

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

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



September 19, 2021 ~ The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule for the Week

Saturday, September 18, 2021

5:00 PM Donna Sabinsky-Murphy

Sunday, September 19, 2021

8:00 AM Our Parishioners

10:30 AM Dr. Robert Muir

Saturday, September 25, 2021

5:00 PM Our Parishioners

Sunday, September 26, 2021

8:00 AM John Milia

10:30 AM Mark Hawley

Pray For Our Sick

Edward Bellina, John Binder, Rosemary C., Mary DeLong, Rick & Wren Dillon, Joseph Disabella, Thomas Fleckenstein, Dennis & Mary Ann Flemming, Judith Goelz, Nicholas M. Headley, Lorraine Held, Rose Howard, Mark Hyde, Raymond Kasprovciz, Robert Koch, Leslie Livinghouse, Annamarie McCormick, Walter Muir, Joe Noll, Pat Snyder, Andrew Strangarity, Bill Straw, Eleana Wilson, Edwin Zeltzer



~ Living Flame ~

Will burn the week of September 19, 2021

In Memory of Daniel P. Baumann



Altar Flowers

The beautiful altar arrangement was generously donated by the Muir Family

In Memory of Dr. Robert Muir

Lector & Server Schedule

September 25th ~ 5:00 PM

Servers: Callahan Lector: Giacobbe

September 26th ~ 8:00 AM

Servers: Palm Lector: Miller

September 26th ~ 10:30 AM

Servers: Mirabella Lector: Ruth

Parish Schedule

Sunday, September 19 @ Noon ~ Confirmation Retreat

Thursday, September 23 @10am ~ Adoration

Sunday, September 26 @ 9am ~ PREP

St. Ignatius Mass Schedule

Weekdays: Monday – Friday 6:30 & 8:00 AM

Saturday 8:00 AM

Weekends: Saturday: 4:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:30 AM; 9:00 AM; 10:30 AM;

12 Noon; 5:30 PM

Eucharistic Day of Prayer: Tuesdays

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after

8:00 AM Mass through Wednesday

9:00 AM (24 Hour overnight Adoration)

Eucharistic Day of Prayer: Wednesdays

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after

8:00 AM Mass until 7 PM Evening Prayer

& Benediction

Reconciliation/Confession: BY APPOINTMENT

Please Call: 610.678.3767



Readings for the Week

Sunday

Wis 2:12,17-20; Jas 3:16-4:3; Jn 10:14

Monday

Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday

Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9

Friday

Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday

Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Our Return to the Lord Week of September 12, 2021

Offertory - \$ 3,593.00
Relief for Haiti - \$ 712.00

Hurricane Ida Collection

As you are aware, areas of Louisiana and other Gulf Coast states were devastated by Hurricane Ida. Our own region of Pennsylvania, and areas of New Jersey and New York states were also devastated by record flooding and damage from tornadoes that have resulted in more than 60 fatalities. Each Diocese has been asked to take up a special collection to aid in recovery efforts. Therefore, on the weekend of September 25 & 26, we will be taking a 2nd collection to aid in the recovery efforts. Please be generous.



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 Jerry Broskey by phone: 570.419.9564 or email: gbloyal313@gmail.com.



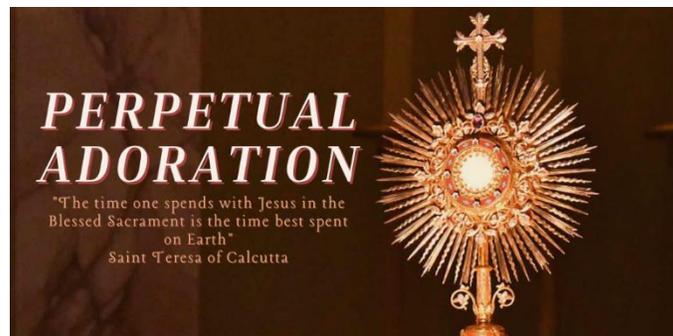
Football Frenzy is a ticket selling fundraiser hosted by our K of C. Tickets are printed with 4 NFL football teams for each week for the last 10 weeks of the NFL football season (11/7/2021 – 1/9/2022). The 4 teams change every week on your tickets and no two tickets have the same 4 teams on any given 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 10/16/2021!!

