

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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July 14, 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

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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 14, 2024

Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14;

Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10; Mk 6:7-13

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, JULY 15

Memorial of St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor

8:30AM Emily McMonagle by *Sal Ritrovato & Family*

TUESDAY, JULY 16

Ordinary Weekday

8:30AM Theresa Maresca by *Michael & Cheryl Maresca*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

Ordinary Weekday

No Mass

THURSDAY, JULY 18

Ordinary Weekday

8:30AM Steve Anders by *Wife & Children*

FRIDAY, JULY 19

Ordinary Weekday

8:30AM Kathleen O'Connor by *Jim Smith*

SATURDAY, JULY 20

Ordinary Weekday

8:30AM Lucille DeRanieri by *Jim & Joe Plutte*

5:30PM John Mahar by *Pat & Larry Perna*

SUNDAY, JULY 21

7:00AM Pro Populo

9:00AM Tomas Reyes by *The Reyes Family*

11:00AM Walter Margavich by *Wife & Children*

1:00 PM Spanish Mass

5:30PM Gregory Arakelian (liv.) by *Mother*

LECTOR & EM SCHEDULE

July 20 - 5:30PM

L - K. Bradbury

EM - S. Robins

MJ Bondi

July 21 - 11AM

L - B. Collins

EM - K. McTamney,

A. Collins

July 21 - 7AM

L - L. Steppe

EM - C. DeGrazio

J. DeGrazio

July 21 - 5:30PM

L - J. Martens

EM - D. Skaw

July 21 - 9AM

L - T. Leone

EM - J. Fitzpatrick

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 Prinziavalli, 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:

Joseph J. Scaduto (*John Scaduto Jr.*)

24 Hour Confidential Pregnancy Hotline 610-626-4006

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024

Reflection by Rev. Richard J. Smith

If you pay close attention, Jesus sends the Twelve Apostles completely unprepared and yet ready for everything that might happen. That may sound like a contradiction but let's dive into the moment. Jesus sends out the Twelve without any supplies for the journey nor a time table of how long it will be. He also sends them out without any training. Where were the public speaking courses or the philosophy and theology courses that I and every other cleric had to take? They had none of that and yet they were still sent off. So what did they take with them that made them so successful? They left with two things that are so important in being an apostle. The first is the most obvious, they left with Christ in their hearts. Jesus had given them so much that they were now ready to share it despite not having all the speaking courses or theological classes. They were able to share what their personal encounter with Jesus and how it changed their lives. The second thing is that they left with each other. They were sent in pairs showing that the mission to spread the Gospel is not meant to be a one man show. We are all called to share the Gospel together. A parish cannot be dependent on one man. As your pastor, I cannot be the only one that is leading the parish forward. I need your help spreading the Gospel here in Norristown. Please, do not think you are lacking in anything to help me in this mission. The Apostles were sent out with far less and you and I are here because they trusted that Christ and their fellow Apostles was all that they needed. In the coming weeks, I will be asking again for more help to spread the Gospel here at St. Francis. Please prayerfully consider answering the call to help. You may feel unprepared but I promise you, your encounter with Christ is all you need.

Si prestas mucha atención, Jesús manda a los doce apóstoles completamente desprevenidos y sin embargo, listos para cualquier cosa que pueda suceder. Esto puede sonar como contradictorio pero vamos a sumergirnos en este momento. Jesús manda a los apóstoles sin ningún tipo de suministros para este viaje ni un cronograma de cuanto tiempo llevara. También los manda sin ningún tipo de entrenamiento. Donde estaban los cursos de oratoria o los cursos de filosofía y teología que yo y todos los demás clérigos tuvimos que tomar? Ellos no tuvieron nada de eso y aun así fueron enviados. ¿Qué se llevaron con ellos que los hizo tan exitosos? Se fueron con dos cosas que son muy importante para ser apóstoles. La primera es la más obvia, se fueron con Cristo en sus corazones. Jesús les había dado tanto que ya estaban listos para compartirlo a pesar de no tener ningún curso en oratoria ni una clase de teología. Ellos podían compartir su encuentro personal con Jesús y cómo les cambió la vida. La segunda es que se fueron el uno con el otro. Fueron enviados en pares enseñando que la misión de difundir el Evangelio no está destinada a ser un espectáculo de un solo hombre. Somos llamados a compartir el evangelio juntos. La parroquia no puede depender de un solo hombre. Como su pastor, yo no puedo ser el único liderando la parroquia. Necesito su ayuda para difundir el Evangelio aquí en Norristown. Por favor, no pienses que te falta algo para ayudarme en esta misión. Los Apóstoles fueron enviados mucho más lejos y tú y yo estamos aquí porque ellos confiaron que Cristo y sus Apóstoles eran todo lo que se necesitaba. En las siguientes semanas, voy estar pidiendo otra vez por más de su ayuda para difundir el evangelio aquí en San Francisco. Por favor, considere en oración responder al llamado de ayuda. Puede que no te sientas preparado, pero te prometo que tu encuentro con Cristo es todo lo que necesitas.

