

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



March 27, 2022 ✕ Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mass Schedule for the Week:

Saturday, March 26, 2022

5:00 PM Rosemary Deegan

Sunday, March 27, 2022

8:00 AM Ken & Virginia Bagnato

10:30 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Zubris
and Gatavaskas Families

Saturday, April 2, 2022

5:00 PM Special Intention: Michael Solovey

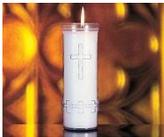
Sunday, April 3, 2022

8:00 AM Our Parishioners

10:30 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Parenti &
Savitsky Families

Pray For Our Sick

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



~ Living Flame ~

Will burn the week of March 27, 2022

In Loving Memory of Rosemary Deegan

Parish Schedule

Sunday, March 27 @ 9 AM - PREP

Tuesday, March 29 @ 7 PM - Adoration

Wed., March 30 @ 7 PM - Week 7: 'Into the Breach'

Thursday, March 31 @ 10am - 12 Noon - Adoration

10:00am - Exposition

10:00am - 12 Noon - Adoration.

12 Noon - Mid Day Prayer and Benediction

Friday, April 1 @ 7 pm - Mary's Stations of the Cross

Time is running out!! The K of C **9th Annual Lenten Crab Cake** sale will end **NEXT Sunday, April 3rd**. If you have not done so already, place your order **TODAY!** Our members are always available in the vestibule to assist you and answer any of your questions.

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

Josh 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3,11-32

Monday

Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

First Friday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

First Saturday

Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday

Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

Our Return to the Lord

Week of March 20, 2022

Offertory ~ \$ 4,330.00

This Lent, put your faith in action with CRS **Rice Bowl**, Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program to pray, fast, learn and give. Today, we will take up a 2nd collection for Operation Rice Bowl. Through CRS Rice Bowl, you are helping those in need both around the world and in your community. Please be generous.

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You can also donate online at www.crsricebowl.org/give

Spiritual Thought

If only we could say in utter truth these words, "My God is my all," we would never find prayer long or boring. When boredom descended upon us in prayer, that simple phrase said from the heart would act like a spell to drive away our weariness and disgust.

St. Jane Francis de Chantel

What should I do with my blessed palms?



According to the *Code of Canon Law*, **blessed items are not to be discarded in a trash can**, but treated with respect (cf. #1171). At Mass, these palm branches were set apart by a blessing from Fr. Ed and made into a "sacramental," an object that is meant to draw us closer to the celebration of the seven sacraments. Discarding them in the trash ignores their sacred purpose and treats them like any other object we no longer need. This year, we are asking you to return your palm branches to the church so that we can burn the branches and make ashes for Ash Wednesday. By doing this, the liturgical year remains connected and nothing goes to waste.

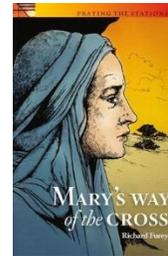
Lenten Confessions



Multiple priests will be available to hear confessions **NEXT WEEK** at the following locations:

@St. Francis - Mon., April 4: 6:00 – 7:00 pm

@St. Ignatius - Tues., April 5: 6:30 – 7:30pm



Parishioners will walk and pray Mary's Way of the Cross at 7 pm at the following churches:

St. Ignatius on Tuesday, March 29 & St. Francis on Friday, April 1.

Women of the parish will lead this devotional - ALL are welcome!

ALL are invited to attend the Diocese of Allentown Conference:

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from

- negative thoughts and habitual sins
- anxiety and depression
- destructive habits and unhealthy relationships
- resentments and bitter wounds

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Saturday, April 2, 2022

8:30am - 4:30pm

There will be an 8:00am Mass and a 5:00pm Vigil Mass for anyone wishing to attend.

St. Benedict's Catholic Church
2020 Chestnut Hill Road
Mohnton PA 19540

\$35 fee includes boxed lunch.
Please register by March 21.



Training in Unbound Ministry will be offered on Friday, April 1, from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

For more information or to register, go to

<https://register.allentowndiocese.org/unbound-conference-2022/>

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We have just heard Jesus tell us a very familiar story – a story of arrogance, foolishness, loss, and humility; a story of love which forgives and celebrates; a story of anger, hurt pride and invitation to learn.

The father stands at the center of the story – a person filled with unconditional love. The father is willing to give all to his children. The younger son presumes on his father's generosity and then foolishly wastes what he's been given. His father is waiting patiently for him to come to his senses and runs out to embrace him when he returns. The father's all-embracing love is capable of accepting his son in all his foolishness and welcoming him home with a party.

The older son is angry at his brother's return and hurt that his father is so generous with someone so foolish. What he's seeing simply isn't fair. We're told that his father leaves the party, and we hear him invite his son to grow – to learn to see with his father's eyes, with the eyes of love.

It's probably easy for us to identify with the younger son. There have been times when we have arrogantly and foolishly chosen to have our own way and we've experienced our own disasters in the process. How generous our God has been with his forgiveness!

We might even find ourselves in the place of the older son. We try so hard to be faithful and watch as others live as they want. It's doesn't seem fair that forgiveness is so free. What about us who try so hard?

The point of Jesus' story is that we are invited to take the place of the father.

We're invited to discipline ourselves to love unconditionally. We're invited to discipline ourselves to forgive unconditionally because that's what love does. We're invited to discipline ourselves not to make judgments about others. Love accepts each person where he or she is at the moment. We're invited to learn to trust that our efforts to love are pleasing to God. Our God is always loving us unconditionally, and everything God has is ours.

Jesus never tells us the ending of the story. Perhaps that is our invitation. Are we willing to come in and join the celebration? Are we willing to discipline ourselves to love as our Father loves us?

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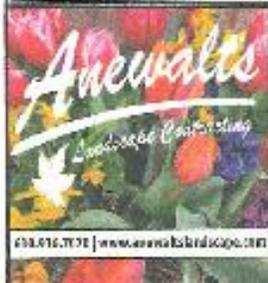
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