

# 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, September 10, 2022~24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Special Intentions for Nancy, Donna, & Sandy Boulanger

Sunday, September 11, 2022~24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Anthony Laskoskie  
10:30 AM Our Parishioners

Saturday, September 17, 2022~25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Mark Hawley

Sunday, September 18, 2022~25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Donna Sabinsky-Murphy  
10:30 AM Thomas Fleckenstein

**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 Kasprovciz, Robert Koch, Leslie Livinghouse, Walter Muir, Joe Noll, Pat Snyder, Andrew Strangarity, Tom Suchon, Eleana Wilson, Edwin Zeltzer

Lector & Server Schedule

Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Bross      Lector: Gaston

Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM ~ Servers: Palm-Rittle      Lector: Eckenroth  
10:30 AM ~ Servers: Mirabella      Lector: Balthaser

Parish Schedule

PREP Classes begin Sunday, September 11 @ 9am

**K of C Crab Fest order pickup this Friday, September 16 from 4-7pm**

**Spiritual Thought**

“So each day, pray not for good things to happen to you, but pray that you be drawn closer to God. Pray that each day is a step closer to Him. That every action we take be done for His glory. And then your life will be well lived.”

Saint Ignatius Loyola

**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**

**Sunday**

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

**Monday**

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lk 7:1-10

**Tuesday**

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Lk 7:11-17

**Wednesday**

Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

**Thursday**

1 Cor 15:1-11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

**Friday**

1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday**

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15

**Sunday**

Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

## Our Return to the Lord

Week of September 4, 2022 ~ \$ 4,425.00

Triennial National Collection for the Archdiocese for the  
Military Services, USA  
September 10 & 11

If in a position to do so, prayerfully consider a donation to help minister the 1.8 million faithfuls throughout the U.S. and around the globe who serve to protect.

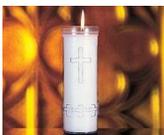


Next weekend, September 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, the Garden Club will be offering perennials and houseplants from their personal collections. Fall is a great time to plant and there will be a

large selection to choose from. Everything being offered will be for donations only. Thank you!



Football Frenzy is a ticket selling fundraiser hosted by our K of C. Tickets are printed with 4 NFL football teams for each week for the last 10 weeks of the NFL football season (11/6/2022 - 1/8/2023). The 4 teams change every week on your tickets and no two tickets have the same 4 teams on any given week. Tickets are \$10 each and cash prizes from \$10 - \$400 are awarded to the ticket holders who have the Highest and Lowest 4 team combination scores each week. Proceeds go towards Catholic Education. Please see any K of C member for more details and to purchase your tickets now thru 10/08/2022!!



~ *Living Flame* ~

Will burn the week of September 11, 2022  
*In Loving Memory of Mark Hawley*



Today, we have had the opportunity to listen to a whole chapter of Luke's Gospel. It contains the core of the Good News - the merciful forgiveness of our God.

Jesus is eating with sinners, an obvious problem for the religious leaders. Jesus' actions are a parable in themselves, showing how much God loves sinners. God's joy in the repentance of one sinner is so very clear. Then Jesus tells the story of the two sons.

The younger son is the obvious sinner and humbly receives the generous forgiveness of his father. But it is clear by the end of the story that the elder son is in an even worse state - not only is he unable to forgive his brother but he has estranged himself from his merciful father as well.

When we take the time to be honest before God, all of us realize that we are like the younger son, sinners in need of God's merciful love. But we might ask ourselves if we don't, at times, react as the elder son did, resentful that God also forgives the "greater sinners" around us. It's so easy to fall into certain self-righteousness. Here we are trying to "be good" and others don't seem to be struggling as we are. Very subtly, we begin to look down on others as if we are better than they are.

Humility is the recognition that I am unworthy of the great love God has for me. All of us are. Each of us has received God's generous mercy again and again in our lives. Our only proper response is gratefulness and joy.

The Gospel story leaves the elder son's response hanging. Will he recognize the younger sinner as his brother and welcome him home as his father has already done?

How would you or I respond? That's the question for us in today's Gospel. Will we be so grateful for our own experience of God's amazing mercy that we will rejoice when any brother or sister returns home?

