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Parish Website: www.sfxoratory.org

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.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

April 14, 2019 • Luke 22:14—23:56

Luke gives a detailed account of Jesus' last supper with the apostles, where Jesus tells them he will soon suffer in fulfillment of God's will. Then Jesus prayed that he might be spared if it suited God's will. After Judas betrayed Jesus, he was arrested. Although Pilate did not think Jesus was guilty of a crime, he gave in to the will of the people, and sentenced Jesus to death on a cross. Then Jesus was crucified and his body laid in a new tomb.



APRIL 14, 2019
PALM SUNDAY
THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2019

6:30 A.M. – Charles Goren – Birthday
 8:00 A.M. – Thomas Cavanaugh, Sr. – 69th Anniversary

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2019

6:30 A.M. – Catherine & Roy St. John
 8:00 A.M. – Beverly McMullin

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2019

6:30 A.M. – Mary Lech – Anniversary
 8:00 A.M. – Stanley Salamon – Anniversary

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2019

The celebration of the Lord's Supper will begin at 7:30 P.M. Adoration at the Altar of Repose will continue following the conclusion of Mass until 11:00 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2019

Our church will open at 8:00 A.M. for Adoration at the Altar of Repose followed by the Commemoration of the Passion of Our Lord celebrated at 2:00 P.M. The choir will sing the "Seven Last Words From the Cross" at 1:50 P.M. prior to the service.

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2019

The Easter Vigil will be celebrated at 7:30 P.M.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019

The Sunday Mass schedule will be in effect:
 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 A.M.



PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Donovan Schmidt, Ron Withopf, Paul Mullin, Theresa Dunn, 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, 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 Michael A. Santiago. May he rest in peace.

NEWLY BAPTIZED

It is a joy to announce the Baptism of Colin Thomas Butters. We extend congratulations to the parents and family, as they see hope of eternal life shine on their son by being joined to the Body of Christ.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome Richard, Amanda and Ophelia Burns as newly registered members of St. Francis Xavier Church The Oratory. We thank you for registering. In this way, we are able to serve you better.

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING – APRIL 6 & 7

Sunday Collection this year –	\$6,218.00
Sunday Collection last year –	\$8,021.00
Church Renovation Plaster Collection –	\$21,921.75

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 – APRIL 6 & 7

5:30 p.m. –	73
8:00 a.m. –	120
9:30 a.m. –	91
11:30 a.m. –	83
Total –	367

FORTHCOMING COLLECTIONS

April 18	Holy Thursday
April 19	Holy Land – Good Friday

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2019

2019 Parish Goal	\$27,351.00
Total amount to Date	\$12,875.00
Percentage of Goal	47%
Number of Gifts	57

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 to our goal of twenty thousand dollars. The total received to date for this maintenance and restoration project is \$21,921.75. 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.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE
ENCOUNTER OUR NEIGHBORS



We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community He knew well. We prayerfully enter our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, and those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

EASTER FLOWERS

If you wish to make a contribution in memory of your loved ones, please place your donation in the envelope you received in your April packet marked "Easter Flowers". If this envelope isn't available, use a plain white envelope marking it "Easter Flowers" with your name of your loved one, your name and address. These envelopes will be placed on the Repository Altar.

MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE

In your April monthly mailing packet, there is an envelope marked "Mother's Day" a spiritual remembrance for mothers living and deceased. If you wish to make a contribution in memory or in honor of your mother, please place your donation in this envelope writing the name of your mother. These envelopes will be placed on the Blessed Mother's altar during the month of May. Each Sunday in May, the 11:30 a.m. Mass will be offered for all mothers to be commemorated.

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. (please cut out this prayer for your personal use at home and in church)

ST. FRANNY 50/50

The April 50/50 to date is \$20.00. Don't forget to try your luck each month by putting your donation in the St. Franny X envelope and place it in the Sunday collection basket. The next drawing will take place Monday, April 29, 2019.



April 14, 2019 – 11:30 A. M. Mass

Choral Prelude:

Pueri Haebraeorum Franz Schubert

Entrance Antiphon:

Hosanna Filio David Tomas Luis de Victoria
(1548 – 1611)

Processional Hymn:

All Glory, Laud, and Honor #170, Black Hymnal

Mass Setting:

Mass Dedicated to St. Junipero Richard Keys Biggs,
Serra, O.F.M. 1934

Proper Mass Parts:

Harmonic Psalm Tones Cyr de Brant

Offertory Anthem:

The Palm (Les Rameaux) Jean Baptiste Faure

Communion Motet:

Vexilla Regis Prodeunt Traditional Melody,
1699

Recessional Hymn:

Hail, Redeemer, King Divine #252, Black Hymnal



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR

If you are interested in purchasing items to show your school spirit for St. Francis Xavier School now is the time. The Spring online store is open now until April 18th. We have something for everyone: performance tees, men and women's golf shirts, hats, and sweatshirts. When placing your order, you have an option to have it mailed to the school (at no charge) or to your home (at additional fee, which is indicated online). If you mail your order to the school, all orders will be available for pick up. Orders will be shipped approximately May 9th. To place an order, go to the website: <https://stfrancisxavierschool2019.itemorder.com/sale>. For questions, please email onlinesales@kampusklothes.com. Thank you for supporting SFX School.

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LOST AND FOUND BASKET

If you are missing any personal (hats, gloves, etc.) items that were possibly left in the pews at the end of our church services, please come to the Parish House/Rectory to check our lost and found basket. Unclaimed personal items that are not picked by Friday, April 19th, will be donated to charity.

SEE THIS MOVIE. IT MATTERS

In his most recent column Archbishop Chaput writes, "As director of a Planned Parenthood clinic in Texas and committed to the ideals of reproductive choice and a woman's "right to choose", Abby Johnson oversaw a site that conducted thousands of abortions during her tenure. It was only when she took part personally in one of the procedures that the reality of killing a living, developing, unborn human child imprinted itself on her conscience full force. She left Planned Parenthood and joined the Coalition for Life.

Johnson's journey from one side of the abortion struggle to the other is told powerfully in her compelling book *Unplanned*, available from Ignatius Press (<https://www.ignatius.com/Unplanned-P2528.aspx>) and other booksellers. It's well worth reading and sharing. And her story is now an equally powerful motion picture, *Unplanned*, opened in theaters around the metro Philadelphia area on March 29. Don't expect to see positive reviews in mainstream media outlets; miracles do happen, but this one would be a stretch. Ignore that. See this movie and bring as many friends and acquaintances with you as you can (it's rated R for the nature of its content). It's that important.

**Hosanna
Son of David**



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MAY 4TH**

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SFX Spanish Curriculum

contact: Amy Kramer | 267.970.2133

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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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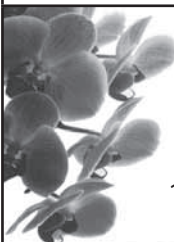
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