

ST. FRANCIS de SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Alison Snyder ----- Director of Education
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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



May 8, 2022 ✦ Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mass Schedule for the Week:

Saturday, May 7, 2022 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM Mother's Day Memorials

Sunday, May 8, 2022 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Mother's Day Memorials

10:30 AM Mother's Day Memorials

Saturday, May 14, 2022 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM Joni Boulanger

Sunday, May 15, 2022 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Our Parishioners

10:30 AM M.L. Muir

Pray For Our Sick

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

Lector & Server Schedule

Saturday, May 14th

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Bross Lector: Ruth

Sunday May 15th

8:00 AM ~ Servers: S. Palm-Rittle Lector: Fleming

10:30 AM ~ Servers: Mirabella Lector: Hampson

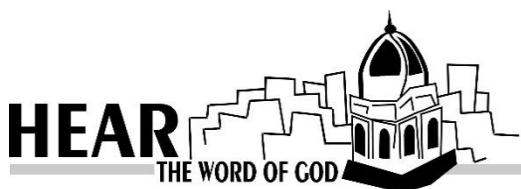
Parish Schedule for the Week:

Thursday, May 12 @ 10am - 12 Noon - Adoration

10:00am - Exposition

10:00am - 12 Noon - Adoration.

12 Noon - Mid Day Prayer and Benediction



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 Lent:

Every Tuesday ~ 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/Adoration (Chapel)

Tuesdays ~ Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament after 8:00 AM Mass until 10 PM

AND

Wednesdays ~ Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament 6 AM until 7 PM

Evening Prayer & Benediction

Confession: Saturdays: 3:00 - 4:00 PM;

During Lent: Every Tuesday 6:00 - 7:00 PM



Readings for the Week

Sunday

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

Monday

Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday

Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday

Acts 12:24 - 13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday

Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

Friday

Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

Sunday

Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Our Return to the Lord

Week of April 24, 2022

Offertory ~ 6,234.00

Spiritual Thought

Prayer and faith united are imaginably powerful. Always pray with Jesus, remembering that a person united with Jesus can do everything. Keep this verse in mind: "I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). Have faith, pray with faith, and good and overflowing measure will be given to you.

St. Francis Xavier Cabrini

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 should be sent to: St. Francis de Sales Parish, Attn: Fr. Tom Bortz, 320 N. Church Street, Robesonia, PA 19551.

Letters for the **2022-2023** school year are due no later than **May 8, 2022**.



- ❖ Please feel free to take any remaining Easter flowers located along the white fence.
- ❖ The Garden Club will not be hosting our Spring Flower Sale this year. Due to your extraordinary generosity in 2021, we are able to maintain the altar flowers and church grounds through the summer. We are planning our Holiday Sale in December. Thank You for your continued support and generosity!



Imagine being so secure that nothing has the ability to upset us - not natural disaster, disease, crisis, suffering, not even death itself. That may seem too good to be true, yet that is Jesus' promise to us. "No one will snatch them out of my hand."

Jesus' words are meant to touch every aspect of our life, the smallest as well as the greatest.

Jesus and the Father are more powerful than anything we can ever come up against. God is greater than any natural disaster, any cultural uproar, and the most serious illness. Nothing escapes God's loving and watchful eye. No matter how alone we may feel at a particular moment, God is with us, caring for us, strengthening us. Whatever is in our life cannot overwhelm us; God is with us.

We have been reminded that Jesus, our Shepherd, has given us eternal life through his death and resurrection. We must never underestimate the reality of that gift. Satan would like to convince us that the cross was only a symbolic event. It's not relevant to our daily struggles and fears. But Jesus has told us that he gives us eternal life, a sharing in his risen life. That life is no longer bound by sin, no longer under the domination of the lies of Satan, no longer subject to fear. Through repentance and faith and trust in Jesus, our Good Shepherd, we can overcome every temptation, every fear, and every anxiety that may crop up each day.

We can be secure in our position in Jesus' hands when we make daily decisions that will keep us conscious of his presence and dependent on his grace as we go through our day. Every day we must ask Jesus to convince us more deeply of his love and mercy. Ask him to open us to the power of his life that is within us. As we do this more frequently each day, we will find that our fears and anxieties are reduced, and temptations remain just that – temptations.

Thank you, Jesus, for giving us a share in your life. Thank you for being our Good Shepherd. Help us to be mindful of your wonderful gift within us. Help us to trust in your presence and care for us today and always.

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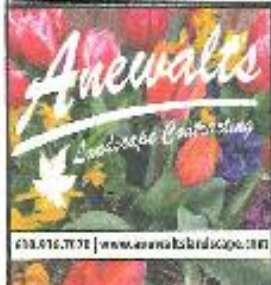
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