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PARISH INFORMATION

Welcome to proudly-blended **Saint Francis de Sales Parish United by the Most Blessed Sacrament**. SFDS Parish was founded in 1890; Most Blessed Sacrament Parish was founded in 1901; St. Francis de Sales Church was built in 1911; and the two parishes merged here in 2007.

Today, we proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in an urban setting to diverse members who form a Catholic community of believers of all ages. Our worship together overflows into a life of service, justice, and peace.

**Contact the Rectory at (215) 222-5819
Monday-Thursday 9:00AM to 4:00 PM**
to:

- Register as a new Parishioner
- Schedule a Baptism
- Plan a Marriage
- Request a Home Visitation
- Add a Mass Intention
- Find out about RCIA (Rite of

Christian Initiation) for adults or PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) for children

Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available in the Adoration Chapel 24 hours a day. Contact the Rectory for more information.

Sacrament of Penance (Confession) is available Saturday from 4:15–4:45 in church or anytime by appointment.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME January 20, 2019

Pastor's Message

The feast day of our Patron Saint Francis de Sales is this **Thursday, January 24**. He is the patron saint of Journalists and of the Deaf. In modern times, that juxtaposition is interesting, since journalists often report uncomfortable truths, to which people may be tempted to turn a "deaf ear." This week, let's pray for all diligent fact-finders, and for those who need to hear them.

Monsignor Joe A.



Until the 1960s, this statue of St. Francis de Sales stood in the Sanctuary, beside the St. Joseph Altar. Can you find it now?

Today's readings begin on page **59** of the missalette.
ISA 62:1--5; 1 COR 12: 4-11; JOHN 2: 1-11

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Saturday January 19

9:00 AM John Lanckowski
5:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday January 20

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM Special Intention
10:15 AM Rev. Dr. John Bailey
12 NOON (Spanish)

Monday, January 21

Saint Agnes

9:00 AM Patricia Quigley

Tuesday January 22

**Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of
Unborn Children**

7:00 AM Honor of St. Anthony

Wednesday January 23

Saint Vincent

7:00 AM John Malatesta

Thursday January 24

Saint Francis de Sales

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Friday January 25

The Conversion of Saint Paul

7:00 AM Waldron J. O'Brien

Saturday January 26

9:00 AM Loyce Evans-Funderburgh
5:00PM

Sunday January 27

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM
10:15 AM Special Intention
12 NOON (Spanish)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

January 13, 2019 \$ 2394.00

PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

Rectory offices will be closed on Monday, January 21 for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday

**This week's second collection will support
Catholic Relief Services,**

**a humanitarian agency of the Catholic Bishops of the United States,
assisting the impoverished and disadvantaged overseas since 1943
Please be generous.**

PREP Corner: No Classes this MLK Weekend



There are no PREP classes this weekend, but if you're looking for something to do on Monday, check out many interesting service opportunities at <https://mlkdayofservice.org/> !). Classes resume, as usual, next Sunday, January 27.

Refreshments in the Back of Church Today After 10:15 Mass!



At Monsignor Joe's parish meeting held in November, a suggestion was made to establish a parish hospitality ministry. Different parish ministries, groups or even families will provide light refreshments at various times during the year.

Our first sponsoring group will be the **Young Adult Group**.

The Young Adult Group meets every Monday from 6:30-8:00pm at the Assumption Sisters for book discussion and prayer. If you are a 20 to 30-something who is looking for ways to deepen your faith within a young adult community, we would love to have you join us! If you're interested in learning more, please email Mariya Khandros at mariya.khandros@gmail.com or Sarah Beverly at sarah.c.beverly@gmail.com. They will provide refreshments for all **in the rear of church after the 10:15 AM Mass this Sunday January 20**. Come meet them and find out more about their ministry. To join the new **Hospitality Committee**, coordinating these events, please contact Elaine Greene at 267-257-2088 or at elainegreene86@yahoo.com

IHM Center for Literacy Needs Help 6:15-7:45 Evenings



We would be grateful for volunteers who could help Answer the Door on evenings from 6:15 pm - 7:45 PM. This could also include answering the phone. One or two days a week would be appreciated. Our classes are held on Monday, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Even one evening a week would be helpful. Thank you for your generosity! Contact Sr. Sally at ihmliteracywest@gmail.com