As the father reminds us: "We have to celebrate! This brother or sister of yours was dead and has come back to life; was lost and is now found."

<https://www.oblates.org/sundays-salesian-feed/tewnty-fourth-sunday-in-ordinary-time-september-11-2022>



Join Bishop Schlert for Diocesan Pilgrimage to National Shrine Thursday, October 6, 2022

- 11:00 AM** Arrival / Adoration / Veneration of Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis  
**Noon** Lunch  
**1:00 PM - 1:45 PM** Guest Speaker: Rev. Mark E. Moretti  
**2:00 PM - 2:45 PM** Sacrament of Reconciliation / Rosary / Veneration of Relic  
**3:00 PM** Eucharistic Liturgy & Departure



The people of the Diocese of Allentown can walk in the footsteps of Pope Francis, Pope Benedict XVI, Saint Pope John Paul II, and Mother Teresa by attending the diocesan pilgrimage to the National Shrine in Washington D.C. on October 6, 2022. **ALL are welcome to join Bishop Alfred Schlert for the event.** It is the largest Roman Catholic church in North America, and is home to more than 80 chapels and oratories that represent the peoples, cultures, and traditions of our faith. It is affectionately known as America's Catholic Church.

The pilgrimage will begin at 11 a.m. with Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Veneration of the Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Following lunch (participants are advised to bring their own, since no food is available at the church) there will be a guest speaker at 1 p.m., Rev. Mark E. Moretti, a priest of the Diocese of Arlington who is custodian of the relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Confessions, Rosary, and Veneration of the Blessed Carlo Acutis relic will be available from 2 to 2:45 p.m. The day will conclude with a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Schlert, and concelebrated by other diocesan priests, at 3 p.m.

The bus will depart from St. Ignatius parking lot @ 9:00 AM and return approximately 9:00 PM, which will include a dinner stop on the way home at your expense. The cost for your seat on the bus is \$50 per person. Seating is limited ~ contact the office immediately to reserve your seat ~ available to the first come and paid!



## Did You Know?

- Without the AMS there would be no Catholic chaplains. The AMS is the only Catholic diocese in the United States responsible for endorsing priests to serve as military chaplains and for the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers.
- AMS faithful are the men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces, enrolled in U.S. Military Academies, undergoing treatment at a Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders - and their families.
- Programs and services readily available in other U.S. diocese, and vital to the men, women, and children served by this Archdiocese, include *Evangelization and Catechesis, Sacramental Records, Tribunal, Vocations, and the pastoral care of Veterans.*
- The AMS is the Archdiocese for the Military Services, not of the Military Services. This is an important distinction, as it receives no funding from the U.S. Government or U.S. Military and has no parishes from which to receive a weekly assessment. Instead, it must rely on the generosity of individuals, foundations, and organizations whose values and priorities align with its mission, programs and services.
- The AMS Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program is the only U.S. Vocations Program that provides priests to serve as military chaplains, and also to serve in parishes and dioceses across the country that struggle with their own critical shortage of ministers.
- In 2021, the number of sacraments celebrated for AMS faithful included 1,428 baptisms, 975 confirmations, 1,070 first Holy Communions, and 192 marriages.

## AMS Coat of Arms

The coat of arms of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA is divided into three sections, one in red, one in silver or white, and one in blue – the traditional colors of the United States. In the uppermost portion, there is an American Bald Eagle holding in each claw the universal symbol of peace, a green olive branch. In the middle portion, there is a silver cross on the outline meridians of the earth.



In the lowest, the red portion of these arms, are the gold and silver crossed keys of Saint Peter. The composition of the arms conveys the message and mission of the Archdiocese for the Military Services – to be Americans bearing peace; to proclaim Christ all over the world; and to carry out the mission of the Church to offer healing through the forgiveness of sins.



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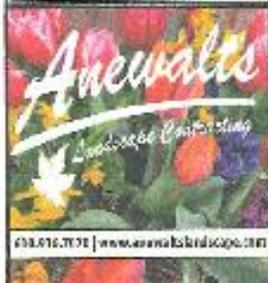
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