

St. Francis de Sales Church

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

July 19th, 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 18—Mrs. Betty Kirk

Sunday, 7:30am, July 19— David W. Murnane, Sr.

Sunday, 9:30am, July 19 — Mary Brown

8:30am Monday, July 20 — No Mass/No Communion Service

8:30am Tuesday, July 21 — No Mass/No Communion Service

Wednesday, July 22 — No Mass/No Communion Service

8:30am Thursday, July 23 —No Mass/No Communion Service

8:30am Friday, July 24 — No Mass/No Communion Service

Saturday 5:00Vigil, July 25— Living & Deceased Members of SFDS, 126th Anniv.

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

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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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Web Master	Arlene Petraghani	610.558.0588
Welcome Committee	Rita DiFebo	610.459.8971
Women's Prayer Group	Sr. Betty Kirk	610.459.0554

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

MAY 2020

Sunday Collection = \$3581.00

E-Giving = \$13040.00

Total May = \$18016.00

Parish Improvement = \$1395.00

Thank You for your generosity!

JUNE, 2020

Sunday Collection = \$14580.00

E-Giving = \$10491.00

Total JUNE =\$25071.00

Parish Improvement = \$835.00

+ \$615.00 = \$1450.00

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—4:30



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).

JULY 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

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 18th and 19th with modified schedule; 5:00PM Saturday Vigil (will be taped and posted) and **7:30AM & 9:30AM Sunday**
- ♦ Week of July 19th, No Weekday Masses are scheduled at 8:30 AM. Check schedule weekly. **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 the hand only.



Questions for the Week - July 19, 2020

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19 God, being omnipotent, can also be just and merciful. His justice does not exclude His kindness. An uplifting truth for us, coupled with the fact that God desires us to repent of our sins, which adds hope to our belief. *How do you balance justice with mercy in your life? Are you able to forgive?*

Psalm 86 Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Reading II: Romans 8: 26-27 Through the Spirit, the Christian becomes a child of God, and is thus entitled to the Spirit's help in living with his weakness. *When do you recognize the Holy Spirit within your life and prayer?*

The Gospel: Matthew 13: 24-43 Here is the first set of parables explicitly about the kingdom of God. He points out the power even of a small movement from God when it affects the whole of a society. Note here too the impartiality of Jesus, with His inclusion of a man and a woman in successive stories. *There are several parables in today's Gospel; which one speaks clearly to you and your life?*

Visit exploringthesundayreadings.com

Have you registered your child for Religious Education this year? Are you thinking about your child receiving a sacrament?

P.R.E.P. Registration forms for 2020-2021 are past due. Forms were sent electronically and are available at the doors of church. If you have not received yours, please contact me. You may return the form electronically, mail, or drop in the collection basket or Parish Office mailbox beside the door. We will offer a variety of formats on Sunday morning and/or homeschooling.

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 two Catechists and several adult and high school aides. Volunteers please contact me.

You must register for PREP to be included in receiving the sacraments of Confirmation, First Penance, and First Holy Communion for 2021.

July 19, 2020

16th Sunday in ORDINARY TIME

Oh, to think my morning bowl of Wheaties is filled with something grown on a field! I marvel when I think of all the steps involved in the notion of "farm to table." I should never forget, first of all, the labor of farmers that is involved. Same goes for the railroad personnel, and the truckers and the grocery workers that link farm and my breakfast table. Our enemy the Covid 19 virus brought that home.

Jesus' parable got me thinking about all this. I got to wondering just what Jesus intended in telling it. Certainly He is issuing a call to be patient in a world, indeed in His earthbound kingdom, where both saints and sinners are allowed to flourish between now and Judgment Day. His leniency balances His justice.

That mustard seed which comes next and the yeast after that in Matthew's compilation both teach us something more. When God's plan is behind some effort, however small, there is a surprising effect on the whole world. May I suggest that there is comfort and peace in this fact?

