Saint Francis of Assisi Parish
600 Hamilton Street, Norristown, PA 19401

SACRAMENTS AND DEVOTIONS

Baptism: Usually the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 1:15 PM. Pre-Jordan class in English is the third Monday of odd-numbered months. Pre-Jordan must be attended by all parents expecting their first child. Please call the rectory to register for Pre-Jordan.

Marriage: Initial arrangements must be made at least six months prior to your wedding date. Please call the rectory and set up an appointment with the pastor.

Communion Calls: Holy Communion is brought by the deacon and Extraordinary Ministers on a monthly basis to elderly and ill parishioners who are unable to attend Mass. Please notify the Rectory to arrange a visit.

Hospitals: Pastoral care for Catholic patients in area hospitals is shared by the local parishes. When you or a loved one is admitted please inform the hospital that you are a Catholic so that you will receive Holy Communion and the Sacrament of the Sick from the parish responsible for the hospital that day.

Devotions:
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—Mon 9 AM to 1 PM September thru May; 9 to 10 AM June thru August. The church is accessible by the handicap door after the 8:30 AM Mass until 1:00 PM (Sept.-May)
- Rosary – Monday thru Saturday at 8 AM
- Divine Mercy Chaplet—Tues after the 8:30 AM Mass.
- Infant of Prague Novena- Wed after the 8:30 AM Mass.
- Sacred Heart Devotions—Fri after the 8:30 AM Mass.
- Miraculous Medal Novena-Sat after the 8:30 AM Mass.

Visits to the Blessed Sacrament—Tuesday through Saturday after the 8:30 AM Mass until 4 PM—Stop at the rectory for the keypad code.

Mass Schedule
Saturday Evening - 5:30 PM
Sunday - 7:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 12:00 and 5:30 PM
Mass in Spanish—2nd Sunday of Month at 4:00 PM
Mon. through Sat. (except Wed.) - 8:30 AM
Eve of Holydays - 5:30 PM
Holydays of Obligation –8:30 AM, 12:00 and 7:00 PM
(except Christmas and Easter)

Confession Schedule
Saturday: After 8:30 AM Mass & 4:00 PM—5:00 PM
(other times by appointment)

Rectory Office Hours
Monday through Thursday 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Friday hours until 4:00 PM
(closed between 12:00 and 1:00 PM)
Saturday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Sunday — Closed

New Parishioners—Welcome to SFA! Please call the Rectory to arrange a time to register in our parish.
**PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**
EVERY MONDAY FROM 9AM TO 1PM

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**ALTERNATE SERVERS—OCTOBER 27/28**

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**BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS (PRE JORDAN)**
The next class will be on Monday, November 19, 2018 at 7pm. Pre Jordan classes are held in the Parish Meeting House. Please contact the rectory to register.

**SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS—OCTOBER 14, 2018**

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THANK YOU for supporting your parish!

**ON LINE GIVING:** St. Francis of Assisi Parish is pleased to introduce “Enhancing Stewardship through Electronic Funds Transfer.” We have partnered with Parish Giving to offer this program to all of our parishioners. Parish Giving is Payment Card Industry compliant and uses the strongest TLS (Transport Layer Security) encryption technology available. No more searching for the checkbook or ATM stops on the way to Mass. To get started log on to [stfrancisnorristown.com](http://stfrancisnorristown.com) and click on the Parish Giving Logo and follow the easy registration steps.

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**2019 ANNOUNCED MASS BOOK**
The 2019 Announced Mass Book is now open. Mass intentions are taken during regular rectory business hours: Monday thru Thursday 8am to 12pm and 1 to 6pm; Friday 8am to 12pm and 1 to 4pm; and Saturday 10am to 2pm. There is a limit of six Mass intentions per family (two Sunday and four weekday).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK**
The sick list will be updated monthly. We will be glad to keep the name of your loved one on the list for one month. If you want to extend a request for prayers beyond that time, please call the Rectory to let us know so we do not remove your loved one’s name from the list. **Please remember only names of the seriously ill should be placed on our sick list.**
This Week’s Memorial Intentions

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**LOTTERY WINNERS**

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**UPCOMING SPECIAL LITURGIES**

- **October 27 at 8:30 AM**
  - Anointing of the Sick Mass

- **November 4 at 12 Noon**
  - Mass for Recently Deceased

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**

On Saturday, October 27th, the 8:30 am Mass will include the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Those whose health has been seriously impaired due to illness or age may receive the Sacrament. If you wish to receive the Anointing of the Sick on Saturday, October 27th at 8:30 am, please contact the rectory in advance.

**Designer Bag Bingo**

**Friday, November 16, 2018**

St. Francis of Assisi School Gym

$25 in advance $30 at door

Regular Games available: 3 Special Games $5/ All 3 games.

