

# Saint Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church

SUNDAY BULLETIN | October 15, 2023



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## **St. Francis Rectory Hours**

Monday thru Thursday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

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**Saturday:** Confessions after daily Mass; 4:00-5:00 PM Vigil Mass 5:30 PM

**Sunday:** 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:30 pm

*Misa en Español es el 1 y 3 Domingo del mes a las 3:00 pm*

**Weekday Mass:** 8:30 am (except Wednesday)

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Mondays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm October - May

Mondays 9:00 am - 10 am June - September

# Sunday News



## MONDAY, October 16

8:30 Sr. Marie John Holland, OSF  
(J.W. Hallahan Alumnae)

## TUESDAY, October 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch

8:30 Jane McGrath Hughes  
(Mark Cherelli)

## WEDNESDAY, October 18 - St. Luke

No Mass

## THURSDAY, October 19 - Sts. John de Brébeuf, Issac Jouges & Companions

8:30 Carmella Angelichio  
(Bunny & Mike)

## FRIDAY, October 20

8:30 Andrew Tuturice  
(Joanne Schonely & Family)

## SATURDAY, October 21

8:30 Sr. Joseph Andre Intrieri, SSJ 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.  
(Frank Panfile & Family)

5:30 Charles Horst Jr.  
(Ed Scott & Mary Maguire)

## SUNDAY, October 22

7:00 David Kirk  
(Roseanne Elliott & Family)

9:00 Margaret Donnelly  
(Madge Bottinger)

11:00 Arthur Heidel  
(Mike Maresca)

5:30 Pro Populo

## October 21 Vigil

L - B. Collins

EM - A. Collins, MJ Bondi

## October 22 7 am

L - D. DiLucia

EM - BJ Mumford, C. Zurek

## October 22 9 am

L - P. Perna

EM - L. Perna, J. Fitzpatrick

## October 22 11 am

L - S. Matour

EM - Deacon Dave, M. Palmore

## October 22 5:30 pm

L - C. Hurd

EM - D. Skaw, A. Bradley

## PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

There will NOT be Adoration & Benediction today.

### MONDAY / LUNES

7:00 Pro-Life Group to Harrisburg

### TUESDAY / MARTES

1:00 Seniors (MH)

### WEDNESDAY / MIÉRCOLES

9:00 Cleaners (C)

7:00 Men's Bible Study (MH)

7:00 Women's Bible Study (MH)

### THURSDAY / JUEVES

7:00 Confirmation Parent Meeting (C)

(C) Church

(MH) Meeting House

(R) Rectory

(S) School

## 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:

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

## POR FAVOR ORA POR NUESTROS ENFERMOS

Maria Hernandez Alcala, Robin Caza, Maria Giovinco,  
Michelle Hamilton, Patty Iaccarino, Edward Mateja, Joe  
McDonald, Sandy Orth, Kathleen Prinzivalli, Christina Shea,  
Anthony Tarmin, James Tuggle, Michele Tuggle, Olivia  
Tuturice, Peter Wiggins, Mai Wise, Charles Yura, All Those  
Homebound, All Our Deceased.

# Sunday News

## PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy;  
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much  
seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand; to be loved  
as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive; it is in  
pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.  
Amen.

## LA ORACIÓN DE SAN FRANCISCO DE ASÍS

Señor, hazme un instrumento de tu paz  
Para sembrar amor donde hay odio  
Donde hay ofensa, dar perdón  
Donde hay duda, fé  
Donde hay desesperación, esperanza  
Donde hay obscuridad, luz  
Donde hay tristeza, alegría.  
O Maestro divino, concédeme  
que no busque el ser consolado, sino el poder  
consolar  
que no busque el ser comprendido, sino el  
comprender  
que no busque el ser amado, sino el amar  
Porque es en dar, que recibimos  
Es en perdonar, que somos perdonados  
Es en morir, que nacemos a la vida eterna.  
Amén.

## SUNDAY COLLECTIONS - OCTOBER 8, 2023

|          |         |
|----------|---------|
| Sunday   | \$7,214 |
| E-Giving | \$1,985 |

Thank you for your continued kindness and  
generosity towards our Parish and may God Bless  
you in all you do. ~ Fr. Smith



Easily tithe with online giving and  
no longer worry about envelopes.  
Visit [sfanorristown.com/donate](https://sfanorristown.com/donate)  
to learn more.

