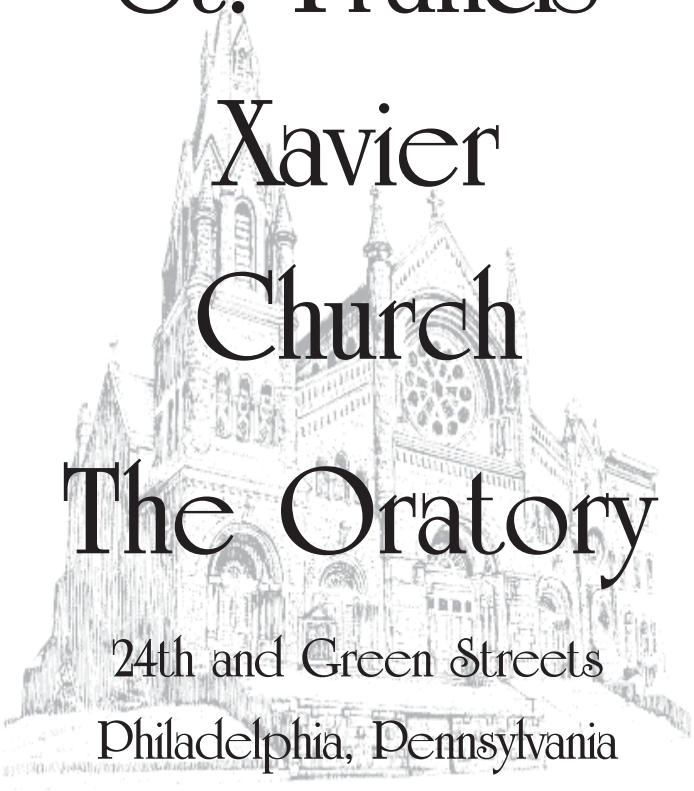
St. Francis Xavier Church The Oratory



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Father Paul C. Convery, C.O., Parish Priest
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Deacon Vincent J. Thompson
Ms. Dolores M. Butler, School Principal
Mr. Nick Lyons, Organist and Choir Director
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School Website: www.sfxschool.com
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THE PHILADELPHIA CONGREGATION OF THE ORATORY OF ST. PHILIP NERI

Father Georges G. Thiers, C.O., *Provost*
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ORATORY PRAYER

Join the Oratory Community each Monday through Friday from 5:10 to 6:00 P.M. in Church for this holy hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Oratory Prayer includes time for meditation on the Sacred Scripture, intercessory prayers and litanies, as well as hymns and silent prayer.

You may submit intentions to be remembered during Oratory Prayer by printing them on the intention sheet in the vesitbule, or by calling the parish house.

SECULAR ORATORY

This group of young adults meets every Tuesday at 7:30 P.M., for prayers, reflection on the scriptures, and fellowship. Its orgins are in the group of young people who met daily with St. Philip Neri, who founded the Congregation of the Oratory.

All Catholic young adults are welcome to attend the Secular Oratory. Enter by the front door of the Parish House (2319 Green Street). Additional information and a schedule of events are available at www.sfxoratory.org/secularoratory/

MASSES:

Sundays: the 5:30 P.M. Vigil on Saturday, 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 on Sunday morning.
Holy Days: 6:30, 8:00, 10:00 A.M., & 7:30 P.M.
Saturdays: 8:00 A.M.
Weekdays: 6:30 and 8:00 A.M., September thru June
Weekdays: 8:00 A.M. only July and August

CONFESSIONS:

Confessions will be heard on Saturday afternoon from 4:00 to 5:00. Confessions will be heard on Sunday morning immediately after the 8:00 A.M. Mass and immediately after the 9:30 A.M. Mass. Confessions may also be heard by appointment with one of the priests.

BAPTISMS:

The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered after the 11:30 A.M. Mass on every Sunday, with the occasional exception of some Sundays in the year. Parents with sponsors should be at Church by 12:45 P.M.
All registered parents of St. Francis Xavier Parish who wish to present a child for Baptism are required to attend a Pre Jordan class. Pre Jordan classes are held one Friday evening per month (usually the first Friday of the month but not always) Parents must call the parish office during weekday business hours to check upcoming dates for Pre Jordan classes and to pre-register for the Pre Jordan session they will attend. For the benefit of all attending these sessions, parents should make arrangements for a baby sitter for the time period they as parents will be present at the session. After having fulfilled the Pre Jordan class requirement, Baptism arrangements can be made. These arrangements must be made at least two weeks prior to the Baptism date.

