

TIPS FROM THE NORRISTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Package Delivery Safety Tips

1. Customize your deliveries. Contact the carrier that is delivering the package by phone or online and specify where you want the package to go if you are not able to be home for the delivery;
2. Consider an alternate destination. Use a trusted neighbor or family member as a safe location if you won't be home. If you live in an apartment complex, check with the office to see if they will accept the package on your behalf;
3. Send it to FedEx, UPS, or a Post Office location and pick the package up from that location;
4. Request a signature and specify who can sign for it in your absence;
5. Request a vacation hold if you know ahead of time that you will be away;
6. Reroute your packages even when they are already on the way. You can contact the carrier by phone or online to change delivery locations;
7. Leave specific delivery instructions with the carrier to protect the package from the beginning;
8. Don't leave messages about when you will be home on your door; this tells criminals when you won't be there;
9. Purchase insurance for the package if you are able; many carriers already insure the packages which protect it from loss or damage.

If you have any information about violent crime or drug dealing in your neighborhood contact our anonymous tips line at:

610-278-TIPS (8477)

NPDTips@norristown.org

The Norristown Police Department is committed to keeping the Norristown Community safe.

Occasionally there are incidents involving violence resulting in death or serious injury. Our purpose in contacting you is to reduce your fear of random or violent crime. Recently there was an act of violence in the 700 block of Chain Street resulting in two deaths. It is important to know that the decedents and the suspect were familiar with each other and this is an isolated incident. It is our hope that by informing you of the nature of that incident it will reduce fears you might have of being the victim of a random act of violence. Most acts of violence involve people who know each other and their actions are personally directed toward an intended target as it was in this incident.

However it is still important to be conscious of your surroundings and be aware of those around you in all settings. Utilizing safe practices will assist you no matter your environment.

If you should become aware of any suspicious or criminal behavior please call 911 immediately and provide the following information:

- The location of the suspects
- A clothing and physical description of the suspects
- Where the suspects may have fled toward – direction of travel
- Descriptions of any vehicles leaving the area
- Your name and contact information – would be greatly appreciated so officers can follow up with you. You may also remain anonymous – but please tell us what is going on in your neighborhood.

Any information that you may know and be willing to share with police to make our Norristown community safer would be greatly appreciated.

Si tiene información sobre delitos violentos o tráfico de drogas en su vecindario, comuníquese con nuestra línea de sugerencias anónimas en:

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El Departamento de Policía de Norristown se compromete a mantener segura la Comunidad de Norristown.

Ocasionalmente, hay incidentes que involucran violencia y ocasionan la muerte o lesiones graves. Nuestro objetivo de contactarle es reducir su miedo al crimen aleatorio o violento. Recientemente hubo un acto de violencia en el bloque 700 de la calle Chain que resultó en dos muertes. Es importante que sepa que los difuntos y el sospechoso se conocían y este es un incidente aislado. Esperamos que el informarle sobre la naturaleza de ese incidente reduzca los temores que pueda tener de ser víctima de un acto de violencia al azar. La mayoría de los actos de violencia involucran a personas que se conocen y sus acciones se dirigen personalmente hacia un objetivo intencionado como lo fue en este incidente.

Sin embargo, es importante estar consciente de su entorno y estar atento a quienes lo rodean en todos los entornos. Utilizar prácticas seguras lo ayudará sin importar donde esté.

Si tiene conocimiento de algún comportamiento sospechoso o criminal, llame al 911 inmediatamente y proporcione la siguiente información:

- La ubicación de los sospechosos
- Una vestimenta y una descripción física de los sospechosos
- Hacia a donde los sospechosos pudieron haber huido - dirección de viaje
- Descripciones de cualquier vehículo que abandone el área
- Su nombre e información de contacto: sería muy apreciado para que los oficiales puedan informarle sobre el avance de la investigación. También puede permanecer anónimo- pero cuéntenos qué está pasando en su vecindario.

Cualquier información que tenga y esté dispuesto a compartir con la policía para hacer que nuestra comunidad de Norristown sea más segura sería muy apreciada.

**Remembering Those Who Have Gone Before Us.....
Praying For Those Among Us.**

Often when a loved one or family member passes away family and friends are interested in making a donation to St. Francis of Assisi Parish in memory of the deceased. Sometimes people want an intention remembered or a special occasion acknowledged. People in either circumstance are not quite sure what is available, an appropriate monetary amount or how to go about making the donation. Donors also ask if and how the memorial / intention will be acknowledged. Below are some memorial / intention suggestions and the graphic at the bottom shows how they will appear in the bulletin. An acknowledgement card stating the gift given, the memorial / intention, along with your name is also available for you to give as you would a Mass card.