There is still more, albeit a side effect in all three parables. We get to learn that God is present and active in even the little everyday events in our everyday lives. Poets seem to have a lock on this kind of perception, because they can look at ordinary things with a sense of wonder. That patch of wildflowers spread over the highway median gets missed so easily as we zoom past it over the legal speed limit. Yet we know the poets are right. Somewhere deep inside us is the truth that now and then we all have to stop, literally, and "smell the roses."

One positive effect of the Covid 19 lockdown is that we are now compelled to stop or at least slow down long enough to take genuine notice of the people, places and things that make up the content of our lives. That's what's real. Any hectic self-imposed agenda is artificial.

There is a parallel here with the subtle spread of God's peaceable kingdom in the world. His quiet power is always at work, fulfilling His plan for us as well as His whole Church. We just have to notice and marvel. That in turn energizes our hope and maximizes our love. Then we become that "good wheat" that He will gather into His barn.

Michael E. DeBakey, a heart surgeon, once observed: "For me, the solitude of early morning is the most precious time of day. There is a quiet serenity that disappears a few hours later with the hustle and bustle of the multitude. God has granted another day of life, another chance for me to do something worthwhile for humanity." May I humbly suggest that you follow up such lofty thoughts as his while eating a healthy bowl of Wheaties?

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 on the church windowsills. 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.

Let us unite in prayer with our new Archbishop to uphold the sanctity of life!

SAVE OUR CITY'S CHILDREN

SATURDAY
JULY 25TH, 2020

8:00 AM Catholic Mass
Cathedral Chapel, 17th & Race
Followed by procession

9:15-10:30 AM
Ecumenical Prayer Vigil
Planned Parenthood
12th & Locust

*Social distancing guidelines in effect

For more information, contact:
 Life Union: (215)885-8150 // Pat Stanton (267)718-485*

THANK YOU

Dear Parishioners,
More thank you notes have been sent to me from the families, who have received Gift Cards, purchased with the donations you have been sending me.

I believe the following note expresses sentiments that were shared in other notes of gratitude I received.

“The mere thought that someone is thinking of me and my family is such a special blessing. I am blessed to be a part of Saint Francis de Sales Parish. I have been touched by the pure Christian hearts that have been like angels to me and my children. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of my family. A very humble and thankful Mom.”

Sister Betty, Parish Service Director

GOD KNOWS
when to send you exactly what you need.

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!

Rosary Campaign for an End to the Coronavirus



- **Rosary in English:** Monday Nights at 8 PM (Final Day is August 15)(Family Rosary in English on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 8 PM)
- **Rosario en español:** Cada jueves a las 8 PM hasta el 13 de agosto
<http://www.phillyevang.org/rosary>

Spiritual Support for You and Your Family During the Pandemic

During these difficult days, the Lord always remains close to us and provides us ways to receive His grace even when we cannot attend Mass in person. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has created a webpage listing many excellent resources and online events to nourish you spiritually and help you remain as close as possible to Jesus and the Church during this time.

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



Katharine Drexel Center

The Katherine Drexel Center is in need of our help. Now more than ever they are in great need of donations of non-perishable food items. Please place your donations outside of the Father Walsh Center after Masses or during the week from 8:00am — 4:30 pm. Thank you and God Bless you for your kindness.



Your support saves lives.

Our Emergency Relief Fund (ERF) has been raising critical funds for the food pantries of Catholic Social Services since mid-March. In that time, your support has allowed us to raise over \$255,000 for these organizations feeding thousands of individuals and families with children, clothing the homeless and providing essential needs to newborns. As the coronavirus pandemic continues to remain prevalent across the world we would like to thank you all again for your support of the (ERF) so far! We would also like to say a special thank you to all those essential workers who are on the front-lines of this pandemic. Not just our health care providers, but also those who are staffing the food pantries and service centers that we've been supporting. Without them, those we hope to help wouldn't receive these critical items. We're grateful to each of them for their work, and to Catholic Social Services for their partnership. We will continue accepting donations to the Emergency Relief Fund. Please visit www.TheCFGF.org/ERF to donate. On behalf of CFGF 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

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www.prolifedelco.org

A Baby's Breath
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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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