

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 31, 2020 ✦ Pentecost Sunday

Mass Schedule for the Week:

NO PUBLIC MASS UNTIL JUNE 1, 2020

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

Monday, June 1, 2020 {The Blessed Virgin Mary}

9:00 AM Robert & Arlene Essig

Tuesday, June 2, 2020 {Saints Marcellinus and Peter }

9:00 AM

Wednesday, June 3, 2020 {St. Charles Lwanga & Companions}

9:00 AM Francis Schaab

Thursday, June 4, 2020

12:00 PM Gloria F. Alegado

Friday, June 5, 2020 ~ First Friday {St. Boniface}

9:00 AM

Saturday, June 6, 2020 ~ First Saturday

5:00 PM In Thanksgiving for our medical and healthcare workers

Sunday, June 7, 2020

8:00 AM John Milia

10:30 AM Paul Palm, Jr.

Lector Schedule

Saturday, June 6th ~ 5:00 PM: Echeverri

Sunday, June 7th ~ 8:00 AM: Milligan

Sunday, June 7th ~ 10:30 AM: Misterkiewicz

Our Church will remain open daily for private adoration
Monday – Friday from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Confessions will be heard in the day chapel on
Mondays 4:00 – 5:00 PM & Saturdays 4:00-4:45 PM

**PLEASE NOTE OUR OFFICE WILL BE OPERATING
ON A MODIFIED SCHEDULE
UNTIL WE ENTER THE GREEN PHASE
MONDAYS – THURSDAYS 8:30am – 12 Noon**

Remember, should 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 31 Rev. Martin F. Kern, M.Div.

June 1 His Holiness Pope Francis

June 2 Bishop Alfred A. Schlert

June 3 Bishop Emeritus Edward Cullen

June 4 Rev. Wayne E. Killian, M.A.

June 5 Rev. Odemary Bahati Kisaka, A.J.

June 6 Rev. Msgr. Nevin J. Klinger, J.C.L.

Spiritual Thought:

My grace is sufficient for you. (2Cor. 12:9)

*How often in my life I have been deluded because I have
trusted in myself or in others! Why don't I turn directly to
God? He is All-Knowing; with His grace I will become
invincible, even though the powers of hell rage against me.*

*Most Holy and Almighty god, help me to turn to You in
every need and danger. Arm me with Your strength so
that I may overcome all difficulties.*



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Monday

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday

2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday

2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Mk 12:18-27

Thursday

2 Tm 2:8-15; Mk 12:28-34

First Friday

2 Tm 3:10-17; Mk 12:35-37

First Saturday

2 Tm 4:1-8; Mk 12:38-44



Our Return to the Lord

Week of May 24, 2020

Offertory ~ \$4,417.00

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!

PENTECOST SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

On the feast of Pentecost, the disciples were gathered together when suddenly tongues of fire rested upon them, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to speak in many tongues; those who heard them were filled with amazement.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Paul tells the Corinthians that each possesses different gifts and performs different ministries, but each works for the common good in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Jesus appears to the apostles after his resurrection and bestows upon them the power to forgive sins.

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.

Condolences

St. Francis de Sales Parish asks you pray for the soul of long time parishioner, **Mary (M.L.) Muir**. May God welcome Mary into eternal life and peace, and may the Muir family experience God's consolation and strength during this time of sorrow.



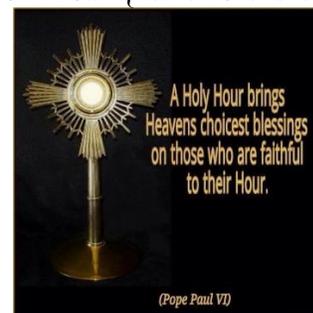
M.L. O'Sullivan Muir Scholarship

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, Robesonia, PA 19551.

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

DESIRE FOR CLOSER UNION

Lord Jesus Christ, pierce my soul with Your love so that I may always long for You alone, who are the bread of angels and the fulfillment of the soul's deepest desires. May my heart always hunger and feed upon You so that my soul may be filled with the sweetness of Your presence. May my soul thirst for You, who are the source of life, wisdom, knowledge, light and all the riches of God our Father. May I always seek and find You, think upon You, speak to You, and do all things for the honor and glory of Your holy name. Be always my only hope, my peace, my refuge, and my help in whom my heart is rooted so that I may never be separated from You. {Saint Bonaventure}



Please come and join us in the Church EVERY Tuesday evening from 7:00 – 8:00 pm beginning June 9, 2020.



OBLATES OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES
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We have just heard Jesus announce the **new creation**. Jesus breathes new life into his disciples. And then he announces that mutual forgiveness will be the mark by which his community will be recognized. As God has forgiven us in Jesus, we are to forgive one another as a sign of the new life we share.

St. Luke describes the coming of the Spirit in more dramatic fashion. As the Spirit descends on the disciples as tongues of fire, they begin to make bold proclamation of the Good News in an astounding way.

The same Spirit is given to each of us at our Baptism, and his presence has been strengthened in Confirmation. St. Paul points that that we are one in the Body of Christ because we all share the one Holy Spirit.

Each of us has special gifts which have been given to us as a way of manifesting the Spirit's presence in us. Our gifts are given, not for our own good, but for the good of others; when we use our gifts for others, we witness to our oneness in Christ. No one's gift or ministry or work is more important than anyone else's; all are needed for the unity of the community of the Church.

Each of us is important because we bring a gift or talent or way of working that no one else can bring to the group. We all lose something when an individual person's gifts are not welcomed or used in the community. We need one another in order to experience the full wonder of God's love for us.

This morning, we have prayed, "Come, Holy Spirit, come!" This is a bold request on our part. Are we really open to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that God wants to give us? Are we willing to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit in order to be drawn more deeply into the Mystery of God's love? Can we find new ways to use these gifts in our efforts to love one another during the day?

May this feast of Pentecost be a rebirthing in each of us of all the spiritual gifts that help us stay centered in the Holy Spirit.

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