Weekend Masses:
Saturday – 4:00pm, Sunday – 8:30am and 11:00am

Weekday & Holy Day Masses: As listed in bulletin

Reconciliation: Saturday – 3:00pm – 3:30pm

Rev. Mark J. Peyton...............................................Pastor
Rev. John Crawford.................................In Residence (Retired)
Deacon Robert Piskach.............................Permanent Deacon (Retired)
Sr. Annette Amendolia, S.N.D.……Liturgical/Spiritual Life Minister
Miss Michelle Nowakowski………………Generations Minister
Mr. Gerry Mass.................................Music Minister

Baptism & RCIA – Call the parish office to register. Diocesan regulations require first time parents to participate in a pre-baptismal instruction class. Adults wishing to become Catholic will be enrolled in the RCIA Program (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

Matrimony – Call the parish office to meet with a priest. Diocesan regulations require a minimum of 6 months preparation time.

Funerals – Please have the funeral director call the parish office to finalize plans.

Care of the Sick – Notify the parish office of those who are hospitalized or homebound. Holy Communion is brought to the homebound on Sundays and the week of First Friday. Arrangements can be made for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Religious Instruction of Youth –
PSR Program for children in Public School - Grades 1 – 8
Wednesdays 7:00pm – 8:15pm

Parish Membership – New parishioners are always welcome! Please call or stop in the parish office to register. Please notify the office if moving, changing address or changing phone number. All parishioners should be receiving offering envelopes to help support the works of the parish.

Please remember St. Francis de Sales Parish in your will.
ST. FRANCIS DE SALES
Parish Mission Statement

St. Francis de Sales Parish (Parma, Ohio) was founded in July, 1931, in the midst of the Great Depression. As a Catholic Church community, in keeping with our Baptismal calling, we strive to live the message and model of service of the Lord Jesus. We are committed to being faithful stewards of God's gifts to us, living the sacramental life of the Church, serving the poor and the needy and providing faith formation for all generations. We seek to continue to be a parish community welcoming all, a parish community helping people to grow in faith and a parish community reflecting the love of Christ. (March, 2015)

**Mass 🌟 for the Intents 🙏 Week**

**SUNDAY, February 9**
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30am  For the People of the Parish
Holy Name Society Corporate Communion
11:00am  🙏 David Bocanelli

**MONDAY, February 10**
Saint Scholastica, Virgin
8:45am  🙏 Carol Polefko

**TUESDAY, February 11**
Our Lady of Lourdes
8:45am  🙏 Andrew Giroski

**WEDNESDAY, February 12**
Weekday
8:45am  🙏 Karen Kozinski

**THURSDAY, February 13**
Weekday
8:45am  🙏 Mrs. Mildred Handlovic & David Handlovic

**FRIDAY, February 14**
Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop
8:45am  For the Health of Alexis & Avery Neel

**SATURDAY, February 15**
Weekday
4:00pm  🙏 Linda Stefan & Amelia Vanek

**SUNDAY, February 16**
**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30am  For the People of the Parish
11:00am  🙏 Patricia Vertal

**BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO SERVE**
Sat., Feb. 15  4:00pm  Haley Baker & Jackie Bonsignore
Sun., Feb. 16  8:30am  Paul Bruno
11:00am  Ella Polomsky & Jack DeGeeter

**SUNDAY, February 9**
7:00pm  RCIA (Room A)

**MONDAY, February 10**
6:15pm  Bell Choir
7:00pm  Boy Scout Troop 192 (Cafeteria)
7:00pm  Guitar Lessons (Music Room)
7:00pm  Social Justice (Room A)

**TUESDAY, February 11**  Credit Union Open 12-3 PM
7:00pm  Prayer Gathering
7:00pm  Men’s Choir

**WEDNESDAY, February 12**
7:00pm  PSR

**THURSDAY, February 13**  Credit Union Open 2-6 PM
7:00pm  Women’s Choir
7:00pm  Youth Choir
7:30pm  O.A. (Room F)

**FRIDAY, February 14**

**SATURDAY, February 15**  Credit Union Open 9—Noon
Parish Office Open 9:00—Noon

**Saturday After Mass Social “Winter Picnic”**
after 4 o'clock Mass (Cafeteria)

**SUNDAY, February 16**
**MEET & GREET (After Masses, Room C)**  
Hosted by: Holy Name Society
7:00pm  RCIA (Room A)

**MONDAY, February 17**
Parish Office Closed

**S.A.M.S. Saturday After Mass Social**

Next weekend, on Saturday, February 15th, the P.A.L.S. group is hosting a “S.A.M.S.” Join us after the 4:00 PM Mass in the cafeteria. This time we are going to have a “Winter Picnic”. All are welcome to attend. Come and enjoy hot dogs, chips and potato salad! See you after 4 o’clock Mass!!! “People Are Loving Servants” is a ministry of our parish.

**In Loving Memory**

Louise D. Leo
Rev. Thomas J. Pajk
Senior Priest Retired
(Assigned at St. Francis de Sales 1990-1995)

I have received the final report for the Offertory Increase Appeal Renewal we did in November. Out of the 1376 households of the parish (362 active/1014 inactive) 120 of the active households committed to increasing their weekly contribution by a total of $828.00. This is an average of $6.90 increase per household. This means that our weekly offertory should average $8,000.00. Thank you for being generous “Stewards of Treasure”! God bless you for the sacrifice you make for the parish that you love!........ Progress is being made on Room C! Because of a delay in executing the contract from the Diocese and with Christmas and New Year’s being in the middle of weeks work was delayed. I certainly am hopeful that the remodeling of the room (“De Sales” Room as it will be called) and the hallway will be done by the end of this month.

