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M-Thur.
9:00am-4:00pm
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9:00am-12Noon
closed 12-12:30 daily
closed weekends

Welcome Visitors!
**Contact the Parish
Center to register!**



April 13, 2025

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: 8:30AM (except Wednesday)
Sunday: 7:00AM, 9:00AM (Spanish), & 11:30AM
Saturday: 8:30AM & 5:30PM (Vigil)

SUNDAY, April 13, 2025

Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50:4-7;
Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 14

8:30 AM: Florence Bruno —
Barbara Ruser

Tuesday, April 15

8:30 AM: Familia Luis Martin —
Jose Martin

Wednesday, April 16

NO MASS

Thursday, April 17

7:00 PM: Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 18 *Abstinence*

9:00 AM: Morning Prayer (Adoration Chapel)
3:00 PM: Liturgy (Main Church)

Saturday, April 19

12:00 PM: Blessing of the Food
7:30 PM: Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 20

7:00 AM: Pro Populo
9:00 AM: Por la Gente
11:30 AM: Pro Populo

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

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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)

WEDNESDAY / MIÉRCOLES

8:00 AM - Church Cleaners (C)

THURSDAY / JUEVES

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
4:00 PM - Confirmation (C)

FRIDAY / VIERNES

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross (C)

LECTOR & EM SCHEDULE

Apr. 19 - 5:30PM
L - L. Gambone
S. Matour
EM - T. Greco,
L. O'Donnell

Apr. 20 - 9AM
L - M. Merino,
F. Chavez
EM - L. Adan,
N. Guzman

Apr. 20 - 7AM
L - D. DiLucia

Apr. 20 - 11:30AM
L - B. Collins

EM - C. DeGrazio,
J. DeGrazio

EM - A. Collins,
K. McTamney

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



A Word from Rev. Richard J. Smith

This Sunday kicks off a week of beautiful and deep liturgies. In these coming days, we celebrate everything that we are as Catholics. It will be a lot to take in where we can be overwhelmed from all of it. Today, we rejoice with Jesus as He comes into Jerusalem. On Thursday, we will be in awe as we are given the Eucharist and the priesthood. On Friday, we will be at a loss for words as we watch a man suffer for us in a way that all these years later is still hard to grasp. For three days we will sit with this loss trying to process what to do next. It will be at that moment, when despair will seem to have the day, that we will celebrate the resurrection and are given hope. That is a busy week. There is a reason why we call it Holy Week. So how do we stay focused on this most important time of our faith? I believe the prayer we will hear at the end of the Palm Sunday Gospel will help us. It says, "Dear brethren, like the crowds who acclaimed Jesus in Jerusalem, let us go forth in peace." We will achieve this in two ways. The first is that we go forward with each other. These days are not meant to be celebrated alone but as a parish family. The second part is peace. The chaos of the world and our lives are set aside this week so we can focus on these sacred days. Put aside deadlines at work, soccer practices and any other event that takes you away from this week. Let us truly, as one family of faith, enter into and celebrate Holy Week.

Este Domingo inicia una semana de liturgias hermosas y profundas. En estos siguientes días, celebramos todo lo que somos como Católicos. Será mucho para asimilar, y podemos sentirnos abrumados por todo esto. Hoy, nos regocijamos con Jesús, mientras hace su llegada a Jerusalén. El jueves estaremos asombrados al recibir la Eucaristía y el sacerdocio. El Viernes, estaremos sin palabras mientras vemos a un hombre sufrir por nosotros de una manera en la que a pesar de todos estos años después, todavía es difícil de entender. Por tres días estaremos con esta pérdida intentando procesar qué hacer. Será un momento, cuando la desesperación parezca dominar el día, en el cual celebraremos la resurrección y se nos dará la esperanza. Será una semana muy ocupada. Hay una razón por la cual la llamamos Semana Santa. Entonces, ¿cómo nos mantendremos enfocados en este tiempo tan importante de nuestra fe? Yo creo que la oración que escucharemos al final del Evangelio de Domingo de Ramos nos ayudará. Dice, "Queridos hermanos, como las multitudes que aclamaron a Jesús en Jerusalén, salgamos en paz". Lo lograremos en dos días. Lo primero es que sigamos adelante juntos. Estos días no están destinados a celebrarse solos sino en familia parroquial. La segunda parte es la paz. El caos del mundo y nuestras vidas las hacemos a un lado esta semana para que nos podamos enfocar en los días sagrados. Dejemos a un lado los plazos en el trabajo, las prácticas de fútbol y cualquier otro evento que nos distraiga de esta semana. Entremos verdaderamente, como una sola familia de fe, a Semana Santa y celebremosla.

