

# 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 3, 2022 ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM Our Parishioners

Sunday, December 4, 2022 ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Efrain Rodriguez

10:30 AM Rodger Rothenberger

Thursday, December 8, 2022 ~ Immaculate Conception

12:00 PM Ronald J. Savitsky

7:00 PM Tyler Wright

Saturday, December 10, 2022 ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM Our Parishioners

Sunday, December 11, 2022 ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Special Intentions for Jessica Areiza

10:30 AM Intentions for Nurture & Protection of Children

**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

Lector & Server Schedule

Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Bross Lector: Gaston

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM ~ Servers: Tulli Lector: Miller

10:30 AM ~ Servers: Lector: Hampson

Parish Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 4 @ 9 am ~ PREP

Tuesday, Dec. 6 @ 6:30 pm ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade First Penance

**Spiritual Thought**

*You must not only be devout and love devotion, but you must render it lovable to everyone. Now you will make it lovable if you render it useful and pleasing... In short, you must, as far as possible, make your devotion attractive.*

*St. Francis de Sales on Devotion*

**St. Ignatius Advent Mass Schedule**

Monday – Friday 6:30 & 8:00 AM; 5:30 PM

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 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

**Monday**

Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday**

Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

**Wednesday**

Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday**

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

**Friday**

Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday**

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Sunday**

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

## Our Return to the Lord

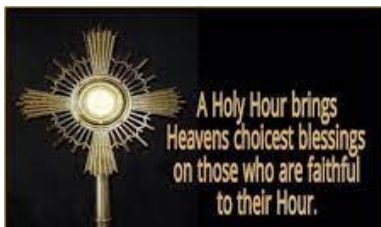
Week of November 27, 2022 ~ \$ 4,715.00

Week of November 20, 2022 ~ \$ 3,536.00

Maintenance for November ~ \$ 2,229.00

Poverty Relief Collection ~ \$ 1,674.00

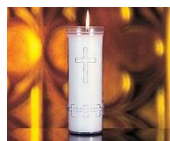
**Lighten the Load.** An abbot writes, "Your gift helps ease our worldly burdens and allows us to continue living out our mission of seeking God and serving the Church." Donations to **next week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection** help hundreds of US religious communities to provide for their aging members. Please give generously.



### Thursday Holy Hour

11:00 am – 12 Noon

Holy Hour will begin at 11:00am with exposition and conclude at 12:00 Noon every Thursday with the exception of Dec. 8 & Dec. 22 where there will be **NO ADORATION**. We will resume our normal adoration time from 10:00 am - 12 Noon effective Thursday, February 9, 2023.



### ~ Living Flame ~

Will burn the week of December 4, 2022

*For Special Intentions*



*Provide a Merry Christmas for Families in Need*

Once again, our parish has volunteered to help **Lifeline of Berks County** help families in need this Christmas. Please choose a tag containing a baby item from the 'Giving Tree.' Bring the new, un-wrapped item and place it under the tree **NO LATER THAN December 18<sup>th</sup>**. Your generous donation will then be delivered to Lifeline at the end of Advent. **{Please know gifts left in the church the deadline DO NOT get delivered.}** Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Last year cookies were **SOLD OUT** by the 10:30 am Mass!! If you would like to purchase several trays of cookies at \$20/tray, please email our DRE, Alison: [Prep\\_Stfrancis@comcast.net](mailto:Prep_Stfrancis@comcast.net)



Throughout Advent, the St. Ignatius Regional School 'Star Tree' will be lighting the way to the birth of Jesus. Parishioners are encouraged to select your favorite, one-of-a-kind ornament created by each individual student and return the attached donation envelope with the monetary amount of your choice. You can either place the envelope in our collection basket or directly at the office. Your generous support helps the school community continue its mission to share the faith in our hearts and love for others just as Jesus does for us.

St. Francis de Sales Parish offers sincere condolences to John & Kathleen McCarthy on the passing of his father and faithful SFDS parishioner, **Micky McCarthy**. We pray that God's blessings and love be bestowed on Micky, and that His compassion and consoling presence be with the McCarthy family at this time.

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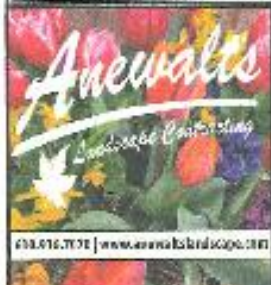
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