

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Norristown, PA

REV. RICHARD J. SMITH, M. DIV
Parochial Administrator

DEACON DAVID J. MATOUR
Permanent Deacon

REV. MSGR. PETER DOODY
FR. FRANCIS CAPONI, OSA
Weekend Mass Help

Contact Information

600 Hamilton Street
Norristown, PA 19401

Rectory Office Hours (by appointment only)

Monday - Thursday: 10:00am - 4:00pm

Friday: 9:00am - 12:00noon

Weekends: Closed

closed daily 12noon - 12:30pm for lunch

Rectory Phone: 610-272-0402

Rectory Website: stfrancisorrortown.com

Rectory E-mail: sfasecretary01@gmail.com

Parish Secretary: Miss Lauren Kibler

E-Mail: sfasecretary01@gmail.com

Parish Office Manager: Mrs. Dolores Landis

E-mail: sfarectory@yahoo.com

Parish Business Manager: Mr. Carl Needles

St. Francis of Assisi School

Principal: Miss Bridget Tigie

Phone: 610-272-0501 Fax: 610-272-8011

E-mail: btigie@sfacatholic.org

Website: sfacatholic.org

Early Learning Center

Director: Miss Virginia Bueno, Med., MAED

Phone: 610-757-1523 Fax: 484-231-8646

E-mail: saintfrancisdirector@gmail.com

Website: saintfranciselc.com

Prayer Request Line: 610-757-4070

Parish Bulletin Deadline: Monday 12:00 Noon
Email your requests to sfasecretary01@gmail.com



Mass Schedule

Saturday: 8:30am & 5:30pm Vigil Mass

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

Misa en Español: 1º y 3º domingo

del mes a las 3:00 PM

Monday - Friday: 8:30am *NO MASS ON WEDNESDAYS*

Holy Days: 8:30am, 12:15pm, 7:00pm

Eve of Holy Days: 5:30pm

Confessions

Saturdays: after 8:30am Mass; 4:00-5:00pm

Baptism

2nd & 4th Sunday of the month after the 11:00 Mass. Parents must pre-register at the Rectory for Baptism & Pre-Jordan class.

Pre-Jordan

Class in English is the 3rd Monday of the month & 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 6 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 Extraordinary Ministers on a monthly basis to parishioners confined to their homes. 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.

Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is every Monday from 9:00am - 1:00pm October - May; 9:00 - 10:00am June - August.

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

Divine Mercy Chaplet every Tuesday after 8:30am Mass.

Sacred Heart Devotions every Friday after 8:30am Mass.

Miraculous Medal Novina every Saturday after 8:30am Mass.

Visits to the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesday thru Saturday after 8:30am Mass until 4:00pm. Stop at the Rectory for the keypad code.

Are you new here? Welcome home! Call our Rectory and arrange a time to register! We're so glad you're here!

¿Eres nuevo aquí? ¡Bienvenidos! ¡Llame a nuestra Rectoría y programe un horario para registrarse! ¡Estamos muy contentos de que estés aquí!

Mass Intentions

for the Week

For the Week of
March 28 - April 3, 2022

Mon. 3/28	8:30	Elizabeth Tarrence (<i>Sal Ritrovato & Family</i>)
Tues. 3/29	8:30	Mary Alice Dominick (<i>Mary Ellen Hahn</i>)
Wed. 3/30	NO MASS	
Thurs. 3/31	8:30	Vincent Severino (<i>Bridget Tigue</i>)
Fri. 4/1	8:30	All Those Enrolled in the St. Francis Memorial Society
Sat. 4/2	8:30	Elvira C. Pepe (<i>Rev. Richard J. Smith</i>)
	5:30	James Harper (<i>Ed & Debbie Quagliarello</i>)
Sun. 4/3	7:00	For the Parishioners
	9:00	Pasqual Santangelo (<i>Family</i>)
	11:00	Herbert Lindsay (<i>Patricia McNamee & Family</i>)
	3:00	Spanish Mass
	5:30	Helen Moran (<i>Joan & Harry Hertzog</i>)

LECTORS - APRIL 2 & 3

5:30 pm	- P. Perna
7:00 am	- R. Gelet
9:00 am	- F. Bruno
11:00 am	- R. Lattanze
5:30 pm	- V. Naoe

