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+ 19- NOVEMBER - 2017 +THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME +



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*Mass Intentions
for the Week*

Saturday, November 18
**The Dedication of the Basilicas of
Sts. Peter & Paul**
5:00 PM John Cooney

Sunday, November 19
Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
7:00AM John Cooney
8:30 AM Vietnamese Mass
10:15 AM Sister Anne Joseph RA
12 NOON Spanish Mass

Monday, November 20
Weekday
7:00 AM Rose Lamb

Tuesday, November 21
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00 AM Francis Finsterbusch

Wednesday, November 22
Saint Cecilia
7:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM School Thanksgiving Prayer Service

Thursday, November 23
Thanksgiving Day
9:00 AM People of the Parish

Friday, November 24
Saint Andrew Dung-Lac
No Masses
Church and Rectory Closed

Saturday, November 25
Saint Catherine of Alexandria
9:00 AM Heffernan & Davis Families
5:00 PM Sidney Kinch

Sunday, November 26
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
7:00AM Lamb Family
8:30 AM Vietnamese Mass
10:15 AM Tom Stengel
12 NOON Spanish Mass

Parish Census / Block Collection

Every household should have received in the mail a census information card. All households are requested to complete the census form and return it, along with your Block collection gift. **Please list only the names of people living with you (include your college children).**

It is very important that we have an accurate record of our parishioners. In the past year, we have had many parishioners make requests (high school, school families, godparents, etc.), however, they were never formerly registered in the parish **So please, help us by completing the census form.**

The Block collection is one of the most important collections of the year. **We respectfully ask every wage earner to contribute \$150, or more if able, to this collection.** This certainly is not possible for everyone (seniors, unemployed/under-employed). Some will give less and some will be able to contribute more. God knows what your means will permit. Prayerfully and honestly reflect on God's goodness to you and give back to God in the measure that He has blessed you.



THURSDAY, November 23 is Thanksgiving Day. There is no better way to begin this day of thanks than by attending **Mass with our family and friends to give thanks to God for all His many blessings.** Even in the midst of economic hardships, unemployment, sickness, etc., we have much for which to be thankful. So before you go to the parade, the football game or prepare your meal, come to the **9 AM Mass** on Thanksgiving Day and **“Give thanks to the Lord ... for He is good.”**

+ The Thirty~Third 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. Bruce Shultz, Parish Organist
Mrs. Isabel Boston, Choir Director
Mr. Wesley Parrot, Liturgical Musician
Mr. Michael Nevadomski, Sacristan

Convent

Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
912 South 47th Street + (215) 727-3929
Sister Christine Lamb, IHM, Superior

Parish School

917 South 47th Street + (215) 387-1749
Sister Mary McNulty, IHM, Principal

IHM Center for Literacy

929 South Farragut Street + (215) 382-0292
Sister Sarah Lamb, IHM, Site Coordinator

Star Harbor Senior Center

4700 Springfield Avenue
(215) 726-7468

Saint Francis de Sales Parish

St. Francis de Sales School CYO Basketball

November 2, 2017-March 1, 2018

Practice Times:

BOYS:

Varsity (7th & 8th Grade Boys)

Monday and Wednesday- 6-8:30PM

JV (5th & 6th Grade Boys)

Tuesday & Thursday- 2:35-5:00PM

GIRLS:

Varsity (7th & 8th Grade Girls)

Tuesday & Thursday -5-7:00PM

JV (5th & 6th Grade Girls)

Monday & Wednesday- 2:35-5:00PM

Any questions please contact
Coach Eric Rutherford.

11th Annual Claver Awards Banquet

When: November 19, 2017

1:00PM—5:00PM

Springfield Country Club
400 W. Sproul Road, Springfield, Pa 19064

Tickets: \$ 65 per person
\$35.00 children 12 to 17 years
Live Entertainment

Our own **Venus Murphy** is receiving The Body
of Christ Service Award .

For more information about the Banquet please
see any Knight or Lady of Saint Peter Claver.

LOOKING TO VOLUNTEER?

Star Harbor Senior Center

located @ 4700 Springfield Avenue

Is looking for some community volunteers.

If interested, please call

Ernestine Patterson, the Senior Center Manager

@ 215-727-0100

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Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule

All Parish Offices will be closed.

Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be at 9:00AM.

Friday, November 24th, the church will be closed and Mass will not be celebrated.

Normal schedule resumes on Saturday.



Pastor's Message

Beginning the First Sunday of Advent, December 3rd, at each Sunday Mass, there will be a Second Collection at the Post Communion. Many times we already have a scheduled second offering for national and diocesan collections as well as our own special collections, such as Fuel and Debt Collection. When there is no particular collection specified, we will use the second collection for Parish purposes and designate it as the Parish Improvement Offering, which will be added to our regular Sunday income. (There will be no special envelopes for this.) We are grateful for your generous support for the many needs of the Parish.

