

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



Mass Schedule for the Week:

Saturday, April 23, 2022 ~ Divine Mercy Sunday

5:00 PM Carol Sabinsky-Baumann

Sunday, April 24, 2022 ~ Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00 AM Our Parishioners

10:30 AM Gary Hoffmann

Saturday, April 30, 2022 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM Carol Sabinsky-Baumann

Sunday, April 24, 2022 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Joni Boulanger

10:30 AM Gary Hoffmann

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, 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

Lector & Server Schedule

Saturday, April 30th

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Callahan Lector: Giacobbe

Sunday, May 1st

8:00 AM ~ Servers: Wagner Lector: Eckenroth

10:30 AM ~ Servers: Mirabella Lector: Misterkiewicz

Parish Schedule for the Week:

Sunday, April 24 @ 9 AM - PREP

Wed., April 27 @ 7 PM - Week II: 'Into the Breach'

Thursday, April 28 @ 10am - 12 Noon - Adoration

10:00am - Exposition

10:00am - 12 Noon - Adoration.

12 Noon - Mid Day Prayer and Benediction

Thur., April 28 @ 6:30 PM - First Communion Practice

Saturday, April 30 @ 10am - First Holy Communion

St. Ignatius Mass Schedule

Weekdays: Monday – Friday 6:30 & 8:00 AM

Saturday 8:00 AM

First Friday 7:00 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



Readings for the Week

Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

Monday

1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20

Tuesday

Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday

Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday

Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

Friday

Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday

Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19

Our Return to the Lord

Week of April 17, 2022

Easter Flowers ~ \$ 1,977.00

Holy Land/Good Friday ~ \$ 760.00

Easter Offertory ~ \$ 4,060.00

Weekly Offertory ~ \$ 4,686.00

Spiritual Thought

*If you avoid unnecessary talk and aimless visits
listening to news and gossip, you will find plenty of
suitable time to spend in meditation on holy things.*

Thomas A Kempis

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**.

The Seniors Group of St. Ignatius will host their next general meeting on Wednesday, May 4 at 10:00 am in the School Gym (use doors on right side of the school nearest to St. Alban's Road). Richard Polityka, from the Berks History Society, will speak about the History of Penns Commons (City Park) and local monuments. As always, refreshments will be served and items will be collected for the Food Pantry. All seniors welcome!!



Calling All Seniors!

❖ Upcoming Events: Hike & Lunch

On Thursday, April 28 at 10:00 am, seniors will meet and Hike at the Eyes of the Eagle Sensory Trail at the Dry Brooks Day Use Area of Blue Marsh off Palisades Drive followed by lunch at Blue Marsh Italian Restaurant on Route 183. Please contact Barb Kunder 610-763-1383 with any questions.



In today's Gospel we see the steadfast love of God active in the risen Jesus as He appears to His disciples. St. Francis de Sales notes that the purpose of this appearance is to affirm their faith in the God of Jesus Christ:

When the disciples were assembled in the cenacle with the doors closed, our Savior stood in their midst and greeted them: *Peace be with you*. He showed them his hands and his side. Why does He do this? To bolster their faith that was shaken by the crucifixion of Jesus, to whom they were attached. Without the presence of Our Savior, they felt timid and lacked strength. Such is the case when one is without God. They were afraid. Like a ship tossed in a storm without a pilot, such was this poor boat. Our Lord appeared to his disciples to bring relief to their fear. His power gently gives us power.

In Jesus, death was swallowed up in victory. He takes our miseries and ennobles them. Do you have need of strength? Here are my hands. Do you have need of a heart? Here is mine. He shows us his wounds through love. Jesus came into this world to teach us what we need to do to preserve in ourselves the beauty and the divine resemblance that He has so completely repaired and embellished in us. When we recognize the likeness of the Creator in us, then we are able to see the image of God in others. Let us walk as Jesus who chose to give his life for those who would take it from Him.

What a joy it is to reflect on how the Holy Spirit pours into our hearts the first rays and perceptions of divine light and warmth. O good Jesus, may we be open to the peace that you offer us. May we be rooted in faith, joyful in hope and fervent in holy love, as we await your future coming!

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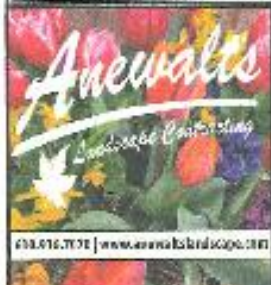
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