MARRIAGES:

Archdiocesan policy requires that couples planning to marry contact the parish at least six months before the intended marriage date. All couples are now required to attend the Archdiocesan pre-marital instructions in preparation for marriage.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

We of St. Francis Xavier Parish - The Oratory in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia accept and proclaim that Jesus is the Word of the Father sent into the world to be our Saviour and is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Jesus has overcome the world and been given full authority on earth, so that we may have eternal life. Eternal Life is to know the only true God and the One whom He has sent, Jesus Christ. We have been chosen to have faith in God, the Father, in His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and in the love which exists between them, the Holy Spirit. We are called to glorify the Father by loving one another as God has loved us, and so bear fruit that will remain. We pray that we may be one by the presence of the Holy Trinity dwelling in us, so that the world will believe in Jesus. Trusting in the Mercy of God and relying upon the Sacraments, we pray to remain in God's love, keep His commandments, and seek to do His will. Led by the Spirit of Truth, called to be one in the Body of Christ, we praise and worship the Father.

COMMUNION CALLS:

Holy Communion is distributed to sick and shut-in parishioners once a month. Any sick and shut-in parishioner who wishes to receive communion, please call the parish house.

MEETINGS:

CCD Program: Wednesdays from 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. at the school. For information call Pat Schuyler, Coordinator of Religious Education, at 215-568-2594.

Confraternity of the Holy Rosary: Daily before the 8:00 A.M. Mass except Sunday.

Choir Rehearsal:
Sunday Mornings at 10:30 A.M. in the Organ loft except during the month of August.

Knights of Columbus - La Rabida Council 1191:
Meets 3rd Thursday of the month at 8:00 P.M. in the Parish Center.

BOUNDARIES:

Thompson St., south (even) side, to 20th St.; 20th St., west (even) side, to Benjamin Franklin Parkway; Parkway to Schuylkill River at Spring Garden St. Bridge; River to Thompson St.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 18, 2016 • Luke 16:1- 13

Jesus tells a story about a servant who tries to cheat his employer. The owner is impressed because he would do the same thing himself. Jesus then describes the importance of being trustworthy in small matters, as well as in greater ones. He then states that no one can serve two masters faithfully, so people cannot give themselves completely to both God and money.

SEPTEMBER 18, 2016
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2016
6:30 A.M. – Deceased Friends of Ralph Berarducci
8:00 A.M. – Thomas D. Jenners

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2016
6:30 A.M. – Michael Pulcinella
8:00 A.M. – Beverly McMullin

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2016
6:30 A.M. – Eleanor & Anthony Paradise
8:00 A.M. – Anna Davenport

THURSDAY –SEPTEMBER 22, 2016
6:30 A.M. – Mary Lech - Birthday
8:00 A.M. – Thomas Dolan - Anniversary

FRIDAY –SEPTEMBER 23, 2016
6:30 A.M. – John & Carmella Finnegan – Wedding Anniversary
8:00 A.M. – Walter E. Thiers – 21st Anniversary

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2016
8:00 A.M. – Eleanor Imperatore - Anniversary
5:30 P.M. – Living and Deceased Members of the Saint Francis Xavier Sanctuary Fund

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Thomas Fisher, Lonnie Carugno, Rita McKeown, Robert Coyle, Marialynn Vacca, Bill Hearn, Rosa Santos, Dot McMonagle, Susan Harrison, Marcus Morris, Jim & Gail Ruck, Michael Venditto, Joan Battistelli, Margaret Mary Hearn, Veronica Carney, Maryann Kurmlavage, Marie J., Ann Britt, Ron and Gail Petrofsky, Eleanor McKeage, Joan Greskowiak, Adele Wichowski, Bob McKage, Neal Hebert, Wayne Lechleitman, Theresa Ziemlewicz, Lisa Haffner, Rex Dearing Sr., Michael Santiago, Tom Connelly, Helen Farrell, Josephine Aiello, and all who are hospitalized, confined to their homes and those suffering from physical, mental or psychological illness.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

The following are newly registered members of St. Francis Xavier Parish: Antonio, Daniela, Maria, Anna, and Cecilia Bulle, Jennifer Rawding, Richard Burke, Daniel Prendergast, Christopher McCullough, and Laura Fielden. We thank you for registering. In this way, we are able to serve you better

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY

The Priests and Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier Church extend their sincere sympathy to the families of Gloria Sekac and Ginny McGowan. May they rest in peace.

PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) CCD for students who do not attend Catholic schools will start this year on September 21st at 6:30 P.M in St. Francis Xavier School, 641 N. 24th Street for Grades 1 through 5. For information and/or a registration form, please call **Pat Schuyler** at **215-568-2594** or email **patschuyler@gmail.com.**

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING – SEPTEMBER 10 & 11

Sunday Collection this year –	**$7,239.00**
Sunday Collection last year –	**$7,579.00**
Black and Indian Missions –	**$1,087.00**

The cost of basic parish services, staff and utility bills, may only be maintained with a Sunday offering of **$8,500.00**. Our ability to meet ordinary financial obligations depends on your support for St. Francis Xavier Parish

MASS ATTENDANCE
SEPTEMBER 10 & 11

5:30 P.M. – 64
8:00 A.M. – 99
9:30 A.M. – 120
11:30 A.M. – 45
TOTAL – 328

FORTHCOMING COLLECTIONS:

October 15 & 16 - Mission Sunday

TAKE A STAND FOR LIFE

From September 28th through November 5th, local churches will take part in a 40 Days for Life Campaign. **St. Francis Xavier has been assigned September 29th as our Day of Prayer.** The vigil location is in front of Planned Parenthood at 12th and Locust Streets. Please sign up for an hour of prayer by contacting **Monique Ruberu** at **469-231-9084** or **Pat Stanton** at **267-718-4851**. Also, please enter your hour of prayer on the signup sheet located on the bulletin board in the lobby of the church. *Hours of prayer are from 8:00 A.M until 5:00 P.M.* Thank you!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

2016 Parish Goal	**$24,864**
Total amount to date	**$24,226**
Percentage of Goal	**97%**
Number of gifts	**144**

Every day, many people in our community face challenges that affect their ability to enjoy the most basic of necessities. Together, we can work to eliminate these challenges and help give them a life they deserve. Through your support, the annual Catholic Charities Appeal is able to give "***A New Vision***" to those less fortunate. We must give thanks for our many blessings and remember those in need.

RING OF LIGHT

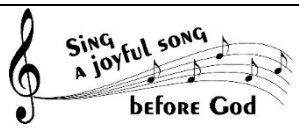
TOTAL GIFTS AND PLEDGES	**$161,652.00**
TOTAL GIFTS RECEIVED	**$144,175.81**
BALANCE OF PLEDGES DUE	**$ 17,476.19**
NUMBER OF GIFTS	**250**

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Francis Xavier Church,

You should have received the ***Ring of Light Campaign*** appeal letter and response form. If you have not received your campaign mailing or if you are not a member of St. Francis Xavier Parish but would *like to contribute to this campaign to save our church, there are extra* campaign letters and response forms for your use in the back of the church.

Please respond generously. Our beautiful church is open today and serves the needs of us all because of your support in the past. Without your faithful support now, we may not presume that our church will be open in the future without necessary preventive maintenance. We know that you will loyally and generously respond to this appeal.

