

# St. Francis

## Xavier

## Church

# The Oratory

24th and Green Streets

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### THE PARISH MINISTRY

**Father Paul C. Convery, C.O., Parish Priest**

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

**Deacon Vincent J. Thompson**

**Ms. Dolores M. Butler, School Principal**

**Mr. Nick Lyons, Organist and Choir Director**

**Parish House: 215-765-4568 School: 215-763-6564**

**School Website: [www.sfxschool.com](http://www.sfxschool.com)**

**Parish Website: [www.sfxoratory.org](http://www.sfxoratory.org)**

### THE PHILADELPHIA CONGREGATION OF THE ORATORY OF ST. PHILIP NERI

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

**Father Paul C. Convery, C.O., Vicar**

**Father Brian R. Gaffney, C.O.**

### 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/](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist. Contact Deacon Vince at 215-564-1758 or [denvthomp@aol.com](mailto: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.

### EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 6, 2019 • Matthew 2:1-12

Astrologers from the east came looking for the newborn king of the Jews, which greatly disturbed King Herod. Herod wanted to kill Jesus, and asked the astrologers to return and tell him where Jesus was. The astrologers found Jesus and brought him gifts, but received a message in a dream telling them not to return to Herod.



**JANUARY 6, 2019**  
**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019**

8:00 A.M. – William Gabaly

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019**

8:00 A.M. – James A. McLaughlin & Rosemarie Slinger

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019**

8:00 A.M. – Frances Mangravete-Doblitz – Anniversary

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019**

8:00 A.M. – Margaret & Michael Coyle

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2019**

8:00 A.M. – Rev. Michael Dabrowski

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2019**

8:00 A.M. – Valerie Thiers Curtis

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

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE**

Because of the small attendance and the fact that there is a seven o'clock weekday morning Mass at the Convent of Divine Love, the six-thirty morning Mass here will be discontinued beginning on Wednesday morning, the second of January 2019, except for the season of Lent and on holydays of obligation. There will be six-thirty morning Mass on the weekdays of Lent, and the first Mass on holydays of obligation will be at six-thirty in the morning.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**

Les Pierce, Donald McCall, 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, Pat Geis, 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.

**OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY**



The priests and parishioners of St. Francis Xavier Church, The Oratory extend their sincere sympathy to the family of Rosemary McGinnis. May she rest in peace.

**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS**

The following are newly registered members of St. Francis Xavier Parish: Giargos, Robin, Maria, and Theo Karakousis. We thank you for registering. In this way, we are able to serve you better.

**GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING –**

**December 22 & 23**

Sunday Collection this year –	\$6,264.00
Sunday Collection last year –	\$9,548.00
Church Renovation Plaster –	\$6,213.00
Christmas	\$14,014.00

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.

**THE PRIESTS OF THE ORATORY**

We would like to express our thanks for the many prayers, gifts and greeting cards we received for Christmas. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**MASS ATTENDANCE –**

**December 22 & 23**

5:30 p.m. –	55
8:00 a.m. –	106
9:30 a.m. –	103
11:30 a.m. –	68
Total –	332

**MASS ATTENDANCE –**

**Christmas Eve & Day**

**December 24 & 25**

5:00 p.m. –	450
8:00 a.m. –	77
9:30 a.m. –	94
11:30 a.m. –	51
Total –	672

**FORTHCOMING COLLECTIONS**

January 6	Church Interior Plaster Repair and Restoration
January 27	Utility Fund
January 20	Catholic Relief Services

Dear Friends,

As you can see, the repair and restoration of two sections of our church interior has begun with the area around the thirteenth station of the cross at the transept on the 24 Street side of the church. After completion of that site, 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 December 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.



