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+ 24- September- 2017- TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME+



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*Mass Intentions
for the Week*

Saturday, September 23

Saint Pius of Pietreclina

5:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, September 24

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:00AM John Cooney

8:30 AM Vietnamese Mass

10:15 AM Ernst Simon

12 NOON Spanish Mass

Monday, September 25

Weekday

7:00 AM John Valentino

Tuesday, September 26

Saints Cosmas and Damian

7:00 AM John Cooney

Wednesday, September 27

Saint Vincent de Paul

7:00 AM John Cooney

Thursday, September 28

Saint Wenceslaus

7:00 AM Special Intention

Friday, September 29

Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

7:00 AM Theresa Mazzotta

Saturday, September 30

Saint Jerome

9:00 AM Karen Hand and Family

5:00 PM Special Intention

Sunday, October 1

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:00AM Rev. Msgr. Joseph J. Anderlonis

8:30 AM Vietnamese Mass

10:15 AM The Deady Family

12 NOON Spanish Mass

Pastor's Message

This summer we instituted a special **Saint Francis de Sales Debt Reduction Collection** as a two part second collection during the Masses. The final collection was scheduled for the weekend of August 12-13. As Pastor of the parish, I express sincere gratitude to all who contributed to this very important financial support for St. Francis de Sales. The total sum received was **\$9273.00**

Thank You!

Msgr. Joe

HURRICANE RELIEF

There will be a Second Collection again this weekend for the Hurricane victims.

Last week there was some confusion about taking up this collection and that is why we are repeating it for the 2nd time.

To make this offering more meaningful and to directly assist those who need our help, the proceeds will be sent directly to Bishop Herbert Bevard, a Philadelphian, who is the Bishop of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands. The Virgin Islands are a U.S. Territory and the poor people there have suffered almost total devastation of their homes and property.

Please be generous and also assist them by your prayers.

+ The Twenty-Fifth 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
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Sister Christine Lamb, IHM, Superior

Parish School

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

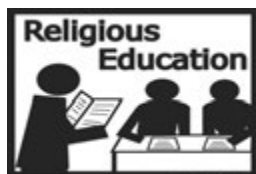
IHM Center for Literacy

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



Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

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 \$60 per year for 1 child; \$85 for two children and \$115 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 – Christian Adults

Rite of 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 Thursday night beginning **Sept. 21st** from 7 to 8:30 PM or on Sunday, beginning **Sept. 24th** 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.**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Along with the reform of the Roman Canon and the re-drafting of an ancient Roman prayer in Eucharistic Prayer II, two additional prayers were announced in 1969. Eucharistic Prayer III is a fresh composition. Like Eucharistic Prayer II, it has no preface of its own, but the presider chooses from a long menu of possible prefaces to become part of the prayer on a particular occasion. Also, like Eucharistic Prayer II it has a way to insert the name of the deceased in Masses for the dead such as funerals and memorials. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* views Eucharistic Prayer III as the best substitute for Eucharistic Prayer I on Sundays and feasts.

In practice, this prayer is used very often at Sunday Mass, and its texts are familiar to all members of the assembly. In this prayer, notice that the priest extends his hands over the gifts and calls down the Holy Spirit to change them into the Body and Blood of Christ. This call of the Holy Spirit is called the *epiclesis*, and Eastern Christians consider it to be the consecration. Latin Christians have long considered the "institution narrative" to be the consecration. Partly in response to a deep sensitivity to the East, the reformers took care to structure all our new prayers with a strong *epiclesis*. The poetry and images of Eucharistic Prayer III are fruitful sources of meditation.

Why not take a sentence or two into your private prayer?



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The **Blessing of Animals** will be celebrated on **Sunday, October 8th at 12 NOON** in the Rectory Yard. Celebrate the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi by bringing your little or big best friend to be blessed.



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Weekly Collection

Saint Francis de Sales Parish
Weekend of September 17 2017
COLLECTION INFORMATION

September 17, 2017 \$ 3576.50
September 18, 2016 \$ 5801.55
Difference - 2225.05

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



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Jesus said,
"You did not choose me:
I chose you."
Is Jesus calling YOU to be a priest?
Consider the call.

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~ SFDS HISTORY MYSTERIES ~

Imperfection



Have you ever noticed that Saint Matthew's name is missing an H above the 47th Street entrance?

