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*Mass Intentions
for the Week*

Saturday, July 15

St. Bonaventure

5:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, July 16

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00AM John Cooney

8:30 AM Vietnamese Mass

10:15 AM Wm & Whitney Wames-1st Ann.

12 NOON Spanish Mass

Monday, July 17

Weekday

8:00 AM Joan Connelly

Tuesday, July 18

St. Camillus de Lellis

8:00 AM Church Benefactors

Wednesday, July 19

Weekday

8:00 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, July 20

Saint Apollinaris

800 AM Special Intention

Friday, July 21

Saint Lawrence of Brindisi

8:00 AM John Cooney

Saturday, July 22

Saint Mary Magdalene

9:00 AM Vocations to Religious Life

5:00 PM Vernon P Brown

Sunday, July 23

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00AM People of the Parish

8:30 AM Vietnamese Mass

10:15 AM Gabriella Scarano.

12 NOON Spanish Mass

**From the
Pastor**

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As I indicated before, we have instituted
Two Special Parish Collections-
The Fuel and Subsidy Collection
in the winter and for the summer we will have a special
Debt Reduction Collection.

This two month collection will help us greatly in meeting parish bills. You will be receiving in the mail two special envelopes to be used for this purpose.

The official dates for the two collections will be the weekends of:

July 15-16, and August 12-13.

Also in the mailing is a return envelope for those who wish to send their donations directly to the rectory. This should be helpful for parishioners who might be away for the summer or unable to attend church.

If possible, please try to donate \$50 to each of these two collections. Sincere **Thank you** for your generosity and dedication to the parish.

Msgr. Joe A.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — My word will achieve the end for which it was sent (Isaiah 55:10-11).

Psalm — The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest (Psalm 65).

Second Reading — We, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:18-23).

Gospel — Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit (Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]).



+ FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME +



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated upon the request of the parents after the parents meet with the Pastor.

Each child may have two sponsors (“godparents”), a male and a female, who are practicing Catholics. Catholics who are not registered members of our parish must obtain a “Letter of Eligibility” from the parish in which they are registered and practice. Along with one Catholic “godparent”, a child may have a “Christian witness” (a person baptized in a non-Catholic denomination). For more information or to register for your children’s Baptism, please contact the Rectory at (215) 222-5819.

ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATES (SPONSORS AT BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION)

Any parishioner registered for at least three months who requires a certificate of eligibility to act as a sponsor at Baptism or Confirmation should please call the Rectory at (215) 222-5819 to make an appointment to meet with the Pastor.

Home Visitation & Blessing

Please contact the Rectory if you wish to have the Pastor visit you and bless your home.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

SFDS: Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (24 hours a day, 7 days a week) takes place in the *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel* located in the back of the Upper Church. Key required for access. Call the sacristan (**Michael Nevadomski**) for more information 954-261-2500.

Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)

Saturday from 4:15-4:45 PM in Church; any time by appointment.

Remember Your Parish in Your Will

Consider designating your parish in your *Last Will and Testament* so that the blessings the Lord has given you will continue to build His Kingdom.

Parish Registration and Membership

All who worship with us are invited to participate in the spiritual and social life of our parish family. Please remember, that the reception of the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, First Penance, Confirmation, and Matrimony, and eligibility letters to act as a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation require you to be an active member of the Parish Family.



Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 5 PM
Sundays: 7 AM 8:30 AM (Vietnamese)
10:15 AM
12 Noon (Spanish)
Weekdays (Monday-Friday):
7 AM; Saturdays: 9 AM

Confessions:

Saturday 4:15–4:45PM

Rectory Office Hours

Monday–Thursday 9 AM–4:00 PM
Friday-CLOSED

*To help us assist you,
please call and make an appointment.*

Parish Staff

*Sister Alice Marie Daly, IHM,
Director of Religious Education
Mrs. Karen Genzano Hand, Business Manager
Mr. Michael Nevadomski, Sacristan
Mrs. Isabel Boston, Choir Director
Mr. Wesley Parrot, Liturgical Musician*

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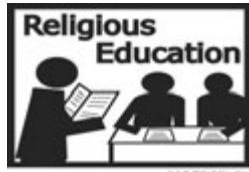
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Saint Francis de Sales Parish



Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) Registration for 2017-2018

Students who will be entering Saint Francis de Sales Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) for the first time in September 2017 are invited to call the PREP office at (215) 222-5819 to request registration information. The classes will be held on Sunday morning from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM. For those families who did not get the chance to register at our May closing we encourage you to do so at this time. The registration fee is \$10.00 per child. The tuition is \$50 per year for 1 child; \$70 for two children and \$90 for three or more children. There is a requirement of two years of religious education before the reception of any sacrament. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Sister Alice at the PREP office.

Thank you for your continued support of this very important program.



RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Do you know anyone who may be interested in the Catholic Faith, if so please tell them about RCIA.

