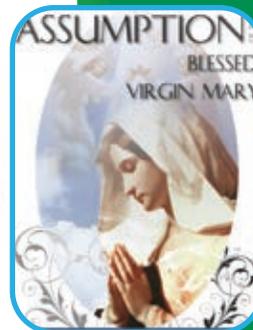


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August 9th, 2020



Church is open daily from 9:00—4:30 for private visits.

ALL SUNDAY MASS VIDEOS CONTINUE TO BE POSTED AT SFDSLENNI.ORG.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday 5:00 Vigil, August 8 —Bart Wishing

Sunday, 7:30am, August 9 — Eileen & Howard Heydorn

Sunday, 9:30am, August 9 — Jacqueline Ferguson

8:30am Monday, August 10 — Frank D’Orazio

8:30am Tuesday, August 11 — Sam & Steven Weikel

Wednesday, August 12 — No Mass/Communion Service

8:30am Thursday, August 13 — John & Ruth McCullough

8:30am Friday, August 14 — Jacqueline Ferguson

Saturday 8:30, August 15—Doris Cannon

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday 5:00Vigil, August 15— Debbie Morton—4th Anniversary

No Saturday morning Mass Memorial Day through Labor Day

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



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OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

JUNE, 2020

Sunday Collection = \$14,580.00

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Total JUNE = \$25,071.00

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+ \$615.00 = \$1,450.00

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).

August 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 August 8th and 9th with modified schedule; 5:00PM Saturday Vigil (will be taped and posted) and **7:30AM & 9:30AM Sunday**
- ♦ Week of August 9th, 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 - August 9, 2020

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: I Kings 19: 9a, 11-13a The Lord orders Elijah to act as His servant. Then the Lord teaches the prophet that He comes in a “tiny whisper,” and not in the expected ways of wind, earthquake and fire that Elijah might expect. *How do you create a quiet space in your life to hear the whisper of God?*

Psalm 85: Lord, let us see your kindness , and grant us your salvation.

Reading II: Romans 9: 1-5 Paul laments that the Jews, his own brothers and kinsmen, have not accepted Jesus as the Messiah. Therefore, they have not entered into the new Covenant with Christ. *Who has spoken the hard truth to you, bringing you closer to Christ?*

The Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-33 Jesus’ solitary prayer models something for us, namely taking time out for silent solitary prayer each day. Then we hear of Jesus’ famous walk on the water, prompting an impulsive Peter to jump in to greet his Lord, only to weaken through doubt. Jesus offers him a helping hand with a smile. *Has Jesus ever asked you to “walk on water” to follow him?*

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. We will offer a variety of formats on Sunday morning and/or homeschooling, BUT YOU MUST REGISTER YOUR CHILD.

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. Please consider contacting Sister Anne Marie about these parish participation/service opportunities.

You must register for PREP to be included in receiving the sacraments of Confirmation, First Penance, and First Holy Communion for 2021. A child must consistently receive religious education for at least 2 years before entering a sacramental program.

August 9, 2020

19th Sunday in ORDINARY TIME

Back in June, a good friend sent me a video of something amazing. It seems an Amish farmer wanted to move his large pole barn to another place on his property. So, does he call in a moving company with heavy equipment? No! Instead he calls on about 300 of his closest friends, and they together actually lift the skeleton of the massive structure and walk it to the new location!

Viewed from a distance, the men’s black clad legs are seen standing out from the bottom of the red building as they walk in unison following the directions of a leader. It’s as if the building becomes a mammoth centipede! The video is worth downloading. For one thing, you will see the importance of “lending a hand” to a friend in need.

“Lending a hand” is precisely what Our Lord does in this week’s chosen Gospel passage. A storm at sea is raging. Jesus has left His prayer place on the mountain and suddenly appears walking on the waves! When Peter catches sight of Him, He jumps out of the crowded boat onto the water and he takes a few tentative steps toward His Master. But all of a sudden, logic kicks in; awareness steps up, and Peter loses his confidence and begins to sink. Only when Jesus lends a hand to lift his friend up does the crisis end. (I often picture Jesus with a smile on His handsome Face, maybe even with an added chuckle, as color returns to Peter’s scared face as he stands solidly again. Of course, it is the perfect opportunity for Our Lord to remind Peter that his faith needs a little updating. Some added depth. More strengthening private prayer.

