

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



October 31, 2021 ~ The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule for the Weekend

Saturday, October 30, 2021

5:00 PM Mark Hawley

Sunday, October 31, 2021

8:00 AM Joe Kluscarits

10:30 AM Mark Kline

Saturday, November 6, 2021

5:00 PM Living & Deceased Members of the

Boulanger Family

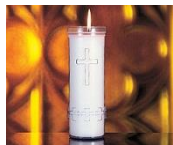
Sunday, November 7, 2021

8:00 AM Mark Hawley

10:30 AM Our Parishioners

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 Kasproicz, 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 October 31, 2021

In Loving Memory of

Dr. Joan M. Greenwood Van Tiggelen

Lector & Server Schedule

November 6th ~ 5:00 PM

Servers: Callahan

Lector: Giacobbe

November 7th ~ 8:00 AM

Servers: Tulli

Lector: Eckenroth

November 7th ~ 10:30 AM

Servers: Mirabella

Lector: Misterkiewicz

Parish Schedule

Tuesday, Nov. 2 @ 6:45pm ~ Faith Group

Thursday, Nov. 4 @ 10am-12 Noon ~ Adoration

Sunday, Nov. 7 @ 9am ~ PREP Grades 1-7

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

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

Dt 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

Monday

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Tuesday

Any readings from no. 668 or from the
Lectionary for Mass (vol. IV), the Masses
for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

Wednesday

Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday

Rom 14:7-12; Lk 15:1-10

First Friday

Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8

First Saturday

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15

Sunday

1 Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Our Return to the Lord
Week of October 24, 2021

Offertory - \$ 4,168.00



Mission Sunday Collection

THANK YOU for your generous
response to the collection for the

Society for the Propagation of the Faith
last weekend on World Mission Sunday. You may
stay connected year-round to the Pope's missions,
continuing the commitment of World Mission
Sunday, by visiting MISSIO.org.

Spiritual Thought

*While I am on earth let me learn to know you better,
so that in heaven I may know you fully; let my love
for you grow deeper here, so that there I may love
you fully.*

St. Anselm



Logos and Lagers:
A Catholic Bible Study for
Young Adults in Berks County

Monday, November 3 @ 6:30 pm

St. Ignatius Loyola

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OPEN TO ALL Young Adults,
Catholic and non-Catholic, Married and
Single, ages 21-35

Sundays Salesian

When we get right down to it, what is the most important dimension of our faith? Upon what foundation does the edifice of Christianity rest?

Jesus' answer is unambiguous: love. This love has three facets.

Love of God. Francis de Sales tells us that the reason that we love God is because of who God is: our dignity, and our destiny. "We love God because God is the most supreme and most infinite goodness."

Love of neighbor. Francis de Sales tells us: "Love of God not only commands love of neighbor, but it even produces and pours love of neighbor into our hearts. Just as we are in God's image, so the sacred love we have for one another is the true image of our heavenly love for God."

Love of self. This is the aspect that perhaps we are most tempted to overlook: after all, "self-love" sounds suspiciously like being self-centered. Why should we love ourselves? Simply and profoundly because "we are God's image and likeness," says Francis de Sales. When we are at our best all of us are the "most holy and living images of the divine."

Why is authentic love of self so critical to our love of God and neighbor? Simply, if we fail to love ourselves, how can we possibly give praise and thanks to God for creating us? If we fail to love ourselves, how can we possibly love our neighbor who is not only made in God's image, but who is fundamentally made in the image and likeness of us since we all come from the same source – God himself.

The fullness of Christian perfection – the fullness of living Christ's life – can be likened to a three-legged table. To the extent that any one of the three legs is weak, the whole table is seriously at risk. Such a table cannot hope to support any significant weight. So, too, if any one of the three loves of our lives – God, self and others – is deficient, all three will suffer, and we cannot hope to carry the weight of God's command for us to build up something of God's Kingdom here on earth.

To be sure, love is the simple answer to what is most important in our lives. In our lived experience, however, this love is never quite so simple as we might like to believe.

How is your love of God? How is your love of neighbor?
How is your love of self?

Really?

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