Congratulations to our St. Francis of Assisi  
Early Learning Center for recently  
achieving a Keystone STARS (Standards,  
Training/Professional Development,  
Assistance, Resources, and Supports)  
rating of STAR 4! This is the highest quality  
rating score offered by the PA Department  
of Education Keystone STARS Program!



National Rehab Hotline 866-210-1303

Suicide Prevention Helpline 800-273-8255

Crisis Lifeline 988



# Parish School & PREP News



## The St. Francis of Assisi School Canticle

Where **Service, Faith, & Academics** come together  
Go Wolverines!

This Fall, we have several Fundraising initiatives available for families and parishioners to participate - Boscov's Football Frenzy, & Winter Wonderland. Over the next few weeks, we will highlight the different fundraising opportunities.

If you like to shop, the Boscov's Friends & Family Pass is for you! You can purchase a Shopping Pass for \$5.00. This gives you various discounts throughout the store. Passes can be purchased at the ELC, Rectory, or School.  
Thank you for your support!

## BOSCOV'S

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

8:00 A.M. - 11:00 P.M.

Any Boscov's Store

\$5.00 Shopping Pass



## Religious Education

We are so pleased with how this PREP year is progressing so far! Please remember to come to class every Sunday at 10 AM. Check our website for updates about important meeting dates!

### Current Announcements:

- There will be a MANDATORY meeting for Confirmation Parents on **Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the Church.**

¡Estamos muy contentos con cómo está progresando este año PREP hasta ahora! Por favor recuerda venir a clase todos los domingos a las 10 a.m. ¡Consulte nuestro sitio web para obtener actualizaciones sobre fechas importantes de reuniones!

### Anuncios actuales:

- Habr  una reuni n OBLIGATORIA para los padres de Confirmaci n el **jueves 19 de octubre de 2023 a las 7:00 p.m. en la Iglesia.**



## Pastor's Page



## Página del Pastor

Having a core and solid foundation is very useful. This may seem rather obvious but it's the obvious elements of our lives that we should spend time reflecting and encouraging. When we have a solid foundation, it helps us through everything in our lives. It helps us to enjoy the times when everything is going right for us. It also helps us to endure when everything is falling apart. Paul, as he is writing to the Philippians, is talking about how he can live with abundance and in want. The way he has learned to do this is because of his relationship with Christ. "I can do all things in him who strengthens me." Now Paul is thanking the community for helping him during his own trials but he wants them to see how much Christ has given him to overcome everything. Remember, Paul had been marooned in a shipwreck, jailed several times, and beaten and left for dead several times. Paul is encouraging the Philippians and us that it is through Christ that we can survive all the negativity that comes our way. This is why it is so important to work on our relationship with Jesus. We are called to do this not just on Sunday but every day. We can do this by praying a daily rosary, reading a few verses of Scripture. Soon we will be able to come and spend time with the Eucharist in our new Adoration Chapel. Whichever way you choose, find the one that helps to strengthen your core. By doing this, you will bring even more peace not just to your own life but to the entire world.

*Sincerely in Christ,  
Rev. Richard J. Smith*

Tener una base central y sólida es muy útil. Esto puede parecer bastante obvio, pero son los elementos obvios de nuestras vidas los que debemos dedicar tiempo a reflexionar y alentar. Cuando tenemos una base sólida, nos ayuda en todo en nuestras vidas. Nos ayuda a disfrutar de los momentos en los que todo nos va bien. También nos ayuda a aguantar cuando todo se desmorona. Pablo, mientras escribe a los filipenses, habla de cómo se puede vivir en abundancia y en miseria. La forma en que ha aprendido a hacer esto se debe a su relación con Cristo. "Todo lo puedo en aquel que me fortalece". Ahora Pablo agradece a la comunidad por ayudarlo durante sus propias pruebas pero quiere que vean cuánto Cristo le ha dado para superar todo. Recuerda, Pablo había sido abandonado en un naufragio, encarcelado varias veces, golpeado y dado por muerto varias veces. Pablo está animando a los filipenses y a nosotros a que es a través de Cristo que podemos sobrevivir a toda la negatividad que se nos presente. Por eso es tan importante trabajar en nuestra relación con Jesús. Estamos llamados a hacer esto no sólo los domingos sino todos los días. Podemos hacer esto rezando un rosario diario, leyendo algunos versículos de las Escrituras. Pronto podremos venir y pasar tiempo con la Eucaristía en nuestra nueva Capilla de Adoración. Cualquiera que sea la forma que elijas, encuentra la que te ayude a fortalecer tu núcleo. Al hacer esto, traerás aún más paz no sólo a tu propia vida sino al mundo entero.

