

# St. Francis

## Xavier

## Church

# The Oratory

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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**

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**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.

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

April 7, 2019 • John 8:1-11

Jesus preached forgiveness of sin, but in the old law those accused of adultery were to be stoned. So the Pharisees tried to trap Jesus and brought a woman accused of adultery to him, asking him what he would do to her. Jesus asked that one without sin cast the first stone, and then all of the elders left. Jesus told the woman that he did not condemn her, but warned her to avoid such sin in the future.



**APRIL 7, 2019**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2019**

6:30 A.M. – Dominic Schiaffo – 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
 8:00 A.M. – Sonny Tasovac – Anniversary

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019**

6:30 A.M. – Ron Petrofsky – Birthday  
 8:00 A.M. – Beverly McMullin

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019**

6:30 A.M. – Nancy Thiers Clark – 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
 8:00 A.M. – John M. McMullin – 58<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019**

6:30 A.M. – Mary Sewall  
 8:00 A.M. – Edward Thiers – 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2019**

6:30 A.M. – Timothy Sheehan  
 8:00 A.M. – Charles McDowell  
 7:30 P.M. – Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019**

8:00 A.M. – Eleanor & Linda Imperatore  
 5:30 P.M. – Living and Deceased Members of the  
 St. Francis Xavier Sanctuary Fund



**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, 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 Doreen Hughes. May she rest in peace.

**NEWLY BAPTIZED**

It is a joy to announce the Baptisms of Caroline Ava Fletcher, Abigail Grace Leonard, Victoria Elizabeth Leonard, Bryn Abigel Mannix, Peyton Kennedy Lentz and Waylon Thomas Porter. We extend congratulations to the parents and families as they see the hope of eternal life shine on their children by being joined to the Body of Christ.

**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS**

We welcome Patrick Dorsey and Larissa Grace, as newly registered members of St. Francis Xavier The Oratory Parish. We thank you for registering. In this way, we are able to serve you better.

**GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING – MARCH 30 & 31**

<b>Sunday Collection this year –</b>	<b>\$5,584.00</b>
<b>Sunday Collection last year –</b>	<b>\$7,668.00</b>
<b>Church Renovation Plaster Collection –</b>	<b>\$19,682.00</b>

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 30 & 31**

<b>5:30 p.m. –</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>8:00 a.m. –</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>9:30 a.m. –</b>	<b>115</b>
<b>11:30 a.m. –</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>Total –</b>	<b>350</b>

**FORTHCOMING COLLECTIONS**

April 18	Holy Thursday
April 19	Holy Land – Good Friday
April 20 & 21	Easter Offering
April 28	Fuel

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2019**

<b>2019 Parish Goal</b>	<b>\$27,351.00</b>
<b>Total amount to Date</b>	<b>\$12,620.00</b>
<b>Percentage of Goal</b>	<b>46%</b>
<b>Number of Gifts</b>	<b>55</b>

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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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 12<sup>th</sup> & 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.

### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE – RICE BOWL ENCOUNTER ONA

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#### *Processional Hymn:*

O Sacred Head Surrounded #160, Black Hymnal

#### *Mass Setting:*

Gregorian Chant Latin Sung Mass Blue Booklet  
"Missa Simplex" – Ferial Mass

#### *Proper Mass Parts:*

Harmonic Psalm Tones Cyr de Brant

#### *Offertory Anthem:*

Tu Pauperum Refugium Josquin Des Prez  
(1521)

#### *Communion Motet:*

Adoramus Te, Christe 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.

### 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 "Easter Flowers" with your name of your loved one, your name and address.

### ST FRANNY 50/50

Congratulations to Sylvia DeAngelo-Cashman of Pennsylvania, Ave., the winner of the March 50/50 in the amount of \$180.00. 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.

### LOTTERY CALENDAR WINNERS- MARCH 2019

Terry Andracki	Francis Graff
Lorraine Elliott	Lorraine Lech
Jackie Owens	Pam Evans
Anne & Joseph Muldowney	Delores Waters
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### 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](mailto:Fr.Mark@heartoftheNation.org).

### FAMILIES ANONYMOUS

Families Anonymous is a fellowship of people, whose lives have been affected by a relative or friend's use of mind-altering substances or related behavior problems. They continue to host meetings at the parish center on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. If you have any questions or for additional information, please call Karen at 856-906-0700.



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