Pope Francis on Christian Unity and Service

When Pope Francis addressed the *World Council of Churches* this past summer, he observed that "Our world, torn apart by all too many divisions that affect the most vulnerable, begs for unity." Rather than focusing on differences of doctrine among denominations, he suggested coming together in good works: "The Lord, the Good Samaritan of mankind will examine us on our love for our neighbor, for each of our neighbors. So let us ask ourselves: What can we do together? If a particular form of service is possible, why not plan and carry it out together, and thus start to experience a more intense fraternity in the exercise of concrete charity?" something to ponder with our neighbors! Especially as we observe the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18-25** (see the prayer in the missalette on page 311. Google Vatican Week of prayer for Christian Unity for more information).

“When you encounter difficulties and contradictions, do not try to break them, but bend them with gentleness and time.”

(St. Francis de Sales)

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Tracey Allmond, Jennifer Baugh, Dick Bolger, Alma Burden, Becky Brown, Dawn Byers, Edmund Coccagna, Adlyn Cummings, Ted Deady, Bernadette Jengo, Ruth Harrell, Shirley Hinson,, Mary Jane Kelso, Denise Pogue ,Maria O’Connor, Mason Levi Oldakdwski, Marvin Prowisor, Jack Ruane, Marie Vaughn, Monica Green, Phyllis Buckhan, Peter and Susan Villa, Terese Weldon and Liam Zampitella,

(The current Parish Sick List will be cleared at the end of January. Please let the Rectory know if you want to keep someone on the list!).

REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED



Robert Blackwell

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Let us also pray for the victims of natural disasters, and for an end to violence and hatred across the country and around the world.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Sister James Anne Feerick IHM**, a member of the SFDS school faculty, who on Sunday January 6th received **The Professional Excellence Award** for her outstanding leadership and contribution to Catholic Education. Each year this award is given to a graduate from West Catholic.

Congratulations are also due to **SFDS PREP Teachers** who were awarded catechetical service medals last weekend for their years of service: **Whitney Van Dean, Bonnie Luna, Aimee Ferguson, and Michelle Dooley.**

**SFDS HISTORY MYSTERIES:
The Cross st Annemasse**



Why did stained glass artisan Nicola D’Ascenzo choose the image of St. Francis de Sales preaching at Annemasse for one of our long windows (nearest the Vatican flag)? Perhaps it spoke to him, because it is a story about how visual symbols -- like the artwork he was creating – could inspire people.

In the late 1500s -- the time of our patron Saint Francis de Sales -- the town of Annemasse, Duchy of Savoy (today part of France), was separated from the Republic of Geneva, (Swiss Confederacy) by a narrow river, and the wide gulf of the Protestant Reformation. On the Savoy side of the divide, the Forty Hours Devotion in 1597 aimed to reconnect people through words of gentle encouragement, preached in outdoor sermons by our patron Saint, and in celebrations through town and countryside, centered around visible emblems of faith.

Why is the crucifix shown in D’Ascenzo’s window? A stone cross in Annemasse -- which was both a town landmark and a shrine -- had been destroyed in religious conflicts. During that Forty Hours Devotion, Francis de Sales led a procession bringing a wooden replacement – invoking the past, restoring the landscape, and providing a symbol to inspire all who would pass along the road. It was a joyous homecoming. Andre Ravier, SJ, noted that *“For two days this was the ‘festival’ at Annemasse, a festival above all religious, but the ceremonies, processions, sermons, and so forth were mixed with popular songs and music – even the detonations of arquebuses”* (large guns). And Jill Fehleison observes that *“The cross was placed “so that it could be seen from the city of Geneva, fashioning both a symbol of triumph and a challenge”* to the Protestant followers of John Calvin, who declared that every word in the Bible was a literal truth that came directly from God, and any other object or image was a distraction.

Centuries later and across an ocean, Christians still have their differences, but immersion in a modern consumer culture filled with secular landmarks, images, and advertising, provides fewer opportunities to connect with faith. Our historic 1911 church dome, like the monument at the crossroads in Annemasse, is one prominent feature of the local skyline that offers a quiet reminder of God’s enduring presence to anyone who sees it. And if an old adage is true that each *“picture is worth a thousand words,”* our church is a walk-in encyclopedia of spiritual life and local history.

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1 Chronicles 16:29

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