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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 31, 2019 • Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The Pharisees grew disgusted with Jesus because of his compassion toward sinners. So Jesus told them a story of a son who squandered his inheritance. When a famine broke out, he returned home and asked his father to become a hired hand. His father instead welcomed him with a joyful celebration, just as God is overjoyed when a sinner returns to him.



MARCH 31, 2019
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019

6:30 A.M. – Lon Carugno – Birthday

8:00 A.M. – John Bobelick, III – Anniversary

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019

6:30 A.M. – Margaret S. Gatti & Members of
the Scanlon Family

8:00 A.M. – Michael & Margaret Coyle

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019

6:30 A.M. – Josephine Gabaly

8:00 A.M. – Herbert Sheppard

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2019

6:30 A.M. – Joseph, Jeannie & Edward Coley

8:00 A.M. – MaryAnne Trout Schiaffo – 16th Anniversary

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2019

6:30 A.M. – Asa Branch – 34th Anniversary

8:00 A.M. – William Kelm – 6th Anniversary

7:30 P.M. – Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019

8:00 A.M. – Theresa Burke

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



PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Ron Withopf, Paul Mullin, Theresa Dunn, Doreen Hughes, Les Pierce, Alice Huelskamp, 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.

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

Knights of Columbus Council will host a Holy Hour for Life at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul on Saturday, April 6th. The event starts at 7:30 PM with Father Dennis Gill as the main celebrant. There will be the recitation of the rosary, confession, and music. For more information, please contact Mickey Kelly at **267-872-4111** or email mickeykelly96@gmail.com.

PRO LIFE

The Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia has assigned a prayer vigil on Friday, April 12 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM in front of Planned Parenthood at 12th & Locust Street to the members of St. Francis Xavier Church. Please call Pat Stanton at **267-718-4851** to schedule an hour or more of prayer. Your presence at this abortion center truly does save lives. Thank you for your prayers and participation in this life-saving work.

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING –
MARCH 23 & 24

Sunday Collection this year –	\$8,583.00
Sunday Collection last year –	\$6,074.00
Church Renovation Plaster Collection –	\$19,492.00

The cost of basic parish services, staff and utility bills, may only be maintained with a Sunday offering of **\$8,500** Our ability to meet ordinary financial obligations depends on your support for St. Francis Xavier Parish.

MASS ATTENDANCE –
MARCH 23 & 24

5:30 p.m. –	85
8:00 a.m. –	103
9:30 a.m. –	127
11:30 a.m. –	63
Total –	378

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2019

2019 Parish Goal	\$27,351.00
Total amount to Date	\$11,415.00
Percentage of Goal	42%
Number of Gifts	48

Dear Friends,

Thank you to all who have generously and faithfully supported our Parish effort to restore the interior plaster of the church. Your sacrifices have brought us close to our goal of twenty thousand dollars. The total received to date for this maintenance and restoration project is \$19,492.00. Your love for our beautiful Church is obvious from your generous support. May the Lord whose Real Presence is the center of our church bless you for your kindness.

I have been assured by the gentleman doing this work that he will return after Easter to complete the painting of the pilasters at the transept wall on the 24th Street side of the church and to begin work at the back two arcades on the Oratory House side of the church. Work on these arcades is very important because of the possibility of plaster falling on congregants who are attending Mass in that area of the church.

This campaign will continue until July because the goal of twenty thousand for this work does not include newly discovered emergency repairs that may have to be done in the course of completing this present work. Any funds we may receive in excess of our goal will be applied to the next three areas where plaster work is required: the back wall of the sanctuary surrounding the crucifixion window, the area around the St. Michael the Archangel window on the 24th Street side of the church and the last remaining capital to be fixed in place in the transept at the third tier on the Oratory House side of the church. We will do as much of this work as our funds allow.

Yours gratefully in St. Francis Xavier and St. Philip Neri,

Father Georges, C.O

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March 31, 2019 – 11:30 A. M. Mass

Processional Hymn:

Amazing Grace #663, Black Hymnal

Mass Setting:

Missa “L’Hora Passa Ludovico da Viadana
(1564-1645)

Proper Mass Parts:

Harmonic Psalm Cyr de Brant

Offertory Anthem:

Restless is the Heart Bernadette Farrell

Communion Motet:

The Seven Last Words from the Cross Theodore Dubois

Recessional Hymn:

These Forty Days of Lent #163, Black Hymnal

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL AT THE CONCLUSION OF SUNDAY MASSES

We will continue to pray together following the conclusion of Sunday Masses, the “Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel” as encouraged by Archbishop Chaput for parishes to do petitioning God’s protection, mercy and healing for the church, our country and the world. Numerous Catholic parishes around the country, as well as some non-Catholic churches, have already begun the practice of again praying this Prayer to St. Michael. We began praying this prayer on the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord for the simple yet always pertinent link between the Lord’s Baptism and our own status as baptized persons – by this link we acknowledge the fundamental human condition and thus the need for healing from sin for all human persons. In His baptism the Lord identifies Himself with our humanity and fallen nature – our frailty and constant need for purification, protection, deliverance from evil, and healing reparation from the wounds caused by sin. 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 to receive the cleansing washing bestowed from God’s grace, mercy, truth and love.



