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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



May 23, 2021 ✧ Solemnity of Pentecost

Mass Schedule for the Week:

Saturday, May 22, 2021

5:00 PM Our Parishioners

Sunday, May 23, 2021 ~ Pentecost Sunday

8:00 AM Joni Boulanger

10:30 AM Melody Dynes

Monday, May 24, 2021 (The Blessed Virgin Mary)

9:00 AM Robert E. Cossaboon

Tuesday, May 25, 2021 (St. Bede the Venerable)

9:00 AM Sally Hogan

Wednesday, May 26, 2021 (St. Philip Neri)

9:00 AM Barb Murnane

Thursday, May 27, 2021 ~ (St. Augustine)

12:00 PM Special Intention: Walter & Gloria Areiza

Friday, May 28, 2021

9:00 AM Omer Allen

Saturday, May 29, 2021

5:00 PM Christine Zdravecki

Sunday, May 30, 2021 ~ The Most Holy Trinity

8:00 AM Our Parishioners

10:30 AM The Poor Souls in Purgatory

Lector & Server Schedule

May 29th ~ 5:00 PM

Servers: Bross

Lector: Dezjot

May 30th ~ 8:00 AM

Servers:

Lector: Miller

May 30th ~ 10:30 AM

Servers:

Lector: Misterkiewicz

Parish Schedule

Tuesday, May 25 @ 7:00 PM ~ Holy Hour

Pray For Our Sick

Edward Bellina, John Binder, Jim & Joan Bross, Rosemary C., Mary DeLong, Rick & Wren Dillon, Joseph Disabella, Mary Ann Flemming, Judith Goetz, Nicholas M. Headley, Lorraine Held, Rose Howard, Mark Hyde, Raymond Kasproicz, Robert Koch, Leslie Livinghouse, Annamarie McCormick, Walter Muir, Pat Snyder, Andrew Strangarity, Bill Straw, Eleana Wilson, Edwin Zeltzer



Let us pray for our priests:



May 23, 2021 Rev. Franklin Arockia-Dass, MSC
 May 24, 2021 Rev. Achilles Ayaton
 May 25, 2021 Rev. Msgr. Thomas Baddick, M.Div.
 May 26, 2021 Rev. Msgr. Andrew Baker, STL
 May 27, 2021 Rev. Msgr. William Baker, STL
 May 28, 2021 Rev. Francis Baransky, M.Div.
 May 29, 2021 Rev. John Barron, SJ

Spiritual Thought:

But the Lord is Faithful; He it is who will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one. (2 Thes. 3:3)

God's faithfulness should be my comfort and my encouragement when I feel wary and disheartened in performing my duties. My Father never abandons me. He helps me according to the measure of my faith.

Faithful God, strengthen my faith. Make me willing and obedient in fulfilling Your will, even when this is difficult for me.

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

Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday

Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Mk 10:32-45

Thursday

Sir 42:15-25; Mk 10:46-52

Friday

Sir 44:1, 9-13; Mk 11:11-26

Saturday

Sir 51:12cd-20; Mk 11:27-33

Sunday

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

Our Return to the Lord

Week of May 16, 2021

Offertory ~ \$ 4,723.00



OFFERING
COUNTERS

We are currently in need of forming additional two-person teams to count our weekend Mass offerings. This ministry is one more way of living out the Call of Stewardship for our parish and it would be asking for a once per month commitment. If you are interested in volunteering to become a Sunday Offering Counter, please contact the parish office at 610-693-5851 or email us at stfrancisrob82@verizon.net.

Welcome back to Mass!

After a long 14 months with public Mass having been suspended, and then following with restricted capacity, it is with PROFOUND JOY that I am able to share with all the parishioners of SFDS that as of the weekend of May 22-23 (Solemnity of Pentecost), we are back to 100% CAPACITY for seating. Praise be Jesus Christ! I know it has been a difficult time for all of us, yet we continue moving forward. Therefore, let us celebrate this time by coming together to worship as we are meant to as a parish family. Please be aware that masks are still required for those who ARE NOT vaccinated and we continue to sanitize our hands as we enter the building (sanitize gel/wipes are available as you walk in). Also, we will continue the practice of sanitizing the church after each Mass to insure cleanliness. It will be good to have the parish family together once more. See you at Mass!



With the allowance of seating at Mass to be FULL capacity, the practice of 'drive thru' distribution of holy communion will no longer be available.



