



# St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 27, 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 27, 2024

## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6;  
Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Monday, October 28

*Memorial of Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles*

8:30 Veronica Henderson by Sheron Robins

#### Tuesday, October 29

*Ordinary Weekday*

8:30 Dieter Jacob by The Martens Family

#### Wednesday, October 30

*Ordinary Weekday*

No Mass

#### Thursday, October 31

*Ordinary Weekday*

8:30 Deceased Priests of the Parish

#### Friday, November 1

*Solemnity of All Saints - Holy Day of Obligation*

8:30 Pro Populo

12:15 Pro Populo

7:00 Pro Populo

#### Saturday, November 2

*The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed  
(All Souls' Day)*

12:15 Pro Populo

5:30 For All Deceased Parishioners

#### Sunday, November 3

7:00 Pro Populo

9:00 Maria Maclovia Yllescas y Jose Perfecto Romero  
by Roger Sosa Romero

11:30 Armando Ramirez Hernandez by Luis Alfredo Ramirez

### LECTOR & EM SCHEDULE

Nov. 2 - 5:30PM

L - K. Bradbury

EM - MJ Bondi,  
M. Anders

Nov. 3 - 9AM

L - N. Guzman,  
S. Hernandez

EM - G. Mendiola,  
L. Adan

Nov. 3 - 7AM

L - C. Zurek

EM - BJ Mumford,  
J. Korkus

Nov. 3 - 11:30AM

L - S. Matour

EM - K. McTamney,  
D. Skaw

### COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

#### OCTOBER 20, 2024

Sunday \$7,011

E-Giving \$1,510

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)

6:00 PM - Pastoral Council (PC)

#### 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)

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

### NO AM CONFESSIONS/MASS ON 11/2

Please Note: On Saturday, November 2nd, 2024 (All Souls' Day), there will **NOT** be morning Confessions or the normal 8:30 AM Mass. We will still be having normal evening Confessions. As always, if you have questions about this, contact us.

SUNDAY, October 27, 2024

## Reflection by Rev. Richard J. Smith

It is in the small moments that faith truly comes out in the world. Many think that you have to make some huge gesture to show the strength and depth of your faith. This is not the case. Our Gospel this weekend has one of those moments. We all know this scene very well. Jesus calls the blind man forward after the crowd told him to stop calling out. You may think his perseverance is the act of faith I am referring to but it is not. It is the moment that the blind man comes to Jesus. The Gospel states, "He threw aside his cloak, sprang up and came to Jesus." It is throwing his cloak aside that is the act of faith. In art, we see a blind beggar holding his hand out or a cup out for donations. At the time of Jesus, the blind would throw their cloaks out and collect anything that landed on the cloak. This is how they relied on everything they could get to sustain them. By throwing the cloak aside, he is giving up on the one item he had to keep him alive. Why did he do this? He did it because he heard the call of Jesus and knew that his life would be complete. He knew at that moment that all he would ever need in life he would find in Jesus and he did not need his old life anymore. If we listen closely, we can make the same decision. There are things in our lives today that we no longer need. Once we hear the call of Jesus to be more in our lives, then we too can cast aside our old lives.

Es en los pequeños momentos que la fe verdaderamente se manifiesta en el mundo. Muchos piensan que tienes que hacer grandes gestos para demostrar la fuerza y profundidad de tu fe. Este no es el caso. Nuestro evangelio este fin de semana tiene uno de estos momentos. Todos conocemos muy bien esta escena. Jesus llama adelante a un hombre siego despues de que multitud le dijo que dejara de gritar. Podrían pensar que su perseverancia es un acto de fe al que me refiero pero no lo es. Es el momento en que el hombre ciego viene hacia Jesus. El evangelio dice, "Se quitó el manto, se levantó de un salto, y se acercó a Jesus." Es arrojando a un lado su manto el acto de fe. En arte, podemos ver a un limosnero ciego extendiendo su mano o una taza para pedir donaciones. En el tiempo de Jesus, los ciegos arrojaban sus mantas y recolectaban lo que cayera en la manta. Es así como dependían de todo lo que podían conseguir para mantenerse. Tirando la manta a un lado, está renunciando al único objeto que tiene para mantenerlo vivo. ¿Por qué hizo esto? Lo hizo porque escuchó el llamado de Jesus y supo que su vida estaría completa. Él sabía en ese momento que todo lo que podría llegar a necesitar en la vida lo encontraba en Jesús y ya no necesitaba su antigua vida. Si escuchamos atentamente, podemos tomar la misma decisión. Hay cosas en nuestras vidas hoy en día que ya no necesitamos. Una vez que escuchemos el llamado de Jesus más en nuestras vidas, entonces nosotros también podemos dejar a un lado nuestras antiguas vidas.

*Thirtieth  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*

### **Reading I: Jeremiah 31: 7-9**

The prophet brings the consolation of a triumphal march home for the exiled Israel through the desert. It is a new exodus for the people.