St. Michael, Defend Us

Saint 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 host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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ST FRANNY 50/50

The March 50/50 to date is \$107.50. Don’t forget to try your luck each month by putting your donation in the St. Franny X envelope which can be found in your monthly package and place it in the Sunday collection basket. The next drawing will take place Monday, April 1, 2019.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL TUITION

Tuition will be collected Monday, April 1, 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 payment on the due date and to avoid the \$25.00 late fee, please call the Parish secretary, Christine Powell at **215 765-4568** on or before the tuition due date. For your convenience, you may place your tuition payment in the Sunday collection basket or mail to the Parish office, 2319 Green Street, Phila., PA 19130.

7TH GRADE PRACTICE TEST

Roman Catholic High School will hold a 7th Grade Practice Test on Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 9:00 A.M to Noon. This is an opportunity for 7th graders to prepare for the Scholarship Entrance Test required in the Fall of 2019. For additional information or questions regarding Roman Catholic High School admissions process, please call **215-627-1270** ext. **146/159** or email admissions@romancatholichs.com. Also, online registration is available at RomanCatholicHS.com.

UNITED SOCIAL SERVICES FUEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

To assist people with the rising costs of home heating, The Pennsylvania Home Heating Fuel Assistance Rebate Program (LIHEAP) is now in progress. This Fuel Assistance Program is available to people of all ages within the income guidelines. Individuals with a monthly income less than \$1,517, or a two-person household with a monthly income less than \$2,057 qualify for the grant. This grant is provided to all who qualify and does not have to be repaid. For further information, please call United Social Services at **215-923-1900**. A staff worker will be available to answer questions and assist you in completing an application. The filing deadline is Friday, April 12, 2019. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you have loved ones who are unable to attend Sunday Mass during the Lenten Season or any other Sunday, because of health reasons or location, The Heart of the Nation has a special TV Sunday Mass dedicated to your loved ones to bring spiritual comfort, blessings and comfort to them. The schedule for the TV Mass for the Homebound is CH. WDPN CH. 2 at 7:00 a.m. and WMCN CH. 44 at 8:30 a.m. For additional information or scheduling, please call **855-855-6277** or email Fr.Mark@heartoftheNation.org.

RACHEL’S VINEYARD

Rachel’s Vineyard Ministries will be hosting a Retreat for Healing After Abortion the week-end of April 5-7, 2019. The Retreat will be held at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, Pa. This retreat is an extraordinary opportunity for anyone who struggles with emotional and spiritual pain of past abortions and to experience the mercy and compassion of God. The Retreat will be offered in Polish the same weekend. For additional information, please call **201-754-8201** or email kontakt@winnnicaracheli.org. to register. Also, you can read about the Retreat on line at www.rachelsvineyard.org All requests are strictly confidential.

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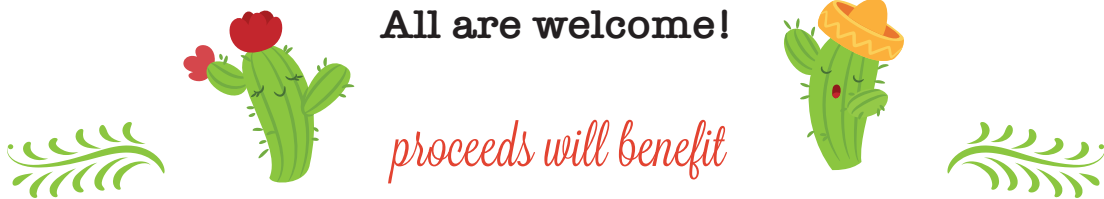


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Games at 7:00 pm

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All are welcome!



SFX Spanish Curriculum

contact: Amy Kramer | 267.970.2133

amykramer871@comcast.net

St. Francis Xavier Designer Bag Bingo

Don't miss out on the fun! Enjoy this night out with your
Husband, Family, or Friends!

This event will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2019. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Bingo will start at 7:00 pm. We will also have Cash Bingos. Tickets are \$25.00 pre-sale and \$30.00 at the door. Extra bingo sheets will be sold along with bingo dabbers. You must be 18 years old to attend.

**To purchase tickets, call the School Office at 215-763-6564 or Email Vera at veraempire15@gmail.com (Tables of 10 will be reserved).*

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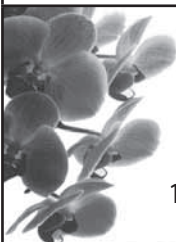
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