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

November 28, 2021 ✠ First Sunday of Advent

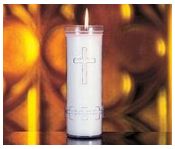
Mass Schedule for the Week:

Saturday, November 27, 2021
5:00 PM *Janice & Frank Carman*
Sunday, November 28, 2021
8:00 AM *Mary Staschak*
10:30 AM *Our Parishioners*

Saturday, December 4, 2021
5:00 PM *John Milia*
Sunday, December 5, 2021
8:00 AM *Our Parishioners*
10:30 AM *Jean Maun*

Pray For Our Sick

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



~ *Living Flame* ~

Will burn the week of November 28, 2021

In Loving Memory of David Strick

Lector & Server Schedule

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Parish Schedule

**Thursday, Dec. 2 @ 10am – 12 Noon ~ Adoration
10:00am ~ Exposition
10:00am – 12 Noon ~ Adoration.
12 Noon ~ Mid Day Prayer and Benediction
**There will be NO ADORATION December 30th

Sunday, Dec. 5 @ 9:00am ~ PREP

Confessions are available in between Mass times every Sunday. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please see the priest.

St. Ignatius Mass Schedule

Weekdays: Monday – Friday 6:30 & 8:00 AM
Saturday 8:00 AM
First Friday 7:00 PM

Additional Weekday Mass times during Advent:
Monday – Friday ~ 5:30 PM

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
6:00 AM Mass until 7 PM Evening Prayer & Benediction

Confession: Saturdays: 3:00 – 4:00 PM

Readings for the Week

Sunday
Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday
Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday
Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

Wednesday
Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday
Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

First Friday
Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

First Saturday
Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 – 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday
Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Our Return to the Lord

Week of November 21, 2020
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Sacrament of Confession:

Confessions are available Saturdays from 4:00 – 4:45 pm and Sundays before and after each Mass by request. An Advent penance service will be held at St. Francis de Sales Monday, December 13th @ 6:00 pm. Additionally, there will be several priests available at St. Ignatius Loyola Church Tuesday, December 14th from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm for confessions.

Christmas Masses:

Friday, December 24: 4:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Saturday, December 25: 10:00 am

**** There will be NO 5:00 pm Mass celebrated on Saturday, December 25**. Weekend Mass times for Sunday, December 26 celebrating the Solemnity of the Feast of the Holy Family will be the usual times ~ 8:00 am & 10:30 am

New Year's Day Masses:

Friday, December 31: 5:00 pm
Saturday, January 1: 9:00 am

**** There will be NO 5:00 pm Mass celebrated on Saturday, January 1**. Weekend Mass times for Sunday, January 2 celebrating the Epiphany of the Lord will be the usual times ~ 8:00 am & 10:30 am

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Our church & offices will be closed
Thursday, December 24th through the New Year.
We will return Monday, January 3, 2022.

Provide a Merry Christmas for Families in Need

Once again, our parish has volunteered to help ***Lifeline of Berks County*** *help families in need this Christmas. Please choose a tag containing a baby item from the 'Giving Tree.' Bring the new, un-wrapped item and place it under the tree by December 19th. Your generous donation will then be delivered to Lifeline at the end of Advent. Thank you in advance for your generosity.*

Spiritual Thought

Look at His adorable face. Look at His glazed and sunken eyes. Look at His wounds. Look Jesus in the face. There you will see how He loves us.

St. Therese of Lisieux

Each December, ***Berks Catholic High School*** *observes the Birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, with their Christmas Vespers Prayer Service. All are invited to attend on* ***Sunday, December 19*** *at 4:00pm at Sacred Heart Church, West Reading. Join us in the celebration of the message of the Angels that Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, is born for us.*

Advent Vespers

St. Daniel's Lutheran Church

19th Annual Christmas Vespers

Sunday, December 12th

4:00PM

Conrad Weiser High School Auditorium

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Pre Service Music by Brass Ensemble @ 3:30 pm

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