Naturally, the Holy Spirit wants us to ask ourselves some probing questions as He presents this well-known gospel scene. When life puts us in some “rough water” we know who we can depend on. Such “stormy seas” will come to nearly all of us at one time or another. So, do we turn to God when it happens, or do we rely only on our instinct for self-preservation? Or the cleverly concocted myth of self-reliance that we eschews help? That Amish farmer knew better with his problem.

Without belaboring the obvious, I trust that we have all learned a lot about ourselves and our dependency upon each other during these months of the pandemic, with the probability of more months to come. Hopefully, you and I as believers have stepped up our reliance on God. We know in a brand new way that some problems are too much for our finite fiber to cope with, much less to solve. We need a helping hand. God’s is the best.

Maybe you don’t have 300 friends to call on to help solve your problem. But you do have One better than those by far. He once said: “Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will refresh you.” He never reneges on a promise, and is always there to lend His most powerful Hand. After all, “problems are only opportunities with thorns on them.” (Hugh Miller, Scottish scientist, d.1856.) God love you and give you His peace!

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

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
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Eucharistic Adoration and Procession

Malvern Retreat House—August 16th, 2020
 Please join us for outdoor Eucharistic Adoration and Procession on the grounds of Malvern Retreat House. To begin at 2 p.m. outside of the Family Life Center. We will say the Rosary during Procession. Stations of the Cross will follow. You are welcome to bring a picnic lunch and visit the grounds of the Malvern Retreat House.

BIKING FOR VOCATIONS

August 5th—9th, Details & More Information;
Heedthecall.org/BikingforVocations
 Join the seminarians as they pray the Angelus each day at Noon on Facebook Live @ PhillyPriest

Mary, Mother of God hear our prayers
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Returning to Mass — Welcome Back!

We are so happy to see those of you who feel safe enough to return home to Mass! We know that some of you still have concerns. We miss you! 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. Consider viewing these videos and talking to those who have returned.

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.

We care about you and your spiritual life. Until you are ready to return, please join us each Sunday with our recorded Mass posted on our website.

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/>

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!





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.



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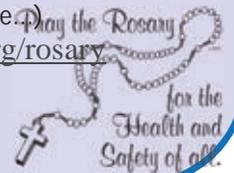
Seeking spiritual support in the journey towards recovery? Many parishes around the Archdiocese are extending God's merciful and loving hand to those who have addiction as well as their families and loved ones. The Hope in Christ: Spiritual Support for Addiction webpage provides a central location for resources, ongoing support, events and testimonies that are happening throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Visit archphila.org/hope for new postings for Catholic resources available to you and your loved ones.



Rosary Campaign
for the end of the coronavirus

Rosary Campaign for an End to the Coronavirus

- **Rosary in English:** **New Schedule beginning August 3rd:** Every week, Monday through Thursday, Nights at 8 PM - until further notice. (Family Rosary in English on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 8 PM)
- **Rosario en español:** Cada jueves a las 8 PM (Nuevo horario próximamente. *Play the Rosary* <http://www.phillyevang.org/rosary>)



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Delaware County Pregnancy Center

www.dcpchester.org

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries

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(Post-abortion healing)

www.rachelsvineyard.org



Novena in Preparation for the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary August 6-14, 2020

Archbishop Nelson. J. Pérez invites us to join in a novena in preparation for the Solemnity of the Assumption on August 15. The special intention of this novena is for an end to the coronavirus pandemic.

Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, we believe in your triumphant assumption into heaven where the angels and saints acclaim you as Queen of Heaven and earth. We join them in praising you and bless the Lord who raised you above all creatures. With them we honor you. We are confident that you watch over our daily lives and we ask that you intercede for us now. [Mention your requests here, including the petition for an end of the coronavirus pandemic.]

We are comforted by our faith in the coming resurrection and we look to you for prayers and comfort. After this earthly life, show us Jesus, the blessed fruit of your womb, O kind, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Queen assumed into Heaven, pray for us. Amen. If possible, pray the Rosary each day of the Novena.

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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