The Ring of Light Campaign Committee



MUSIC – SEPTEMBER 18, 2016 - 11:30 A.M. MASS

Processional Hymn:
Come, Thou Almighty King — #239, Black Hymnal
Mass Setting:
Missa "Stella Matutina" — Vito Carnevali, 1926
Proper Mass Parts:
Harmonic Psalm Tones — Cyr de Brant
Offertory Anthem:
Ave, Maris Stella — P. Piel, 1904
Communion Motet:
O Esca Viatorum — Andernach, 1609
Recessional Hymn:
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light — #542, Black Hymnal

JOHN W. HALLAHAN CATHOLIC GIRL'S HIGH SCHOOL

Fall Open House is Sunday, October 2, 2016 12:00pm - 2:00pm. We invite you to visit our center city campus and meet our dedicated faculty and inspiring young women of Hallahan. For more information, call the Admission Office at 215-563-8930 ext.252 or visit our website at www.jwhallahan.com**.**

ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL RECRUITMENT

Any student desiring admission to Roman Catholic for next year (the 2017-2018 school year) is required to take the Scholarship Entrance test. This year, the test is scheduled for **Saturday, November 5th, Saturday, November 19th, and Saturday, December 3rd.**

NAZARETH ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

FALL OPEN HOUSE – Saturday, October 15, 9 A.M. – 12 noon
EVENT FOR 7TH AND 8TH GRADE GIRLS –
Friday, October 21st 6 P.M. – 9:00 PM
8TH GRADE ENTRANCE/SCHOLARSHIP EXAM
Saturday, October 29, 7:45 A.M. – 12 noon. **CANDIDATES MUST REGISTER BY OCTOBER 17TH**
To register for any of the above events or for further information, please visit www.nazarethacademyhs.org/parentinfo .
If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Derassouyan at 215-268-1026.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 26 & 27
CHOIR PRELUDE AT 6:30 P.M. – REVIVAL AT 7:00 P.M.

AT THE CATHEDRAL BASIILICA OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

All are welcome. This Revival will feature preaching, prayer, music and movement. The event is presented by Bishop Fernand "Ferd" Cheri, III, OFM, Auxiliary Bishop, and Archdiocese of New Orleans. For information, contact the Office for Black Catholics at: **215-587-3541** or **wbradley@archphila.org.**

POLISH HARVEST FESTIVAL

All are invited to the Polish Harvest Festival at the TK Club at 500 East Hector Street in Conshohocken on Sunday, September 25th from Noon till 6 P.M. This Festival supports the St. Mary Polish American Society, a non-profit organization working to promote Polish heritage and culture in and around Montgomery County, PA. The Festival features live Polka music by the Naturalistix Polka Band, Polish food, cash bar, 50/50 drawing, a basket raffle, and baked goods for sale. Tickets are $10 in advance and $15 the day of the event. The tickets include the price of admission but do not include food. For tickets or advance takeout food orders, please email **stmaryconshy@gmail.com** or call Dorothy Swedkowski at **610-630-0861**.

SAVE THE DATE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2016
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND CRAFT SHOW

We are now accepting donations for our Christmas Bazaar. If you have any boxed gifts you have not opened or cannot use, please remember our Bazaar. We need new items for the Santa's Secret $1 shop, Tombola, 'Rockin' Cheer, Children's Cheer and various other wheels.

COME, PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.
CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

THE HOLY ROSARY WILL BE PRECEDED BY A LITURGY OF THE WORD

As the Year of Mercy draws to an end, let us turn to Our Blessed Mother, asking her heavenly help with our many intentions. **Come as families, as members of the Legion of Mary, as Pro-Life Groups, as Prayer Groups, as Young Adult Groups, come and fill the Cathedral Basilica as sons and daughters of our Mother in Heaven!**

TECHNOLOGY TEACHING POSITION
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL

St. Francis Xavier School is searching for a technology teacher. It is a part-time position, two days a week, teaching students **Technology** from Kindergarten through Grade 8. Applicant should be a practicing Catholic and have the required background clearances. Interested applicants should contact Miss Dolores Butler, Principal, at **215-763-6564** or send resume to **APFranX032@aol.com**

A WELCOME HOME FOR OUR VIETNAM WAR VETERANS

Please help welcome home our Vietnam War veterans as they walk the red carpet on this Day of Honor, October 1, 2016. **Let us give them the welcome home they never received and show them our appreciation for the freedoms they preserved for us.** This event will be held at the Sugar House Casino, 1001 N. Delaware Avenue. The buses arrive at 6:00 P.M. Please arrive by 5:45 P.M. For further information, please contact Deanne at **267-303-5977** or deanne@honorflightphiladelphia.org.

