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Sacraments

Mass Schedule

Weekdays (lower church)

7:45, 12:05, 5;15

Sunday (upper church)

Saturday vigil 5:15

8:30, 10:30

12:30, 6:00PM

Devotions

Evening Prayer and Benediction

Monday through Friday: 4:50 PM

Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes & Saint Bernadette after all Masses on Wednesday

Novena to Padre Pio: after all Masses on Friday

Eucharistic Adoration: Monday through Friday, 12:30-5:00 PM

Reconciliation

Wednesday through Saturday: 3:30—4:45 PM

No Confessions on Holy Days

Baptisms and Weddings

Contact the Pastor at 215-563-4145 ext. 23 or at pastor@stjohnsphilly.com

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA is for those who are considering entering the Catholic Church through Baptism, or for those who are already baptized, through Confirmation and First Eucharist. For information, call the parish office.

"Good News in the Heart of Philadelphia"

O. F. S. - Secular Franciscans -Meets the 4th Sunday of every month. Contact Carolyn Murray @267-881-8794.

LGBT Prayer Group –All are invited to a monthly prayer meeting every 2nd Sunday after the 10:30 AM mass in the parish center. This meeting consists of prayer, discussion and a social. Contact Michael Flynn at microsflyn@aol.com for more details

Saint John Young Adult Community — Jack's Yaacs is a young adult community that meets regularly for prayer, catechesis and social interaction. For information contact Father Tom at pastor@stjohnsphilly.org

Laudato Si Circle — Meets on First Sundays after the 10:30 am Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church Parish Center (enter on Ludlow Street). Help St. John the Evangelist Church and the surrounding community to go green while learning ways to deepen your own Eco spirituality. For more information contact LaudatoSiCircle@ Stjohnsphilly.com or call Carolyn Murray @267-881-8794.

HOLY REDEEMER

CHINESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

915 Vine St., Phila., PA

215-922-0999

Sunday Mass Schedule:

10:00am - Cantonese

11:15am - English

1:30pm - Mandarin

Friar Thomas Betz, OFM Cap — Pastor

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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 29, 2024

From the Pastor's Desk

The 2023-24 summary financial report (with a comparison to the previous fiscal year) is enclosed in today's bulletin. Please review it carefully. Here are some observations:

1. First, I am grateful to you and to God that we collected more money that we spent. We were able to pay \$50,000 on our debt, though our debt is not nearly paid off. Thank you for supporting Saint John Church and please continue to be generous.
2. Poor box receipts and expenditures are not included in the report. I gave you a complete report on poor box donations in a recent bulletin.
3. Sunday collections are up a little. Weekday collections and candles, included under "other collections" were up more dramatically. This demonstrates the flourishing of our weekday ministry.
4. Over the past two years we have had a never ending need for small to medium maintenance projects, but they were less in the 2023-24 fiscal year, compared to the year before. We can't control whether there is a need for maintenance, but we must and will respond when something breaks. We will not let our church and friary fall into disrepair.
5. Our personnel costs went down slightly. I think they will go up in the current fiscal year. We have to pay to keep our church open all day every day, to have excellent music on Sunday, to have an open office that responds to the needs of our parishioners and visitors.
6. Weddings are an important part of our support. And weddings are a lot of work for our clergy and lay staff and volunteers.
7. And we have a \$1,000,000 necessary capital project in the near future. We have to repair the crumbling patio behind the church and the electrical and AC systems that are under the patio. I will ask for your help soon.

God bless you for your generous support. If you are able, please increase your weekly giving. Saint John's accomplishes a lot with limited resources. Please continue to help to keep Saint John the Evangelist Church open and thriving, a ministry of prayer and love in Center City Philadelphia.

Saint John's Young Adult Outreach: Next Sunday, September 29, after the 6 PM Mass, all young adults (people in their 20s and 30s) are invited to a barbeque in the friary patio being the church.

Saint John's Book Reading Circle: Father Tom is leading a monthly discussion class on the writings of Saint Leo the Great. All are welcome. The class began this week, but there is still time to join. If you would like information or to join the class, please email Father Tom as soon as possible at pastor@stjohnsphilly.com.

Feast of Saint Francis: October 4 is the feast of Saint Francis. On Thursday, October 3 at 6 PM, the Capuchin friars and the Secular Franciscans will mark the death of Saint Francis with a Transitus service at 6 PM in the upper church. On October 4, the feast itself, the 12:05 Mass will be a festive Mass with music. Please join our local Franciscans to celebrate the feast of our great founder.

Saint Francis Blessing of Animals: Saint Francis is known for his love of animals and for his praise of God who created all living beings. **On Saturday October 5, at 10 AM, we will have a blessing of pets on the sidewalk in front of our church.** Please bring your pets to church. We will thank God for the gift of animals and pray that all people will respect the dignity of our fellow earthly creatures.

