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 15, 2023 ✠ The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule for the Week:

Sat., January 14, 2023~ The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM Our Parishioners
Sunday, January 15, 2023 ~ The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM John Milia
10:30 AM Norbert Chaiko

Sat., January 21, 2023~ The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM Richard J. Danelotti
Sunday, January 22, 2023 ~ The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM Our Parishioners
10:30 AM Hattie Peiffer

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, Nicholas M. Headley, Lorraine Held, Karen Houck, Rose Howard, Mark Hyde, John Jones, Raymond Kasprowciz, Robert Koch, Leslie Livinghouse, Walter Muir, Joe Noll, Pat Snyder, Andrew Strangarity, Tom Suchon, Eleana Wilson

Lector & Server Schedule

Saturday, January 21st
5:00 PM ~ Servers: Bross Lector: Bates

Sunday, January 22nd
8:00 AM ~ Servers: Tulli Lector: Carman
10:30 AM ~ Servers: Mirabella Lector: Hampson

Parish Schedule

Wednesday, Jan 18 @ 1 pm ~ Prayer Shawl
Thursday, Jan. 19 ~ Adoration
11:00am ~ Exposition
11:00am – 12 Noon ~ Adoration.
12 Noon ~ Mid Day Prayer and Benediction

Spiritual Thought

O Lord, who has mercy upon all, take away from me my sins and mercifully kindle in me the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away from me the heart of stone; give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love, to adore you, Lord, a heart to delight in you, to follow, to rejoice in you, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

St. Ambrose

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
Is 49: 3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Monday
Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday
Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday
Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday
Heb 7:25-8:6; Mk 3:7-12

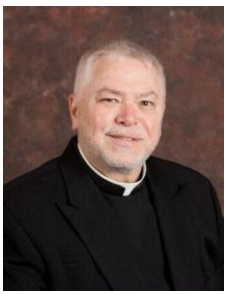
Friday
Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday
Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21

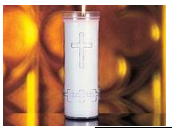
Sunday
Is 8:23-9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Our Return to the Lord

Week of January 8, 2023 ~ $ 3,624.00



Rev. Joseph P. Jocco, OSFS passed away Saturday, December 24, 2022, in his 46th year of religious life. Memorials can be received at the Oblate Development Office, PO Box 87, Childs, MD 21916



~ *Living Flame* ~

Will burn the week of January 15, 2023

In Loving Memory of Jean Sabinsky

Altar flowers this weekend were donated by the Schmoyer family in honor of **Tom & Betty Schmoyer** celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

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 $10 for individuals, or $15 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 Coupons are available on the signup table. Place the 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

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Today we begin the cycle of ordinary Sundays of the year - a time when the Church once again focuses our attention on the reality of God's kingdom present among us in the life and ministry of Jesus.

In the gospel passage we just heard, John the Baptist identifies Jesus as "God's Chosen One," the servant spoken about by the prophet Isaiah. He is the One who is "a light to the nations" so that the salvation planned by our God may reach the ends of the earth.

Through our baptism, you and I have been incorporated into God's saving plan. As St. Paul tells us, we are "called to be a holy people, consecrated in Christ Jesus." We are members of his Church and therefore part of Jesus' continuing presence in the world. We share in his prophetic mission to be "a light to the nations," announcing the good news of salvation to the ends of the earth.

It's very easy to forget that you and I have an obligation to be light to the nations, even though most of us have little contact with "the ends of the earth." We have to remind ourselves frequently that we are essential parts of the body of Christ. While we may not be able to reach very far physically, we can give strength to those who do. The power of our prayer for those who minister the good news and for their people is invaluable. How often our brother Oblates who minister in Africa or South America or India have thanked us for our prayers which give them the strength they need to carry on their efforts for the Church.

Today might be a good time to renew our efforts of prayer on their behalf. We might even take a few minutes this week to write to one of them, reminding him (and ourselves) of our prayer for him and his people. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Francis de Sales this week, we might offer a day of fidelity in our practice of the Directory for our brother Oblates who serve the Church far from home. In this way, we can stir up in our own hearts a sense of connection with the mission of the Church and, in the process, assist others in coming to know Jesus as God's Chosen One.

God be praised!

https://www.oblates.org/sundays-salesian-feed/second-sunday-in-ordinary-time-january-15-2023

Welcome to...

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

Date: 1/8/23	Chapters/Lessons Covered Theme for the Week	Homework or Out of Class Activity	Additional Notes
Level 1	We will discuss Saints at our next class!		
Level 2 **(First Communion)**	Eucharist Session 1 & 2 Created our own Eucharist and practiced receiving.		Felt Square Due 3/26
Level 3	Unit 5 Faith, Hope and Charity	Spend a minute and think about the virtues of faith, hope and charity.	
Level 4	Session 5/6 Jesus Law of Love The Rosary	Spend time praying the rosary.	
Level 5	Unit 3, Session 11 The Church is One	Pray, Pray, Pray!	
Level 6	Unit 3 Jesus' Miracles and Parables Sermon on the Mount	Be able to discuss which days on the calendar we should fast.	Read your Bible!
Level 7 **(Confirmation Prep)**	Session 5.4 & 5.5 Establishing good habits	Start a routine with having a good habit of reading the Bible.	Gift of the Spirit Worksheet due 1/22

Our next class is Sunday, January 22nd. Please be sure to complete any missed assignments.

Attendance is VERY important. Each grade has its own curriculum which builds upon the prior year and prepares for the next year. PREP allows children to build a strong foundation of their faith, it brings them closer to God and gives them the proper tools to lead a life that follows Jesus. Please value the importance of these classes and also Mass attendance. Classes may need repeated in the following year if there is an excess of absences.

How to Talk to an Emergency Dispatcher

First, take a breath and stay calm.

Step 1

Share your location and phone number. Provide details like cross streets or landmarks.

Step 2

Clearly state your emergency. Describe the situation and number of people involved, as best you can.

Step 3

Describe the condition of the victim. And let them know if anyone else is providing assistance.

Step 4

Follow any instructions from the dispatcher. They may ask you to administer first aid, and will talk you through what to do.

Remember, stay on the line until the dispatcher has told you to hang up.

Tip: Answer all questions as best you can.

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