Cover All Game one game.

Doors open 6pm, BINGO starts at 7pm

Refreshments for purchase and BYOF (food)

For ticket and information contact:

**Metanoia** is an active community of Catholic young adults in western Montgomery County, PA. The group supports Catholics in their 20s and 30s who are looking to deepen their faith and meet fellow Catholics in the area. Our ministry includes: Theology on Tap, faith based meetings, community service, retreats, and outdoor events. We meet on Tuesdays at 7:30pm unless otherwise noted. Contact metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com for more information, or visit our Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/users/metanoiayoungadults) or our website (http://www.metanoiayoungadults.org/) for more details.

**Upcoming Special Liturgies**

- **Oct. 23:** Holy Hour @ MMR Parish, North Wales
- **Nov. 13:** Bible Study at St. Rose of Lima, North Wales
- **Nov. 20:** Theology on Tap @ Appalachian Brewing Co., Collegeville; Doors 7:00pm, Talk Starts 7:30 p.m.
- **Nov. 23:** Holy Hour @ MMR Parish, North Wales

**Bishop Kenrick High School Class of 1978** will hold their 40th Reunion on Saturday, November 24, 2018 at 7:30pm at PJ Whelihan’s, DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell. $25/PP includes food, music and fun! Cash bar. Please make payments through paypal: paypal.ne/KCFord29. For more information please email kellyconnersford@yahoo.com.
Trunk or Treat
The St. Francis of Assisi Home & School Association is sponsoring a “Trunk or Treat” event on Saturday, October 27th, 2018 from 11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. in the Parking Lot. Donations of wrapped candy can be dropped off at SFA School or Rectory by Friday, October 26th. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

PRO LIFE NEWS
St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners contributed $486.00 for the Masses of October 13/14 (we were unable to cover the 5:30 PM Sunday Mass).

Thank you to Pro Life volunteers Debbie DiRado, Dave and Anita DiLucia, Matt and Anna Faust, Ann Marie Campbell, Lucy Landinger, Roseanne Ruddy, Carl Augustine, Ed Farnan, John Marberger and Theresa Bokoski.

Thank you for your support in building a culture of life.

Joe Aquilani, Jr.
Parish Representative

A Retreat on the Beatitudes
November 6 – 8 (mid-week)
 Marianist Family Retreat Center
 Cape May Point, NJ 08212

We will pray, reflect and share on our understanding of how Jesus’ “guidelines” for growth in our spiritual life are a reality in our daily lives. This retreat will give us time to take a breath, learn something new and be open to God’s storehouse of surprises! Cost: $130 per person (includes program, lodging & meals) Sign up online at www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829 for more information.

Join us in a Mass for those suffering from addiction.

All are invited to the Cathedral Basilica of SS Peter & Paul 18th St. & Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia
 Saturday, October 27, 2018 at 12:00 noon
 Celebrant Rev. Gerald Dennis Gill, Rector and Pastor

Addiction has touched far too many families and taken far too many of our loved ones. Join us that we may draw strength from one another in the power of our faith.

Parking lot open, rear of Cathedral.

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”
Philippians 4:13

“Abortion on demand has, in my judgment, contributed significantly to an environment in our country in which life has become very cheap.” Robert Casey

Here’s a look at the week ahead:
Sunday, October 21st, 2018
• Family Mass @ Noon in Church - All are welcome!!
Monday, October 22nd, 2018
• Band Lessons for 3rd - 8th Grades with Mr. Miller in the Gym
Tuesday, October 23rd, 2018
• Pretzel Orders due
Wednesday, October 24th, 2018
• Pretzel Day
• Home & School Meeting @ 7:00 P.M. in the Library/ Technology Lab
Thursday, October 25th, 2018
• Cub Scout Meeting beginning @ 6:45 P.M. in the Gym
Friday, October 26th, 2018
• Pizza Orders due
Saturday, October 27th, 2018
• Weather permitting, Trunk or Treat beginning @ 11:30 A.M. in the Parking Lot
PARISH ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

