

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 10, 2020 ✧ Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mass Schedule for the Week:

NO PUBLIC MASS AT THIS TIME

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

Monday, May 11, 2020

9:00 AM

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

9:00 AM Louise Friedman

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

9:00 AM

Thursday, May 14, 2020

12:00 PM

Friday, May 15, 2020

9:00 AM

Saturday, May 16, 2020

5:00 PM Robert M. Hopko

Sunday, May 17, 2020

8:00 AM Our Parishioners

10:30 AM Healing for Child Victims

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 Goetz, 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, **Robert M. Hopko**. May God welcome Robert into eternal life and peace, and may the Hopko family experience God's consolation and strength.

Let us pray for our priests:



May 10 Rev. Msgr. Thomas E. Hoban

May 11 Rev. Allen J. Hoffa, M.Div.

May 12 Rev. Richard Huber, M.S.C.

May 13 Rev. John A. Hutta, M.Div.

May 14 Rev. Augustine L. Idra, A.J.

May 15 Our Deceased Priests

May 16 Our Sick & Infirm Priests

Spiritual Thought:

Strive to make your call and election permanent. For it you do so, you will never be lost. (2 Pt. 1:10)

God has called and predestined me for eternal happiness. However, I may fail to obtain it through my own fault. I must conform my life to this call and, through prayer and the sacraments, make sure of my predestination. Do I make an effort to do this?

Lord, You have given me a good start. Let me also have a good end.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

Monday

Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday

Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

Friday

Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday

Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21



Our Return to the Lord

Week of May 3, 2020

Offertory ~ \$3,615.00

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

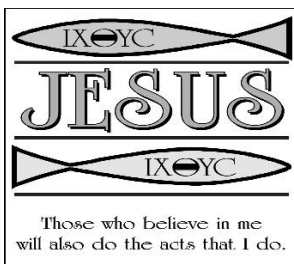
During the early growth of the Church, the apostles realized that they needed more disciples in order to carry out effectively the ministry of the Church. The community selected seven men, one of whom was Stephen.

Second Reading: I Peter 2:4-9

Citing many uses of the word "stone" in the sayings of Jesus and in the Old Testament, Peter urges the Christians to be "living stones...an edifice of spirit."

Gospel: John 14:1-12

In this beautiful passage from the words of Jesus at the Last Supper, Jesus promises that he is preparing a place for the apostles. He tells them, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me." When Philip asks Jesus to show them the Father, Jesus answers, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."



Today's Scripture readings tell us much about the new life we have received in baptism. Peter tells us: we are chosen by our God to be a royal priesthood, to be God's holy people.

We are living stones built on Jesus our cornerstone. As a community, we are to be a spiritual house in which we share in the priesthood of Jesus. With Jesus, we are to offer spiritual sacrifices to praise our God who has called us out of darkness into his wonderful light. We are carrying out one of our priestly duties here this morning as we offer our Father this memorial of Jesus' death and rising.

We heard Jesus tell us: don't be anxious about anything. We are to put our faith and trust in him; he is the way and the truth and the life. He is leading us home to his Father's house where he has prepared a place to us.

The words of Scripture are the living word of God. God is telling us the truth about ourselves, as he created us and redeemed us in Jesus God's word is also gracing us to live out that truth, as an expression of our thanks.

Today's Scriptures also remind us that Jesus can be a stumbling block for us at times. The truth Jesus tells us will call us to move beyond our self-interest and concern and reach out in love to everyone who crosses the path of our life. It isn't always easy to see the people we meet each day as opportunities to love as Jesus loves us. The difficult people we meet offer us a graced opportunity to welcome them into our spiritual house where they can experience God's loving compassion and mercy through us.

We have been given wonderful gifts by our baptism. Our mission is to use our gifts to do the work of Jesus: to bring our Father's love to every corner of our world.

Let us be renewed in this Eucharist today, for Jesus comes to fill us more deeply with his life and love. Then he will bless us and send us forth to carry out his mission this week.

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