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Church

The Oratory

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Father Brian R. Gaffney, C.O., Parochial Vicar

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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 vestibule, 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 origins 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/

MASSSES:

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.

Monday through Saturday: 8:00 A.M. only

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.

R.C.I.A.

Interested in becoming a Catholic. Need to receive Baptism, Confirmation and or 1st Eucharist. Contact Deacon Vince at 215-564-1758 or denvthomp@aol.com for more information.

SPONSORS FOR SACRAMENTS

A letter of eligibility to be a sponsor certifies that a person is a practicing Catholic who is fully initiated and is at least 16 years of age. If a Catholic person is married, to act as a sponsor for another person, it is also required that their Marriage be recognized as a "valid" according to Church standards for the Sacrament of Marriage. To obtain a Letter of Eligibility, call the Parish Office during normal business hours to speak with one of the Priests.

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.

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

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.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 27, 2019 • Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Luke discusses his decision to write about the events he and the other disciples had witnessed. He begins by telling of Jesus reading a passage from the book of Isaiah, where the anointed one is portrayed. Jesus finished by telling the people that they had seen that passage fulfilled in their hearing.



JANUARY 27, 2019
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2019

8:00 A.M. – Michael Devenney

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2019

8:00 A.M. – Francis T. Naughton, Jr. – Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2019

8:00 A.M. – John J. Lech, Sr. – Birthday

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2019

8:00 A.M. – Mary Sewall

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2019

8:00 A.M. – Jean Gilroy

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2019

8:00 A.M. – Catherine Oleksy

5:30 P.M. – Living and Deceased Members of the
 Saint Francis Xavier Sanctuary Fund

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Les Pierce, Alice Huelskamp, Theresa Dunn, Edda Notte, John Finnegan, Yuk-Kam Yeung, Theresa Carr, Baby Jocelyn Lee, Gladys Pavlock, Ana Rosa Martinez, Jeanne Marley, Ralph Berarducci, Joe Sweeney, Rose Marie Pasicznyk, Rita McKeown, Geri Venditto, Bettye Schoffler, Joan Powers, Daniel Mooney, Rosa Santos, Marcus Morris, Joan Battistelli, Margaret Mary Hearn, Gail Petrofsky, 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 PARISHIONER

The following is a newly registered member of St. Francis Xavier Parish: James, Maureen, and Margaret Wilbur. We thank you for registering. In this way, we are able to serve you better.

2018 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Will be sent to you for tax purposes at your request. Please call the parish office at **215-765-4568** Monday through Friday between 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. to request this information.

FORTHCOMING COLLECTIONS

January 27

Utility Fund

ST FRANNY X 50/50

January 50/50 to date is \$70.00. Don't forget to try your luck each month by placing your donation in the SFX envelope which can be found in your monthly packet. The next drawing will be held Monday, January 28, 2019.

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING – January 19 & 20

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| Sunday Collection this year – | \$5,581.00 |
| Sunday Collection last year – | \$6,289.00 |
| Church Renovation Plaster – | \$9,987.25 |
| Catholic Relief Services – | \$1,339.00 |

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 – January 19 & 20

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| 5:30 p.m. – | 84 |
| 8:00 a.m. – | 80 |
| 9:30 a.m. – | 98 |
| 11:30 a.m. – | 66 |
| Total – | 328 |

Dear Friends,

As you can see, the repair and restoration of the area around the thirteenth station of the cross at the transept on the 24 Street side of the church is finished. The work will move to the two arches closest to the choir loft on the diagonally opposite side of the church. This second site is important because of the danger of falling plaster capitals at the bases of the arches.

All unexpected and necessary repairs to our beautiful historic church come at a cost which our ordinary budget cannot absorb. The minimum cost for this work will be \$20,000. Please use the envelope provided in your monthly mailing from the parish to assist in this emergency need. Your generosity will be the difference between maintaining our beautiful church building or its sad gradual decline because necessary repair was unaffordable. I know that God's Providence will be evident in your generous support.

Father Georges C.O.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2019

The 2019 Catholic Charities Appeal, "Giving Hope to All" has launched. All registered parishioners of parishes in the Archdiocese should have received or will shortly receive their Catholic Charities Appeal mailing.

As you know, gifts made to the Catholic Charities Appeal will provide support needed to tens of thousands of people through countless organizations, programs, and ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The goal for the 2019 Catholic Charities Appeal is \$12.5 million. The Appeal will be a channel of hope for so many in need and serve as a positive source for good. This year our parish goal is \$27,351, and I am confident that, through your charity and generosity, we will reach this goal. It is important that every parishioner and every parish do their part to raise this \$12.5 million, because we are one family in Christ. Taking care of those who need help the most is one of the most important things we can do as Catholics. The Catholic Charities Appeal Board ensures that all monies raised are directed only toward services and programs for those who the Appeal is intended to benefit.