RCIA is a process of Adult Catechesis for those who are searching for faith tradition and formation in the Roman Catholic Church. It is also for adults who were baptized Catholic but who have not received the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. RCIA groups meet weekly from 7 to 8:30 PM or on Sunday mornings from 8:30 to 10 AM. Special classes for Junior High and Teenage Students are held on Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM. **Again, if you or someone you know would be interested in attending RCIA classes, please contact Sister Alice at the Rectory office (215) 222-5819 to request a registration form for the upcoming sessions beginning in the Fall.**

Thinking about what to do this summer?

Daily Mass

Start your morning off right with Jesus.
Attend daily Mass, Monday through Friday at 8AM.

TRAVELING CATHOLICS

www.masstimes.org is a website designed for Catholics who are looking for the nearest Church and its Mass schedule while on vacation. It shows up-to-date information for Catholic parishes all over the country and also has a great on-line reference library.

The Power of Prayer

Despite what we may or may not understand about prayer, God has deliberately chosen this particular vehicle as the one that drives his activity in his people's lives. It is the means by which he allows us to partner with him in the fulfilling of his will. He has created prayer as a primary way of putting us into personal contact with him and with his eternal realities, any hour of the day or night.

Prayer is the portal that brings the power of heaven down to earth. It is kryptonite to the Enemy and to all his ploys against you.

When Paul describes our spiritual armor, he includes the belt of truth, the body armor of God's righteousness, the shoes of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit—the very Word of God. But he doesn't stop there. "Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere," Paul says in Ephesians 6:18.

There it is. The fuel that drives everything: **prayer.**

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Weekly Collection

Saint Francis de Sales Parish
Weekend of July 9, 2017
COLLECTION INFORMATION

July 9, 2017 \$3978.00

Thank you for your continued support and sacrifice you make every week to sustain our beautiful Church.



Saint Francis de Sales is proud to introduce "Enhanced Stewardship through Electronic Funds Transfer". We have partnered with Parish Giving to offer this program to all our parishioners.

Parish Giving is simple, secure and convenient; and it offers tax benefits as well as parish benefits.

To get started, go to saintfrancisdesales.net and click on the Parish Giving Logo and follow the easy registration steps. If you have any questions, please call (215.222.5819) or Parish Giving at 866-307-7140.



SUMMER GIVING

Summertime is for everyone to relax and the refresh their body, mind and spirit with family and friends. Unfortunately, as you all know, we take vacations, but our 'bills' do not. If you will be going on vacation, please remember Saint Francis de Sales Parish before you leave. Thank you for your continued generous sacrifices.

~ SFDS HISTORY MYSTERIES ~

Acanthus



Looking at all the leaves carved on columns and tucked into the arches in our church, you might wonder why the kale obsession?

What you see is not, however, an historic tribute to a now-trendy vegetable. Instead, the leaves are *acanthus* – a frilly, thorny Mediterranean plant with a long architectural and symbolic history.

When did acanthus first appear in architecture? Some suggest that the form evolved from palm designs used in ancient Egypt in the time of the pyramids. A charming legend tells a different story of an ancient Greek sculptor who, fascinated by the sight of acanthus weeds growing through a basket on a gravesite, was inspired to recreate their shapes on Corinthian columns.

Whatever the origin, the leafy border was a common feature of ancient Greek and Roman architecture. From there, it travelled to the Eastern part of the Roman Empire to be used in Byzantine design from the 600s AD. At that point, the leaves became artistic forms, combined in complicated scrolls and garlands. These patterns were further adapted in Medieval Romanesque architecture, then became popular again in Late Victorian decoration. So the acanthus leaves in our 1911 Byzantine-Romanesque church have long design roots!

Symbolically, acanthus represents eternal life. Because of its thorny leaves, it also references the loss of Eden in Genesis: "*Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field...*"

When our church was built in the early 1900s, the Garden of Eden reference was accidentally relevant: new houses in the neighbourhood were being built over surrounding country fields, while flowers and leaves were remembered for us in sculptured clay and stone. (Many of those new houses, incidentally, were decorated with stylish acanthus "gingerbread"!)

At that time, and up until Vatican II simplified the church calendar, the church was more connected with the natural world, decorated with seasonal flowers and celebrating *Ember Days* of fasting and prayer four times a year to mark the changing seasons. Their purpose, according to the Catholic Encyclopedia, was to "*thank God for the gifts of nature, to teach men to make use of them in moderation, and to assist the needy.*" In an increasingly technologized age, perhaps stopping to notice our acanthus "kale" can help us to reconnect!

