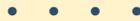




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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024

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Rev. Msgr. George Strausser
IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Robert F. Lucas
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Rev. Robert Ngageno
IN RESIDENCE

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Contact the Parish Office
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Sister Mary McNulty, IHM,
Principal

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Contact the Religious Education Office
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Mrs. Patricia Mallinson DeBonis,
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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 27, 2024
5:00 PM Theresa C. Murray

Sunday, April 28, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter
7:00 AM People of the Parish
10:15 AM Kristine Zaprazna

Monday, April 29, 2024
Saint Catherine of Siena
7:00 AM Tina Azanza-Hahn

Tuesday, April 30, 2024
Saint Pius V, Pope
7:00 AM Elaine Cline

Wednesday, May 1, 2024
Saint Joseph the Worker
7:00 AM John Cooney

Thursday, May 2, 2024
Saint Athanasius
7:00 AM K.C. Crawford

First Friday, May 3, 2024
Saints Philip and James
7:00 AM Roosevelt Castro
8:30 AM SFDS School May Procession and Mass

Saturday, May 4, 2024
8:30 AM K.C. Crawford
5:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, May 5, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter
7:00 AM All Members of Saint Francis de Sales Divine
Mercy Prayer Group - Living and Deceased
10:15 AM All Deceased Members of the Deady and
Leary Family

**** SANCTUARY CANDLE ****

The 2 months remaining are
August and October 2024.

The *Sanctuary Candle* burns in our church every hour of every day before the Blessed Sacrament to remind us that *Christ is truly present with us in the Eucharist*. When the light is on we know that the Lord is home!

Call or email @bulletin@desalesphilly.com with the month you want in honor or memory of

Parish News & Events

~ Theology on Tap ~
Thank you all who came out Friday evening and for making it a tremendous success.



~ FAMILY FAITH FORMATION ~ ~ INFORMATION ~

Did you know that there are several Atria in the greater Philly area? *Well the thing is we need more CGS catechists here @ SFDS and in the greater community to keep these Atria full and flourishing.*

There will be a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1, part 1 training in Bridgeport this summer. If you are interested in learning about how you might be able to get involved in the Atrium at St. Francis de Sales, this course is for you! *Check out: [CGS - de Sales](#) and contact me @ familyformationdesales@gmail.com to learn more about the program and to access registration for formation information.*

**Note: registration for student enrollment in our program at SFDS is currently closed and will open for the 2024-2025 school year in July.*

May 12 - Marian Crowning

Directly following the 10:15 Mass. Join us as we process to the parish garden for the crowning of our Blessed Mother. Light refreshments will be served following the procession.

May 26 - Coffee Hour following the 10:15 Mass. Help us welcome our guest homilist, newly ordained Deacon Rob Bollinger.

June 1-June 2 - Corpus Christi Weekend

Saturday, June 1st: Join the F3 community of SFDS at the National Shrine of St. John Neumann for the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage. Registration is required. You can do so here: <https://www.phillyeucharisticrevival.org>

Sunday, June 2- *SFDS Corpus Christi parish procession immediately following the 10:15am Mass.* Details on this event can be found on the parish website under the formation tab.

June 16th - *New Event* **Father's Day Soft Ball Game** at River Field in Fairmount. Save the date now. *Details coming soon.* Contact Tim Potens @ tpotens@gmail.com you'd like to help out with the event.

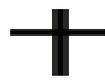
Weekly Collection

~ Sunday, April 21, 2024 ~
~ \$ 4,070.00 ~

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## REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED



Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. Let us pray for the victims of all disasters, and for an end to violence and hatred across the country and around the world.

The Sanctuary Candle for the Month of :  
*April*  
is in honor of : *For the Special Intention*  
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If you would like to sponsor the *Sanctuary Candles* for a month, the donation is **\$50**.
The next available month is
** *August, 2024.* **

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**Parish Mass Book**  
The Mass book still has availability for 2024.  
**Call the office to check openness or email**  
***bulletin@desalesphilly.com***  
The donation for Masses is **\$10**.



### PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Jennifer Baugh, Spenser Brown,  
Becky Brown, Ron Brown Sr.,  
Phyllis Buckhan, Christopher  
Browne, Yolanda Calhoun, Adlyn  
Cummings, John W. Davidson,  
Gisselle Marie Burgese, Michael J. Farley, Ruth  
Harrell, Susan Harrison, Paul Harvey, Shirley  
Hinson, Vashti Holden, Venus Murphy, Wilma  
Noel, Marie O'Connor, Denise Pogue, Joan  
Rolland, Nancy & Joe Ruane, Nick Savino,  
MaryAnn Valentino, Matt Weldon, Peter Villa,  
Marva Webb, Ed Wells.

# A Message From The PASTOR

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Dear Friends in Christ,

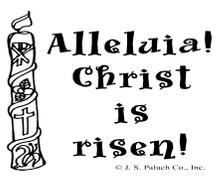
Last weekend featured a plethora of activity here, and I want to thank everyone who contributed to making those events happen: the Theology on Tap which was a great success; the garden cleanup day; and the Good Shepherd Sunday pancake breakfast. The dedication of so many to our vibrant community makes our parish grow and thrive in Christ, the true vine. So, thanks to one and all!

The bi-annual Archdiocesan priest convocation in Hershey, PA begins Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> and concludes Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. These days provide an opportunity for priests to pray together and discern with the archbishop where the Holy Spirit is leading our local Church. Much of the conversation will be around the need for new models of parish ministry in light of current ordination trends. The fact is that while our Archdiocese holds its own in terms of ordinations to the priesthood (many places have very few seminarians, including New York), it isn't nearly enough to cover the cohort of priests ordained in the 1970s, who are at the retirement age of 75 or will be soon.

Yet, I hope that these structural conversations – necessary as they may be – will be enveloped in prayerful, synodal discernment. It seems to me that one of the signs of the times is that commitment to the Catholic faith and practice requires a real intentional decision now. In the past, the Catholic faith was passed on as a kind of cultural heritage – which of course has positive and negative aspects. But in these days, being an active Catholic simply requires more “buy-in.” Without that, the affluence and busyness of contemporary life quickly overwhelms any well intentioned “cultural Catholicism.” The raw numbers may not approach what they were in the so-called halcyon days of the 1950s in places like Philadelphia, but Catholic life is better served by a few committed priests and laypeople than a massive number of lukewarm folks. In other words, our local church in the coming years will need more lay involvement and leadership – always under the guidance of and in cooperation with those appointed as shepherds *in persona Christi capitis*. I believe our community here at DeSales exemplifies what good clergy/lay cooperation looks like, though there is always room for improvement. I hope our parish can continue to listen together to the Spirit and embrace Christ's invitation to “life in abundance.”

May God be Blessed!

--Father Eric Banecker





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