

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:

Sat., February 25, 2023~ First Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM Dan O'Connor

Sunday, February 26, 2023 ~ First Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Our Parishioners

10:30 AM Special Intentions for Walter Areiza

Sat., March 4, 2023~ Second Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM Michael Okonski

Sunday, March 5, 2023 ~ Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Florence Bachulski

10:30 AM Bernard Huck

Pray For Our Sick

Edward Bellina, John Binder, Rosemary C., Mary DeLong, Joseph Disabella, Savannah Ferrell, Dennis & Mary Ann Fleming, Judith Goelz, Nicholas M. Headley, Karen Houck, Rose Howard, Mark Hyde, John Jones, Leslie Livinghouse, Walter Muir, Joe Noll, Pat Snyder, Andrew Strangarity, Tom Suchon, Eleana Wilson

Lector & Server Schedule

Saturday, March 4th

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Bross Lector: Giacobbe

Sunday, February 5th

8:00 AM ~ Servers: Palm-Rittle Lector: Fleming

10:30 AM ~ Servers: Lector: Misterkiewicz

Parish Schedule

Sunday, Feb. 26 @ 9:00 am ~ PREP

Thursday, March 2 @ 10:00 am ~ Adoration

10:00am - Exposition

10:00am - 12 Noon - Adoration.

12 Noon - Mid Day Prayer and Benediction

Friday, March 3 @ 6:00 pm ~ Stations of the Cross

{Please note the Stations of the Cross @ St. Ignatius Loyola Church at 1:05 pm are with the school students.}

St. Ignatius Seniors will meet on Wednesday, March 1st ~ 9:30am in the gymnasium of the school. Students will perform and Steven Henshaw will be sharing some history of the Reading Eagle.

Anyone "over the age of 50" is welcome.

Spiritual Thought

Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at his disposition, and listening to His voice in the depths of our hearts.

St. Mother Theresa

St. Ignatius Lent Mass Schedule

Monday – Friday 6:30 & 8:00 AM

Saturday 8:00 AM

Wednesdays – 5:30 PM

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

Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19

Monday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday

Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

First Friday

Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

First Saturday

Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday

Gn 12:1-4a; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Our Return to the Lord

Week of February 19, 2023 ~ \$ 3,571.00

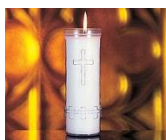
Disaster Relief Collection for Turkey & Syria

As you are aware, over 16,000 people have been killed in Turkey & Syria as a result of two large earthquakes and aftershocks. This catastrophic loss of life is only expected to grow. An even larger number of wounded and homeless lack basic human services and supplies. We understand extraordinary second collections can be a hardship to our parish families. However, given the extreme need created by this natural disaster, we cannot deny ourselves nor our people the opportunity - rather the duty – to assist in this corporal work of mercy. Therefore, this **EARTHQUAKE RELIEF** fund will be taken up the weekend of March 18 & 19. Envelopes will be available in the narthex. Prayerfully consider donating to this relief fund.



~ Living Flame ~

Will burn the week of February 19, 2023
In Honor of Special Intentions



Condolences

St. Francis de Sales Parish asks you to pray for the soul of long-time parishioner, Mary Fletcher. We pray that God's blessings and love be bestowed on Mary, and that His compassion and consoling presence be with the Fletcher family at this time of sorrow.



10th Annual Lenten Crab Cake Sale

The Knights of Columbus are hosting their 10th Annual Lenten Crab Cake sale. Deadline for orders is **Sunday, March 19**, with pickup on Friday, March 24. Don't delay - place your order today!

A SEASON FOR SLOWING DOWN

During this sacred season, we will intentionally slow down so that we can pay closer attention to our relationship with God, our neighbors and our planet. Reflect on how the pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey for a more enriching Lenten experience. How can practicing these pillars help you to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ

First Sunday of Lent

“But the gift is not like the transgression. For by the transgression of the one, the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many... For if, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ.”

Our journey of Lent begins today, with our familiar practices of prayer, sacrifice and good works. Our customs and devotions mark the way we will live this time of penance and reconciliation. The Word of God, telling of the fall of our human ancestors and the temptations of Jesus in the desert are familiar to us.

May we take a minute to reflect upon the teaching of Paul in his letter to the Romans. Look at the words he uses, the ‘grace of God’, the ‘gracious gift’, ‘overflowing for the many’, that's us.

We begin this time seeking the ‘abundance of grace’ and the ‘gift of justification’, which Jesus won for us, and offers us today. May we move from words to allow the grace of God fill us. May we live each day this week thanking Him for the gift and treasure, the grace of this season.

‘The Lord your God shall you worship and Him alone shall you serve.’

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