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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.

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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.

WILLS AND DONATIONS: Please consider designating St. Francis de Sales Parish in your last will and testament so that the blessings the Lord has given you can continue to build His Kingdom here on earth.

June 4, 2023 ✠ The Most Holy Trinity

Mass Schedule for the Week:

Saturday, June 3, 2023 ~ The Most Holy Trinity
5:00 PM Adele Mills
Sunday, June 4, 2023 ~ The Most Holy trinity
8:00 AM Our Parishioners
10:30 AM Special Intentions for Kathy & Bob Verbosh

Saturday, June 10, 2023 ~ Corpus Christi
5:00 PM Special Intentions for Don Boulanger and his late wife, Joni
Sunday, June 11, 2023 ~ Corpus Christi
8:00 AM Jerry Leblanc
10:30 AM Fr. Joe Jocco

Pray For Our Sick

Edward Bellina, John Binder, Rosemary C., Mary DeLong, Joseph Disabella, Savannah Ferrell, Dennis & Mary Ann Flemming, 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, June 10th
5:00 PM ~ Servers: Callahan Lector: Gaston

Sunday, June 11th
8:00 AM ~ Servers: Lector: Schmoyer
10:30 AM ~ Servers: Lector: Hampson

Parish Schedule

Sunday, June 11 @ 10:05am ~ Pray the Rosary
~ Eucharistic Procession following 10:30am Mass

Tuesday, June 13 @ 6:30 PM ~ Fun & Social Committee Meeting

Spiritual Thought:

The feast of the Most Holy Trinity renews our mission of living in communion with God and all people on the model of the divine communion.

Pope Francis

St. Ignatius Mass Schedule

Monday – Friday 6:30 & 8:00 AM
Saturday 8:00 AM
First Friday 7:00 PM

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 (The Most Holy Trinity)
Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

Monday
Tb 1:3, 2:1b-8; Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday
Tb 2:9-14; Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday
Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Mk 12:18-27

Thursday
Tb 6:10-11, 7:1bcde, 9-17, 8:4-9a; Mk 12:28-34

Friday
Tb 11:5-17; Mk 12:35-37

Saturday
Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Mk 12:38-44

Sunday (Corpus Christi)
Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

Our Return to the Lord

Week of May 28, 2023 ~ $4,169.00
Maintenance for May ~ $2,682.00

Knight of Columbus Scholarship

The Knights of Columbus extend our most sincere "Thank You" to our parishioners who supported the Football Frenzy Sweepstakes fundraiser back in the fall of 2022. As a result of our success, we are happy to announce our Third Annual Scholarship Program for Catholic Education.

To qualify for this scholarship, you must be:

- registered at a Catholic institution for the 2023-2024 academic year
- a registered parishioner attending Mass regularly.

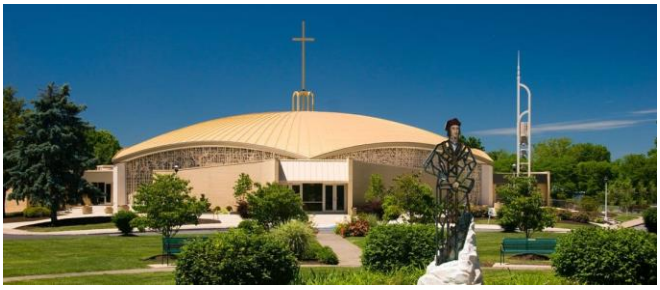
Students and families who are interested in learning more details, deadline, or to apply for the scholarship are asked to contact Jeff Chaiko (jeffreychaiko@gmail.com), or Bill Price (lkpwjp@aol.com).

Eucharistic Procession

Come join us in bringing Jesus to our community! Next Sunday, June 11, 2023, on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ *(Corpus Christi)*, there will be a procession with the Blessed Sacrament through Robesonia immediately following 10:30 AM Mass. The feast of *Corpus Christi* has been observed universally since 1264 and the prayers and hymns associated with it were composed by Saint Thomas Aquinas himself! Since this time, processions with the Eucharist in the monstrance with singing by the people have been a feature of the celebration. Our procession will form after Mass and go through the local streets (closed to vehicles) and sidewalks and will last about a half hour, ending again in church for Benediction. It is a special opportunity for our First Communicants and those who serve in various ministries to be present. Those who are unable to make the walk are welcome to stay in church and pray for the success of the procession: not only an opportunity to celebrate our Lord in the Eucharist, but also an opportunity to "Live Jesus" in bringing the light of Christ to the world outside our doorsteps. All are welcome!