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS -
APRIL 2 & 3**

5:30 pm	- L. Perna, D. Skaw
7:00 am	- R. Elliott, L. Steppe
9:00 am	- R. Sirkissoon, T. Barbato
11:00 am	- K. McTamney, J. Gallagher
5:30 pm	- M. Anders, C. Hurd

MEMORIAL INTENTIONS

for the week of

March 28 - April 3, 2022

The Sanctuary Lamp on the Blessed Mother Altar burns for:

The Sanctuary Lamp on the St. Joseph Altar burns for:

The Altar Bread at Mass this Week is for:

All Parishioners' Intentions & All Those in Purgatory
(*Fellow Parishioners*)

The Floral Arrangement on the Main Altar is for:

The Floral Arrangement on the Blessed Mother Altar is for:

The Floral Arrangement on the St. Joseph Altar is for:

This Weeks' Memorial Society Enrollees are:

Mildred "Millie" Cooper (*St. Francis Craft Group*)
Helen Mageeney (*Mrs. Wright*)
Alfredo & Olga Geammateo (*Sal Ritrovato & Family*)

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
EVERY MONDAY FROM 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

MONDAY

1:00 Benediction (C)
7:00 Finance Council (MH)

FRIDAY

6:00 Spanish Choir Practice (MH)
6:30 Stations of the Cross (C)

TUESDAY

1:00 Seniors Group (MH)

SUNDAY

10:00 PREP (S)
2:00 Craft Group (MH)

THURSDAY

7:00 RCIA (R)

(C) - Church
(MH) - Meeting House
(R) - Rectory
(S) - School

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK
POR FAVOR ORA POR NUESTROS ENFERMOS

If you wish to have you or a loved one added to our sick list, please email sfasecretary01@gmail.com. Si desea que usted o un ser querido se agreguen a nuestra lista de enfermos, por favor envíe un correo electrónico a sfasecretary01@gmail.com.

Patricia DeMito, Maria Giovinco, Kathleen Prinzivalli,
Christina Shea, Anthony Tarmin, James Tuggle,
Peter Wiggins, Charles Yura.

Please remember that only the names of the seriously ill should be placed on our sick list. Please contact the Rectory to be removed from our list.

Por favor, recuerde que solo los nombres de los enfermos graves deben incluirse en nuestra lista de enfermos. Por favor comuníquese con la Rectoría para ser retirado de nuestra lista.

The St Francis Craft Group is in need of NEW Spring artificial flower donations for our Palm Cemetery Cross making event. Donations can be dropped off at the rectory or placed in the marked box at the main entrance of the church. Thank you for your support!

The Disciple Maker Index Survey is Here!

The Disciple Maker Index Survey is here! Take a quick 10-15 minute survey to help our Parish! Go to <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/ya03p3> or click the link on the Parish website.

If you are unable to complete the survey online, or don't have access to a computer, please contact the Rectory and a paper copy of the survey can be provided to you in most languages. All surveys must be completed and submitted online or returned to the Rectory by April 4th at the LATEST.

The survey will only be available from March 2nd to April 4th and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. **All responses will be confidential.** Thank you for helping with this important project!



PRAY FOR THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

LTC Ramon A. Ramos USA
MAJ John Orendorff USA
PVT 2nd CI Matthew Hahn USA
SGT James Stephenson USA
Col Steven Zahuranec Army National Guard
SPC Nathan Enslin Army National Guard
SrA Joseph M. Stasik USAF
PO1 John Paul Augustine USN
CPT Nathan Bevans USA
SSGT Katlyn Pearson USAF
SSGT Eric D. Pearson USA
SSG Jonathan D. Pearson USAF
PO1 Evan Slizofski, USN
PO2 Jonathan Slizofski, USN

The St. Francis of Assisi School Canticle

Where Service, Faith, & Academics
Come Together

Nutritional Development Services (NDS)

Every one of our students is eligible to receive both a free Breakfast and Lunch each day from the Nutritional Development Services (NDS) of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. This is made possible through the Community Eligibility Program (CEP). In addition, our students who stay for After School CARES Program receive either a free Cold Supper or Snack each day.

