

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, December 24, 2022~ The Nativity of the Lord

5:00 PM Our Christmas Flower Memorial/Intentions
8:30 PM Our Christmas Flower Memorial/Intentions

Sunday, December 25, 2022 ~ The Nativity of the Lord

8:00 AM Our Christmas Flower Memorial/Intentions
10:30 AM Our Parishioners

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

Pray For Our Sick

Edward Bellina, John Binder, Rosemary C., Mary DeLong, Rick & Wren Dillon, Joseph Disabella, Dennis & Mary Ann Fleming, 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, December 31st

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Lector:

Sunday, January 1st

8:00 AM ~ Servers: Lector:
10:30 AM ~ Servers: Lector:

Parish Schedule

2nd Collection ~ Christmas Collection

Thursday, Dec. 22 – Monday January 2, 2023 ~

Building & Offices **CLOSED** for the holidays.
We will return Tuesday, January 3 @ 8:30am.

Spiritual Thought

Only the soul that does not magnify itself can truly magnify the Lord. Out of the humility of Mary sprang the song of the Magnificat, in which she made nothing of herself and everything of him. By reducing ourselves to zero, we most quickly find the Infinite.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen

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 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or
1:1-5, 9-14

Monday

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday

1 Jn 1:5 – 2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Thursday

1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Friday

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17;
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday

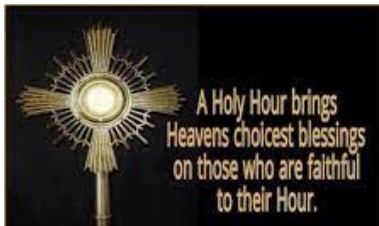
1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Sunday

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

Our Return to the Lord

Week of December 18, 2022 ~ \$ 4,704.00



Thursday Holy Hour

There will be NO Holy Hour this Thursday, December 29. Holy Hour will resume Thursday, January 5 and will begin at 11:00am with exposition and conclude at 12:00 Noon. We will resume our normal adoration time effective Thursday, February 9, 2023 from 10am-12 Noon.

A Note of Thanks:

✝ *Our Parish Nurse Ministry would like to thank our very generous parishioners for the donation of blankets. We took 65 blankets to Opportunity House.*

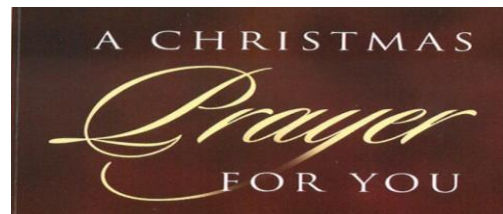
✝ *A sincere thank you to our Prayer Shawl Ministry who made 20 scarves for the women who live at Opportunity House.*

St. Francis de Sales Church is truly a giving parish.

Save the Date:



Merry Christmas!! Our next meeting for the St. Ignatius Seniors group is scheduled for Wednesday, January 4th at 9:30 am in the Gym of the Parish School. We will celebrate everyone's birthday. Hot dogs and other goodies will be provided and Bingo will be on the agenda. New members are always welcome. Any questions, please call Barb at 610-763-1383.



May knowing *JESUS* bring you *PEACE* to bless each day, *HOPE* for each tomorrow, and *JOY* in every season.



HIS WORD TODAY

*by Rev. William J. Reilly
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ*

“Beloved: When the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, He saved us...”

This was the message of St. Paul to Titus.

In the joy of this season, as we recall the most significant event in human history, we might tend to forget, that the Father sent Jesus to save us and give us new life in Him. May we pause for a moment, not to visit the scene of Bethlehem, but consider what was our need and the Father's loving response, and our need today for His saving grace.

We were separated from God, but at this moment He bent down from heaven, sending us Jesus as our Savior. Today we are invited to respond to the Father's gift in gratitude and accept the greatest Christmas gift ever. Bring the meaning of this day to someone else.



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