



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 6, 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 6, 2024

Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6;
Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 7

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

8:30 Deceased Parishioners

Tuesday, October 8

Ordinary Weekday

8:30 Increase in Conversions

Wednesday, October 9

Memorial of St. Denis, Bishop, & Companions, Martyrs

Memorial of St. John Leonardi, Priest

No Mass

Thursday, October 10

Ordinary Weekday

8:30 For the People of the Parish

Friday, October 11

Memorial of St. John XXIII, Pope

8:30 Victims of War

Saturday, October 12

Ordinary Weekday

8:30 For World Peace

5:30 Pro Populo

Sunday, October 13

7:00 Deceased Priests of the Parish

9:00 Maria Hernandez Alcala by Familia

11:30 James Dever by Theresa Dever

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

Sunday \$8,225

E-Giving \$1,545

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

6:00 PM - Benediction (A)

TUESDAY / MARTES

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)

FRIDAY / VIERNES

6:00 PM - Benediction (A)

SUNDAY / DOMINGO

10:00 AM - PREP (S)

LECTOR & EM SCHEDULE

Oct. 5 - 5:30PM

L - B. Collins

EM - A. Collins,
MJ Bondi

Oct. 6 - 9AM

L - M. Merino,

L. Adan

Oct. 6 - 7AM

L - D. DiLucia

EM - T. Barbato,
BJ Mumford

Oct. 6 - 11:30AM

L - R. Lattanze

EM - K. McTamney,
C. Hurd

(A) Adoration Chapel
(C) Church
(PC) Parish Center
(R) Rectory
(S) School

SUNDAY, October 6, 2024

Reflection by Rev. Richard J. Smith

Over the summer, I hosted two nights inviting couples who were married but not married in the Church. I wanted to give them an opportunity to experience the power and grace found in the Sacrament of Marriage. What a thrill it is to report that over a dozen couples came forward during those two days. I can not express in words the joy it brings to me to see a couple come together in the Sacrament of Marriage. Our readings this weekend point to what a man and woman are welcoming into their lives. A husband and wife are meant to make the other complete and a better person. Look how in Genesis, both Adam and Eve are not named nor say anything until they have each other. They bring the best out of each other and aid one another to be better. This is what should happen in this sacrament. As I prepare couples for the sacrament, I always tell them that the love they have between each other can and will grow if they welcome Christ into their marriage. The Sacrament is not meant for a day but for a lifetime. I would encourage all our married couples, from time to time, to look back on their wedding day. See how the vows you recited prepared you for a lifetime of growth with one another. See how by welcoming Christ into your marriage that you have fallen even more in love than the day you said I do. This will not just strengthen your marriage but you both will become an example for the rest of us. You will show us what we can do by welcoming Christ even more into our own lives. This is why it is so important that we support and encourage marriage rooted in the love of Christ. Let us this week keep in our prayers all married couples that they remain strong in the love of Christ for themselves and for all of us.

Durante el verano, fui anfitrión dos noches invitando a parejas que están casadas por el civil pero no por la Iglesia. Les quería dar la oportunidad de experimentar el poder y gracia encontrada en el sacramento del matrimonio. Que emocionante informarles que poco más de doce parejas vinieron durante esos dos días. No les puedo expresar en palabras la alegría que me trae ver a una pareja unirse en el sacramento del matrimonio. Nuestras lecturas de este fin de semana apuntan a lo que un hombre y una mujer le dan la bienvenida en sus vidas. Un esposo y su esposa están destinados a completar y hacer del otro una mejor persona. Miren como en Genesis, ambos Adán y Eva no son nombrados, ni dicen nada hasta que se tienen uno al otro. Ellos sacan lo mejor de uno al otro y se ayudan a ser mejores. Esto es lo que debe pasar en este sacramento. Mientras preparo parejas para este sacramento, siempre les digo que el amor que hay entre ellos puede y debe crecer si ellos invitan a Cristo a entrar en su matrimonio. El sacramento no es para un día si no para una vida entera. Yo animaría a todas nuestras parejas casadas, de vez en cuando, a mirar hacia atrás a el día de su boda. Ven cómo sus votos que recitaron los prepararon para una vida entera de crecimiento el uno con el otro. Miren cómo darle la bienvenida a Cristo en su matrimonio ha hecho que se enamoren más que el día que se dieron el sí. Esto no solo fortalece su matrimonio sino que ambos serán ejemplo para los demás. Ustedes nos enseñan lo que podemos hacer dándole la bienvenida a Cristo aun más en nuestras propias vidas. Es por eso que es tan importante que apoyemos y fomentemos el matrimonio arraigado en el amor de Cristo. Mantengamos esta semana en nuestras oraciones a todos los matrimonios para que se mantengan fuertes en el amor de Cristo por ellos mismos y por todos nosotros.

*Twenty-
Seventh
Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Reading I: Numbers 11: 25-29

God makes marriage part of the creation by providing a fitting helper for the man, "bone of his bone."

Reading II: Hebrews 2: 9-11

Jesus and we share the same Father through our Baptism.

Gospel: Mark 10: 2-16, or 10: 2-12

Jesus offers His teaching on marriage and conjugal love.

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 9th, 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 Comunión 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.

NEW LOCATION

WE'VE MOVED! Our new parish offices are in the new Parish Center, located at 601

Buttonwood Street. This is the former Convent/Meetinghouse.

Please come to the Buttonwood Street door. **ALL CHURCH AND**

PARISH BUSINESS WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM THIS

ADDRESS. This includes offices for Religious Education, the Pastor, and all other church matters. For

any questions about this, call

610-272-0402 or email

admin@sfanorristown.com

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.

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!!

National Rehab Hotline 866-210-1303

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:

Kathleen Primavera (*Primavera Family*)

Sanctuary Lamp, St. Joseph Altar:

Altar Bread at Mass this Week:

Floral Arrangement, Main Altar:

Floral Arrangement, Blessed Mother Altar:

Pete & Toni Pellechia (*Children*)

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