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and celebrating 125 Years,
from the little church on the hillside of Lenni.*

July 5, 2020



Church is open daily from 9:00—5:00 for private visits.
ALL SUNDAY MASS VIDEOS CONTINUE TO BE POSTED AT SFDSLENNI.ORG.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

***Saturday 5:00 Vigil, July 4 — In thanksgiving for our Country's
blessings & asking for God's guidance***

Sunday, 9:30am, July 5 — Frank Junger

8:30am Monday, July 6 — Living & Deceased Members of SFDS

8:30am Tuesday, July 7 — Fran Gessler

Wednesday, July 8 — No Mass/No Communion Service

8:30am Thursday, July 9 — Tom Clarke

8:30am Friday, July 10 — Harry Bakow

Saturday 5:00 Vigil, July 11 — Edward Staats, Jr.

No Saturday morning Mass Memorial Day through Labor Day

PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR MASK IN CHURCH AND FOR CONFESSION.

Confessions each Saturday afternoon from 4:00—4:45 or by appointment



Refer and Reflect

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Directory of Parish Organizations

Adult Choir	Nancy Brown	610.358.3112
Adult Ed/RCIA	Sr. Anne Marie	610.500.4088
Altar Society	Phil D'Orazio	610.459.0635
Cancer Care Ministry	Lydia Lill	610.358.2627
Church Environment	Barbara Jones	610.566.4149
CYO	Paula Bonsall	610.517.6136
Eucharistic Ministers	Tracy Boyle	610.566.8453
Finance Committee	Fr. Okon	610.459.2203
Ladies' Club	Belle Miller	610.513.2920
Lectors	Joanne Sunick	610.459.1996
Liturgy Committee	Sr. Betty Kirk	610.459.0554
Men's Group	Steve DeLozier	484.574.4425
Pastoral Council	Steve DeLozier	484.574.4425
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Ann Fernandez	215.203.6697
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Welcome Committee	Rita DiFebo	610.459.8971
Women's Prayer Group	Sr. Betty Kirk	610.459.0554

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

MARCH 2020

Sunday Collection = \$4956.00

E-Giving = \$7606.00

Total March =\$13,597.00

Parish Improvement = \$1035.00

Thank You for your generosity!

APRIL, 2020

Sunday Collection = \$822900

E-Giving = \$17,055.00

Total APRIL =\$25,959.00

Parish Improvement = \$675.00

Easter Collection=\$12,025.00

Thank You for your generosity!

Dear Parishioners,

We hope you and your families are staying well and safe during the Green Phase. We are thrilled to be seeing some of you returning to Mass, as you become comfortable with this phase. Our Mass schedule will expand as more of you return.

Please know that we are so grateful to all who contribute to our Parish during this challenging time. Your continued support is appreciated, as we strive to meet the financial obligations of running our parish.

Welcome home to our Mass and reception of Our Lord Jesus Christ in Holy Communion. Please join us when you are able.

May God continue to bless all of you and your families.

In Christ,
Rev. Alan J. Okon, Jr.,
Pastor



SFDS Parish Adjusted Schedule

Confessions 4:00—4:45 on Saturdays, or by appointment.

The church will be open to parishioners for private prayer daily from 9:00—5:00



Each week a video of Father Okon's Sunday Mass will be posted on the parish website (SFDSLenni.org) and Facebook page (Saint Francis de Sales Church-Aston).

JUNE 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For more information visit our Parish website at www.sfdslenni.org.

We also have a Facebook Page at [Saint Francis de Sales Church-Aston](https://www.facebook.com/SaintFrancisdeSalesChurchAston)

Kindly contact us at

ParishOffice@SFDSLenni.org with any changes in your family information, such as a new address (physical or e-mail), phone number, change (s) in household members, Sacramental updates for any family member, etc. We depend on you to help keep our data base current. Many thanks!

Correspondence for the bulletin may be e-mailed to: Bulletin@sfdslenni.org . Deadline is 9 days before publication each week.

Please **PRAY** for the sick of our parish and those that care for them

Chrissy Ferris, Bruce McManus,
Greg Miller, Kevin Duckett, Dorothy Tait,
Belle Miller, Joel Rivera, Josh Farrell, Mary Ann
Gilbert, Marilyn Kane
All those suffering with the Coronavirus

Lord, 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 e-mail the rectory at, ParishOffice@SFDSLenni.org

Spiritual Support for You and Your Family During the Pandemic

Explore these resources at: <http://archphila.org/resources/>

Parish Office Update

Office hours are: Open 9:00am—1:00 pm; CLOSED 1:00—1:30; Open 1:30—4:30pm; CLOSED FRIDAYS during the summer.

The following mitigating guidelines are:

- ♦ Most parish business will be conducted as **curbside business**. Contact the parish office by email or phone (parishoffice@sfdslenni.org or (610)459-2203) Your request will be filled and placed in the mailbox attached to the left wall beside the Office door and you will be notified when it will be available for pickup. If you need to drop something off, please use the same mailbox.
- ♦ **The office door will only be opened for those who have scheduled an appointment in advance.** Only one person/family unit will be allowed in the office at a time and **all who enter must wear a mask/face covering in the office.**
- ♦ Social distancing within the office will be maintained at all times.

