

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 30, 2022 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM Nora O'Duahir

Sunday, May 1, 2022 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM John Stoudt

10:30 AM Christine Rady

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

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 7th

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Callahan **Lector:** Gaston

Sunday May 8th

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

10:30 AM ~ Servers: **Lector:** Areiza

Parish Schedule for the Week:

Sunday, May 1 @ 9 AM - PREP Closing Class

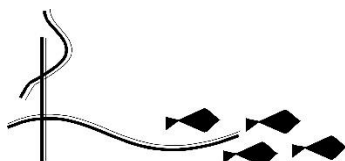
Wed., May 4 @ 7 PM - Week 12: 'Into the Breach'

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

Monday

Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday

Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

First Friday

Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

First Saturday

Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday

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

Our Return to the Lord

Week of April 24, 2022

Offertory ~ 3,493.00

April Maintenance ~ \$ 2,413.00

Spiritual Thought

Let your prayer be completely simple, for both the publican and the prodigal son were reconciled to God by a single phrase. Do not launch out into long discussions that fritter away your mind in efforts for eloquence. A single word full of faith saved the good thief.

St. John Climacus

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**.

Condolences

St. Francis de Sales Parish asks you pray for the soul of long time parishioner, **Gerry Le Blanc**. May God welcome Gerry into eternal life and peace, and may the Le Blanc family experience God's consolation and strength during this time of sorrow.



Who are you?

**I am
Jesus.**



The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, "children" as he calls them. Once they realize it is the Lord and they come ashore with their tremendous catch, they see that Jesus has prepared breakfast for them. We are privileged to hear a conversation between Jesus and Peter. Three times Jesus asks him, "Simon, do you love me more than these?" We hear Peter eagerly respond: "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Peter is right; Jesus already knows that Peter loves him. But Peter needed to hear his own response. Each time Jesus asked, Peter needed to reach deeper within himself for his answer. Jesus wanted Peter to know that his declarations of love were freeing him from the memory of his earlier denials. Jesus wanted Peter to understand that his love for Jesus was able to cover a multitude of human failings.

Peter's responses restored his faith in himself and made him ready to accept the commission of Jesus: "Tend my sheep." Peter was freed now to follow Jesus more fully.

Each day Jesus asks us, "Do you love me?" We should welcome Jesus' question. He already knows our answer. You and I are the ones who need to hear our response. Jesus is helping us to reach deeper within us for our response. He is helping us to reach down through our human failings and find the place within us where the love of God dwells. There we find the grace and courage to tell Jesus, "Lord, you know that I love you."

In that sacred place deep within us, we find the strength we need to follow Jesus each day. From that sacred place, God's love desires to flow out and transform us more and more in the image of Jesus. God's love wants to overflow through us and touch the lives of all we meet each day.

We might learn much if we took Jesus' question to prayer each day. Let us try not to rush our answer. Let us hold his question and allow it to reach deep within us for a response. When we hear our response, we will learn the power of the new life Jesus has won for us by his death and rising. Then we will be freed to follow Jesus more fully and tend his sheep more lovingly.

<https://www.oblates.org/sundays-salesian-feed/third-sunday-of-easter-may-1-2022>

First Holy Communion



*Congratulations to Our Communicants who
will now join us at The Lord's Table:*

- ✝ *Christina Bochenek*
- ✝ *Madelyn Dusko*
- ✝ *Nicolas Gingrich*
- ✝ *Blakely Kennedy*
- ✝ *Ian McNaughton*
- ✝ *Christopher Orellana*
- ✝ *Jinelly Orellana*
- ✝ *Jeremy Pagan, Jr.*
- ✝ *Julia Quinlivan*
- ✝ *Nerialis Rivera*
- ✝ *Chris Saintil*
- ✝ *Christian Saintil*
- ✝ *Logan Weiner*

"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger..."

John 6:35

Welcome to...



Thank
you
FOR A WONDERFUL PREP YEAR!

THANK YOU TEACHERS

For your selfless desire to guide the youth of our parish closer to Jesus.

THANK YOU STUDENTS

For your willingness to come to class seeking Jesus with an open mind and open heart.

THANK YOU PARENTS

For your faithfulness to the promise you made at Baptism to raise your children in the Catholic Faith.

SCHEDULE AND REGISTRATION FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR COMING SOON!

Our **NEXT and FINAL Class** is Sunday, May 1, 2022!!

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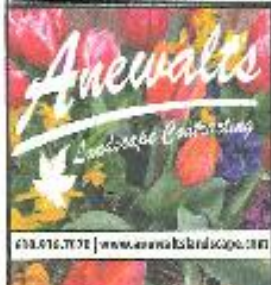
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