



**ST. FRANCIS  
de Sales Parish**  
Lenni, PA

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Francis de Sales Parish,

If you have not already returned to Mass at SFDS, we are eager to welcome you back. While we still miss some aspects of church community life, the Mass and Eucharist are central to our spiritual growth and development.

Hopefully you will feel comfortable to return soon and until then, the Mass is posted on our website each week.

When you are ready to return, we ask everyone to follow these guidelines when attending Mass during this period:

- **GENERAL POINTS**

- The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation continues to be lifted during the Yellow Phase. You are not required to attend Mass at this time.

- Please stay home if you are sick.

- Please stay home if you are at higher risk of severe illness with COVID19. If you are uncertain about your risk status, please consult your doctor and also the CDC Guidelines at the link below.

- Click here to read the CDC Guidelines for those at higher risk:

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html>

- Sunday Mass will continue to be available via recording at SFDSLenni.org.

- **MASS SCHEDULE**

- Our Mass schedule as of October 3-4, 2020 is”

- 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass
- 8:00 and 10:30 am Sunday morning
- Weekdays (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday) at 8:30 am
- There will be no Holy Communion Service on weekdays when Mass is not celebrated.

- **BEFORE COMING TO MASS**

- Please wash your hands for 20 seconds using soap and water.

- Before entering the Church, please put on a face mask or cloth covering. Exceptions to this are “children younger than 2 years old, anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious, and anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance” (CDC Guidelines).

- Please do not come to Mass if you are sick or are at higher risk for severe illness with COVID19 (see above).

- Missalettes will not be in the pews during this period. You are welcome to bring your own missal/readings with you.

- **ENTERING THE CHURCH**

- All doors of our church will be open as usual. Please practice social distancing (6 feet apart per CDC guidelines) as you enter and go to an available pew. Please do not stand in the vestibule or aisles.

- Hand sanitizers will be available at the Church entrances. Please use the hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting the Church.

- Bulletins are available for you to pick up as you leave church. Please do not leave bulletins or any other materials in church when you leave.

- **SEATING**

- When taking your seat, please honor all posted signs about where you may sit. Every other pew will be open to ensure proper social distancing.
- Members of the same household may sit together as normal. Please place 6 feet between your household and members of a different household.

**When entering and exiting the church please use the side aisles only, not the center aisle. Continue using social distancing as you exit. Markings will be on the floor to indicate 6 feet.**

- **DURING MASS**

- Cantor and organist will lead the congregation in singing.
- There will be no collection taken up during the Offertory. A basket/box will be available in the center aisle, front and back, for you to drop your offering. **The Offertory Procession is suspended until further notice.**
- There will be no Sign of Peace during Mass
- The Precious Blood will not be distributed during Mass
- There should be no holding of hands during the Our Father.

- **RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

- When Holy Communion is distributed, you will approach **by the side aisle and return to your seat by the center aisle.** This is the reverse of our usual procedure.
- Please maintain social distancing in the Communion line. Please keep several pews between yourself and the person in front of you while in line and when returning to your pew.
- For the health and safety of all involved, Holy Communion will only be offered in the hand.
- Please remove your mask before receiving Holy Communion and replace it immediately.

- **EXITING THE CHURCH**

- At the conclusion of Mass, please exit the Church using the side aisles and social distancing; proceed directly to your car. Please do not congregate for any reason.
- Please take a parish bulletin home with you; they are available in the usual places at the doors and contain valuable information.
- Please leave your mask on until you exit the Church and get to your car.

- **OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU**

- St. Francis de Sales will follow the guidelines from the CDC for sanitation as we resume public Masses.
- To view the CDC guidelines, visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/faith-based.html>

I recognize that during these past few months we have all been faced with challenges that we thought we would never have to face. Our prayer life and our faith in our Saviour Jesus Christ has given us the strength to live our lives. As we return to church, we rejoice in our faith, expressing gratitude for God's mercy, grace and His many blessings in our lives. May we have a renewed appreciation for our faith, increase our fervor in prayer, grow in our devotion to the Real Presence in the Eucharist, and have a much greater appreciation for the community we create in our parish family.

I look forward to seeing you and celebrating the Holy Eucharist with you, again. *You have been missed.*

God bless you and your family.

In Christ,  
*Father Alan J. Okon*  
Pastor