

# St. Francis de Sales Church



## *MASS SCHEDULE*

### *NEW Weekend*

#### *Sunday Mass Schedule*

*Effective June 3rd & 4th, 2017*

*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

June 25th, 2017

Sunday Collection = \$5544.00

E-Giving = \$1451.00

Total Sunday = \$6995.00

Parish Improvement = \$265.00

Thank You for your generosity!

**Scripture readings for:  
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 16th, 2017**

**Zechariah 9:9-10  
Romans 8:9, 11-13  
Matthew 11:25-30**

## Directory of Parish Organizations

Adult Choir  
Adult Education/RCIA

Altar Society  
PREP/CCD  
Church Environment  
CYO

Eucharistic Ministers  
Finance Committee  
HOPE

Ladies' Club

Lectors  
Liturgy Committee

Pastoral Council

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Welcome Committee

Women's Prayer Group

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Donna Paciente 610.566-7761

**JULY 9th, 2017  
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY  
ORDINARY TIME**

<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:00 PM	<b>July 8</b> Edward Staats Jr.
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 AM 9:30AM 11:30 AM	<b>July 9</b> William Scheivert Robert Salvadore William Miller
<b>MONDAY</b> 8:30 AM	<b>July 10</b> Harry Bakow 3rd Anniversary
<b>TUESDAY</b> 8:30 AM	<b>July 11</b> Marty Kopishke
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 8:30 AM	<b>July 12</b> Communion Service
<b>THURSDAY</b> 8:30 AM	<b>July 13</b> Marianna Arness
<b>FRIDAY</b> 8:30 AM	<b>July 7</b> Friends and Family Of Baby Louis Dicocco
<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:00 PM	<b>July 8</b> Bart J. Wishing
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	<b>July 9</b> Angela DeGregorio Josephine Paglia Robert Saladore



Parish Office hours Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am ~4:30pm, Friday's Hours 8:30am~1pm. Evening and Saturday by Appointment. Mass Schedule: Saturday Vigil at 5:00pm, Sunday morning Masses at: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30.

**JULY 9th, 2017**

Table talk banter in the rectory dining room can range from the banal to the bombastic, especially in a house of six priests. That number is quite unusual these days, considering the priest shortage. But twenty years ago that was my living situation. From retired to newly ordained, we were a mixed bag of opinions.

One gent in particular was big on details in his storytelling. That prompted the reigning pastor to say one day in frustration "X, get to the verb!" We all laughed together at that, and even the stymied Father X managed a smile amid his surprise. I presume that man learned that some details in storytelling are unnecessary. In today's jargon, someone may have told him "TMI."

Now on to today's Gospel passage. When Jesus our Lord said what He did about people coming to Him for rest when the burdens pile up, I'm certain that no one questioned Him about the details of how He was going to provide it.

The same holds true for His easy yoke. In this case, Jesus was making a comparison with the seemingly unending "halaka" of the Pharisees. That word refers to their lengthy commentary on the law, with hundreds of detailed regulations and details about non-essential items included. "How far was one permitted to walk on the sabbath" is an example.

You and I know that love of God and neighbor, the heart of Christ's "yoke," is qualitatively more difficult than observing dietary restrictions and sabbath directions. Especially if the neighbor seems placed here just to annoy us! We readily see what makes Christianity so difficult at times. Wishing that simple command would go away when we have to deal with a particularly annoying neighbor. How tough it is to remember that the Holy Spirit dwells in him/her when they persist in acting the way they do! G.K. Chesterton was "spot on" when he wrote: "Christianity has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried."

Right here, in the heart of the summer vacation season, I believe the following definition of a good neighbor fits nicely. Nor do we need more detail. "A good neighbor is one who will watch your vacation slides all evening without telling you that he has been there too."

*"Reflection by, Rev. Leonard N. Peterson"*



**BBVC 2017**

*Saturday, July 15th*  
St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

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**Brothers of Borromeo Vocation Camp  
Archdiocese of Philadelphia  
Saturday, July 15th, 2017**

**Philadelphia Catholic Grandparents  
Association Conference**

Join with our Grandparents for a day of learning, sharing, prayer and support with keynote speakers, Catherine Wiley, Founder, International Catholic Grandparents Association & Jim Joy Pinto, EWTN's Jim & Joy Show. Topics to include: Your Biblical Mandate, the importance of Grandparents to the Church, the Family and Society, Grand parenting in Secular Times, Practical, Secular and Spiritual Catechesis. Ending with celebration of Holy Mass, Sat, August 26, 2017, 8:30 AM—5:15 PM St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood.