*Sincerely in Christ / Sinceramente en Cristo,
Rev. Richard J. Smith*

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(Saint Alphonsus Liguori)

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there, and I unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Reading I: Isaiah 50: 4-7

This passage is called by scholars the "Third Servant Song." The servant here is the prophet himself, who speaks God's word, even as he suffers persecution for doing so.

Reading II: Philippians 2: 6-11

Possibly an early Christian hymn, this passage speaks of the mystery of Christ, who suffered brutally for our salvation.

The Gospel: Luke 22: 14 – 23:56, or 23: 1-49

St. Luke's Passion account opens with the Last Supper and ends with the Lord's burial. True to his calling, Luke writes with the details of an observant doctor.





GOD BLESS OUR STUDENTS
SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION
Saturday, April 5, 2025



† Belen Angel Juarez
† Anthony Arredondo Ayala
† Yukari Arredondo Ayala
† Nikol Bautista
† Aubree Bier
† Giovanni Briones
† Harper Brown
† Emilio Chavez Simon
† Victoria Chay Peñaloza
† Brissia Elias Chavez
† Erik Flores-Tellez
† Yuli Fortanel-Benitez
† Abigail Gonzalez Rosas
† Estrella Hernandez Castro
† Dayana Hernandez Perez
† Valentina Hernandez Ruiz
† John Hughes Jr.

† Bengamin Marino
† Hannah Martinez Solano
† Maximiliano Mendez Cabrera
† Lorenzo Osorio
† Alberto Perez Navarro
† Aylan Ramos Carreón
† Angelica Rayon-Martinez
† Alonso Ruiz
† Delaney Salas Garcia
† Yanelly Sanchez Navarro
† Snyder Santanna Portillo
† Angelina Salmon-Bañuelos
† Giovanni Solano Arrioja
† Anthony Taglioli
† Jen Carlos Torres Trujillo
† Jessica Urias Morales
† Ulises Urias Morales

*Congratulations! A special thank you to all
parents, guardians, catechists, and teachers!*



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.

SFA Seniors

Here are our upcoming meeting dates for the
Seniors group. All meeting are at 1 PM in the
Parish Center.

April 15 - Bingo & Dessert

May 6 - Chick-Fil-A Day

May 20 - Bingo & Dessert / Pretzel Sale

June 3 - Covered Dish *last meeting!*

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



Parish Gardeners



Spring is almost here! The
St. Francis of Assisi
Parish Gardeners are
looking for volunteers to
help with mulching,
weeding, cleaning beds,
planting flowers, and/or
watering. Any and all
help is welcome! Please

contact Adel Herge at adelquilts@gmail.com or
call or text 610-547-5935 if you have questions
or would like to help. Thank you!



Easter Office Hours

Please note: The Parish
Office will be **CLOSED** for
Easter on throughout the
Holy Triduum (Thursday,
Friday and Easter Monday).

We will reopen on Tuesday, April 22 with
normal business hours.