Saint Francis Prayer Vigil for Peace: The parish community of Saint Francis De Sales, 4625 Springfield Ave, welcomes everyone to a prayer vigil for peace on October 4, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, from 7-8:30 PM.

Boot Up Philadelphia: As we have done for the past few years, all donations to Saint John's Poor Box during the months of September and October will be sent to Saint John's Hospice to support their annual campaign to purchase warm shoes, boots and socks for homeless persons in our neighborhood. Please make a generous contribution to our Poor Box..

Catholic Charities Appeal: The Catholic Charities Appeal is the most important annual collection for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia each year. It supports the charitable work of the Catholic Church among homeless and poor people, with persons with disabilities, immigrants and other people in need. It is important that our Catholic Church have the resources to assist people in need. The Archdiocese is halfway through its annual appeal and it has raised \$6.1 million of the \$10 million goal. We had a second collection in the Spring for this important cause and we will have another collection this weekend, September 28-29.

Father Tom

Please pray for the repose of the souls of our deceased and for all those in need of prayer...especially:

Our sick and recovering: Theresa Romeo Aponte, Father Akolla's sister, Peggy, Bob Bueding, Harry Booker, Bridget McCulligan, Dan Mansor, Bill Thrasher, Anne and Denise Ashton, Russ Puche, Frank Kling, Leo Manning and Michael Natale.

Also ~ for those to whom we minister at Jefferson Hospital & for the intentions of those listed in our book of prayer.

Please call the Parish office to add someone to our list.

**Sunday Collection
September 21/22**

Number of envelopes used: 32
 Number of Envelopes Mailed: 280
 Amount in Envelopes: \$1,152.00
 First Collection Loose: \$1,137.00
 Second Collection **Youth Ministry**): \$751.00
 Electronic Giving: 37
 Amount: \$899.00
Total Collection: \$3,428.00

Thank you for your support!

TRANSITUS

Save the date. As you know, the friars here at St. John's follow the Rule of Life of St. Francis of Assisi: we are Capuchin-Franciscans. The Franciscan family has a wonderful tradition, called the **Transitus**, of celebrating our father Francis's passage from earthly life to eternal life. Each year, on October 3rd, the night before Francis's feast day, it is customary to gather together as a community to remember how Francis lived and how he died. The liturgy is composed of prayers, readings, and uplifting music. You are invited to this unique Franciscan celebration on **Thursday, October 3rd, at 6:00 pm in the Upper Church. Light refreshments follow.**

Birthday Blessings

September 30 ~ Rose Limn
October 1 ~ Paul Toner
October 4 ~ John Hargadon, Ann Moschorak
October 5 ~ Frankie Medlock

Did we forget your birthday? If so, let us know...

The "Nuns on the Bus Tour" kick off its eighth multi-city tour in Philadelphia on September 30 at 10:00 AM at the Thomas Paine Plaza, 1401 JFK Blvd, with a rally to **"VOTE FOR OUR FUTURE"**. This year the bus will carry 15 Catholic Sisters and 15 multi faith and secular partners, including officials from several nonprofits and advocacy groups. The program encourages people to vote from the perspective of a Christian conscience, based on Gospel values of concern for the vulnerable and the promotion of peace.

Cursillo is the Spanish word for "short course". The Catholic Cursillo movement is a three day basic course on Christianity and is designed to ignite faith among participants. The Philadelphia Cursillo movement is seeking to be revived. There is special interest in having people who have participated in the past help to promote and revive the movement. For information, contact Father William Waters, OSA at h2ososa@aol.com.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Sept. 28 — Vigil— 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:15 pm For the Intentions of the Celebrant

Sunday, September 29 — 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 am For the Intentions of the Celebrant
 10:30 am Friends, Members and Benefactors of the Sanctuary Guild
 12:30 pm For the People of the Parish
 6:00 pm For the Intentions of the Celebrant

Monday, September 30 — St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 7:45 am Catherine Lee4
 12:05 pm Jill Betshner
 5:15 pm Eileen Funaro

Tuesday, October 1 — St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
 7:45 am Marianne Whelan
 12:05 pm Catherine Lee
 5:15 pm Michelle A. Paguaia-Birthday Blessings (L)

Wednesday, October 2 — The Holy Guardian Angels
 7:45 am Arlee Kirby — Blessings (L)
 12:05 pm Paul Palovcak, Sr.
 5:15 pm Louise & Augustine Zampitella— 23rd Ann.

Thursday, October 3 — Weekday
 7:45 am James Stewart
 12:05 pm Peter F. Higgins
 5:15 pm Rudard Nathaniel Robinson

Friday, October 4 — Saint Francis of Assisi
 7:45 am In Honor of Saint Francis
 12:05 pm Saint Francis Novena Intentions
 5:15 pm Jay Jay & Jeremy — Blessings (L)

Saturday, October 5 — Weekday
 7:45 am Saint Francis Novena Intentions
 12:05 pm Antoinette Giannini

Vigil Mass — Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:15 pm For the People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week

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