It is ironic – or appropriate -- that Saint Matthew should be victim of a typo, since he is the Gospel-writing Evangelist whose chronicle is thought to represent the "human" side of Christ; and spelling mistakes are pretty human! Matthew, whose Evangelist symbol is the "Winged Man" shown on one of the triangular *pendentives* that support the dome, begins his Gospel with a litany of Jesus' earthly family lineage through Joseph. His writing stresses the Jewish background and human nature of Jesus.

Matthew is both Evangelist and Apostle. As an Apostle, his symbol is the tax collector's bag (shown near the parking lot door), since his profession before becoming a follower of Jesus, was that of *publican*, collecting taxes for the occupying Roman forces. Tax collectors in those times were allowed to collect as much extra money as they dared for themselves, once they had extracted the amount required by the government, so they were despised for greed and feared for extortion. And to the Jewish people, tax collectors were complicit with the Romans, which was considered particularly awful (though Jesus did remind his followers to "*Give to Caesar what is Caesar's*" so he was not against funding the government!)

According to Matthew's Gospel, Jesus was criticized for associating with undesirables. When Pharisees asked Matthew "*Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?*" Jesus replied "*Those who are well have no need of a physician... I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.*" (Mt 9:11-13). Jesus came to minister to those in need, not to praise the smug and judgmental. And he supports and stands by those who follow him: the quote above our door reminds us that Jesus vowed "*I am with you all days, even to the consummation (end!) of the world...*"

In many cultures and times, it has been a tradition purposely to insert an error in an artistic work to acknowledge that God alone is perfect. The spelling error in our otherwise *magnificent interior* is likely to be a genuine mistake, but it still reminds us that the church is a place for imperfect people to find hope in trying to connect with something greater than themselves. And we are all imperfect – no room for complacency – with every reason to be welcoming to all. If you have history to share, contact mdooleywork@hotmail.com. Find more at <https://SFDSHistory.wordpress.com>.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Happening This Week

SUNDAY 09/24/2017

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— 09/25/2017

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

- 7AM: Daily Mass in UC

TUESDAY- 09/26/2017

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

- 7AM: Daily Mass in UC

WEDNESDAY— 09/27/2017

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

- 7 AM: Daily Mass in UC

THURSDAY —09/28/2017

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

- 7 AM: Daily Mass in UC

FRIDAY- 09/29/2017

Rectory Closed

- 7AM: Daily Mass in UC

SATURDAY— 09/30/2017

Rectory Closed

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

Sunday-10/01/2017

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

September 25, 2017-Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius

September 26, 2017-Finance Committee Meeting

October 8, 2017-Blessing of the Animals

November 23, 2017- Thanksgiving

December 5, 2017-Trip to Lancaster



St. Francis de Sales is sponsoring a trip to the Sight & Sound Millennium Theatre in Lancaster Pa. We will see the show **The Miracle of Christmas**. The date of the trip is **December 5, 2017 and the cost is \$110.00**.

The trip includes round trip transportation, show, dinner and a tip for the driver.

A deposit of \$25.00 is required by **September 31st** to secure a reservation. Payment in full is due on or before October 30, 2017.

For more information please contact Harold Vincent at 215-747-2005 or Jeannie Jordan at the Rectory-215-222-5819.

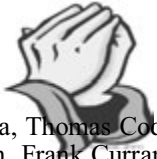
There will be a **Finance Council** meeting on **Tuesday, 9/26/2017, at 7:00PM** in the Rectory Conference Room.

The **SPIRITUAL EXERCISES** of St. Ignatius (a practical guide to living a spiritual life) **will begin Monday at 7:30 P.M., September 25th, 2017.**

There will be informational meetings at the Assumption Convent (1001 S. 47th St.) Sunday 9:45A.M.17th September and Monday at 7:30 P.M. 18th September.

"To know God better, to love Him more surely, to serve Him more faithfully."

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, 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 Simons, Mrs. Tran, Timothy Triplet, Earl & Marie Vaughan, Terese Weldon, Margot Wellington, Wayne Welsh, 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:

Perpetual Adorers



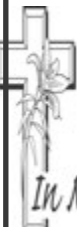
We give thanks to God for favors already received by Adorers through Perpetual Adoration:

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:

Lois Albert

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



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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