For more information and to register, visit:

**[phillycatholiclife.org](http://phillycatholiclife.org) or visit the  
conference page.**

*Save the Date— The AbbeyFest:*

*Music and Family Festival*

*Saturday, September 16th, 2017, Paoli, PA.*

**CARDINAL O'HARA HIGH SCHOOL  
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**Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students on the End of Year Report. We are particularly proud of those who demonstrated academic excellence.**

**Travis C. Gaskill '2018**

**Ranked number 1 in the class.**

**Students who achieved honors include:**

**Travis C. Gaskill '18**

**Brett T. Craskey '19**

**Chloe L. Reagle**



**THE  
PREP**

**2017 Academic Year Honor Roll  
at Saint Joseph's Preparatory School**

**Sean P. Guinan  
First Honors**

**This academic accomplishment is a source of pride for each student and for his parents.**

The annual "Day at the Bay" event hosted by Roman Catholic High School Alumni Association will be held Sunday, August 5th, from 2 to 6 PM at Keenan's Irish Pub in North Wildwood, NJ. Tickets \$35 in advance, \$40 day of. For more information call 215-627-5487 or visit at, <https://www.romancatholic.com/Page/906>





**Wedding of the Sea Festival~Tuesday, August 15th**

Take part in this special tradition of the Parish of St. Monica in Atlantic City! Mass of the Assumption of Mary~Boardwalk Hall  
Doors Open at 11:00 am, Program & Mass at 12:00pm  
Procession to Surf at 1:15 pm.

Join the Most Reverend Dennis Sullivan, Bishop of the Diocese of Camden in celebration of this beautiful Mass.

Free and open to the public.

Festival—St. Michael’s Church Parking Lot, Georgia Avenue  
Beginning at 1:00pm—8:00 pm.

**”2017”**

**MAY & JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- July 9th— Social after 7:30 & 9:30 Masses FWC
- July 11th—Prayer Shawl Mtg. FWC
- July 13th—PREP Faculty Mtg. 6pm. FWC
- July 18th—Golf Committee Mtg. 1pm. FWC
- July 25th—Prayer Shawl Mtg. FWC
- Aug. 8th—Social Fellowship Mtg. 7 pm FWC

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

**Remember Our Sick**

**Kathy Walsh, Jack McKeown, Sandy Duckett  
Bruce McManus, Chelsea Miles, Belle Miller  
Josh Farrell, Joel Rivera**

**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 call; Dee Mulranen DeeMarianucci@gmail.com—610-3582772  
e-mail the rectory @ [sfdsrectory@aol.com](mailto:sfdsrectory@aol.com)

**2017 SFDS Golf Outing**

**Susan Kutys Memorial**

Has been Scheduled for the Fall

Friday, September 8th,

Rock Manor Golf Course, DE.

1pm Shotgun Start

Any one interested in helping with this years Fall Golf Outing please contact Ed Sobieray or Joanne Sunick at - [joannesuni@verizon.net](mailto:joannesuni@verizon.net).

Join the Team!

**Our Next Mtg.; July 18th, 2017 @ 1pm, FWC**

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**Catholic Charities Appeal**

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Thank you, and God bless !

**Social Fellowship**

**Our next Fellowship Social is scheduled for July 9th, after the 7:30 am & 9:30 am Masses.**

**Anyone interested in helping please contact Donna Paciente. 610-566-7761**



### A Prayer Shawl Ministry

Please contact Ann Fernandez at  
215-203-6697 or  
annfernandez@me.com

We are starting a Prayer Shawl Ministry here at SFDS. If you knit, crochet, beginner or experienced, or would like to learn please consider joining the group. More information to come. All Welcome!

### 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

### 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.

### Altar Servers Needed

Would you like to be more involved in the mass? Have you ever wanted to be an altar server? Did you once serve and would like to return to it? This is your chance. When your child is ready, this ministry is open to students in grade 5 and above, and all adults. We are always in need of new altar servers. If you would like to be an altar server, please contact Donna Mucha at 610-358-5966 or [don6292@verizon.net](mailto:don6292@verizon.net).

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### Early Childhood

Did you know Holy Family has a growing early Childhood program? We currently have room in both Kindergarten and Preschool.

We have had such a great response to our kindergarten program that we are opening a second Kindergarten classroom! In both kindergarten and Preschool your little one will learn, laugh, play dance and sing all while developing the cognitive and social skills they need for success in school life. Your child will have so much fun learning the ABC's, numbers, shapes, colors and experiencing lessons in science, social studies, and religion. They will also enjoy going to library, music, technology and phys.ed classes every week!

Please call to register—  
610-494-0147 x3

**Save the Date!** Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Saturday, October 28th, 2017,

### Lifelines

610.583.HOME

Crisis Pregnancy Hotline  
610.626.4006

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

Pro-Life Union of Delaware County

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

610.789.LIFE

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

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Mother's Home

## 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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