NATIONAL SHRINE OF SAINT RITA OF CASCIA

There will be a Healing Mass at St. Rita's Church, **this** Sunday, September 18th, 2:00 P.M., Confessions 1-2 P.M.. Blessing with St. Rita's Oil, Novena Prayers & Relic Veneration. All are welcome! 1166 So. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA., **215-546-8333 ext. 18.**

ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL REUNION
CLASS OF 1966

50th Reunion Dinner
Saturday, October 1, 2016 at 6:30 P.M
Buffet Dinner and Open Bar
Philadelphia F.O.P Lodge #5
11630 Caroline Road, Philadelphia, PA 19154
Cost: $100 per member

ST. FRANNY X 50/50

The September 50/50 to date is $55.00. Please remember to drop your *ST. FRANNY X* envelope in the collection basket at any weekend Mass during the month. A drawing is held each month. The September drawing will be held on Monday, September 26.

BLOCK COLLECTION SCHEDULE
SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2016

Our Annual Parish Visitations, to homes in the parish, will take place over a six-week period beginning September 18th. Fr. Paul, Fr. Georges, Fr. Brian, and Deacon Vince will be visiting your homes. Please note the schedule below which designates the homes we will be visiting this year. While we do ask the generous participation by all our parish families in this Block Collection, we do emphasize the purpose of our visit is a spiritual one and not to collect donations. Please place your Block Collection in the Sunday collection basket, mail or bring it to the parish office. We are grateful for your support in the past and we look forward to our visit. We ask God to bless you for your goodness to your parish.

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18TH
FIRST WEEK

OGDEN STREET (2200)
GIRARD AVENUE (2000-2100)
CORINTHIAN AVE. (900)
22ND STREET (800)
BEECHWOOD STREET (800)
MYRTLE STREET (2200)
WALLACE STREET (2000-2300)

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25TH
SECOND WEEK

PARRISH STREET (2000-2600)
POPLAR STREET (2000-3000)
JUDSON STREET (700)
RIVERSIDE PRES TOWERS
BUCKNELL STREET (800)

WEEK OF OCTOBER 2ND
THIRD WEEK

STILLMAN STREET (800)
BAMBREY STREET (800)
TANEY STREET (700-800)
26TH STREET (700-800)
BAILEY STREET (800)

WEEK OF OCTOBER 9TH
FOURTH WEEK

PENNOCK STREET (700-800)
27TH STREET (700-800)
RENO STREET (2700)

WEEK OF OCTOBER 16TH
FIFTH WEEK

28TH STREET (800)
GIRARD AVENUE (2700-2900)
29TH STREET (800-900)
30TH STREET (800-900)
HARPER STREET (2900)
31ST STREET (1300)
CAMBRIDGE STREET (2800-3000)
OGDEN STREET (2800-2900)
MYRTLEWOOD STREET (800)
RINGGOLD STREET (700)

WEEK OF OCTOBER 23RD
SIXTH WEEK

1818 SPRING GARDEN ST
SPRING GARDEN STREET (2000-2200)
PEROT STREET (2400)
BRANDYWINE STREET (2000-2200)
CORINTHIAN AVENUE (700)
BUCKNELL STREET (700**)**

Sponsor – a – Student Program

The value of Catholic education is a forever opportunity that a student takes with them throughout the rest of their lives.

Catholic education is a blessing, a blessing not all can afford! Therefore, the Saint Francis Xavier School Advisory Board started a new **'Sponsor a Student'** Program in order to help those who may not otherwise be able to afford this opportunity. Your tuition contribution will go directly to a qualifying child in need, allowing them to begin, or continue their Catholic education. Your gift will also help to keep enrollment at sustainable levels, helping to keep alive one of the oldest continually operated Catholic parish schools in the Western Hemisphere!

Those students who want the advantage of Catholic education, but who need financial assistance will benefit directly from your contribution. Indirectly, the entire Catholic education system, our communities, and our families will all share the positive impact. In addition, of course, you will benefit with the satisfaction of knowing your compassion has made a real difference in a child's life.

To contribute please complete this form and send your tax deductible donation to
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(envelopes are available in the back of church).

Sponsor a Student Program, 641 N. 24th St., Philadelphia, PA 19130
Please contact Principal Dolores Butler (215)763-6564 for additional information

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