

ST. FRANCIS de SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Rev. Edward J. Essig, M.Div. ————— Pastor
Alison Snyder ————— Director of Education
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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.

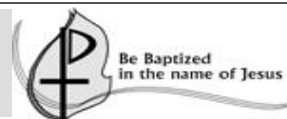
MARRIAGE: In order that the requirements for marriage preparation may be fulfilled, couples are to contact the parish office at least six months before the desired wedding date.

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 3, 2020 ✦ Fourth Sunday of Easter



Mass Schedule for the Week:

NO PUBLIC MASS AT THIS TIME

Saturday, May 2, 2020 ~ FIRST SATURDAY

5:00 PM Our Parishiners

Sunday, May 3, 2020

8:00 AM John Milia

10:30 AM Special Intention: Robert A. Stella

Monday, May 4, 2020

9:00 AM Raymond Hofmann

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

9:00 AM

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

9:00 AM

Thursday, May 7, 2020 ~ National Day of Prayer

12:00 PM Robert Scanlon

Friday, May 8, 2020

9:00 AM

Saturday, May 9, 2020

5:00 PM Mother's Day Memorial

Sunday, May 10, 2020

8:00 AM Mother's Day Memorial

10:30 AM Mother's Day Memorial

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 IS 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

St. Francis de Sales Parish asks you pray for the soul of long time parishioner, **Margaret (Peggy) Swope**. May God welcome Margaret into eternal life and peace, and may the Swope family experience God's consolation and strength.

Let us pray for our priests:



May 3 Bishop Emeritus Edward Cullen
May 4 Rev. Francis M. Grundowski, M.Div.
May 5 Rev. Kevin M. Gualano, M.Div.
May 6 Rev. Abraham Ha, M.Div.
May 7 Rev. Msgr. William E. Handges
May 8 Rev. James M. Harper, M.Div.
May 9 Rev. John G. Hilferty, M.Div.

Spiritual Thought:

We have this confidence of God: if we ask for anything according to His will, He hears us. (1 Jn. 5:14)

"According to His will" is the important thing to remember when we pray and the ultimate reason why certain prayers are not heard. When the selfish human will opposes God's will, the prayer is useless.

My Lord and my God, give me always what is good for my salvation. Do so even if it is not what I think is good for me.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

Monday

Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday

Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday

Acts 12:24-13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday

Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

Friday

Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday

Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14



Our Return to the Lord

Week of April 26, 2020

Offertory ~ \$3,395.00

Easter Offertory ~ \$5,020.00

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!



LIVE STREAMING

Join us for Mass LIVE with Fr. Ed
every Saturday @ 5:00 pm.



A special thank you to all who volunteered to make bag lunches on Easter weekend and the following weekend as well. It was so gratifying to be able to come together with modern technology and be able to feed 400+ folks. The weekend of April 18 & 19 was our weekend to serve, and you all were angels, but there may be other weekends during this pandemic when there are no volunteers, so we will be called to action again.

In the Spirit of St. Vincent de Paul, we have joined together to offer tangible and spiritual support to the needy and suffering. At this time of crisis, it is especially important to remember that the least of our brethren are not forgotten. Thank you again for your spirit, your willingness, your energy and your love.

A special thank you to the following volunteers who delivered & handed out the lunches: Jesus & Julie, Megan & Paul, Linda Gresoi and family and Steve & Sue Horst.

Be well, stay safe and blessings to all!



Catholic Education Scholarships Awarded

St. Francis de Sales Council 15778 is thankful for our Parishioners' support of the 2019 Sweepstake Fundraiser from which it was able to begin the Council's First Annual Scholarship Program in support of Catholic Education.

Our parish students, who applied for a one-year non-renewable partial scholarship award, are active parishioners, in good standing, and enrolled in grades 6 -12 at a Catholic Middle School or High School for the upcoming 2020-2021 Academic Year.

In addition to the aforementioned requirements, the Council's Criteria for Scholarship Selection included each Student's Academic Achievements; Activities/Service to their School, Parish and Community; Advanced Classes taken; Special Honors received; Leadership Positions held; Recommendations from their Principal and Pastor; and Family Financial Needs.

The Council's Scholarship Committee, reviewed all submitted applications and based on its criteria is glad to recognize and award a \$500.00 one-year non-renewable partial scholarship award to each of the following three students:

- ✠ **David Kopinski**
- ✠ **Annaka Mirabella**
- ✠ **Emmalee Mirabella**

On behalf of the Council's Worthy Grand Knight, Bernie Whitmoyer, and all members of the St. Francis de Sales Council, please join us in congratulating these successful Students for their accomplishments to date, and encourage all our students to diligently use their God given talents and gifts to benefit mankind.

I want to say 'Thank You' to the ladies of our Garden Club for all their work in the cleaning and mulching both the grounds around the church and the rectory. It looks beautiful! An even greater 'Thank You' for their generosity in donating \$300.00 from the Garden Fund to help supply our local Food Pantry located at Trinity Lutheran Church in order to meet the needs of so many people at this time of crisis.

Our parish has also donated the remaining monies that we received for our Easter Flowers collection to be given to the Food Pantry as well, in the amount of \$500.00.

We give thanks to the Father for the gift of His Spirit, and for the gift of our patron Saint Francis de Sales, to help us continue to act out the mission of our parish family - Live Jesus!



OBLATES OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES
Wilmington-Philadelphia Province

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Today's Gospel reading speaks of Jesus as the shepherd who calls his sheep by name and leads them out to pasture. He is also the gate of the sheepfold. All who enter through him will "have life and have it more abundantly." Our relationship with Jesus allows us a place of refuge, a place where we will always find nourishment and safety. Jesus has called us by name, so we are able then to recognize his voice.

What does that mean in terms of our daily living? Jesus is the Good Shepherd who knows us by name, and he wants us to know him in the same way that he knows his Father, and his Father knows him. He knows and loves us intimately, and he gives us the grace to know and love him in the same way.

We learn to do this by taking the time each day to listen to his voice. He speaks to us in the Scriptures, in our worship, in our personal prayer, and in the people and events that are part of our daily lives. St. Francis de Sales calls this process learning to let Jesus live in us. As we let ourselves be led by the voice of Jesus,

Jesus lives in us more and more - and the new life that he shares with us becomes the source from which we live each day. The power that flows from his death and rising transforms our self-centeredness into out-reaching love for one another. More and more, we become the love of God incarnated in our world.

Because we hear Jesus' voice, we are able to be more patient in our suffering. We are able to look at Jesus' own experience of suffering and learn from him how to accept our own. He left us an example. He trusted in his Father's love for him and knew that his Father was with him no matter what he was doing. He listened for his Father's voice and found refuge in his love.

In the sacrament of Baptism, Jesus called us by name and made us part of his flock. What a wonderful gift we have been given in our baptism! May we learn to take hold of that gift each day and nurture its growth through prayer and generous love. Let us take joy in the fact that Jesus is leading us to abundance of life with him - an abundance that will be complete in eternity.

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