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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.

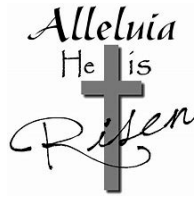
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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 21, 2019 • John 20:1-9

When Mary Magdalene discovered Jesus' tomb was open, she told Simon Peter and another disciple. They ran to the tomb and Peter went inside. He found the burial wrappings on the ground, with the head covering separate from the rest. The other disciple came in and they believed what they saw, although until then they had not understood the Scripture's message of Jesus' resurrection.



APRIL 21, 2019
EASTER, SUNDAY
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2019

8:00 A.M. – Robert N. Walker

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019

8:00 A.M. – David Barker – Birthday

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019

8:00 A.M. – Peter Shostak – Anniversary

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019

8:00 A.M. – Jean Gilroy – Anniversary

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2019

8:00 A.M. – Linda Imperatore – Anniversary

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019.

8:00 A.M. – Kathryn Kyle Nelson – 26th Anniversary



PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Donovan Schmidt, 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 Rosemary Czechowicz. May she rest in peace.

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. If you don't have this envelope use a white 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. FRANNY 50/50

The April 50/50 to date is \$32.50. 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.

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING – APRIL 13 & 14

Sunday Collection this year –	\$8,012.16
Sunday Collection last year –	\$6,401.00
Church Renovation Plaster Collection –	\$22,211.75
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 13 & 14

5:30 p.m. –	80
8:00 a.m. –	122
9:30 a.m. –	139
11:30 a.m. –	84
Total –	425

FORTHCOMING COLLECTIONS

April 28 Utility Fund

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2019

2019 Parish Goal	\$27,351.00
Total amount to Date	\$12,890.00
Percentage of Goal	47%
Number of Gifts	58

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.

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 \$22,211.75. 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.



April 21, 2019 – 11:30 A. M. Mass

Entrance Antiphon:

Et Walde Mane Gregorian Chant, Modus VI

Processional Hymn:

Jesus Christ is Risen Today #211, Black Hymnal

Mass Setting:

Mass in Honor of Richard Keys Biggs,
Saint Anthony of Padua 1936

Proper Mass Parts:

Harmonic Psalm Tones Cyr de Brant

Sequence:

Victimae Paschali Laudes Gregorian Chant, Modus I

Blessing with Easter Water:

Vidi Aquam Rev. Carlo Rossini

Offertory Anthem:

Sicut Cervus G.P. da Palestrina
(1525 – 1594)

Communion Motets:

1 – Jesu, Salvator Mundi B. Cordans, 1757
2 – Haec Dies Oreste Ravanello, 1938

Meditation Motet:

Regina Coeli Gregorian Chant, Modus VI and
Polyphony by Gregor Aichinger
(1564 – 1628)

Recessional Hymn:

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Holy Anthem Rise! #212, Black Hymnal

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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).

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MASS OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019

11:00 A.M.

Sacramental guidelines for this Sacrament indicate it is fitting not only for those who are at the point of death, but also for those with an illness serious enough to threaten one's life, or declining health due to advanced age. All are welcome to attend this Mass and accompany in prayer our brothers and sisters who are present to receive the Anointing of the Sick. If you are planning to be present May 4th to be anointed, please call the Parish Office **215-765-4568**, Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with the following information:

- I will be present on May 4th to be anointed.
- I will or will not need a ride.
- I use a wheelchair.
- I am able to step up into a van.
- I will or will not be staying after Mass for refreshments in the Parish Center.

If anyone who is a doctor or nurse who would be able to be present at the Anointing Mass on May 4th at 11:00 A.M. to provide medical assistance should one of our elderly or sick in attendance need medical attention, please call Father Paul or leave a message for him at the Parish Office.

SECRETARIAT OF PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES

The U.S. Senate has asked us to join in the following prayer that prohibits infanticide, by ensuring that a child born alive following an attempted abortion would receive the same care to preserve his or her life and health as given to any child born alive at the gestational age:

“Jesus, Lord of Life, transform the hearts of all elected leaders to recognize that infanticide is wrong and must not be tolerated. Open hearts and minds to recognize and defend the precious gift of every human”.

AMERICAN CATHOLIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The American Catholic historical Society, 263 South 4th Street, Phila., Pa. will hold a Catholic History Lecture on Sunday, May 5, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. The topic of this lecture will be on the history of Catholic High School athletic activities in the archdiocese. Speaker will be Ryan Halloran a graduate of Temple University. Ryan's dissertation will explore the focus on the field of religion and sports among Philadelphia-area Catholic schools and their organization in the Catholic League. For any questions or to RSVP, please call Thomas Rzeznik at **610-212-9430** or Thomas.Rzeznik@shu.edu. This lector is free and open to the public and a light reception will follow the conclusion.



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