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The Oratory

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THE PHILADELPHIA CONGREGATION OF THE ORATORY OF ST. PHILIP NERI

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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 EASTER

May 12, 2019 • John 10:27-30

Jesus states that his sheep know his voice and follow him, and will receive eternal life. Jesus also says that no one can snatch his followers away, because God is greater than anyone who might try, and Jesus is one with God.



MAY 12, 2019
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019

8:00 A.M. – Beverly McMullin

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019

8:00 A.M. – Beverly McMullin

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019

8:00 A.M. – William Welsh, Jr. – Birthday

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019

8:00 A.M. – Miller Family

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2019

8:00 A.M. – William Sanuck

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019

8:00 A.M. – Thomas P. Paul, Jr. – 4th Anniversary
 5:30 P.M. – Living and Deceased Members of the
 St. Francis Xavier Sanctuary Fund



PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Rita Paynter, 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, 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 Joan L. Battistelli. May she rest in peace.

NEWLY BAPTIZED

It is a joy to announce the Baptism of Jack Patrick Cummings on Sunday, May 5, 2019. We extend congratulations to the parents and family, as they see the hope of eternal life shine on their son by being joined to the Body of Christ.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome Taylor Givnish, Daniel, Maureen and Maggie Jordan as a 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

MAY 4 & 5, 2019

Sunday Collection this year –	\$5,796.00
Sunday Collection last year –	\$6,784.00
Church Renovation Plaster Collection –	\$23,765.75
Catholic Home Missions Collection –	\$910.00

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

MAY 4 & 5

5:30 p.m. –	82
8:00 a.m. –	81
9:30 a.m. –	63
11:30 a.m. –	56
Total –	282

FORTHCOMING COLLECTIONS

May 12

Cathedral of Notre-Dame de Paris

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2019

2019 Parish Goal	\$27,351.00
Total amount to Date	\$13,015.00
Percentage of Goal	48%
Number of Gifts	58

REPAIR OF THE CATHEDRAL OF NOTRE-DAME DE PARIS

Archbishop Charles J. Caput, O.F.M. Cap., has asked that all parishes in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia consider taking up a voluntary collection to assist with efforts to repair the Cathedral of Notre-Dame de Paris. All contributed funds will be sent directly to the Archdiocese of Paris. While the building itself belongs to the French government, the day-to-day upkeep is the responsibility of the local Catholic Church. All contributed funds are intended to help the Archdiocese of Paris replace fixtures, furniture, vestments, linens, and sacred vessels, as well as a myriad of other needs. We will have a second collection on weekend of May 11 & 12 for repair of the Cathedral of Notre-Dame de Paris. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

PRO-LIFE



This Sunday, May 12th is Mother's Day. After each of the Masses, volunteers for Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia will be in the vestibule of church distributing roses. Please accept a Pro-Life rose and your generous contribution to this life-saving education and resources for women and their babies will be greatly appreciated. Please pray to protect all life from conception to natural death.

FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE

In your May monthly mailing packet, there is an envelope marked "Father's Day", a spiritual remembrance for Fathers living and deceased. If you wish to make a contribution in memory or in honor of your father, please place your donation in this envelope. If you don't have this envelope, please use a white envelope writing the name of your father. These envelopes will be placed on the Sacred Heart's altar during the month of June. Each Sunday in June, the 11:30 a.m. Mass will be offered for all fathers to be commemorated.

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 \$23,765.75. 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.

The campaign will continue until 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.



May 12, 2019 – 11:30 A. M. Mass

ProceSSIONAL Hymn:

Alleluia, Alleluia,
Let the Holy Anthen Rise #170, Black Hymnal

Mass Setting:

Missa “Maria Auxilium Christianorum” Vito Carnevali
(In Honor of St. John Bosco)

Proper Mass Parts:

Harmonic Psalm Tones Cyr de Brant

Offertory Anthem:

Ave Maria Josquin des Prez

Communion Motet:

Regina Coeli Antonio Lotti
(1667 – 1740)

Recessional Hymn:

On This Day, O Beautiful Mother #898, 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).

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”.

ST. FRANNY 50/50

May 50/50 todate is 22.50. Don’t forget to try your luck each month by placing your donation in the St. Franny X envelope and drop it in the Sunday collection basket. The next drawing will take place Tuesday, May 28, 2019.



APRIL LOTTERY CALENDAR WINNERS

John Loonstyn	Cheryl O’Donnell
Brittany Patterson	Laura Fielden
Ann Mendla	William Boyle
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Mary Lou Dabney	Joe & Rose Trout
Cherie Klenieski	Lorraine Elliott
Francis Graff	Kim Loonstyn
Kathy & Thomas Moore	Charles Hauser
Elizabeth Van Haute	

LOURDES AND FATIMA PILGRIMAGE

Father George Schommer, O.P. Pastor of St. Patrick’s Church is conducting a pilgrimage to Lourdes and Fatima, from June 30 to July 12, 2019. The pilgrimage is limited to participants and early reservations are recommended. For additional information, please contact Father George at schommer@op.org or call the Catholic Travel Office at 877 276-7279.

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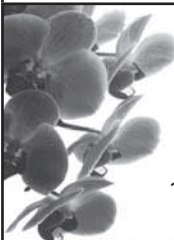
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