Msgr. Joe

Weekly Collection

Saint Francis de Sales Parish
Weekend of November 12, 2017
COLLECTION INFORMATION

November 12, 2017 \$ 3594.00

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.

RESPECT LIFE THOUGHT

The Commandments,
“Do not commit adultery,” “Do not murder,”
“Do not steal”, “Do not covet,”
and whatever other commandments
there may be are summed up in this one rule:

“Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Love does no harm to its neighbor.
Therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law.

Saint Paul’s letter to the Romans

~ SFDS HISTORY MYSTERIES ~

The Dragon of Saint Philip



Tales of long ago saints have, in modern times, been stripped of more fantastical elements, often leaving us with confusing vague stories of good people with few distinguishing details. Such has been the fate of Saint Philip, whose cross emblem is on the St. Joseph side of our church. It’s time to reclaim him!

We know very little about Philip from the Bible. He is said to have been the third Apostle to be called by Jesus. He is quoted in the story of the Loaves and the Fishes from St. John’s Gospel, and he is thought to have been present with the other Apostles at Pentecost. His emblem in our church is the cross “*by which he is said to have overthrown the statues of the idols in the countries which he converted.*”

A lost story of Saint Philip, handed down through the medieval mythical *Golden Legends*, described how he overcame a dragon in the ancient spa city of Hierapolis, in what is now Turkey. He was said to have been captured there and taken to a *pagan (Roman) temple* to make a forced sacrifice, when “*anon under the idol issued out a right great dragon...*” which killed several people who were preparing the sacrificial fire. Then “*the dragon corrupted the people with his breath that they all were sick, and St. Philip said: Believe ye me and break this idol and set in his place the cross of Jesus Christ and after, worship ye it, and they that be here dead shall revive, and all the sick people shall be made whole.*”

It seemed implausible, until 2013, when archaeologist Francesco D’Andria uncovered an ancient Roman shrine called the “*Gates of Hell*” buried under the ruins of Hierapolis. A natural gas pocket, running beneath the shrine, produces a hallucinogenic and deadly vapor which issues from the doorway. The air is poisonous even today: as it was being excavated, birds and small animals were killed when they strayed too close to the entrance. It is easy to see how this mysterious phenomenon could be interpreted as a giant beast hidden underground, breathing out foul and murderous breath. Sealing its shrine and constructing a cross above it would likely have closed off the vent and stopped the poison – a miracle for its time.

Suddenly, the story of Philip gains color and interest! And a piece of our Catholic culture is restored with a new appreciation of history.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Happening This Week

SUNDAY 11/19/2017

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
11AM: RA Sisters in AUD

• **MONDAY— 11/20/2017**

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

- 7AM: Daily Mass in UC

TUESDAY- 11/21/2017

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

- 7AM: Daily Mass in UC

WEDNESDAY— 11/22/2017

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

- 7 AM: Daily Mass in UC
7 PM: Boy Scouts in AUD

THURSDAY —11/23/2017

Rectory Closed-Thanksgiving Day

- 9 AM: Daily Mass in UC

FRIDAY- 11/24/2017

Rectory Closed

Church Closed

No Mass

SATURDAY— 11/25/2017

Rectory Closed

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

SUNDAY-11/26/2017

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

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Autumn is the season for harvesting and sharing the fruits of our labors. This week's scriptures use images of the harvest, family life, pregnancy, and investment to describe the abundant harvest in the reign of God. We discover that sharing the gifts we have been given brings eternal rewards for everyone.

In the Gospel parable a master entrusts his possessions to three servants before going on a journey. Each is given some talents. What they do with those talents determines what the master will do with them when he returns. How about us? What are we doing with our talents? How will our Master treat us when he returns?

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The woman who fears the LORD is to be praised (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).

Psalms — Blessed are those who fear the Lord (Psalm 128).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters, you are children of the light (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6).

Gospel — To all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance (Matthew 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]).

UPCOMING EVENTS— 2017

November 23, 2017— Thanksgiving Day

December 5, 2017— Trip to Lancaster

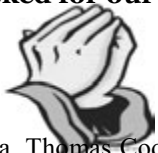
December 8, 2017—The Immaculate Conception

December 13, 2017— Choir Christmas Concert

December 17, 2017— PREP Christmas Program &
Tree Lighting Ceremony

December 22, 2017—Christmas Outreach

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, MaryCoxAvery, 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, Sheila DiCiccio, Walt Dickenson, John Dowling, Darnell Ebron, Candice Ellis, Foster Giles, James Gorman, Barbara Frazier, Annette Hanson, Jacqueline Hill, James Hood, 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, 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, , Justine Wright, Rick Young, Sister Loretta IHM

***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:



The Holy Souls

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!"

ANNOUNCED MASSES

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

The 2018 Mass book is now open. Masses require a \$10 donation and can be obtained at the Rectory during office hours.



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.

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.



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