

ST. FRANCIS de SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil ————— 5:00 pm
Sunday ————— 8:00 am & 10:30 am

HOLY DAY & WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE: Since times may vary, please check the weekly Mass schedule inside the bulletin.

SPIRITUAL CARE OF THE SICK: Please contact the office when a parish member has been admitted to the hospital or has become home bound. Upon request, the Sacrament of Anointing will be celebrated and Holy Communion will be brought monthly.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday at 4:00 - 4:45 pm. At any other time by appointment.

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THE MISSION OF ST. FRANCIS de SALES PARISH

Guided by the gentle spirit and practical teachings of St. Francis de Sales, we strive to "Live Jesus" in our daily lives. We proclaim the Gospel, celebrate the Holy Eucharist, and are nourished through prayer, worship, love, and service to others. Together we are building a community that brings joy to our faith and light to the world, which one day will become the City of God.

BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated during Mass or on Sundays after the 10:30 Mass. Parents are asked to contact the parish office to arrange a time for preparation and to schedule the baptism.

CONFIRMATION AND EUCHARIST: Each child must have received a full year of religious education at St. Francis prior to beginning the sacramental preparation classes.

MARRIAGE: In order that the requirements for marriage preparation may be fulfilled, couples are to contact the parish office at least six months before the desired wedding date.

NEW MEMBERS: Please register at the office, or pick up a form in the back of the church. We are delighted to welcome you.

WILLS AND DONATIONS: Please consider designating St. Francis de Sales Parish in your last will and testament so that the blessings the Lord has given you can continue to build His Kingdom here on earth.



May 24, 2020 ✱ Seventh Sunday of Easter

Mass Schedule for the Week:

NO PUBLIC MASS AT THIS TIME

Saturday, May 23, 2020

5:00 PM Joni Boulanger

Sunday, May 24, 2020

8:00 AM Peggy Swope

10:30 AM Guillermina Richard

Monday, May 25, 2020 (St. Bede the Venerable)

9:00 AM Charlie & Ethel Cox

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

9:00 AM

Wednesday, May 27, 2020 (St. Augustine of Canterbury)

9:00 AM Robert M. Hopko

Thursday, May 28, 2020

12:00 PM Bradley & Chris Mayer

Friday, May 29, 2020

9:00 AM

Saturday, May 30, 2020

5:00 PM Susan Krammer

Sunday, May 31, 2020 ~ Pentecost Sunday

8:00 AM Ken & Virginia Bagnato

10:30 AM Special Intentions: Our 2020 Graduates

Please know that Fr. Ed will celebrate Mass privately every day for the intentions and well-being of the flock entrusted to his care.

OPEN CHURCH - While the public celebration of Mass is NOT permitted at this time, the Bishop asks Pastors to have their Church open for extended hours of private prayer so that the faithful can make visits. *Adoration is encouraged during this time, with simple reposition.*

Our Church will remain open daily for private adoration as follows:
Sunday - Friday from 9:00 am - 7:00 pm;
Saturday from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Confessions will be heard in the day chapel:
Mondays 4:00 - 5:00 PM & Saturdays 2:00-3:00 PM

PLEASE NOTE OUR OFFICE REMAINS CLOSED until the 'Stay-Home' order is lifted. If you need to contact us, please do so by way of phone (610-693-5831) or email: (office) stfrancisrob82@verizon.net or (Fr. Ed) pastor.essig@aol.com
Thank you!

Pray For Our Sick

Lucille Anderson, Edward Bellina, John Binder, Jim & Joan Bross, Rosemary C., Rick & Wren Dillon, Joseph Disabella, Mary Ann Flemming, Judith Goelz, Nicholas M. Headley, Lorraine Held, Rose Howard, Mark Hyde, Joe Kluscarits, Robert Koch, Leslie Livinghouse A. Pawelski, Pat Snyder, Andrew Strangarity, Edwin Zeltzer

Let us pray for our priests:



May 24 Rev. Ronald V. Jankaitis, M.Div.
May 25 Rev. Dominik P. Kalata, Th.M.
May 26 Rev. Francis T. Kaminski, M.Div.
May 27 Rev. Kiaieta Joseph Kanimea, M.S.C.
May 28 Rev. Shaju J. Kanjiramparayil, OSFS
May 29 Rev. Venantius Karobo, A.J.
May 30 Rev. Gregory R. Karpyn, M.Div.

Spiritual Thought:

Lead lives worthy of the Lord. (Col. 1:10)

In my daily living, I am necessarily occupied with ordinary and secular things. But I wish to sanctify everything I do through supernatural intentions. In this way, my life will be pleasing to God and enable me to reach Him.

