

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



January 1, 2023 ✕ Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Mass Schedule for the Week:

Saturday, December 31, 2022~ The Solemnity of Mary

5:00 PM Rosemary Deegan

Sunday, January 1, 2023 ~ The Solemnity of Mary

8:00 AM John Milia

10:30 AM Sean Patrick Kelly

Saturday, January 7, 2023~ The Epiphany of the Lord

5:00 PM Irene Huck

Sunday, January 8, 2023 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM Josephine Hozza

10:30 AM Margaret Graham

Pray For Our Sick

Edward Bellina, John Binder, Rosemary C., Mary DeLong, Rick & Wren Dillon, Joseph Disabella, Dennis & Mary Ann Flemming, Mary Fletcher, Judith Goetz, 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

Lector & Server Schedule

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Saturday, January 7th

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Lector:

Sunday, January 8th

8:00 AM ~ Servers: Lector:

10:30 AM ~ Servers: Lector:

Parish Schedule

Thursday, Jan. 5 ~ Adoration

11:00am - Exposition

11:00am - 12 Noon - Adoration.

12 Noon - Mid Day Prayer and Benediction

Spiritual Thought

I recommend to you holy simplicity. Look straight in front of you and not at those dangers you see in the distance... Let us think only of living today well, and when tomorrow comes, it also will be today, and we can think about it then.

Golden Counsels on Providence – St. Francis de Sales

St. Ignatius Advent Mass Schedule

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

Sunday

Num 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Monday

1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday

1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday

1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

Thursday

1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51

First Friday

1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11

First Saturday

1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11

Sunday

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Our Return to the Lord

Week of December 25, 2022 ~ \$ 6,428.00

Christmas Offering ~ \$ 7,369.00

Maintenance for December ~ \$ 5,382.00

St. Ignatius Angel Tree ~ \$ 1,740.00

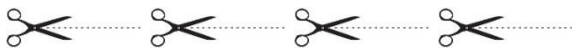


Thursday Holy Hour

Holy Hour will resume this Thursday, January 5 at 11:00am with exposition and conclude at 12:00 Noon. We will return to our normal adoration time from 10am – 12 Noon effective Thursday, February 9, 2023.

Life Ad

Life Ad, an anti-abortion/pro-life ad, will be published in the *Reading Eagle* on Sunday, January 22, 2023 to mark the 50th anniversary of the legalization of abortion in the U.S. Sponsors will be asked to contribute \$6 for individuals, or \$12 for couples or families. Your name will be displayed in the ad under our parish name. Proceeds from the Life Ad support Mary's Shelter/Home, an alternative to abortion for pregnant women in need of housing and care. The deadline for sign-ups is Sunday, January 15, 2023. Thank you for taking a public stand against the tragedy of abortion.



Life Ad Donation Coupon

Place this coupon with your donation (check payable to "St Ignatius") into your Sunday Mass collection or mail to:

Life Ad, St. Ignatius Loyola Rectory,
2810 St. Albans Drive, Sinking Spring, Pa 19608

"A nation that kills its own children is a nation without hope."

Saint John Paul II

Parish Name: _____

Your Name: _____

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2022 Contribution Letter

The office will automatically mail a copy of the 2022 contribution statement to those parishioners who regularly requested one in past years. If you never requested a statement and would like to receive a copy of your 2022 contributions, please call/email the office. Thank you.

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

"The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about the child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."

Message from angels to Mary at Nazareth, to Joseph in a dream, and announcements in the sky. How special that the shepherds then looked for and found Jesus. I wonder who Luke was referring to when he said 'all who heard it were amazed.' As you read these words are you looking for Jesus, are you still touched by the nativity event? Are you, like Mary, reflecting and pondering upon this in your heart? A blessed new year.



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