Mass Update

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is not lifted at this time. Those elderly or compromised for health reasons and those not comfortable with being in a crowd may continue to watch live streamed/recorded Mass, observing the Sabbath.

St. Francis De Sales will observe the following Mass schedule:

- ♦ Sunday Mass on July 4th and 5th with modified schedule; 5:00PM Saturday Vigil (will be taped and posted) and 9:30AM Sunday
- ♦ Week of June 28th regular weekday Mass will resume (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday). **NO** Communion service on days Mass is not scheduled.

In accordance with directives from the Archdiocese and CDC, masks/face coverings are to be worn while in church.

At this time, Communion is distributed on

Questions for the Week – July 5, 2020

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Zechariah 9: 9-10 A future king is coming who will bring about universal peace in a rule that will extend far beyond Judah to embrace the whole world. In this passage, we also find predicted the entrance of Jesus to Jerusalem centuries later, in the event that happened in our “Palm Sunday.” *Where can you bring peace into your family and neighborhood?*

Psalm 145 I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

Reading II: Romans 8: 9, 11-13 Our Christian life is lived in the Holy Spirit. Lived well, it destines us for the glory of eternal life. *Where do you notice the Spirit working in you and leading you to life?*

The Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-30 Jesus asserts His unique access to both the knowledge and love of His Father. He speaks as Wisdom personified and extends here His great invitation to turn to Him for comfort and rest. *What burdens in your life would be lighter if you shared them with Jesus?*

Visit exploringthesundayreadings.com

Religious Education



Parish Religious Education Program Update

P.R.E.P. Registration forms for 2020-2021 have been sent electronically to all families with children already attending PREP. Forms are also available at the doors of church. If you have not received yours, please contact me (payment not required at this time) You may return the form electronically, mail, or drop in the Parish Office mailbox beside the door.

New families wishing to register a child in PK4—Grade 8 may contact Sister Anne Marie at dre@SFDSLenni.org or 610-500-4088 and I will send you information.

We are also in need of one Catechist and several adult and high school aides. Volunteers please contact me.

Bishop Senior rescheduled Confirmation 2020 for November 5. First Communion 2020 dates are Sundays in July and August.

July 5, 2020

14th Sunday in ORDINARY TIME

Independence Day weekend 2020 is upon us. Naturally, the events of the real 1776 come to the fore. We recall the bravery of our Founding Fathers in declaring independence from a tyrannical King George, whose decisions and actions had forced the issue. We also remember that July 4th was only the beginning. What followed was a bitter war, the first of many our country has fought since. That was the price in hardship and blood that our freedom cost in those tenuous days. Our young country paid it in full.

As Catholic Christians, we are keenly aware of another kind of war, a spiritual one, not limited to a calendar year. It pits us against the lesser parts of ourselves that we know can block our efforts to be independent of sin. We long for the peace of our promised heaven. Fortunately, we follow the greatest “Revolutionary” of them all: Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Bible tells us how He fought for and won our freedom from sin and death. So the war is won, even though our individual battles go on.

On this weekend of parades, barbecues and dazzling fireworks that we use to mark the Fourth, it might seem out of place to reflect on this inner spiritual war. But our Scriptures today call us to do so, and they are beyond any fixed time. After all, they speak to us of real life, and its battles will be with us long after the parades are over and the fireworks fade away.

St. Paul once wrote about such a battle in his letter to the Romans, in Chapter 7, verse 19. Hear it again: *“For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.”* Sound familiar? This tyranny is far worse than that of King George. So, what a relief it is to hear Jesus say today these most comforting words in all of the New Testament: *“Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”*

While we honor the heroics of our noble Founding Fathers, and our first army of colonials, we can, in this Holy Eucharist also honor God our heavenly Father. Gladly do we take His Son’s yoke upon us, for it is truly easy and a light burden.

I close with something we all need to remember: the freedom we celebrate this weekend, and all freedom, including the spiritual, is never “the right to do as we please, but the liberty to do as we ought.” Enjoy your holiday!

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson



SFDS Anniversary Updates
The 125th Anniversary Mass and
Gala Event is rescheduled for
SEPTEMBER 27, 2020
11:30 MASS with Archbishop Perez
2:30 Gala Dinner at Kings Mill

If you have not responded to your invitation and would like to attend the Mass and/or Gala dinner, please respond before September 10 with your reservation.

If you didn't receive an invitation and would like to attend the Mass and/or Gala dinner please contact the Parish Office (ParishOffice@SFDSLenni.org) and we will forward the information to you.

ALL-CLASS REUNION UPDATE

Due to the COVID-19 and the Fall Schedule at Neumann University our All-Class Reunion has been **Cancelled. A possible date for 2021 will be explored.**

Time to Pre-Order Your Copy of our 125th Anniversary Celebration Book and/ or our Video Memory USB Stick.

Proceeds benefit St. Francis de Sales Parish

The uniquely designed book is full of Saint Francis History, interesting facts and personal stories. Your copies will be available for pick-up at the Rectory Office after stay at home restrictions are lifted.