If you have history to share, contact mdulework@hotmail.com. Find more at <https://SFDShistory.wordpress.com>.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Happening This Week

SUNDAY 7/16/2017

Rectory Closed

- 7:00 & 10:15 AM Masses in UC
Following the 10:15 AM Mass:
Divine Mercy Chaplet in UC
Legion of Mary in Choir Room

MONDAY— 07/17/2017

Rectory open from 9:00AM to 4:00PM

- 8AM: Daily Mass in UC

TUESDAY- 07/18/2017

Rectory open from 9:00AM to 4:00PM

- 8AM: Daily Mass in UC

WEDNESDAY— 07/19/2017

Rectory open from 9:00AM to 4:00PM

- 8 AM: Daily Mass in UC

THURSDAY —07/20/2017

Rectory open from 9:00AM to 4:00PM

- 8 AM: Daily Mass in UC

FRIDAY- 07/21/2017

Rectory Closed

- 8AM: Daily Mass in UC

SATURDAY— 07/22/2017

Rectory Closed

- 9AM: Daily Mass in UC
- 5PM: Mass in UC

Sunday-07/23/2017

Rectory Closed

- 7:00 & 10:15 AM Masses in UC

FACILITIES CODES:

LC=Lower Church: UC=Upper Church

CR=Choir Room: AUD=School Auditorium

G=Gym :RY=Rectory Yard

CL=Church Library in LC

RCR=Rectory Conference Room LS=Little School

RAC=Religious of the Assumption

Convent BIS=Bishop McShea Meeting Room

UPCOMING EVENTS - 2017

Special Debt Reduction Collection-July 15-16

Special Debt Reduction Collection— August 12-13

Feast of the Assumption-August 15

First Day of School for St. Francis de Sales— August 30

Labor Day-September 4

A Prayer for Children

God Our Father,
through the intercession
of St. Nicholas
we ask that you
guide and protect
all children.

Keep them **safe** from harm
and help them **grow and flourish**
as they **fulfill your plans** for their lives.

Grant them **strength to persevere**
through every challenge as they
mature in **faith and virtue,**
and keep alive their **joyful gratitude**
for your goodness.

Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

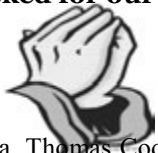
RESPECT LIFE THOUGHT

**“If anyone wishes to come after Me,
he must deny himself
and take up his cross daily and follow Me.
For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for My sake,
will save it.”**

Luke 9:23-24

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If you or a member of the family would like a Communion to the Sick visit, please call the Rectory to make arrangements for a visit. The following sick have asked for our prayers:



Dorothy Abromaitis, Mary Cox Avery, Anna Batts, Edwina Amoroso, Evelyn Bauer, Charles Bevard, Susan McHale Brockel, Anne Brown, James Brown, Christopher Brown, Edmund Coccagna, Thomas Cody, Robert Connor, Eulogious Charles, Bonnie Curran, Frank Curran, William Curran, Bill Delaney, Walt Dickenson, John Dowling, Darnell Ebron, Candice Ellis, Foster Giles, James Gorman, Barbara Frazier, Annette Hanson, Jacqueline Hill, David Jones, Jim Jordan, Tomeka Kelley, Sheila Kendall, Celio Flores, Claudia Gainey, Rita Genzano, Anna Maria Gibson, David Grinnell, Baby Grace, Audra Gustafson, Marian Hinton, Estella Jones, Doris King, Vincent Marsh, Sabian Matthews, Mary McCann, Donald McGee, Pamela McLeod, Jennifer Morse, Lawrence Nuguent, Denise Pogue, Joseph Shurella, Mary Ellen Shurella, Bruce Shultz, James Sirmons, Mrs. Tran, Timothy Triplet, Earl & Marie Vaughan, Terese Weldon, Margot Wellington, Wayne Welsh, Justine Wright, Rick Young.

Our Sick List is cleared every four weeks. Please contact the Rectory to add a name.

LIGHT A CANDLE

Candles can be purchased to continually burn in the Adoration Chapel. For a donation of \$5, one of these candles can burn for your intentions. To donate a candle, place your donation in an envelope with your name and your intention(s) and drop it in the collection basket or at the Rectory



This week candles burn in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel for:

Jim Jordan

We give thanks to God for favors already received by Adorers through Perpetual Adoration:

Spending time with Jesus has made me realize that each day is a gift. I share the joy of His Resurrection!"

Our prayers are with the families of those who are mourning the recent loss of a loved one. This week we especially remember:



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light Shine upon them.

In Memoriam

WHAT IS PERPETUAL ADORATION?



Through Perpetual Adoration in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel located in the back of the Upper Church (in the former baptistery/library) at Saint Francis de Sales, Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to receive our personal visits

and prayer. To participate, you commit yourself to come at the same time each week for one hour so that Jesus is never left alone. As a safety feature, each adorer is issued a swipe key to access our secure Chapel.

To sign up for your hour with the Lord, contact Michael Nevadomski at (954) 261-2500.

Please pray for the safe return of our friends and family that serve in the United States Military:



Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands.

Protect them as they protect us.

Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord.

Amen.

ANNOUNCED MASSES



Mass Intentions

The Saint Francis de Sales 2017 Mass Book for announced Masses still has availability.

Masses require a \$10 donation and can be obtained at the Rectory during office hours.

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