### **Reading II: Hebrews 5: 1-6**

Jesus is the chosen high priest, who is merciful and able to "deal gently" with His people.

### **Gospel: Mark 10: 46-52**

The blind Bartimaeus is healed and "immediately followed Jesus on the way." "The Way" was the early Christian title of their newfound faith.

# 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.

November 5 - Zep Day

November 19 - Attny. Shallcross speaks about scams

*Please do not park in our Lower Parking Lot behind the School. Parking is available on Buttonwood Street and in our Upper Lot.*

**ALL SAINTS DAY**  
Holy Day of Obligation  
Friday, Nov. 1      8:30 AM  
                                 12:15 PM  
                                 7:00 PM

**ALL SOULS DAY**  
Saturday, Nov. 2      no morning Mass  
                                 12:15 PM  
                                 5:30 PM

## 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 30<sup>th</sup>

November 13<sup>th</sup>

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](mailto:admin@sfanorristown.com) or call the Parish Center.

*Our next Christmas Bazaar meetings will be Thursday, November 7 & November 21 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*



## St. Ephrem Parish Presents... **UNPLANNED**

*The extraordinary movie of Abby Johnson's journey from a director at Planned Parenthood and abortion 'rights' advocate to a pro-life activist, who is now a prominent, national speaker in defense of the sanctity of human life.*

**When:** Thursday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:30PM

**Where:** St. Ephrem Church, 5400 Hulmeville Rd., Bensalem, PA 19020

**How to get tickets:**

Tickets are FREE, but are required for admission. To order tickets, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

SAINT EPHREM RECTORY  
5400 HULMEVILLE ROAD  
BENSALEM, PA 19020

Please indicate the number of tickets requested. Limit of 4 per request. **This film is rated "R"; parental discretion is advised. Children under the age of 13 are discouraged from attending.**

*Following the movie, you are welcome to stay & listen as Abby shares the story of her conversion to the Catholic Faith. An opportunity for questions will follow Abby's presentation.*

### Advent by Candlelight

Women, are you looking to have a purposeful Advent season? Please join the women of St. Helena's Walking with Purpose on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, for an evening of spiritual reflection as we begin the season of Advent. Light supper will be served. Program begins at 6pm, doors open at 5:30, in the St. Helena Empress Room, located beneath the church, with an outside entrance. A free will offering will be gratefully accepted. For planning purposes, please RSVP by Nov. 26, to [sthelenawwp@gmail.com](mailto:sthelenawwp@gmail.com) or Susan at 610-952-2330.



**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!**

Remember to get your Mass Attendance Sheets stamped **every Sunday!!**

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¡Recuerde sellar sus Hojas de Asistencia a Misa todos los domingos!

## Kids Corner

### Catechism

T R E H T A F D T C  
I M A D E R J Y A R  
R H G L O R Y T H F  
I S L H E V E C D X  
P K F N M C R J J W  
S Y O Y H U X D K G  
Y V M I H Q S O S F  
L K S C U O Q G Q C  
O M G H N J G E G R  
H C O M M A N D S Z

Holy Spirit  
Church  
Made  
God

Catechism  
Father  
One

Commands  
Glory  
Son

## 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.*

## Reunión del Ministerio Hispano

El Padre Smith está organizando una junta  
abierta para discutir los siguientes pasos  
para el ministro Hispano. En esta junta, se  
estará discutiendo la dirección que está  
proponiendo La Conferencia de Obispos  
Católicos de EE.UU (USCCB por sus siglas en  
inglés) para el ministro Hispano y cómo  
podemos implementarlo aquí en San  
Francisco de Asis. Esta junta se llevará a  
cabo el Domingo 3 de Noviembre a las 2pm  
en el Centro Parroquial.

National Rehab Hotline 866-210-1303

## 2025 MASS BOOK

The 2024 Mass Book is **FULL**. The 2025  
Book IS NOT OPEN YET. When the  
2025 Book opens, there will be a limit  
of 8 Masses per household, including a  
maximum of two (2) Sundays/Saturday  
Vigils. As always, Masses **MUST** be  
ordered via phone or email **ONLY**.

**PLEASE** do not come to the Parish  
Office to order Mass Intentions. **Do not  
try to reserve dates in the 2025 Book  
before it opens.**

## CANDLES IN CHURCH

As you may have noticed, there are no  
candles in Church. This is because there  
has been a large increase in candles  
being lit without any money being put  
in the candle boxes. As candle costs  
continue to rise, we have had to make  
the decision to (temporarily) discontinue  
placing candles in church until further  
notice. We understand that this may be  
inconvenient, but we hope to come up  
with a solution that doesn't continue to  
lose the parish money.

## 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!!

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, Anne Korkus, 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:**

**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:**

*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](mailto:sfapro lifegroup@gmail.com).

**24 HOUR CONFIDENTIAL PREGNANCY HOTLINE 610-626-4006**