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Rev. Edward J. Essig, M.Div. ——————— *Pastor*
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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.

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.

September 27, 2020 ✠ 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule for the Week:

Saturday, September 26, 2020
5:00 PM Shelia Byrne
Sunday, September 27, 2020
8:00 AM Virginia Bagnato
10:30 AM Mark Hawley
Monday, September 28, 2020 ~ {St. Wenceslaus}
9:00 AM Stephen Kun
Tuesday, September 29, 2020 {SS. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels}
9:00 AM Melody Dynes
Wednesday, September 30, 2020 {St. Jerome}
9:00 AM Geri Seaman
Thursday, October 1, 2020 {St. Therese}
12:00 PM Martin Sanon
Friday, October 2, 2020 {The Holy Guardian Angels}
9:00 AM Our Parishioners
Saturday, October 3, 2020
5:00 PM Sue Schurr
Sunday, October 4, 2020 ~ Respect Life Sunday
8:00 AM Joseph M. Antosy
10:30 AM Melody Dynes

Lector Schedule

UNAVAILABLE AT TIME OF PRINT

Parish Schedule

Sunday, September 27 @ 9:00 AM ~ PREP Grades 2 & 8
Tuesday, September 29 @ 7:00 PM ~ Holy Hour
Sunday, October 4 @ 9:00 AM ~ PREP Grades 2 & 8

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, Stephen Horst, Rose Howard, Mark Hyde, Robert Koch, Leslie Livinghouse, Walter Muir, A. Pawelski, Pat Snyder, Andrew Strangarity, Bill Straw, Edwin Zeltzer

Let us pray for our priests:

Pastor's Corner

September 27	Very Rev. Luke Anderson, O.Cist.
September 28	Rev. David Anthony, M.Div.
September 29	Rev. Robert Anthony, M.S.C.
September 30	Rev. Eric Arnout M.Div.
October 1	His Holiness Pope Francis
October 2	Bishop Alfred A. Schlert
October 3	Bishop Emeritus Edward Cullen

Spiritual Thought:

Christ died for all so that those who are alive might live no longer for themselves, but for Him. (2 Cor. 5:1)

To live for oneself is to say "no" to God. To live for Christ means to live as He has lived. The motto of His life was: "For you." The motto of my own life should be: "For Christ." Is this really the case?

My Savior, I wish to offer my whole life to Your service and that of my brothers and sisters. Let me be completely Yours.

Readings for the Week

Sunday
Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

Monday
Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday
Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday
Jb 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12

First Friday
Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Mt 18:1-5, 10

First Saturday
Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24

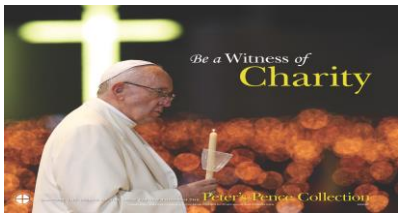
Our Return to the Lord

Week of September 20, 2020
Offertory ~ $4,849.00

Relief Collection for the Victims of Hurricane Laura

On August 27, 2020, areas of Texas and Louisiana were devastated by Hurricane Laura. Particularly hard hit was with the Diocese of Lake Charles that received a direct hit. Not one parish within the diocese went unaffected by the storm. The area still remains without power and in some places drinkable water. In response to this disaster, Bishop Schlert has asked a second collection to be taken up throughout the Diocese of Allentown to assist the victims of this tragic event. Therefore, a free-will second collection will be taken up in our parish ***THIS* weekend**, **September 26 & 27**. Please drop off your free will offerings (in a plain white envelope marked 'Lake Charles Relief') in the baskets at the entrance of the church.

Thank you for your generosity!



Next week, we will be collecting for Holy Father Collection (Peter's Pence), which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, please visit: www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

RCIA the journey continues...

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA process is for both Catholics and non-Catholics who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and wanting to complete their initiation into the Church. The RCIA team here at St. Francis de Sales welcomes your questions, your concerns and your presence among us. If you are interested in completing this process and receiving the Sacraments, please contact the office at 610-693-5851 or stfrancisrob82@verizon.net.

All are welcome!

Football Frenzy is a ticket selling fundraiser hosted by our K of C. Tickets are printed with 4 NFL football teams for each week for the last 10 weeks of the NFL football season (**11/1/2020 –1/3/2021**). The 4 teams change every week on your tickets and no two tickets have the same 4 teams on any given week. Tickets are $10 each and cash prizes from $10 - $400 are awarded to the ticket holders who have the Highest and Lowest 4 team combination scores each week. Proceeds go towards Catholic Education. Please see any K of C member for more details and to purchase your tickets now thru **10/4/2020**!!

STAND UP FOR LIFE AND LIBERTY

At the Berks County Life Chain
Penn Ave, West Reading

Sunday, October 4, 2020
2:00 – 3:30 PM

Come out and PRAY!
Take a public stand for God's Truth and intervene for our nation

Saturday evening @ 5:45 pm provides another opportunity to come out and prayer-walk to ask God's blessing on the Chain which begins at St. James Church, West Reading. For more details, please contact Pam Snyder 610.488.6988 or pjsnyd@comcast.net.

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28
Ezekiel reminds the people that if a sinner turns away from his iniquity, he will live, not die.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11
Paul urges the converts at Philippi to be united in spirit and ideals, avoiding rivalry and dissension. He ends with the beautiful hymn extolling the humility and sacrifice of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32
Jesus speaks words of rebuke to the chief priests and the elders because they are not believing the teachings of John the Baptist. He warns them that tax collectors and prostitutes, who do believe John, will enter the Kingdom of God before them.

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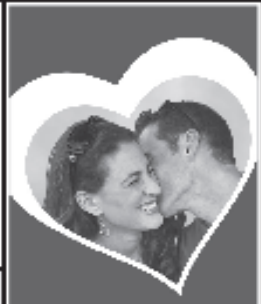
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