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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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 19, 2019 • John 13:31- 33a, 34- 35

After Judas left the last supper, Jesus warned the other disciples that he would not be with them much longer. Jesus gave them a new commandment to love one another as he had loved them. He stated that their love for each other would distinguish them as his disciples.



MAY 19, 2019
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MAY 20, 2019

8:00 A.M. – Al, Bernice & Richard Coyle

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019

8:00 A.M. – Margaret M. McMullin – 39th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2019

8:00 A.M. – Rev. Frank B. Costello, S. J. – 3rd Anniversary

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019

8:00 A.M. – Bernard Devenny, Jr.

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2019

8:00 A.M. – Dolores Naughton

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2019

8:00 A.M. – Eleanor & Helen Imperatore – Birthday

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



PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Mary Beerschank, 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 Pasiecznyk, 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 families of Mary Luba and Maria Rivera. May they rest in peace.

NEWLY BAPTIZED

It is a joy to announce the Baptism of Violet Karver Iannotti on Sunday, May 12, 2019. We extend congratulations to the parents and family, as they see the hope of eternal life shine on their daughter by being joined to the Body of Christ.



GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

MAY 11 & 12

Sunday Collection this year –	\$7,755.16
Sunday Collection last year –	\$5,940.00
Church Renovation Plaster Collection –	\$24,020.75
Cathedral of Notre Dame Paris –	\$991.00

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 11 & 12

5:30 p.m. –	26
8:00 a.m. –	96
9:30 a.m. –	112
11:30 a.m. –	56
Total –	290

FORTHCOMING COLLECTIONS

Peter's Pence June 22 and 23

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2019

2019 Parish Goal	\$27,351.00
Total amount to Date	\$13,995.00
Percentage of Goal	51%
Number of Gifts	69

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.

PRO-LIFE



Volunteers for the Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia distributed live roses following the Masses on Mother's Day. The contributions amounted to a total of \$814. The generosity and prayers of all the parishioners for the preservation of human life from conception to natural death is greatly appreciated. Also, a special thanks to the volunteers for their help on Sunday in this very worthy cause.

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".



May 19, 2019 – 11:30 A. M. Mass

Processional Hymn:

Alleluia #1 #199, Black Hymnal

Mass Setting:

“Missa Tertia” on the theme, Richard Runcimen Terry
“Veni Sancte Spiritus” Westminster Cathedral
July, 1904

Proper Mass Parts:

Harmonic Psalm Tones Cyr de Brant

Offertory Anthem:

Ave, Maris Stella p. Piel, +1904

Communion Motet:

O Esca Viatorum Anderncah,
1609

Recessional Hymn:

Sing of Mary Pure and Lowly #275, Black Hymnal



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).



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

St. Francis Xavier’s Home and School Association will be hosting their annual Ice Cream Social on Thursday, May 23rd. Doors will be open from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This is our way to welcome Spring. We invite all families to come join us. The cost will be \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for Children (2-12). Feel free to bring a friend, neighbor, or grandparent. This is great opportunity to come and enjoy some ice cream, sundae or a delicious ice cream float. Toppings will include bananas, jimmies, Oreo cookies, walnuts, caramel, hot fudge, whip cream and cherries. Also available will be soda for .75 cents and water for \$1.00. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there.

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ST. FRANNY 50/50

May 50/50 to date is \$50.00. 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.

TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

**WDPN channel 2 –at 7:00 a.m. &
WMCN channel 44 at 8:30 a.m.**

For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings who are unable to attend Sunday Mass, The Heart of the Nation TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and blessings to all. Please invite anyone you know who cannot attend Sunday Mass to tune into the Catholic Mass on TV on the channels listed above or watch online at www.HeartoftheNation.org. Anyone who is able to attend Sunday Mass, the TV Mass or online liturgy does not fulfill your Sunday Mass obligation.

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**.



FAIRMOUNT SPORTS ASSOCIATION

FSA will have their 4th Annual 82nd Airborne Division Association – Wounded Warrior Softball Tournament on Saturday, May 25, 2019 at Von Colln Fields. All are welcome! The cost is \$200 per team and each team requires a minimum of 2 girls. The Tournament is Wood Bats only. All proceeds benefit wounded Soldiers and Families. Last year proceeds totaled over \$5k and benefited Fort Bragg, NC. Fisher House. Raffle tickets and 50/50 chances will also be available for purchase. For more information, please contact Rich Yoka at **267-970-7340** or email alltheway82@msn.com.

Also, please SAVE THE DATE for the ANNUAL FSA FAMILY FUN/ALL STAR DAY, SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019. Fun day will include: a water slide, moon bounce, dunk tank and much more!

PROPERTY TAX REBATE

To help with the rising cost of living, you are reminded that Pennsylvania Property Tax/ Rent Rebate Program applications are now available. There are new guidelines which will permit individuals that qualify to receive a rebate between \$250 and \$650 from property taxes or rent paid last year. Funding for this rebate program is made possible by the Pennsylvania State Lottery Fund and is a rebate that does not have to be repaid. This application must be filed by June 30, 2019.

To qualify, you must be 65 years of age or older, a widow or widower 50 years of age or older, or a disabled person 18 years or older. Homeowners that have annual incomes of \$36,600 or less and renters with annual incomes of \$15,000 or less could qualify. Only half of your annual Social Security or SSI income is counted toward the income guidelines.

For more information or an application, call United Social Services, Monday through Friday between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at **215-923-1900** and a staff member will assist you.

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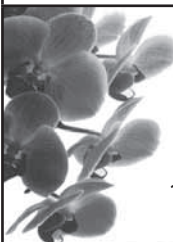
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