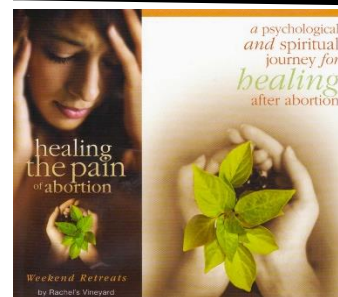
Farewell Gathering

With much thanks and gratitude to God for the past 5 years, I find myself leaving SFDS and being sent to St. John's in Shillington. The blessings, favors, and joys during these years cannot be numbered! A time to remember and to celebrate. Therefore, I reach out to all the parish for the opportunity to say 'Farewell'. This will take place on Sunday, June 6, beginning @4pm 'til whenever the last person leaves (please know that I start to get myself ready for sleep @9:30pm). We will have a tent with table and chairs set up on the front lawn of the church property. Goodies/sweets and drinks will also be provided. Should the weather become inclement, the farewell gathering will take place in the downstairs social hall. Hope to see all of you there!

M.L. O'Sullivan Muir Scholarship

A financial scholarship is available to any student seeking (or presently enrolled in) a catholic education at either **Berks Catholic High School or St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School**. Through the generosity of the late M.L. Muir, this need-based scholarship was established in memory of her 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 had 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: Parish Office, 321 N. Church Street, Robesonia, PA 19551.

Letters for the **2021-2022** school year are due no later than **June 30, 2021**.



Rachel's Vineyard Retreat
~ An intimated spiritual journey for anyone seeking healing after abortion. In a safe, supportive, non-judgmental environment you can focus on this painful time in your life and enter into the process of

healing. Through scripture readings, guided meditations and activities flowing from the meditations, you can experience God's compassion and forgiveness. The retreat will be held **July 23 - 25, 2021** at the St. Francis Retreat House in Easton. Deadline for Registration is July 16, 2021. For registration information, contact Carol Swavely, MA, 1-866-3RACHEL (Toll Free) or 610-435-1541, ext. 373. You may also email Carol at cswavely@allentowndiocese.org.



Understanding Tick Bites and Lyme Disease



How to prevent tick bites



Ticks can spread disease, including Lyme disease.

Protect yourself:

- Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellents containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus, para-menthane-diol, or 2-undecanone. Always follow product instructions.
- Wear clothing treated with permethrin.
- Shower as soon as possible after spending time outdoors.
- Check for ticks daily. Ticks can hide under the armpits, behind the knees, in the hair, and in the groin.
- Tumble clothes in a dryer on high heat for 10 minutes to kill ticks on dry clothing after you come indoors. If the clothes are damp, additional time may be needed.

How to remove a tick

1. Use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible.
2. Pull upward with steady, even pressure to remove the tick. Avoid twisting or jerking.
3. Clean the bite area and your hands with rubbing alcohol or soap and water.



Notes:

- Remove the tick as soon as possible to reduce your chances of getting an infection from the tick bite.
- Don't use nail polish, petroleum jelly, or a hot match to make the tick detach.
- If tick mouthparts remain in the skin, leave them alone. In most cases, they will fall out in a few days.



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Pentecost Sunday

Jesus breathes new life into his disciples. Jesus announces that mutual forgiveness will be the mark by which his community will be recognized. And as God has forgiven them in Jesus, Jesus tells them to forgive one another as a sign of the new life they share.

(St. Luke's account of Pentecost in the Acts of the Apostles describes the coming of the Spirit in a much more dramatic fashion than John. As the Spirit descends on the disciples as tongues of fire, the disciples begin to make bold proclamation of the Good News in an astounding way. In John, Pentecost takes on the form of a more intimate conversation and communication.)

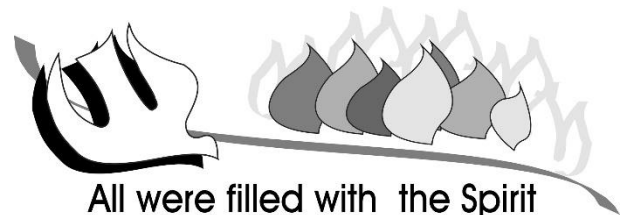
The very same Spirit is given to each of us at our Baptism. The Spirit's presence has been strengthened in us through Confirmation. (In some Christian traditions – mostly in the East - Baptism and Confirmation as essentially administered/celebrated back-to-back at the same time.) We are one in the Body of Christ because we all share the one Holy Spirit.

Each of us has special gifts that have been given to us as a way of manifesting the Spirit's presence in us. Our gifts are given not solely for our own good, although that is a good place to start! Ultimately, our gifts of the Spirit are meant 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.

"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.



All were filled with the Spirit

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST SUNDAY



PRAYER FOR THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

*© Holy Spirit of Grace,
be my Wisdom, to teach me my faith;
be my Understanding, in all my doubts;
be my Strength against all temptations;
be my Knowledge, in fulfilling my vocation;
be my Godliness, in all my actions;
be my holy Fear, all the day long;
that you may be my Comfort at the last,
and my Happiness forever. Amen.*

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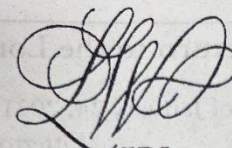
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