

# 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



# April 10, 2022 ✕ Palm Sunday

## Mass Schedule for the Week:

### Saturday, April 9, 2022 ~ Palm Sunday

5:00 PM Thomas Fleckenstein

### Sunday, April 10, 2022 ~ Palm Sunday

8:00 AM John Stoudt

10:30 AM Our Parishioners

### Saturday, April 16, 2022 ~ Easter Sunday

5:00 PM Easter Flower Memorial

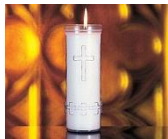
### Sunday, April 17, 2022 ~ Easter Sunday

8:00 AM Easter Flower Memorial

10:30 AM Easter Flower Memorial

## 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 April 10, 2022

In Loving Memory of Peter Sabinsky

## Lector & Server Schedule

### Easter Vigil, April 16<sup>th</sup>

Servers: Bross, Wagner Lector: Echeverri, Giacobbe

### Easter Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup>

**8:00 AM** ~ Servers: Tulli Lector: Broskey

**10:30 AM** ~ Servers: Palm-Rittle Lector: Areiza

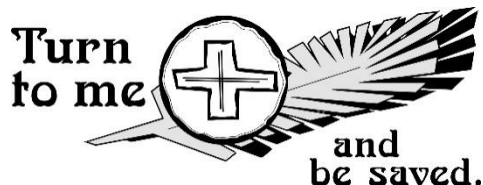
## Parish Schedule for the Week:

Sunday, April 10 @ 6:00 PM - PREP Class followed

Tuesday, April 12 @ 7 PM - Adoration

Wed., April 13 @ 7 PM - Week 9: 'Into the Breach'

Saturday, April 16 @ 12 Noon - Blessing of Easter Food



## 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

### Palm Sunday

*Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 – 23:56*

### Monday

*Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11*

### Tuesday

*Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38*

### Wednesday

*Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25*

### Holy Thursday

*Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;*

*1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15*

### Good Friday

*Is 52:13 – 53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 – 19:42*

### Holy Saturday

*Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1 – 2:2 Gn 22:1-18; Ex 14:15 – 15:1; Is*

*54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32 – 4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28;*

*Rom 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12*

### Easter Sunday

*Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9*

*Lk 24:1-12*

## Our Return to the Lord

Week of March 27, 2022

Offertory ~ \$ 4,733.00




### Spiritual Thought

*"We should go to prayer with deep humility and an awareness of our nothingness. We must invoke the help of the Holy Spirit and that of our good angel and then remain still in God's presence, full of faith, that He is more in us than we are in ourselves."*


*Saint Francis de Chantal*

### Holy Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday – April 15

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 p.m.   
followed by adoration until 10:00 p.m.

Good Friday – April 16

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion: 3:00 p.m.   
Stations of the Cross: 7:00 p.m.

### Easter Schedule:


Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil Mass

April 16: 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday

April 17

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. 

In today's Gospel, we experience Jesus as the 'suffering servant'. His suffering unto death brings eternal life to the human family. St. Francis de Sales reflects on this event: "The most powerful reason for Jesus' death is to fill the human spirit with God's love. Out of death has come life, the wondrous paradox, which the world does not understand. He not only died a cruel death to bring God's love to us, but he also suffered fear, terror, abandonment, and inner depression such as never had and never shall have an equal. He did this so that we too may persevere in pursuing divine love."

Jesus' human feelings left his entire heart exposed to sorrow and anguish. For this reason, he cries out: "My God, why have you forsaken me?" Mount Calvary is the mount of lovers. On Calvary death, life and love intermingle. Out of love Jesus chose death on a cross so that we might live as a child of God and possess eternal love. Christian wisdom consists in choosing rightly. Let us choose to empty ourselves of our selfish desires and loves, so that we may be filled with God's love, which gives rise to new life in us.

We ought to consecrate every moment of our lives to the divine love of Our Savior's death. If injured by others, look often on Christ Jesus, crucified, forsaken and overwhelmed, by every kind of anguish. Then think of the many people who are incomparably more afflicted than you are and say: Are not my hardships roses in comparison with those, who without help, assistance, or relief live a continual death, burdened by afflictions infinitely greater than mine? When all things fail us, when our distress is at its height, say the final words of Jesus on the cross: "Into Your hands I commend my spirit." How happy we will be when we entrust ourselves totally into God's hands! In doing all things for the glory of God, we will do all things well.

### 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**.

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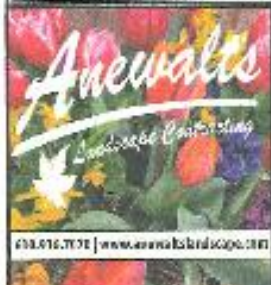
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