

St. Francis de Sales Church



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM

Sunday 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM

Monday—Friday 8:30 AM

Wednesday 8:30 Communion Service

Saturday 8:30 AM

(September through May)

Holy Day Vigil 5:00 PM

Holy Days

6:30 AM and 7:00 PM

Confessions are Saturday at 4:30 PM
and anytime by request.



*“Do not wish to be anything but what you are,
and try to be that perfectly.”*

— St. Francis de Sales

Refer and Reflect

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OUR WEEKLY OFFERING NOVEMBER 12TH, 2017

Sunday Collection = \$6250.00

All Saints = \$1047.00

E-Giving = \$1206.00

Total Sunday = \$8503.00

Parish Improvement = \$1977.00

Thank You for your generosity!

**Scripture readings for:
 First Sunday of Advent**

December 3rd, 2017

Isaiah 63:16b-17

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:33-37

Directory of Parish Organizations



Adult Choir
 Adult Education/RCIA
 RCIA
 Altar Society
 PREP/CCD
 Church Environment
 CYO
 Eucharistic Ministers
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 HOPE
 Ladies' Club
 Lectors
 Liturgy Committee
 Pastoral Council
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**NOVEMBER 26th, 2017
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF
THE UNIVERSE**

SATURDAY	November 25
8:30 AM	Dec'd Members of The Falkowski Family
5:00 PM	Richard Ricci
SUNDAY	November 26
7:30 AM	Dec'd Members of The Falkowski Family
9:30 AM	Catherine & Albert Masse
11:30 AM	Appolonia Lipko 1st Anniversary
MONDAY	November 27
8:30 AM	Doris & John Cervino
TUESDAY	November 28
8:30 AM	Communion Service
WEDNESDAY	November 29
8:30 AM	Communion Service
THURSDAY	November 30
8:30 AM	Communion Service
FRIDAY	December 1
8:30 AM	Communion Service
SATURDAY	December 2
8:30 AM	Geraldine Rice
5:00 PM	Alan Surdyke
SUNDAY	December 3
7:30 AM	Joseph Ahern
9:30 AM	Justin Hertz
11:30 AM	Harry Cannon

*Mass Intentions
for the Week*

For gifts unknown

O tender Father, You gave me more, much more than I ever thought to ask for, Thank you, and again thank you, O Father, for having granted my requests and for having provided those things that I never realized I needed or sought.

St. Catherine of Siena

NOVEMBER 26th, 2017

Some years ago the TV magazine "Sixty Minutes" did a piece on the financial disaster visited upon people who let their credit card debt pile up to an overwhelming degree. I remember specifically the lament of a young wife and mother who admitted that she forgot that a bill comes in the mail at the end of the month for all those who pay "with plastic", as the saying goes. That last was unforgettable.

If you have already perused the Readings for this weekend's Liturgy you likely know where I'm headed. Just as some people forget that there will be an accounting for our spending, so there will be one for our sinning.

Not the most pleasant of thoughts is it for Thanksgiving weekend? But sometimes there will be clashes between the Church, or Liturgical calendar and the one hanging in your kitchen or the one on your cell phone. Today in the Church could actually be subtitled "New Year's Eve." It is the last Sunday of the current liturgical year, and the Church wants us to be mindful of that stupendous day when this world will end. That day will feature, according to St. Paul, a general judgement of us all by the Supreme Judge, God Himself.

With these Readings, especially the Gospel from Matthew, the Church wants us to step back from all the things we're doing that have a way of absorbing all our energies, physical and spiritual. Then we forget that the main thing is still the main thing: our relationship with God. Our love and obedience to what He demands of us as our Creator.

The way Matthew describes the scene is powerful, because it presents a simple line of demarcation, namely service of others. That one line goes to the heart of the matter: "I say to you, what you did/did not do for others you did/did not do for me." All the selfishness and entitlement that our present culture urges us to bring to the bargaining table of life suddenly sounds like the ugly thing it is. Especially when just outside our scope of vision lie the needy of the world.

Just last Thursday we gathered with our families around the table groaning with goodies in the food department and prayed gratefully for that food and the countless blessings we enjoy as Americans, so on this Sunday of Christ the King we call to mind our need not to squander them. In addition, we can pray sincerely for those who have less than we do of this world's goods. And before we dare compose our Christmas list of what more we're wanting, we can resolve to use the coming Advent season as a time for giving to others.

Not just at the end of this short Advent month, but at the end of time there will be recorded next to our name a grand total of credit. And the Supreme Judge will smile.

"Reflection by, Rev. Leonard N. Peterson"

Lovingly Remember Your Loved Ones



Fill Our Christmas Tree with **LIGHT!**

Donate a beautiful Christmas light bulb in the color that fits your budget and have your loved one prayed for and remembered! Forms available on the window sill inside the Church entry.

All invited to the Tree Lighting on
Monday, December 11th.

At 7 p.m. outside. Any questions please call
Belle Miller: 610-891-7217

Order Forms can be found on
church windowsills.