Beginning in March, our students have been able to try Fresh Fruits and Vegetables thanks to a grant. All of our students in Pre-K through 8th Grade try a new fruit or vegetable three times a week on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays! This month, our students have already tried the following: Blackberries, Broccoli, Dragon Fruit, Jicama, Kumquats, Meyer Lemons, Mini Plum Tomatoes, Piel de Sapo Melon, Pineapple, Red Radish, Sugar Snap Peas, and White Daikon Radish. This week, we will try Mexican Guava, Specialty Grapes, and White Asparagus. Our students love this Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program!



**NUTRITIONAL
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**
Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Here's a look at the week ahead:

Sunday, March 27th, 2022

Religious Education Program (PREP) Classes from 10:00 - 11:15 AM
Eucharistic Procession after the 11:00 AM Mass for Ukraine

Monday, March 28th, 2022

Daily Mass @ 8:30 AM for 2nd, 5th, & 7th Grades
- Ancient Order of the Hibernians (AOH) Food Drive Continues
- Band Rehearsals from 7:40AM - 8:00AM

Tuesday, March 29th, 2022

Daily Mass @ 8:30 AM for 3rd & 6th Grades
- Fresh Fruit & Veggie Program Delivery to all classes

Wednesday, March 30th, 2022

- Fresh Fruit & Veggie Program Delivery to all classes

Thursday, March 31st, 2022

Daily Mass @ 8:30 AM for 1st Grade
- Fresh Fruit & Veggie Program Delivery to all classes

Friday, March 25th, 2022

First Friday Mass @ 8:30 AM in the Church
Stations of the Cross @ 1:00 PM in the Church
Fr. Smith's Step-Up Challenge Begins

We look forward to hearing from you!

Please contact us:

Miss Bridget M. Tigue, Principal: btigue@sfcatholic.org
Mrs. Yvette Carr, Administrative Assistant: ycarr@sfcatholic.org

CONTRIBUTIONS

THANK YOU for your generosity to our parish!

Weekly Collection

Collection 03/20/2022	\$ 6,690
Collection One Year Ago	\$ 6,395
Change From Last Year	\$ 295

Annual

2022 Fiscal Year	\$ 330,263
2021 Fiscal Year	\$ 301,951
Change Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 28,312

ONLINE GIVING: Interested in donating online? To get started, go to our website

<http://stfrancisnorristown.com>, click on the "Parish Giving" Logo, and follow the easy registration steps.

Help is needed to make our beautiful Palm Cemetery Crosses this year.

When: April 4 – 8 from 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Where: SFA School Gym

No experience necessary! Please come help with this beautiful tradition! Bring the whole family!

Questions? Call Sandra Pascavage at 484-995-6402.



WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOU

SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS

**SAINT FRANCIS EARLY LEARNING
CENTER**

**Apply now
send resume to:**

saintfrancisdirector@gmail.com

Must Be 18 or older



Pastor's Corner

The treasury of the Catholic Faith is immense. Receiving the Eucharist at Sunday Mass is the best part of our faith, but there is more. There is so much more that we could spend an entire lifetime experiencing it all and we would still be missing something. There are all the other Sacraments. There are prayers upon prayers. We all know the Rosary, but there are countless other chaplets and devotions. The Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Miraculous Medal Novena are very popular but they aren't the only ones. There are also novenas to the Sacred Heart and the Infant of Prague. I have lost count how many litanies there are in our treasury of faith. The important thing to remember is that this is your treasure. Don't simply take one piece and leave the rest. Go and experience as much of it as possible. This is why I have added the Latin chants to our Sunday Masses and the Eucharistic procession this weekend. All of this treasure of faith belongs to you. It is a gift given to all of us by our loving Father in Heaven so we can grow even closer to Him. Go and crack open that chest and see just how much closer you can be to your Father in Heaven.

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

El tesoro de la Fe Católica es inmenso. Recibir la Eucaristía en la Misa dominical es la mejor parte de nuestra fe, pero hay más. Hay tanto más que podríamos pasar toda una vida experimentándolo todo y todavía nos estaríamos perdiendo algo. Están todos los demás Sacramentos. Hay oraciones sobre oraciones. Todos conocemos el Rosario, pero hay innumerables otras coronillas y devociones. La Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia y la Novena de la Medalla Milagrosa son muy populares pero no son las únicas. También hay novenas al Sagrado Corazón y al Niño Jesús de Praga. He perdido la cuenta de cuántas letanías hay en nuestro tesoro de fe. Lo importante a recordar es que este es tu tesoro. No tome simplemente una parte y deje el resto. Ve y experimenta tanto como sea posible. Es por eso que he agregado los cantos latinos a nuestras misas dominicales y la procesión eucarística de este fin de semana. Todo este tesoro de la fe te pertenece. Es un regalo que nuestro amoroso Padre celestial nos ha dado a todos para que podamos acercarnos aún más a él. Ve y abre ese cofre y vea cuánto más cerca puede estar de su Padre en el cielo.

