

# 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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39 New Road, Aston, PA 19014

### OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

July 2nd, 2017

Sunday Collection = \$6347.00

E-Giving = \$1171.00

Total Sunday = \$7518.00

Parish Improvement = \$400.00

Thank You for your generosity!

**Scripture readings for:  
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 23rd, 2017**

**Wisdom 12:13-16-19  
Romans 8:26-27  
Matthew 13:24**

## 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

Web Master

Welcome Committee

Women's Prayer Group

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Donna Paciente 610.566-7761

**JULY 16th, 2017  
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY  
ORDINARY TIME**

<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:00 PM	<b>July 15</b> Bart J. Wishing
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 AM 9:30AM 11:30 AM	<b>July 16</b> Angela DeGregorio Josephine Paglia Robert Salvadore, Jr.
<b>MONDAY</b> 8:30 AM	<b>July 17</b> Florence D’Orazio
<b>TUESDAY</b> 8:30 AM	<b>July 18</b> Mrs. Betty Kirk
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 8:30 AM	<b>July 19</b> Communion Service
<b>THURSDAY</b> 8:30 AM	<b>July 20</b> Communion Service
<b>FRIDAY</b> 8:30 AM	<b>July 21</b> Communion Service
<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:00 PM	<b>July 22</b> Teresa Lentine
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	<b>July 23</b> Charles Edward Moor Robert Salvadore, Jr. Jenni Fantini



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 16th, 2017**

In my semi-active retirement, which finds me helping out at a combined parish of two churches, in the southern part of the “Garden State”, I meet a sampling of authentic farmers. Their number steadily dwindles, as suburbia makes its relentless inroads into their territory. They wistfully tell me that this “Bellevue Acres” housing development used to be “Farm W.” Or that “Produce Stand X” did quite a business when it was flourishing, but now it’s gone. Or that “Farm Y” is up for sale to make room for more than a hundred mini-mansions. Ironically, many of those new homeowners will likely decorate their newly sodded lawns with old farm equipment newly-painted to match their shutters.

When such laments run out, I enjoy listening to their stories of raising crops, and the unexpressed pride they have in coaxing good things out of Mother Earth. Or in breeding horses or cows.

The New Testament record tell us Jesus was a carpenter or construction worker but He sure understood farming. He also knew farmers’ lives, perhaps through His interaction with them as customers of His business. Jesus loved their plain stories because he loved people. I’m certain that He smiled at their recall of little victories over capricious weather. So He taught them using those marvelous parables that still intrigue us today.

Believe me, those eternal stories are not easily matched. I used to assign my former high schoolers in my English classes to write an original parable of their own. While I got back clever renditions of Jesus’ originals, none of them ever came up with a truly new parable of their own. Perhaps it was unfair of me to impose that task on them. But together we re-appreciated the mastery of Our Lord.

In using examples His humble audiences would understand, Jesus not only exercised masterful teaching methods, but also a subtle form of mercy. His mission involved the announcement of startling new truths and the arrival of a kingdom of which they had no concept. He led them to understand gradually His earth-shattering “good news.”

We moderns, who only see farms passing by our SUV windows, or on a PBS documentary, nonetheless can make the connection between seed sown and teaching accepted. That’s the mastery of Jesus. Of course our challenge is to be that “rich soil” that made Him smile.

*“Reflection by, Rev. Leonard N. Peterson”*

## Thank You

**Special thanks to our Parishioners who donated money for the purchase of Food Gift Cards. On July 12th, I was able to mail \$1550 worth of Giant Food Gift Cards to 16 families.**

**Thank You and God Bless  
Sister Betty**



## **PREP- CCD**

### **Time to Register**

To register for the PREP-CCD Program which is held on Sunday mornings in our former school building, please contact Sister Betty at 610-459-0554

## 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.**

**Registration Limited**

**\$35 per person**

**\$65 per couple**

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**Holy Family Job Opportunity**  
We are looking for people who would like to work during our Lunch periods for the 2017-2018 school year. Lunch Monitors! Please contact the school at : 610-494-0147

## **Social Fellowship Spirit Nights**

Rita's Water Ice

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August 10th

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St. Francis de Sales Parish

## **CATHOLIC SCHOOLHOUSE**

Information Session

On Thursday, July 20th, 2017. Gathering at 6:30 pm, meeting at 7:00 pm. Catholic Schoolhouse, a local homeschool co-op program, is currently registering students for the 2017-2018 academic year. More than an academic co-op, Catholic Schoolhouse is a structured program meeting weekly for homeschoolers that include chorus, two hours of classroom instruction, science experiments, art projects and opportunities for socializing after class.

Location: The Neumann Room of the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul  
Contact: Gina at 215-962-2640

*Save the Date- The Abbey Feast:  
Music and Family Festival  
Saturday, September 16th, 2017, Paoli, PA.*



**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”**

**JULY~AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

July 18th—Golf Committee Mtg. 1pm. FWC

July 25th—Prayer Shawl Mtg. FWC

Aug. 6th— Sunday Social after all Masses FWC

Aug. 8th—Social Fellowship Mtg. 7 pm FWC

Aug 10th— Spirit Night Rita’s Water Ice~ Aston

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  
Virginia Hollister, 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**

**Sign your Foursome up Today!**

**Sponsor a Tee or Green Sign!**

**VOLUNTEER your time and/or talents**



**Catholic Charities Appeal**

In our collective efforts to share our blessings with those most in need, Catholic Charities Appeal asks donors to prayerfully consider donating a dollar-a-day to become a **Partner in Hope** making an impact all year round. For a dollar-a-day, a **Partner in Hope** will provide support needed to tens of thousands of people through countless organizations, programs and ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. A dollar-a-day can truly make a difference to our beneficiaries. For more information on how to become a **Partner in Hope**, please visit the Catholic Charities Appeal website under the “Ways to Give” tab; [www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org/ways-give/](http://www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org/ways-give/).

Thank you, and God bless !

**Sunday Social  
Social Fellowship Committee  
August 6th**

**After all Masses**

**7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM**

**All are Welcome**

**Father Walsh Center**

**If you would like to bake 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. Stitching together!  
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.

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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

Delaware County  
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[www.dcpchester.org](http://www.dcpchester.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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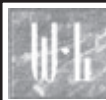
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