*Sinceramente en Cristo,  
Rev. Richard J. Smith*

# Parish & Ministry News

## Women's Gospel Reflection

Every Wednesday | 7PM

In the Meetinghouse

No registration required

For information, Olga Russo at

[olgarusso6255@gmail.com](mailto:olgarusso6255@gmail.com)

or Theresa Greco at

[theresagreco67@gmail.com](mailto:theresagreco67@gmail.com)



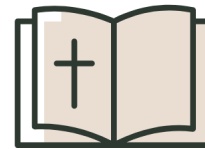
## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

EVERY WEDNESDAY | 7 PM

IN THE MEETINGHOUSE

STUDIES LED BY DEACON DAVE

NO PRIOR REGISTRATION NECESSARY



## SUNDAY SOCIALS

Our Sunday Socials have resumed! Our next social will be Sunday, November 5 after the 9 & 11 AM Masses. Join us in the Meetinghouse for coffee, doughnuts, and other refreshments and snacks! Interested in volunteering? Contact Sandy Pascavage at 484-995-6402.

## SFA Seniors

Here are our upcoming meeting dates for the Seniors. We will meet at 1 PM:

October 17 - Speaker from Norristown

Historical Wedding Expo

November 7 - Craft Day

November 21 - Zep Day

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

## Church Cleaners

We are looking for volunteers to assist with cleaning our Church. We will be doing a gentle cleaning every other Wednesday at 9 AM. If you are interested in helping, simply show up!



Next cleaning dates:

October 18

November 15 & 29

December 13 & 20

THANK YOU!!



## PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

first Wednesday of the month | 1 pm

We meet in the Meetinghouse (the former Convent). No experience necessary -- if you don't know how to crochet/knit, someone in the group will teach you.

for more information, contact Kay Boyce at 610-772-7216

# Parish & Ministry News

## SFA Craft Group

Our Ladies are hard at work creating beautiful gifts for our homebound parishioners, as well as continuing their work for their table at our Christmas Bazaar. Below are the upcoming meeting dates for the SFA Craft Group:

**Sunday, 10/22** - decorating artificial pine wreaths for the Christmas Bazaar sale

**Sunday, 11/12** - religious Jewelry making project, for our table at the Christmas Bazaar.

*meetings are at 12 Noon in the Meetinghouse.*

*Please note that the Rectory has a new email address:*

*"[admin@sfanorristown.com](mailto:admin@sfanorristown.com)". All correspondence can be forwarded to this email address moving forward.*

## SFA Pro-Life

The next St. Francis of Assisi Pro-Life meeting will be on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 7:00 PM. We will meet in the Meetinghouse (former Convent).

All are welcome! Contact [sfapro lifegroup@gmail.com](mailto:sfapro lifegroup@gmail.com) for questions or for more information!



**St. Francis of Assisi  
Christmas Bazaar**

601 Buttonwood St.  
Norristown, PA 19401

**DEC. 2, 2023**  **9AM - 3PM**

## DEVOTIONS at ST. FRANCIS

**The Rosary** is recited daily before the 8:30 am Mass

**Divine Mercy Chaplet** - Tuesdays after Mass

**Sacred Heart Devotions** - Fridays after Mass

**Miraculous Medal Novena** - Saturdays after daily Mass

**Visits to the Blessed Sacrament** -

Tuesday - Saturday from 9 am - 4 pm

*Stop by the Rectory for the keypad code.*



*Let us pray for our Men and Women serving in the Armed Forces, especially for...*

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