For anyone who is not registered in a parish and therefore has not received the appeal mailing, blank Pledge/Donation envelopes are in the back of church on the table in the vestibule. Thank you for your sacrifice.



PRAYER OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF SUNDAY MASSES

We will continue to pray together following the conclusion of Sunday Masses, the "Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel" Archbishop Charles Chaput in the Fall urged parishes to restore the practice of praying this intercessory Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel after Mass for God's protection, mercy and healing in view of the sexual abuse of minors by clergy in the Catholic Church and the significant incidence of this violation of minors in reality touching every major institution, religious, civil and secular in our society and country. Numerous catholic parishes in our Archdiocese and around the country, as well as some non-catholic churches, have already begun the practice of again praying this Prayer to St. Michael. The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord is a most fitting time for us to initiate praying together the St. Michael Prayer. In the Baptism of Our Lord, we recognize the fundamental human condition and thus the need for all human persons: Our Lord identifies Himself with our humanity and fallen nature – our frailty and constant need for purification, protection and deliverance from evil. Firstly, we intercede for the Church in its constant need for God's protecting and renewing mercy and grace, but no less do we intercede for our world and society in its' same need for renewal in genuine love by the washing bestowed from God's grace, mercy, truth and love.



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
LEARN. SERVE. LEAD. SUCCEED.

This Sunday, January 27, we will celebrate the opening of Catholic Schools Week at our 9:30 AM Mass. Following Mass, you are invited our Open House in St. Francis Xavier School, 641 N. 24 Street, until 1:00 p.m. Our Principal, Dolores M. Butler, faculty, staff and parents will be there to welcome you and answer questions. Please come and see all that we offer, including:

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CONGRATULATIONS

We extend congratulations to Sarah Barker who received First Honors for the Fall Semester from Nazareth Academy High School.

AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLIC PRE-CANA DAY

The Spring Pre-Cana Workshop will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at St. Cyprian Rectory, 525 Cobbs Creek Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19143 (**215-747-3250**). The cost is \$80.00 per couple. Continental Breakfast and lunch will be provided. This Pre-Cana Day will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will conclude at 3:30 p.m. Registration Forms for the couples to fill out are available at our St. Francis Xavier Parish Office.



January 27, 2019 – 11:30 A. M. Mass

- Processional Hymn:***
O God, Our Help in Ages Past #627, Black Hymnal
- Mass Setting:***
Mass in Honor of Richard Keys Biggs, 1939
Saint Ignatius of Loyola
- Proper Mass Parts:***
Harmonic Psalm Tones Cyr de Brant
- Offertory Anthem:***
Ave Verum Sir Edward Elgar (1857 – 1934)
- Communion Motet:***
Of The Father's Love Begotten Ancient Chant, Modus V Divinum Mysterium
- Recessional Hymn:***
I want to Walk as a Child of the Light #542, Black Hymnal



COME ALL YE LADS AND LASSIES FAIR
Tickets are now available at the Parish House.

St. Francis Xavier is having its annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance on Saturday, February 23, 2019 beginning at 6:30 P.M. This event is one of the biggest fundraisers for our parish. Sean Fleming will provide music. Food to be served will include hors d'oeuvres, ham and cabbage, carved beef, Irish potatoes, green beans, rolls with butter, coffee, tea, and homemade desserts. Pitchers of beer will be available. BYOB (setups will be provided). Tickets are \$35 pre-sale and \$40 at the door and tables of 10 may be reserved. Must be over 21 to attend.

So that this fund raiser is a success both socially and financially, we are need of your help as volunteers

- ❖ To help in the kitchen to replenish containers of food at the food stations
- ❖ Assist committee in setting up Friday February 22
- ❖ Assist in various capacities throughout the evening
- ❖ After party cleanup starting at 11:30 p.m.

If you are able to volunteer at our St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance, please complete the following form and place in the Sunday collection basket or drop off at the Parish Office. Even if you have volunteered in the past, please fill out the form below. Thank you in advance. Without your help, we would be unable to make this parish event a success!! For additional information or to purchase tickets, please contact the Parish Secretary, Christine Powell at **215-765-4568**.



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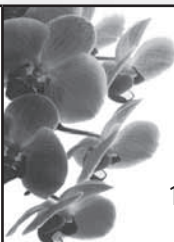
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