*Fifteenth
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time*

Reading I: Amos 7: 12-15

Amos denies being a member of the so-called "professional prophets" of his time who hired themselves out. His authentic prophetic activity is based on a choice of him made by Yahweh.

Reading II: Ephesians 1: 3-14, or 1: 3-10

The opening blessing flows into why we have been chosen by God for our mission. We are to be full of love and know that we are part of God's master plan.

Gospel: Mark 6: 7-13

The Twelve hear the message of Jesus and are sent forth to preach the Good News. His instructions are a checklist for missionaries that includes how to react to hospitality and its opposite.

The CHOSEN

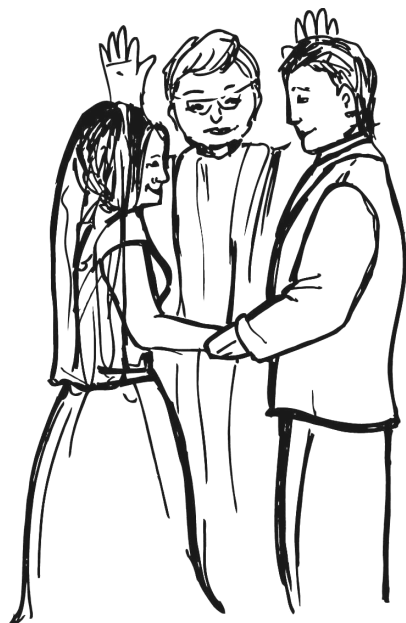
watch | discuss | reflect | rejoice



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.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday | 7 PM | In the Meetinghouse

No registration required

Studies led by Deacon Dave Matour

Suicide Prevention Helpline 800-273-8255

Crisis Lifeline 988

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.*



SCHOOL NEWS

8th Grade Awards

Congratulations to our 8th Grade Class of 2024! The following are the award recipients for the SFA Class of 2024:

The AOH Notre Dame Division I Montgomery County Reverend Kevin C. Trautner & James Wilson Memorial Award:

- Dana Guadalupe Calderon-Juarez
- Angel Miranda Jimenez

The Ladies of the AOH Notre Dame Division II Montgomery County Marianne Schwartz Memorial Award:

- Brayanna Ashlynn Desince

The Pope John Paul II High School Award:

- Jacob Aiden Calbazana

Academic Excellence Award for Highest General Average in 8th Grade:

- Brayanna Ashlynn Desince
- Charles Alan Hallahan III

Pastor's Award for Religion:

- Sophia Jane Esposito
- Angel Miranda Jimenez



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 PREP/CCD IS NOW CLOSED. LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Please keep an eye on the website and bulletin for updates about when classes will start, as well as important meetings.

- There will be a parent meeting on **Thursday, September 5 at 7 PM** in the Church.

- If you haven't already, please bring a copy of your child's Baptism and First Communion certificates to the Rectory.

LAS REGISTRACIONES PARA PREP/CCD HAN CERRADO, NO SE ACEPTARAN REGISTRACIONES TARDE.

Esté atento al sitio web y al boletín para obtener actualizaciones sobre cuándo comenzarán las clases, así como reuniones importantes.

- Habrá una junta para los padres el **Jueves, Septiembre 5 a las 7PM** en la iglesia.

- Si aún no lo ha hecho, por favor pase a la Rectoría a dejar una copia del certificado de Bautizo y Primera Comunión.

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.

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!

National Rehab Hotline 866-210-1303

Saint of the Week: Saint Bonaventure

Feast Day: July 15

St. Bonaventure was born in 1221 in what was
then known as the Papal States. Little is
known of his childhood. Bonaventure states
that in his youth, he was saved from an
untimely death by the prayers of St. Francis of
Assisi. Bonaventure entered the Franciscan
Order in 1243.

*Did you know... St. Bonaventure is the Patron
Saint of bowel disorders?*

After teaching at the University of Paris for
many years, Bonaventure was elected as the
General Minister of the Franciscan Order. He
was responsible for helping to structure the
Order, and was eventually named a Cardinal
by Pope Gregory X before dying suddenly
under suspicious circumstances.

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 Zahuranec*

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!



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.