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

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 nuestro amparo contra la perversidad
y asechanzas del demonio.
Reprímale Dios, pedimos suplicantes;
Y tú, Príncipe de la milicia celestial,
arroja al infierno, con el divino poder,
a Satanás y a los demás espíritus malignos
que andan dispersos por el mundo
para la perdición de las almas. Amén.

VERSE OF THE
WEEK

Hatred stirs up conflict,
but love covers over all wrongs.

- Proverbs 10:12

El odio despierta rencillas;
Pero el amor cubrirá todas las faltas.

- Proverbios 10:12

Saint Francis Eucharistic Procession

In response to the war in Ukraine, we will have a Eucharistic Procession after the 11:00 Mass around the Parish Property on Sunday, March 27, 2022.



Please join us in this tradition of the Church as we pray for peace in our world and in our hearts during this Lenten season.

**Procesión
Eucarística de San
Francisco.**

En respuesta a la guerra en Ucrania, tendremos una Procesión Eucarística después de la Misa de las 11:00 alrededor de la Propiedad Parroquial el domingo 27 de marzo de 2022. Por favor únase a nosotros en esta tradición de la Iglesia mientras oramos por la paz en nuestro mundo y en nuestros corazones durante este tiempo de Cuaresma.

Saint Francis Seniors Group

The St. Francis Seniors meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month in the Meeting House of the Convent at 1:00pm. **Please do not park in the School Parking Lot.** All seniors are welcome!! **Masks are required!**

Upcoming Schedule:

April 5th - Hot Dog Day

April 15th - A Day of Dance w/ Beverly

May 3rd - Essie's Ice Cream Social

May 17th - Bingo & Dessert

June 7th - COVERED DISH!

PARISH ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

<u>Aid For Friends</u>	Lynn Trombetta	215-464-2224
<u>Altar Servers (Schedule)</u>	Fr. Richard Smith	610-272-0402
<u>Bereavement Committee</u>	Fr. Richard Smith	610-272-0402
<u>Cantors</u>	Michael Maresca	610-539-7597
<u>Choir - Adult</u>	Michael Maresca	610-539-7597
<u>Craft Group</u>	Sandra Pascavage	484-995-6402
<u>Eucharistic Adoration</u>	Rectory	610-272-0402
<u>Extraordinary Ministers</u>	Mary Anders	610-551-6030
<u>Evangelization Group</u>	Adel Herge	610-547-5935
<u>Finance Council</u>	Fr. Richard Smith	610-272-0402
<u>Fundraising Committee</u>	Tom O'Donnell	610-476-3050
<u>Greeters</u>	John Bilella	610-279-1058
<u>Lectors</u>	Mary Anders	610-551-6030
<u>Madrinas</u>	Yelitzta Pineda	
	sfamadrina@gmail.com	
<u>Men of St. Francis</u>	Charles Wood	267-438-2572
<u>Musicians</u>	Michael Maresca	610-539-7597
<u>Palm Braiders</u>	Al Zone	610-656-2500
<u>Pastoral Council</u>	Fr. Richard Smith	610-272-0402
<u>Prayer Shawl Ministry</u>	Kay Boyce	484-231-8622
<u>Pre-Jordan</u>	Fr. Richard Smith	610-272-0402
<u>Prayer Line Volunteers</u>	Nancy DeKok	610-277-1344
<u>P.R.E.P. (C.C.D.)</u>	Fr. Richard Smith	610-272-0402
<u>Pro-Life Group</u>	Joseph Aquilani, Jr.	610-539-0592
<u>RCIA</u>	Deacon Dave Matour	610-272-0402
<u>Senior Citizens</u>	Barbara Ruser	610-831-1063
<u>Ushers</u>	John Bilella	610-279-1058

Sales - Service - Parts
 • Cub Cadet
 • Echo
 • Exmark
 • Hustler
 • Mantis
 • Redmax
 • Stihl
 • Toro