**Processional Hymn:**  
 We Three Kings Of Orient Are #142, Black Hymnal

**Mass Setting:**  
 Gregorian Chant Latin Sung Mass 81, 82, 83, & 86  
 Black Hymnal & Blue Booklet

**Proper Mass Parts:**  
 Harmonic Psalm Tones Cyr de Brant

**Offertory Anthem:**  
 O Holy Night Adolphe Adman

**Communion Motet:**  
 Of The Father's Love Begotten Ancient Chant/Modus V

**Recessional Hymn:**  
 The First Nowell #144, Black Hymnal  
 Verses 1, 3 & 5

**ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON D.C.**  
 The annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. is scheduled to take place Friday, January 18, 2019. The Philadelphia Chapter of the Knights of Columbus is supporting the event. The bus will depart St. Francis Xavier Church at 7:00 a.m. on Friday January 18. Round trip transportation is \$35.00 and includes a box lunch. For reservations or for additional information, please contact Guy Vacca at **215-232-1335**.

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL TUITION**  
 Tuition will be collected this Monday, January 7, 2019, at the school from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. There is a \$25.00 late fee if tuition is not paid on the collection date. If you are unable to make your tuition payment on Monday, please call our parish secretary, Christine Powell at **215 765-4568** to avoid the late fee. For your convenience, you may place your tuition payment in the Sunday collection basket or mail it to 2319 Green Street, Phila., 19130.

**ST FRANNY X 50/50**  
 Congratulations to Marie Stone, the winner of our December 50/50, in the amount of \$167.50. Don't forget to try your luck each month by placing your donation in the St. Franny X envelope, which can be found in your monthly package. The next drawing will take place Monday, February 4, 2019.

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**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 St. Francis Xavier School or place in the Sunday collection basket. Please contact Principal Dolores Butler **(215)763-6564** for additional information

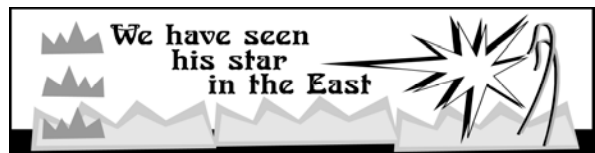
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**SAVE THE DATE**  
 Saturday, February 23, 2019, is our Annual St. Patrick's Dinner and Dance. Additional details to follow at a later date.

**EPIPHANY PRAYER**  
 The heavens are shining with the clear beauty of the stars, O Lord, and the very earth is made beautiful by a shining light because Thou didst vouchsafe to appear to the world from Thy holy dwelling place. Remove from our hearts all sadness, for unto this end art Thou come, that Thou mayest make all things new. Grant also that light unto our eyes, which may purify us and fit us to behold Thee forever that thus we who preach to the nations the glad joys of Thy apparition may be made glad with thee in infinite joy. Amen.





# The 2019 St Francis Xavier School Lottery Calendar



The cost of the calendar is \$25.00 for the year

**How it Works** —The Lottery Calendar is a 365-day cash prize calendar running from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Each calendar has a unique 3-digit number on its front cover, from 000-999. Every day of the year, there is a dollar prize listed. If your number matches the PA Evening Daily Number straight, you win the dollar amount listed on that day! No need to call if you win: St. Francis Xavier automatically mails out checks to the winners at the end of the month.

**How to purchase** – You will be able to purchase calendars by filling in the box below and placing it with your payment in an envelope marked “**LOTTERY CALENDAR**”. Mail it to St. Francis Xavier Parish House, 2319 Green St., Philadelphia, PA 19130 or put it in the collection basket over the weekend. We will mail the calendar or you can come to the Parish House Monday through Friday between 9:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. to pick it up.

**Why purchase the calendar?** – It is an important fundraiser for the St. Francis Xavier School, so we are depending on all families to participate. It is a great way to give a gift that gives all year - **the perfect stocking stuffer!**

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For Ticket information, call the School Office at 215-763-6564 or the Parish House at 215-765-4568. To order tickets complete the form below and mail a check to St. Francis Xavier School, 641 N. 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia PA. 19130; Attention Ms. Butler. Tables of ten will be reserved.

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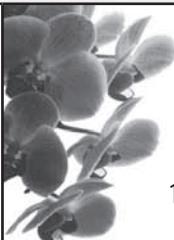
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