The video, copied on a memory/USB stick, is something you will treasure!! It includes personal stories and testimonies from our parishioners and staff both past and present. The committee did a beautiful job to ensure that all would treasure these two masterpieces of antiquity. The USB stick will be available after the rescheduled Mass/Gala event.

So don't delay, order your copy today.

Please Make Checks payable to: Saint Francis de Sales. Order form is available on the SFDS website and in church; they may be sent to the parish office.

125th Anniversary Book—\$25.00 Each

Video on USB/ Memory Stick—\$20.00 Each

★ AD BOOK SPONSORSHIP UPDATE

There is still time to sponsor an AD in the Gala AD Book, To participate in the AD book contact the parish office (ParishOffice@SFDSLenni.org).
Deadline for placing your AD is September 1st, 2020.
Sponsorship AD forms are in the Parish Office.
Area Business's, Parishioners and Alumni are welcome to participate in sponsorship.



Returning to Mass — We Can't Wait!

As we prepare to come back to Mass after the pandemic, listen to local Catholics share their excitement to be back in Church! The Returning to Mass videos are a compilation of testimonies from local Archdiocese of Philadelphia Catholics about their excitement to return to Mass after their prolonged fast from the Eucharist during the COVID19 restrictions. Check them out and share them with others to help prepare our hearts to be with Jesus in the Eucharist again!

Returning to Mass Video in English (CC):
<https://vimeo.com/423262781>

Returning to Mass - The Plan

To stay up to date on the unfolding plan for resuming public Masses and other sacraments and ministries in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, visit the Archdiocesan website *Arise: Restoring Catholic Life after the Pandemic*: <http://archphila.org/arise/> and our the parish website sfdslenni.org.



The Sisters of Saint Francis welcome you to become a member of Red Hill Farm, located across from Our Lady of Angels convent in Aston, PA. The farm is an organic CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) that distributes produce by way of membership from June through November. Farm shares of organic produce are picked up weekly at the farm for 24 weeks. Enjoy fresh, local, organic food at an affordable price. The farm is now accepting members for the 2020 CSA season. For more information go to our website www.redhillfarm.org or email us at redhillfarm@osfphila.org

ALMSGIVING FOR THE NEEDY

If you are able to purchase an extra Grocery Store Gift Card, please consider giving it to Sister Betty (at the convent) who, in turn will send it to parishioners in need.

Thank You and God Bless you!





CCA SPECIAL INITIATIVES

Nutritional Development Services (NDS) provides food for thousands of people and families in need across the Archdiocese. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, not only is NDS providing food, but they are providing hope.

We are happy to report that \$307,741 was raised from more than 4,400 gifts through the special Thanksgiving initiative between the CCA and NDS.

Thanks to the incredible donors of the Catholic Charities Appeal, the four Schools of Special Education within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia receive vital tuition assistance and support. These schools shine a light of hope for families with children who have disabilities and specialized needs.

In 2019, \$181,665 was raised from more than 2,800 gifts for the Schools of Special Education.

Seniors are a vital part of our community that we greatly treasure and respect. Catholic Housing and Community Services help cherish senior citizens by providing housing options, senior centers, older care management, in-home support and more.

Through the generous support of our donors, \$154,814 was raised from 2,090 gifts to provide for our seniors.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

Rosary Campaign for an End to the Coronavirus

“...there is no problem, as difficult as it may be, that we cannot resolve at this time by praying the Holy Rosary.” – Sr. Lucia of Fatima



Join us online, by phone or in spirit as we pray the Rosary every **Monday evening**. We will ask the miraculous intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to put an end to the coronavirus.
When: Monday evening, 8:00-8:30 PM (EST)



An initiative of
The Catholic Foundation
of Greater Philadelphia

In response to the Coronavirus Pandemic, CFGP (Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia) has established the Emergency Relief Fund (ERF) to provide a quick response to the

emergency needs of the community within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. This includes food pantries, vital social service ministries and organizations, and local parishes that are working to address the emergency needs of their community. This is a difficult time for many, and we want to do our part to help those who have been impacted by COVID-19. At this time, CFGP's ERF will be raising funds specifically for Catholic Social Services (CSS) food pantries.

We are now accepting donations to the Emergency Relief Fund. Please visit www.TheCFGP.org/ERF to donate. On behalf of CFGP and all those we serve, we thank you for supporting our neighbors in need.

Lifelines

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Pro-Life Union of Delaware County

610.789.LIFE

www.prolifedelco.org

A Baby's Breath

484.580.6436

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484.571.5540

www.ababysbreath.org

Mother's Home

610.583.HOME

www.mothershome.org

Delaware County
Pregnancy Center

www.dcpchester.org

Rachel's Vineyard
Ministries

1.877.HOPE4ME

(Post-abortion healing)
www.rachelsvineyard.org

Parish Registration

Welcome to our family of St. Francis de Sales. We are happy to welcome new members into 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 4:00 to 4:45, 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 9:00AM to 4:30PM, closed 1:00 –1:30. During the Summer, the office is **CLOSED** on Fridays. 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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#WHATSMYNAME

In Remembrance of Samantha Josephson