

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



February 5, 2023 ✦ The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule for the Week:

Sat., February 4, 2023~ The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Jean Maun

Sunday, February 5, 2023 ~ The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Raymond Kasproicz

10:30 AM Dorothy Dreer

Sat., February 11, 2023~ The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Jerry Leblanc

Sunday, February 12, 2023 ~ The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Anthony & Gertrude Mirabella

10:30 AM Special Intentions for Andres Areiza

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 Kasproicz, Robert Koch, Leslie Livinghouse, Walter Muir, Joe Noll, Pat Snyder, Andrew Strangarity, Tom Suchon, Eleana Wilson

Lector & Server Schedule

Saturday, February 11th

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Callahan Lector: Gaston

Sunday, February 12th

8:00 AM ~ Servers: Mirabella Lector: Huck

10:30 AM ~ Servers: Lector: Misterkiewicz

Parish Schedule

Sunday, Feb. 5 @ 9 am ~ PREP

Thursday, Feb. 9 @ 11 am ~ Adoration

11:00am - Exposition

11:00am - 12 Noon - Adoration.

12 Noon - Mid Day Prayer and Benediction

Spiritual Thought

May the Holy Family never withdraw its loving gaze from you and your family. Model yourselves on it and you will have peace, and spiritual and temporal well-being.

St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina

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 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

Monday

Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday

Gn 1:20 – 2:4a; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday

Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30

Friday

Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday

Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday

Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37
or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Our Return to the Lord
Week of January 29, 2023 ~ \$ 4,453.00



~ *Living Flame* ~

Will burn the week of February 5, 2023
For Special Intentions



Fr. Tom, Fr. Zach, and Fr. Maas are representing St. Francis de Sales in an online cooking competition to raise funds for parishes and Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Allentown. To see your favorite priests from around the Diocese and to cast your vote, visit www.cookswithcollars.com or visit our parish website and click on the image posted on our Announcement page www.stfrancisroby.org. Voting deadline is February 21st for our top chefs! Please indicate your parish SFDS when voting to assure your donation is allocated here!

St. Paul reminds us that our faith rests on the Cross of Christ and the convincing power of the Spirit, not on the wise argumentation of the world that so often leads to conflict and division. The crucified Jesus is the powerful manifestation of God's love that unifies.

In the Gospel, Jesus calls us to be what we are because of the power of the Spirit. You and I are "the salt of the earth." We flavor the world with the presence of God's loving concern. Jesus encourages us to look at the flavoring we are at present. If we are not flavoring the world around us with the presence of God's loving concern by the way we live each day, then we must be careful. Then we are good for nothing except to be thrown out and trampled.

You and I are "the light of the world." We are a "city set on a hill," "a lamp set on a stand to give light to all in the house." Everyone sees us. Are we light in the darkness? The power of the Spirit working in us and through us is meant to touch others' lives with God's loving concern and mercy.

The theme of "light" appears again and again during this time before Lent. As Jesus manifested the light of God's great concern for the poor of this world, you and I are to be continuing manifestations of that care and concern.

When we are aware of God's presence in our own lives, then we are capable of illuminating the lives of others. When we do this is a way that makes it clear that we are reflecting the "true" light, then those around us will recognize the "light" we manifest and give thanks to the Father for it.

Francis de Sales must have had this in mind when he wrote: "Let us be what we are, and let us be it well, to do honor to the Master whose work we are."

May today's Word be good news once again and may we rededicate ourselves to being flavorful "salt" and transparent "light" for our little corners of the world.

<https://www.oblates.org/sundays-salesian-feed/fifth-sunday-in-ordinary-time-february-5-2023>

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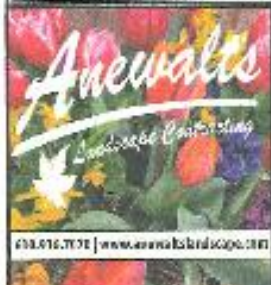
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