- Aid For Friends: Lynn Trombetta 215-464-2224
- Altar Servers (Schedule): Lillian Aguilar 484-925-5035
- Bereavement Committee: Fr. James Goerner 610-272-0402
- Cantors: Michael Maresca 610-539-7597
- Carnival Committee: Tom O'Donnell 610-476-3050
- Choir—Adult: Michael Maresca 610-539-7597
- Craft Group: Ashley Murray 484-744-0506
- Cub Scouts: Alicia Carlin 610-277-7895
- CYO: Tara Ruffin 267-602-6157
- Eucharistic Adoration Group: Liz Nacarelli 610-272-0402
- Extraordinary Ministers: Mary Anders 610-635-9476
- Evangelization Group: Adel Herve 610-547-5935
- Finance Council: Fr. James Goerner 610-272-0402
- Greeters: John Bilella 610-279-1058
- Grupo de Oracion San Francisco de Asis: Elises Brizuela 484-704-0632
- Lectors: Mary Anders 610-635-9476
- Liturgy Committee: Fr. James Goerner 610-272-0402
- Madrinas: Yelitza Pineda 610-272-0402
- Men of St. Francis: Charles Wood 267-438-2572
- Musicians: Michael Maresca 610-539-7597
- Palm Braiders: Betty Guardino 610-292-9482
- Pastoral Council: Fr. James Goerner 610-272-0402
- Prayer Shawl Ministry: Kay Boyce 484-322-5466
- Pre-Jordan: Sean Crosby 610-272-0402
- Prayer Line Volunteers: Nancy DeKok 610-277-1344
- P.R.E.P. (C.C.D.): Sean Crosby 610-272-0402
- Pro-Life Group: Joseph Aquilani, Jr. 610-539-0592
- RCIA: Sean Crosby 610-272-0402
- Senior Citizens: Barbara Ruser 610-831-1063
- (Co-Presidents): Pat Buckwalter 610-277-0828
- Ushers: John Bilella 610-279-1058
- Youth Ministry: Sean Crosby 610-272-0402

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Sean Crosby, Nancy DeKok, Rev. James E. Goerner, Deacon Jim Mahar, Kay McDonald, Lillian O'Donnell, Patricia Perna, Yelitza Pineda, Linda Steppe, Bridget Tigue, Antonia Valle

FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Patricia Bader, Jim Bussiaccio, Rev. James E. Goerner, Peter DiNofia, Patricia Perna, Felicia Riehman, Edward Scott, Mary Anne Serosky, Edward Shaw

Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist Invite You To A Special Weekend Retreat:

A Time Apart With Jesus to Grow in Your Spiritual Life

Friday evening, November 2 — Sunday at Noon, November 4, 2018

The retreat is offered by Sister Joan Noreen, Co-Founder of OLME and 1999 – 2018 EWTN Host of “Eucharistic Journey.” The retreat is held at the Ave Maria Retreat House in Doylestown, PA. This retreat includes Daily Eucharist, Eucharistic Adoration, conferences on Catholic Spirituality, Prayer with Sacred Scripture, Liturgy of the Hours, and much more.

For more information, please contact:

Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist,
640 E. Main St., Birdsboro, PA 19508
olme@olme.org 610-582-3333 www.olme.org

October 21—Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Picture a famous actor, naturally tall, dark and handsome, holding his Oscar statuette, and addressing the audience thus: “I thank the academy for this well-deserved award. After all, I am the best of the nominees and this Oscar is long overdue.”

Or, imagine a pastor from your diocese approaching the pope and caught on tape addressing the pontiff: “Holy Father, you should make me a cardinal. After all, I have done a lot of good over the years; my genuine love and devotion to the Church are obvious, and it’s about time. Besides, I will look good in red!”

I believe we would all be flabbergasted by such conceited behavior. And, of course, both fictional braggarts would be blasted by negative reactions from a host of “talking heads” on TV.

By analogy, we have similar behavior shown by James and John toward Jesus in the scene given us this weekend by St. Mark. I can picture Jesus majestically calm in His reaction, perhaps with a smile as He shakes His head at the naiveté of His chosen pair, but turning serious as He describes the consequences of discipleship to them. Jesus follows up with a memorable description of greatness as He sees it, namely in those who serve others.

None of us I believe would be so self-promoting as James and John in our prayer conversations with Jesus. We would take our cue from all the saints who tell us “When you pray, be humble.”

But that temptation to seek special notice from others, to get a taste of special treatment is a strong one for lots of us. It insinuates itself into our behavior especially when we try to manipulate others into honoring us one way or another. How clever the devil is when he deludes us into thinking we deserve it!

The good news is that Jesus can dispel our delusions of grandeur as quickly as the sun melts our ice cream cone. He will point out how important we already are to God His Father. How loved we are that we were the persons His Father created when so many potential others were not. When you think about it, how humble Jesus is to be with us in the simple silent form of bread and wine. But we have to ask for His help in humble prayer.

Here is a little story of failed manipulation that may stay in our memories when temptation comes: Once upon a time, a rich man invited many honored guests for a feast. His own chair, richly decorated, was placed at one end of the long table. While he was away, each guest seated himself/herself according to his or her own esteem of his position in sight of the master. When the time came and all were seated, the master moved his chair to the other end of the table!