ADVENT HAPPENINGS

Monday, December 11, 2017

The Tree of Lights ceremony, is an opportunity for some quiet and prayer amidst the rush of the shopping and holiday preparations. The Ceremony begins at 7:00 PM and is followed at 7:30 PM, by an Advent Penance Service. Our Penance Service includes quiet reflection, music, a homily and the opportunity for Confession.



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017

A New and Beautiful First Time Event:

The Stations of Advent and Christmas will be held in Church at 7:00 PM. The Stations are entitled "BE BORN IN US TODAY".

Through this prayerful experience we may come to realize that we need the Christ child to show the way. May we also come to know that we, too, can be born again as the presence and body of Christ...
people who can announce strong and true "tidings of great joy" to all who seek to follow Jesus in faith and in mission.

NOW AVAILABLE

2018 SFDS Lottery Program

LOTTERY

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The 2018 Parish Lottery Program is now open to all Parishioners and others. You may purchase your #'s for \$35.00 each for the entire 2018 year.

They can be purchased in the Rectory and also after the 5:00pm Mass with Jean Binkley.

They make wonderful Holiday Gifts!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The annual PREP Christmas Pageant will be held at 10:30 AM in the Fieldhouse on Sunday, December 17, 2017. All Parishioners are welcome to see the story of Jesus Birth and join in the singing of Carols.

Donations for the Christmas Altar Flowers are now being collected. If you would like to make a donation, please place your envelope in the Mass Collection Basket during Mass. Thank You and God Bless.



Remember Our Sick

Kathy Walsh, Sandy Duckett, Greg Miller
Bruce McManus, Chelsea Miles, Belle Miller
Angie Olde, Josh Farrell, Joel Rivera
Michael Bucella, Patrick Manuel, Becky Benz

Hear Our Prayer

If you wish to have a family member added to our list to be remembered in prayers, for sickness or health concerns, please call; Dee Mulranen DeeMarianucci@gmail.com—610-358-2772
e-mail the rectory @ sfsdrectory@aol.com



**Christmas Gifts For Residents
At Fair Acres**

To assure that every resident at Fair Acres (who has no family or relatives) receives a gift on Christmas Day, the Social Services Department will provide us with the names and a gift the person would like to receive. These names are available in the basket at the base of the altar. Please consider taking a name today, purchasing the requested gift, placing it in a Christmas bag and bringing it to which ever mass you attend on **the week-end of December 2nd & 3rd.**
Thank You and God Bless.

”2017”

DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesdays– Prayer Group 9:15am & 7:00pm
Parish Food Drive ~ Outreach for the Holidays

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- Dec.4th– Ladies Club Mtg 7:00pm FWC
 - Dec. 7th– Outreach Mtg. 7:00pm. FWC
 - Dec.11th– Tree of Lights 7:00pm. Outside
 - Dec.11th– ADVENT Penance Service 7:30pm
 - Dec.14th– Stations of Advent & Christmas
 - Dec.17th– PREP Christmas Pageant 10:30am
 - Dec.18th– Spirit Night Manbroso’s 4- 8:00pm
- Script Gift Cards, Lottery #’s and Coupon Books
Will be sold throughout the month.**

Any changes will be posted in the bulletin, as well as on our updated parish website, under HOME/Synod Update at www.sfdchurch.org, We also have a Facebook Page! For more information visit our website.



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OPEN FOR LUNCH AND DINNER

**Social /Fellowship Spirit Night
December 18th , 2017
4:00pm.—8:00pm.**

**Go on Line and place your order
Tell them “St. Francis de Sales Spirit Night”
or look for code word on-line
More Details to come.**

**Let them do the Cooking for you that night!
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Dear Parishioners,

Through your donations of Food Gift Cards or money for me to purchase them, \$2600 in Gift Cards were mailed to those in need. The turkeys and canned goods you brought were delivered to the St Katharine Drexel Kitchen Cupboard. Your generosity has been a real blessing to many people in need. May you be blessed.

Sister Betty

Holiday Office Hours

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend, the office will close at 12 o’clock noon on Wednesday, November 22nd and will remain closed on November 23rd & 24th, 2017. The Rectory Office will re-open on Monday, November 28th, at normal business hours.

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**Mass Schedule Notice**

**There will be no Communion Service or Mass on Friday, November 24th, 2017.**



Holy Family 's Early Childhood program  
We will be having an Open House for our Early Childhood program on Wednesday, December 13th from 8:30am to 9:30 am. We invite you to come!  
Preschool, prekindergarten and 1st Grade.

### SFDS Acme, Shop Rite & Giant Gift Cards

The Gift Card Program. Cards are available after the Vigil and Sunday Masses and at the Rectory during the week. If no one is selling cards, please stop in the Sacristy and Mr. Bradley will help with your card request. This program will continue to support the needs of our parish.

Thank you for your support.