Altar Servers Wanted



Recently, Father Smith
spoke to our Fourth Grade
Students in PREP and in our
School about the opportunity to
be an Altar Server during Mass
here at St. Francis of Assisi. If

your child is in at least **4th Grade** and would like
to be an Altar Server, or is interested in
learning more about Altar Serving, please
contact Father Smith in the Parish Center! *Altar
Servers will receive training.*



Church Cleaners

We are looking for volunteers to assist with cleaning our Church. We will be meeting every other Wednesday at 8:00AM to clean. If you are interested in helping, simply show up!

Upcoming Cleaning Dates:

April 30th

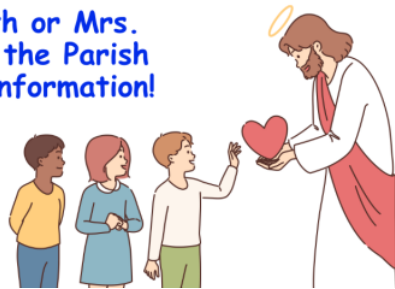
THANK YOU!

CCD TEACHERS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Parish is in need of CCD Teachers for the 2025-2026 PREP Year. If you want to teach you need only the following:

1. Be a *PRACTICING* Catholic
2. Have received the Sacrament of Confirmation
3. Love our Blessed Lord!

Contact Fr. Smith or Mrs. Maritza Reyes in the Parish Center for more information!



Designer Bag Bingo

When: Saturday, May 3, 2025 | 7PM
Where: St. Francis of Assisi School Gym
For Tickets & More Information, contact:
Julie Fusco Schad | 484-686-9813
David Fusco | 610-389-2086

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Easter

SCHEDULE

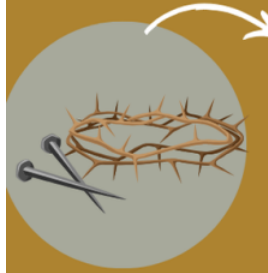
Holy Thursday

7 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
in Church
Adoration Until Midnight
in Adoration Chapel



Good Friday

9 AM Morning Prayer
in Adoration Chapel
3 PM Liturgy
in Church
7 PM Stations
in Church



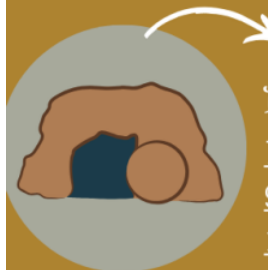
Holy Saturday

12 PM Blessing of Food
in Church
7:30 PM Easter Vigil
in Church



Easter Sunday

7 AM Mass in English
9 AM Mass in Spanish
11:30 AM Mass in English



Pray for Our Troops



U.S. Army - CPT Nathan Bevans; U.S. Army - PVT 2nd 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

Together as a parish, we pray for their safety.

To add a name, please email Miss Kibler at admin@sfanorristown.com.

Prayers for the Sick

Theresa Akers, Robin Caza, Maria Giovinco, Michele Hamilton, Patty Iaccarino, Anne Korkus, Lois Leggerie, Edward Mateja, 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!

Men's Bible Study

Every Wednesday at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center - No registration required
Studies led by Deacon Dave Matour



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*The Sanctuary Lamp on the Blessed Mother Altar Burns in Memory of ~
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*The Sanctuary Lamp on the St. Joseph Altar Burns in Memory of ~
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*The Bread & Wine are Offered in Memory of ~
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*The Floral Arrangement on the Main Altar is Offered in Memory of ~
from ~*

*The Floral Arrangement on the Blessed Mother Altar is Offered in Memory of ~
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This Week's St. Francis Memorial Society Enrollees are:

To request any memorials, please contact Miss Kibler in the Parish Center at (610) 272-0402.

DEVOTIONS AT SAINT FRANCIS

Confession: Saturdays at 9:00AM & from 4:00PM - 5:00PM

Baptisms: Please contact the Parish Center

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 9:00AM - 6:00PM in the Adoration Chapel *[stop by the Parish Center for the Chapel code]*

The Rosary: 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 Adoration Chapel: Monday-Friday from 9AM - 6PM. *Stop by the Parish Center for the keypad code.*



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