A sincere THANK YOU to our parishioners who help Garden Sale a huge success!! Your generosity will help maintain the church grounds and supply the altar with fresh arrangements.

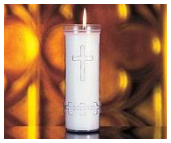
The Choir will be singing next weekend for ***Corpus Christi*** *during the 10:30am Mass as well as during the Eucharistic Procession.*



Today I announced the bittersweet news that I have been reassigned to St. Thomas More Church in Allentown, effective 1 August. I will miss the good people of St. Ignatius Loyola Roman Catholic Church and Saint Francis de Sales and am forever grateful for the ways you have helped form me in my first years of priesthood! I am looking forward to getting to know the people of Saint Thomas. Please keep me in your prayers!

Fr. Philip Maas

~ Living Flame ~



Will burn the week of June 4, 2023
In Loving Memory of Paul Palm

A HEALTH NOTE FROM YOUR PARISH NURSE MINISTRY:

Help Prevent Falls in Your Home

Every year, **1 in 3** older adults takes a tumble. More than 2 million end up in the Emergency Room. Common injuries include broken bones and hip fractures, leading to reduced mobility and a hospital stay.

Hip fractures = most frequent fall-related fracture.

More than **80%** of bathroom injuries are from falls

... and falls happen more often to women than men

20% of falls could've been prevented through simple home safety updates

Use Caution! Most falls take place around the tub or shower.

37,991 U.S. adults ages 65+ are treated for falls involving carpets and rugs each year.

1 BEDROOM
- Keep a phone and bedside lamp within easy reach
- Keep your bedroom well lit – use nightlights to help you see at night
- Remove books, shoes, papers, and other clutter

2 BATHROOM
- Place nonskid strips or a rubber mat in the bathtub or shower
- Install handrails or grab bars next to the toilet and in the bathtub
- Place a nonslip rug next to the shower or bathtub
- Install a shower chair for improved stability

3 STAIRS AND HALLWAYS
- Install handrails on both sides of the steps
- Fix broken steps
- Remove loose carpet and replace with nonslip rugs
- Install light switches at the top and bottom of the stairs
- Use nightlights and overhead lights to brighten your path

4 LIVING ROOM
- Remove throw rugs and replace with nonslip rugs
- Remove clutter to allow for clear walking paths
- Keep all cords secured against the wall

5 KITCHEN
- Place items you use frequently within easy reach
- Immediately clean any floor spills
- Buy a sturdy stepstool with a bar to hold onto — never stand on chairs to reach high shelves

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Today's Scripture readings reveal our God as Three in One: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We heard God reveal his name and his love to Moses: "The Lord, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." Moses bowed to the ground in reverence as God revealed his tender love and he asked God to come along in the company of his people.

Jesus tells us even more about our God: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world but that the world might be saved through him."

These are all familiar word to us. How do we hear these words and what do they say about how we live? Do we hear them as the truth about our God and believe in a God who has taken such a great initiative to love us?

Jesus is the revelation of the greatness of our God's love for us. In Jesus, we see our God loving us: a merciful and gracious God who is slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity.

Our God is speaking to us again today, reminding us, "I love you so much." How are we going to respond? I would suggest a simple response: "I love you too."

Then we need to sit in prayer with this word of God's love for us and allow the love of God shown to us in Jesus to fill our heart. God's love has the power to transform us little by little and lead us to love more in our daily actions.

St. Paul tells us something about loving: encourage one another and live in peace. This is loving one another as Jesus has loved us. This is learning to love as our God loves: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – Three Persons, yet One God.

Like Moses, may we learn to bow to the ground in awe and reverence at the mystery of God's great love for us. Then let us rise and set about loving one another in daily living.

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