Father, grant that I my life may be a sacred service to You. May I always bring honor to You, and draw down Your blessings upon me.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Acts 1:12-14; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a

Monday

Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday

Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday

Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday

Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday

Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday

Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31;
Jn 21:20-25



Our Return to the Lord

Week of May 17, 2020

Offertory ~ \$5,520.00

During this time of social distancing and health safety, let us remember one another in prayer and help each other in ways that we can. As our parish carries on her mission of 'Live Jesus' in the weeks and months ahead, please remember her need of your continued financial stewardship. You may continue mailing or dropping off your envelopes OR you can now donate **ONLINE** directly from our website by clicking on the green DONATE tab.

Thank You! Saint Francis de Sales, Pray for us! Mary, Health of the Sick and Comforter of the Afflicted, Pray for us!

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 1:12-14

After Jesus ascended into heaven, the eleven apostles returned to Jerusalem and prayed in the upstairs room. With them were some women and Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16

Christians are exhorted to rejoice in suffering because through suffering, they share in the life of Christ.

Gospel: John 17:1-11a

This is a continuation of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper. He tells the Father that he has made his name known, that he has finished the work his Father has given him, and that he wishes now to share in the glory at his side.

Prayer for Graduates

Heavenly Father, Surround those who are graduating with your grace. Bless them with hope so that they move into the future with eager and open hearts. Help them to put the knowledge, skills, and insights gained through their education to use for the good of all humankind. Inspire them to believe in the goodness of life even when faced with challenges and difficulties. As they commence with their lives, may they grow ever more grateful and wise. All of this we ask in the name of Jesus, Your Beloved Son. Amen.

As we approach the end of the school year of 2019-2020, we offer our congratulations to all our graduates from college and high school, as well as our 8th grade graduates. During this time of pandemic, let us continue to acknowledge their perseverance and the good work they have accomplished. Our parish would be honored in sharing the names of our graduates. We would ask that the families contact the parish office with the names of the graduates and the schools that they have graduated from.



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Leave No Neighbor Behind

Responding to the Pandemic in March of this year, the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus launched a new initiative — "Leave No Neighbor Behind" — and councils worldwide are implementing it, providing critical support in neighborhoods and parishes, donating blood, and ensuring that no one is forgotten.

Our thirty brother knights of the St. Francis de Sales Knights of Columbus Council #15778, led by our Worthy Grand Knight, Bernie Whitmoyer, are committed to annually raising funds so that our Council's Donations and Community Assistance programs can help people in our area, which complements the countless ways that our brother knights in all Knights of Columbus Districts are helping the sick, the hungry and others in need, especially during this crisis.

Therefore, the St. Francis de Sales Council has provided special donations aggregate \$600.00 during May 2020, by contributing \$150.00 each to the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Francis de Sales Parish, the Conrad Weiser Food Pantry in Robeson, PA, the Kennedy House Food Pantry in Reading, and the Catholic Soup Kitchen, LLC in Reading, PA to assist each organization's efforts helping our local brothers and sisters in Christ's name.

The St. Francis de Sales K of C Council extends our most sincere "Thank you" to our parishioners for your support of the Council's Fundraising efforts over its seven year history of giving back to Catholic and Community endeavors.

M.L. O'Sullivan Muir Scholarship

A financial scholarship has become available to any student seeking (or presently enrolled in) a catholic education at either **Berks Catholic High School or St. Ignatius Loyola Elementary School**. Through the generosity of M.L. Muir, this need-based scholarship has been established in memory of her late husband, Dr. Robert W. Muir. The Muir family was one of the founding members of St. Francis de Sales. In striving to "Live Jesus", Mrs. Muir has established the M.L. O'Sullivan Muir Scholarship. To apply for this scholarship, please submit a letter expressing your reason for pursuing a catholic education for your child/children and your reason for financial assistance. Letters may be sent to: St. Francis de Sales Parish, Attn: Fr. Edward Essig, 321 N. Church Street, Robeson, PA 19551.

Letters for the **2020-2021** school year are due no later than **June 20, 2020**.



We have just heard Jesus preparing his disciples for the time when he will no longer walk with them.

He promises: “I will not leave you orphans.” The Father will send them and us another Advocate (the Spirit) who will be with us always. When the Spirit comes to us, we will realize that we have a most intimate relationship with our God: Jesus is in the Father and we are in Jesus and he is in us.

We are loved to the point of sharing in the life and love of God through Jesus’ death and resurrection and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is telling us such good news!

We heard Jesus ask us to learn from him that love and obedience are one. The person who loves Jesus is the person who observes the commandments given by the Father. Knowing that we are loved so greatly leads us to trust in the one who commands us to love.

Peter tells us: “Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts.” Let Jesus live in us and fill us with his love. Jesus is the foundation of our hope. Knowing who lives in us makes us ready to explain the reason for our hope with gentleness and reverence.

Sometimes we may be misunderstood and have to suffer for our trust in Jesus – suffer for doing good. When that happens, we must willingly join our suffering to that of Jesus who suffered for our sins so that he could lead us to our God.

As we continue to celebrate Jesus’ resurrection and look forward to celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit, let us remember how closely we are united to Jesus. Let us renew our commitment to letting Jesus live more fully in us. Then let us gently and reverently share with others the reason for our hope.

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