SFDS Gift Card Program now has the following on Hand: At This Time All Cards are \$25.00

**Boscov's , CVS Pharmacy, Kohl's, Olive Garden, Target, Walgreens, Walmart, WAWA**

We anticipate placing orders on Monday's so the cards will arrive on Wednesday. Any special orders will have to be prepaid before ordering. We will keep you updated as things progress. RECTORY OFFICE

### Christmas at the Cathedral

Tickets now on sale- [cathedralphilaconcerts.org](http://cathedralphilaconcerts.org)

The annual Christmas celebration is back and better than ever. Cathedral Music Director, Charlene Angelini leads an uplifting program of beautiful carols and traditional music of Christmas. The choirs and resounding brass add to the spectacle as voices rise in celebration.

DECEMBER 10th, 2017 - 3-5pm

### OUR JOURNEY OF HOPE

Our SFDS Parish has a Cancer Care Ministry. This Ministry was created to be a help to those dealing with cancer. It is our desire to walk alongside of those with a cancer diagnosis to bring them comfort, encouragement and spiritual support. Care Ministry please contact Lydia Lill at 610-358-2627 or Sister Betty

### Blessing of Mothers To Be

On December 17th, 2017, we invite all "Mothers to Be" to attend the 11:30 Mass. During the Liturgy, we will have a special blessing for expectant Mothers. We encourage you to attend, if you plan to attend please call Sister Betty by Dec. 13th.



### SFDS Save Around Coupon Books



The Coupon Books are now available at Saturdays' Mass at 5:00 pm. and also after Sunday Masses in the Sacristy, please see Mr. Joe Bradley. Monday through Friday you may purchase them in the Rectory. The Coupon Savings Book purchase price is \$25.00 and a portion of that purchase price will go to the Parish!!

These Coupon Books make great gifts!!

Make checks payable to SFDS Church.

Thank you for your Kindness and Generosity and for your continued support!

### RCIA

**The Catholic lifestyle, when authentically embraced, nurtures the individual, the local community and the whole human family. If you or someone you know is interested in the Catholic Faith consider coming to the Parish RCIA Program. If interested please call, Sister Betty at (610)459-0554**

### Lifelines

Crisis Pregnancy Hotline

610.626.4006

Pro-Life Union of Delaware County

610.789.LIFE

[www.prolifedelco.org](http://www.prolifedelco.org)

A Baby's Breath

484.580.6436

24hr hotline

484.571.5540

[www.ababysbreath.org](http://www.ababysbreath.org)

Mother's Home

610.583.HOME

[www.mothershome.org](http://www.mothershome.org)

Delaware County Pregnancy Center

[www.dcpchester.org](http://www.dcpchester.org)

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries

1.877.HOPE4ME

(Post-abortion healing)

[www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

## Parish Registration

Welcome to our family of St. Francis de Sales. We are happy to welcome new members in to our community. We invite you to be a vital part of our family and hope you will support your parish with your prayers, your presence and your talents. Please contact the Parish Office at **610.459.2203** to make arrangements for registration. If you move out of our parish, or have changed your phone number, please contact the Parish Office so we can update our data base.

## Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations on the birth of your child. The Sacrament of Baptism is normally administered after the 11:30 AM Mass on Sunday. Pre-Jordan class for the parents is required prior to the scheduling of the Baptism. Parents can attend the class before the baby is born. Pre-Jordan class is held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Please contact the Parish Office at 610.459.2203 to register for the Pre-Jordan class. To schedule a Baptism, please have already obtained the certificates of eligibility and then contact the Parish Office at least two weeks in advance.

## Certificates of Eligibility

Congratulations on being asked to be a sponsor at either a Baptism or a Confirmation. You have been asked to be a witness to, and role model of, your Catholic faith. A sponsor is a Roman Catholic who has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation, is an active registered member of his or her parish, at least 16 years of age, and if married is in a Sacramental Marriage. Please contact the Parish Office at 610.459.2203 to request a certificate.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated each Saturday afternoon from 4:30 to 5:00, or by appointment.

**Elementary Catholic School Education**  
SFDS Parish supports our parishioners who have chosen an Elementary Catholic School for their children. SFDS Parish has open enrollment; enabling parents to select a regional or parish school that is of their choice. For parishioners who are present, active and contributing members, for a **minimum of one year**, SFDS Parish will pay a subsidy of \$1000.00 per student.



## Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office is open for business Monday through Friday 8:30AM to 4:30PM, summer hours, Friday's 8:30AM to 1:00PM. Weeknights and Saturdays are by appointment only. Please refer elsewhere in the bulletin for holiday hours.

## Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion

Please call the Parish Office at 610.459.2203 to schedule an appointment for the Anointing of the Sick. Every effort will be made to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick within 48 hours of it being requested. Please call the Parish Office to request a visit from an Extra Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion to receive the Holy Eucharist on Sunday mornings.

## Funeral Arrangements

We are very sorry for the loss of your loved one. To make funeral arrangements, please first meet with your Funeral Director to discuss your wishes and their availability. The Funeral Director will contact our Parish Office to coordinate the date and time of the funeral. Once the funeral has been scheduled, Fr. Okon will call you to schedule a time to meet and plan the Liturgy.



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