- Sanctuary Lamp BVM side (one week) – \$10.00
 Sanctuary Lamp St. Joseph side (one week) – \$10.00
 St. Francis of Assisi Memorial Society (Fund) – \$15.00 (minimum)
(Memorial Society enrollees are remembered every month at the First Friday Mass)
 Altar Bread (one week) – \$30.00
 Floral Arrangement (side altar, each) – \$35.00 Floral Arrangement (main altar) – \$70.00
 Small Benefactor Plaque – \$750.00 Larger Benefactor Plaque – \$1,500.00

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Memorials and Intentions

<u>Donation</u>	<u>Memorial /Intention</u>	<u>Given by</u>
Sanctuary Lamp (BVM side)	John A Doe	Mr & Mrs Sam Sample
Sanctuary Lamp (St. Joseph side)	No Intention this week	
St. Francis Of Assisi Memorial Society (Fund)	Pat Fulmer Fran Rocus Fran Rocus	Family Cavanaugh Family The Neighbors
Altar Bread	20 th Wedding Anniversary	The Children of Mr & Mrs David Doe
Floral Arrangement (BVM Chapel)	Jane Smith	Children
Floral Arrangement (Christ Chapel)	In Thanksgiving	A Parishioner
Floral Arrangement (Main Altar)	Deceased Members Of the Brown Family	The Lilliputt Family
Benefactor Plaque (Small)	In Memory of Mr & Mrs Edward Sample	Peter Anyone
Benefactor Plaque (Large)	No Memorial this week	

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Contact Dee or Liz in the rectory office Monday through Friday between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM for information or to make arrangements for a memorial. If you are interested in a memorial not listed above (stained glass re-glazing, sacred vessels, etc.) please contact the pastor.

WINDOWS STILL AVAILABLE FOR REFURBISHING

The remaining windows in the main church cost between \$2,500 & \$3,000 to refurbish. The more windows that can be done at one time the lower the cost since a left needs to be used to reach the windows.

The three remaining Book of Revelation Windows in the Blessed Mother Chapel and the Lady of Fatima window in the seldom used East exit cost about \$1,800 to refurbish.

The nine panel window in the sacristy costs a minimum of \$8,000 to stabilize and refurbish which includes protective outside covering which was used on all other stained glass. See the description of the Sacristy Windows below for more details.

Anyone interested in having a window refurbished in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special event in your family, please contact the rectory Monday through Friday 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

MAIN CHURCH (NAVE) FACING THE ALTAR

Left wall front to back

- 1.
- ~~2. The Last Supper (taken)~~
- ~~3. The Crucifixion (taken)~~
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

~~SACRISTY WINDOWS (taken)~~

Symbols associated with the Sacraments

(Six movable panels and three stationary panels)

These windows are in dire need of attention because when the church was built, for whatever reason, no protective covering was ever installed on these windows. Over sixty years of weather hitting against the actual stained glass and lead has weakened them to the point that if opened or closed the wrong way that could fall completely out of their frames.

MAIN CHURCH (NAVE) FACING THE ALTAR

Right wall front to back

- ~~1. The Last Judgment (taken)~~
- ~~2. The Church Militant, Suffering, Triumphant~~
- ~~3. The Beatitudes (taken)~~
4. The Cardinal Virtues
5. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- 6.

BLESSED MOTHER CHAPEL

(Right transept)

FACING THE ALTAR

Beginning on the right by the outside entrance

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- ~~5. Book of Revelation 13-15~~
6. Book of Revelation 16-19
- ~~7. Book of Revelation 20-22 (taken)~~

EAST ENTRANCE

Directly opposite the Baptistry

- ~~1. Our Lady of Fatima (taken)~~

CREMATION

Please keep in mind the following points when making funeral arrangements that involve the cremation of the body of the deceased:

- Burial of the body of the deceased faithful remains the preference of the Catholic Church. The body of a deceased loved one forcefully brings to mind the mystery of life and death and our belief that our human bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit and destined for future glory in the resurrection of the dead. In addition, the body that lies in death recalls the personal story of faith, the past relationships, and the continued presence of the deceased person. The long-standing practice of burying the body of the deceased in a grave or a tomb as was Jesus continues to be encouraged as a sign of Christian faith. However, cremation has become part of the Catholic practice in the United States and is permitted in accord with certain norms.
- If a body is to be cremated, it is always preferable that the body of the deceased be present for the Funeral Liturgy and that cremation take place after the Funeral Liturgy.
- If the body of the deceased is cremated prior to the Funeral Liturgy, the cremated remains are to be brought into the church in a worthy vessel, that is, in a solid and durable container, which may be marked with the name of the deceased. The vessel may be carried in the entrance procession and positioned on a suitable table in the same place where the coffin is usually positioned or it may be put in place on the table before the Funeral Liturgy begins. The covering of the vessel with the pall, a white cloth which is a reminder of the person's baptism, is omitted.
- If the cremated remains are present at the Funeral Liturgy, it is most appropriate that the burial/disposition of the cremated remains immediately follow the Funeral Liturgy. Whether the cremated remains are present at the Funeral Liturgy or whether the body is cremated following the Funeral Liturgy, the length of time between the Funeral Liturgy and the burial of cremated remains is not to exceed thirty days. It is not permitted to delay the burial/disposition of the cremated remains in anticipation of the eventual burial of another person.
- The permanent storage of cremated remains in a private home, funeral home or any other place is prohibited.
- Cremated remains are to be buried in a cemetery or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. While there has been an historical preference for burying the remains of the faithful departed in a Catholic cemetery, this is not required. If a Catholic is buried/interred in a non-Catholic cemetery, the individual grave is blessed at the time of burial or interment.
- It is not permitted to scatter cremated remains.
- If cremated remains are buried at sea, the cremated remains are to be in a solid and durable container, and not scattered.
- The integrity of the cremated remains is always to be respected. The cremated remains of one deceased person may not be mixed with the cremated remains of another person. It is not permitted to divide the cremated remains and retain, inter or entomb them in more than one place. It is also not permitted to divide the cremated remains in such a way that they are contained in lockets or jewelry. Any other practice which violates the integrity of the cremated remains and impedes reverent and proper burial/disposition is prohibited.

AID FOR FRIENDS

Founded 1974



With Trust in God

Jesus teaches us in the parable of the Last Judgment that we will be judged by how we respond to the needs of the poor and lonely. “Aid For Friends” is a free frozen dinner program for isolated, frail, elderly and disabled homebound people. Volunteers are needed to prepare and deliver meals in the Norristown area. “Aid For Friends” homebound shut-ins rely heavily on the kindness of volunteers to help them. Presently “Aid For Friends” serve over 2,000 people each week. They need your help to serve these people—the least of our brothers and sisters. Without you, the shut-ins will be alone and hungry. Please respond to God’s call to serve the sick by offering your meals and/or your time. For more info—call Ms. Robin Costa, Montgomery County Volunteer Coordinator at 215-572-7169. “Aid For Friends” main office 215-464-2224.

Will you volunteer to:

Cook—We ask volunteers to cook one or more extra servings each week while preparing the dinner meal for their families. Meals are frozen in aluminum trays provided by “Aid For Friends” (AFF). Menu sheets and plastic bags are also provided. Some volunteers also make soup. After the dinners and/or soups are frozen, they should be brought to the rectory during regular business hours (Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon, and from 1:00 pm until 7:30 pm; Saturday from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm; Sunday from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm).

Group Cook—AFF encourages groups or congregate cooking within churches, synagogues and organizations. As these group cooks prepare meals in quantities of 50 or more, they reap the benefits of meaningful fellowship. Some raw food is available at the AFF Center for group cooking in our commercial kitchen.

Visitor—Each week our volunteer visitors pick up seven frozen dinners (prepared by our cook volunteers) from the freezer in the rectory, and deliver them to the client/friend they have volunteered to visit, spending at least one hour with their client/friend. Visitors may also pick up juice, breakfast bags, “goodies”, etc. if they are available.

Driver—Drivers work closely with the coordinators. He/she moves meals between freezer sites or picks up supplies at the main office in Northeast Philadelphia, as needed. Drivers also help the Outreach Staff at the AFF Frail Elderly Outreach Center—delivering meals to shut-ins when the regular visitor volunteers are unable to, because of illness, vacation, etc. Call Ann Glanville 215-464-2224.