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Church

The Oratory

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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.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 28, 2019 • Luke 11:1-13

Jesus' disciples asked him how they should pray. He gave them some phrases similar to those now used in the Lord's prayer. Jesus also reminds the disciples how even men with sins are able to give good things to their children, and explains how much more the heavenly Father wants to give to us.



JULY 28, 2019

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, JULY 29, 2019

8:00 A.M. – Sarah Barker – Birthday

TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2019

8:00 A.M. – Dorothy Sheehan – Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2019

8:00 A.M. – Michael & Margaret Coyle

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2019

8:00 A.M. – Deceased Members of the
Gleason & Jenners Families

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2019

8:00 A.M. – Karen Arabia – 1st Anniversary

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2019

8:00 A.M. – Sophie Shostek – 1st Anniversary
5:30 P.M. – Living and Deceased Members of the
St. Francis Xavier Sanctuary Fund

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Mary Cannon, Larry Barnhouse, Vanessa Anderson, Jason Sullivan, 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 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 Ronald Denny. May he rest in peace.



CHURCH MUSIC AND SINGING

Because of the hot weather, there will not be any music during July and August. Music and singing will resume the weekend after Labor Day, September 7 & 8.

ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL TUITION

Tuition will be collected Monday, August 5, 2019, at the Parish House from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Christine Powell, **215 765-4568**.

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING –
JULY 20 & 21

Sunday Collection this year –	\$3,165.00
Sunday Collection last year –	\$8,176.00
Church Renovation Plaster Collection –	\$25,940.75

The cost of basic parish services, staff and utility bills, may only be maintained with a Sunday offering of **\$8,500.00**. Our ability to meet ordinary financial obligations depends on your support for St. Francis Xavier Parish.

MASS ATTENDANCE –
JULY 20 & 21

5:30 p.m. –	34
8:00 a.m. –	64
9:30 a.m. –	71
11:30 a.m. –	20
Total –	189

FORTHCOMING COLLECTION

August 17 & 18 Catholic University of America

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2019

2019 Parish Goal –	\$27,351.00
Total amount to Date –	\$15,840.00
Percentage of Goal –	58%
Number of Gifts –	78



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 prayer for your personal use at home and church)

ST. FRANNY 50/50

The July 50/50 drawing to date is \$60.00. Don't forget to try your luck each month by placing your donation in the St. Franny X envelope and drop in the Sunday collection basket. The next drawing will be held Tuesday, August 6, 2019.

DONATION THANK YOU

A special thank you to Mr. Bernard Gatti, for donating his June 50/50 winnings back to the church.



THANK YOU

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ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CROSS COUNTRY

All St. Francis Xavier Students and Parishioners, 6 years and older, are welcome to join Cross Country. No experience is necessary. Cross Country is great training for all sports. Kids participating in fall ball, flag football, soccer, or other activities can still run with the team. Races are on Sunday afternoons, September 15 through October 27, at the beautiful and historic Belmont Plateau. Runners compete by gender in 4 different age groups. The youngest runners are racing 1.25 miles and the oldest are racing 2.5 miles. Practices are held after school three days per week (one day for sub-novices) and on Saturday mornings. Weekday practices are at Von Colln Field, Lemon Hill, or Eastern State Penitentiary. Parents are invited to run with the team whenever they are able. Contact Dan Kilpatrick at daniel.p.kilpatrick@gmail.com for more information.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Big changes are coming to the Box Tops for Education Program and you're the first to know! Over the summer, you'll begin to see some participating brands change their packaging from the traditional Box Top labels. Going forward, instead of clipping from packages and checking expiration dates, all Box Tops will be earned digitally by scanning your receipt. The Box Tops for Education team is hard at work building a new and improved, user-friendly, Box Tops mobile app that will be ready this summer. The new app will feature state of the art technology that allows you to scan your store receipt, find participating products, and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earning online.



As mentioned above, some brands have already started to update their packaging in advance. Until the new app launches, if you see the new Box Tops label on packages, you can use the current Box Top Bonus App to earn Box Tops for that product. Simply Download the app, select the bonus offer for the product you've purchased and scan your receipt to earn. If you still have traditional Box Tops to clip at home, be sure to send them to school. We will still earn cash for all clipped Box Tops until they expire. Once the new app launches, you can "double dip" during the packaging transition, by clipping the traditional Box Tops and scanning your store receipt containing participating products.



ANNUAL DAY AT THE BAY

Roman Catholic Alumni and John W. Hallahan Alumnae, will hold their Annual Day At The Bay on Saturday, August 3, 2019, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Keenan's Irish Pub, 113 Old New Jersey Ave, North Wildwood, NJ. Tickets cost \$30.00 in advance (Until August 1st) and \$40.00 at the door. This event will feature a Hot Buffet & Soft Drinks, \$2.00 Domestic Bottles, \$3.00 Wines, \$3.00 Mixed Drinks, and Entertainment inside and out. For additional information or to purchase tickets, please call Roman Alumni at **215-627-1890 ext. 315** or Hallahan Alumnae at **215-563-8930 ext. 117**. Tickets may also be purchased online at www.romancatholicchs.com/alumni/news-events/events/day-at-the-bay.

NEUMANN-GIORETTI ALUMNI

Neumann-Goretti Alumni Reunion, for all classes, will be held Saturday, September 28, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Chickie's and Pete's in South Philadelphia. For additional information or to purchase tickets, please call **215-389-0925** or visit: www.themillayclub.org.

**RETROUVAILLE –
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGES**

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage. Retrouvaille will be conducting a weekend program, August 9 through 11, at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Retrouvaille is Christian-based and Catholic in origin, but welcomes all married couples. Retrouvaille offers hope for a better relationship and can help get your marriage or relationship back on track. For additional information or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call **1-800-470-2230**. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

St. John The Baptist Parish, Manayunk, will sponsor a School/Parish Reunion on Sunday, August 18, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Toll Man Joe's (formerly- Lighthouse Point), 5101 Shawcrest Road, Shawcrest/Wildwood, N.J. Tickets are \$30.00 per person. For additional information, please call Marie Kwartnik at **215-317-2775** or email at mariek0925@gmail.com.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Little Sisters of the Poor are celebrating their 150th year of serving the elderly poor in Philadelphia. This year's fund raiser, The St Jeanne Jugan Gala will be held on Sunday, September 8, 2019. Tickets are \$150.00, which includes a buffet meal for two people at the Drexelbrook Banquet Center and a chance to win one of three great prizes: \$5,000, \$10,000 or \$25,000. To purchase tickets, please send your name, address, and check for \$150.00 to Holy Family Home – Dept. PB, Attn: Sr. Veronica, 5300 Chester Ave., Phila., PA 19143 or visit their website at www.littlesistersofthepoorphiladelphia.org. Proceeds from this event will help provide assistance to the growing needs of the elderly in Philadelphia.

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