CDI
LAWN EQUIPMENT

Iannella Family Parishioner

3474 Germantown Pike - Collegeville **610-489-3474**
www.cdilawnequipment.com

Al's Auto
Sales, Service & Supply

61 E. Brown St., Norristown, PA 19401

Parts: (610) 272-6100
 Service: (610) 272-6185

Gary Denardo, Proprietor



ANY OCCASION ANYWHERE

Raise Funds For St. Francis With Every Order Use Code SFA at PFlorist.com

610.630.8825

Papa Guido's Pizzeria Since 1989

Delivery All Day!
 Great Parking - Cold Beer

637 West Main St., Norristown, PA
610.275.7272

610.275.6664 • Fax 610.275.6084

Corropolese
 SINCE 1924 Bakery & Deli

Famous for our Tomato Pie

2014 Old Arch Rd., Norristown, PA 19401
www.corropolesbakery.com
 Hrs: Mon-Fri 8am-6pm; Sat 8am-5pm; Sun 8am-3pm

BRIGHTVIEW
SENIOR LIVING

EAST NORRITON

INDEPENDENT LIVING
 PERSONAL CARE
 DEMENTIA CARE

610.239.7700

300 East Germantown Pike
 East Norriton, PA 19401
www.BrightviewEastNorriton.com

Bacchi Funeral Home & Crematory, Ltd.

805 DeKalb Street Bridgeport, PA 19405
 Phone: **610-272-1941** Fax: **610-278-6683**
www.bacchifh.com

Heather M. Hughes, Supervisor
 Darryl R. Bacchi

Julia K. Meyers
 Francis X. Givnish



Szpindor-Meyers Funeral Home, P.C.

101 North Park Avenue Trooper, PA 19403
 Phone: **610-539-8010** Fax: **610-635-0284**
www.meyersfh.com

James T. Meyers Supervisor
 Timothy J. Meyers Licensed in PA and DE

Life Celebration
 By **GIVNISH**

Affordable Funeral & Cremation Services
 BOYD-HORROX-GIVNISH




1-800-GIVNISH

John F. Givnish (3rd Generation)
 John F.X. Givnish, III (4th Generation)

Plumbing Services | Heating & Cooling | Bath & Kitchen Remodels

Locally Owned & Operated Since 1973 - Serving Montgomery County & Surrounding Areas

610-277-2140
www.dirosatoplumbing.com

DiRosato
 Plumbing & Heating Company

Residential & Commercial PA#056522

HELP WANTED
 Visiting Parishioner

RETHINK
 REBUILD
 REJOICE

community can overcome anything

Finding **FABER**

Morgan
 basement waterproofing

In Our 4th Decade of Quality Service

French Drains • Foundation Repair • Mold Remediation

All Work Guaranteed

610-696-0100
www.morganbasementwaterproofing.com

IN REMEMBRANCE OF SAMANTHA JOSEPHSON

S A M I

STOP ASK MATCH INFORM

ASK #WHATSMYNAME BEFORE YOU GET IN A RIDE SHARE

FREE DOWNLOAD!



Special Savings Offer for All Parish Members!

50% DISCOUNT ON BURIAL SPACE

Parishioner



DRY TECH
 WATERPROOFING SOLUTIONS

BASEMENT WATERPROOFING
 FOUNDATION REPAIR
 MOLD REMEDIATION

1-888-5DRY-TECH
www.DryTechCorp.com

Mallory's Army Foundation

United Together In The Fight Against Bullying...
 Don't Just Teach Kindness...
BE KINDNESS!

www.MallorysArmy.com
 (973) 440-8657
info@mallorysarmy.org

It's easy to join our mailing list!
 Just send your email address by text message:
 Text **MALLORYSARMY** to 22828 to get started.

Message and data rates may apply.

CALL **610.232.7180**

Calvary Cemetery of West Conshohocken

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
 MANAGED BY STONEMOR

www.PhiladelphiaCatholicCemeteries.com

Welcome to Our Church!



Morgan Exteriors, LLC
 Stucco Remediation Specialist
 Roofing
 Hardie Siding Specialist

484.568.4457

Best Prices & Warranties in the Business
www.morganexteriorsllc.com

Thank You

to our bulletin sponsors!

Your continued support has not gone unnoticed by your parish community and is SO appreciated!

catholicmatch
 Pennsylvania



CatholicMatch.com/datePA