Spiritual Thought

"We should go to prayer with deep humility and an awareness of our nothingness. We must invoke the help of the Holy Spirit and that of our good angel and then remain still in God's presence, full of faith, that He is more in us than we are in ourselves."

Saint Francis de Chantal

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 Thursday morning from 10:00am – 12 Noon



The book for **2022** is now available for you to schedule Mass Intentions for your loved ones. Please call 610.693.5851 or visit the office to schedule a Mass. The requested donation is \$10.00.

FALL INTO HEALTHY HABITS

Get a Head Start on Fall with These Ways to Soak in the Great Outdoors

The best way to start a fall fitness routine is to tie your activities to the events taking place around you. Here are some ways you can maximize your outdoor time this season:

- Take a walk or a bike ride down a tree lined trail and take in some of the colorful scenery
- Turn your annual pumpkin hunt ritual into a calorie burner by finding an outdoor garden and taking a stroll on your way to finding the perfect pumpkin.
- Look for haunted trails or corn mazes to encourage a walk in a new and fun environment
- Rake the leaves in your yard and burn about 220 calories per hour. You can also burn a few extra calories by jumping into the leaf pile.
- Find a race that takes advantage of the season. Fall is a popular time for 5ks. Put one on your calendar now and start working toward that goal.
- Plan around the available natural light to make sure you have enough time for your workout. Daylight hours shrink in the fall, so be mindful about when you get out and exercise to eliminate darkness from your list of excuses.

Article taken from Healthy Living Made Simple ~ HLMS.com

At Jesus' baptism by John in the Jordan, the Father had identified Jesus as his Son, the beloved one in whom he is well pleased. This is a reference to the "suffering servant" in the prophet Isaiah. The servant must suffer and die to fully actualize his identity.

In today's Gospel, Jesus begins to prepare his disciples for what is to come. He identifies himself with the "just one" in the Book of Wisdom which we heard in today's first reading. He will be put to the test to give proof of his gentleness and patience. He will be condemned to a shameful death – and God will take care of him.

Mark comments that the disciples did not understand the saying and were afraid to question him. Apparently, they distracted themselves by arguing about who was the greatest among them.

Jesus was not distracted and continued to teach them about himself and how they were to live. "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Jesus is among them as servant – the "suffering servant."

The child Jesus places in their midst and embraces is how they are to receive him: peaceably, gently, without inconstancy or insincerity, open to wisdom from above.

Jesus comes to us as the "suffering servant" – Savior and Lord. He invites us to embrace him as he did the child. May we not allow ourselves to become distracted by petty, personal concerns. Let us accept Jesus as the First and Only in our lives, for he has shown us how to be the last and the servant of all.

<https://www.oblates.org/sundays-salesian-feed/twenty-fifth-sunday-in-ordinary-time-september-19-2021>



| Date: 9/12/21 | Chapters/Lessons Covered Theme for the Week | Homework or Out of Class Activity | Additional Notes |
|---------------|---|---|---------------------|
| First Grade | Session 1: God Makes Everything | Remember to Recycle to help take care of God's Creation | |
| Second Grade | Session 1: You Are Blessed | Pg. 27 - Talk with parents/siblings about how they are blessed | |
| Third Grade | Unit 1 Session 1 St Ignatius Loyola Finding God's Love Everywhere | Take time each day to find God's love in people, places & animals. | |
| Fourth Grade | Unit 1 Session 1 God's love for us is revealed through his creation | Practice Prayers Daily | |
| Fifth Grade | Unit 1 Session 1 God Creates Us | Do something as a family to show your love and respect for God's creation. Plant flowers, remove weeds, pick up trash | |
| Sixth Grade | Unit 1, Session 1 & 2 Peer pressure and reading the Bible for guidance | Read Your Bibles | |
| Seventh Grade | Lesson 1: Life is Choices | Watch Session 1 Videos at home before next class | |
| Eighth Grade | Confirmation Questions | Practice Confirmation Questions Retreat next week! Bring Permission Slip | |

Please be sure any out-of-class assignments are completed prior to the next class.

Our Next Class is: September 26th from 9am - 10:20am.

Please remember: Attendance is VERY important. Each grade has its own curriculum which builds upon the prior year and prepares for the next year. PREP allows children to build a strong foundation of their faith, it brings them closer to God and gives them the proper tools to lead a life that follows Jesus. Please value the importance of these classes and also Mass attendance. Classes may need repeated in the following year if there is an excess of absences. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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