for Him! Join our nationwide campaign to invite the Sacred Heart of Jesus into your home, classroom, or business. Visit www.SacredHeartRevival.com for more information on the graces of the Sacred Heart and sign up today.

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.