...Fr. Mark Peyton

#FacesofHope

**Catholic Charities Annual Appeal**

The 2020 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal is underway with the in-pew appeal this weekend. This is not a special collection! Rather, the Appeal is the chance for all Catholics to make a significant pledge, payable in installments, to Catholic Charities of our Diocese in order to support its mission to be united in support of the “least among us”. Many parishioners have already received a letter from Bishop Perez requesting their support. If you have not received this letter please respond to the in-pew commitment process today! If you received the mailing, please respond to it. There is a box on the in-pew form to indicate that you have responded by mail. Faces of Hope is the theme of this year’s Appeal. Your generous gift will help change the lives of 410,000 people who are served each year in Northeast Ohio. Please be generous and please pray for the success of the Appeal. The goal for our parish this year is $35,928.00. Let’s try to meet and even exceed that goal! CatholicCommunity.org/2020Appeal

**MEET and GREET**

Our monthly Meet & Greet will take place NEXT Sunday in the Cafeteria after each of the morning Masses. Plan now to join other parishioners for some light refreshments and a time of fellowship with one another. Also, be sure to invite visitors to the parish you see at Mass that morning to come with you to enjoy our parish’s hospitality. (The hosts for this social will be the Holy Name Society.)

**FINANCIAL BLESSINGS - Feb. 2, 2020**

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Thank You for your Generosity!

**Online Giving** is available!

Go to: stfrancisdesales-church.org
SFDS Social Justice
Social Justice appreciates each person who donated their treasure to the December fifth envelope. One hundred dollars of socks will be purchased in support of the New Year New Socks service project.

Consider joining us at our next meeting, Monday, February 10th, at 7:00pm in room A.

Scouts
Troop 192 will be selling Krispy Kreme Doughnuts after all Masses the weekend of Feb. 22nd & 23rd. Glazed donuts will be sold by the dozen. Please consider supporting the Boy Scouts’ activities by taking home some doughnuts!

Enjoy Delicious Doughnuts before Lent begins!

We Are Fishing for Helpers!
Would you like to help at our Lenten Fish Fry Dinners?!?! They begin February 28th and we would love to have you!!! Just call the parish office (440-884-2319) to join the fun! ☺️ OR… you can go to our parish website (stfrancisdesales-church.org) and signup under “Volunteers Needed”! THANK YOU!!!

People are Loving Servants
MARK YOUR CALENDARS….
The PALS group will be sponsoring a number of activities for the Parish. Mark the dates below on your calendar and watch the bulletin for more information about each of the coming activities!

- SAMS (Saturday After Mass Social) will be next Saturday, February 15th after the 4 P.M. Mass. This will be our “Winter Picnic”.
- Corned Beef and Bingo Luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, March 22nd from 1-3 P.M.
- Girls Afternoon Tea will be held on Saturday, May 9th from 12:30 to 2 P.M.

YOU are invited… to a Luncheon with the SFDS “Lunch Bunch”
Thursday, February 20th
The Clubhouse Restaurant

Lunch will be at 12:30 P.M. Thursday, February 20th, at the Clubhouse Restaurant at 6365 Pearl Road. Please RSVP by Tuesday, February 18th by calling the Parish Office at 440-884-2319.

This is a Dutch Treat & ALL ARE WELCOME!
Please Remember to RSVP! (440-884-2319)

People are Loving Servants
SFDS Wii Bowling meets this Tuesday, February 11th at 11 A.M.

“Meet & Greet” Schedule
February 16th - Hosted by: Holy Name Society
March 15th - Hosted by: P.S.R.

Winter Fest 2020
Chili COOK-OFF

Many thanks to our Chili Contest Participants who cooked up some delicious food for us this year:

Tim DeGeeter Margie Fuller
Kurt Gutwein Dan Long
Richard Menchaca Mark Piunno
and Larry Vavro

Congratulations to our Chili Cook-Off winner:
DAN LONG

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL
Matthew Williams
ST. IGNATIUS HIGH SCHOOL
Trevor Polomsky
Stephen Vavro

Congrats & Keep up the Good Work!!!

The SENIORS CLUB....
Will resume their activities
March 12, 2020.
New members are always welcome!!!
You are awesome! At the time that this article is being written we have collected over 2,000 pairs of socks!!! WOW! Your generosity has been overwhelming! Thank you to ALL of our “ANGELS” who have helped us in this project! We have exceeded our goal of 1500 and are STILL COUNTING SOCKS! A final count will be given next week. Thank you for your warmth and generosity! God Bless You!

Family Perspectives

Relationships die from neglect or harsh criticism. They need at least five positives to each negative interaction. Be light and salt in your marriage by saying that kind word with a note or flowers. Go the extra mile in helping with family chores. Give encouragement rather than criticism. Let those you love hear and see that love! Let your light shine through good deeds.

R.C.I.A. UPDATE

We invite everyone in the parish to attend the following session: Next Sunday, February 16, our topic will be:

THE CREED, presented by Fr. Crawford.

I can guarantee that you will never pray the Creed the same way after Father’s presentation. Please join us! (We meet 7 to 8:15 P.M in Room A.) …Sr. Annette

The SFDS Lenten Fish Fries begin SOON! We could use your help! If you are interested, please call the Parish Office and let us know when you can work. You can call: 440-884-2319 😊 OR, go to our website (stfrancisdesales-church.org) and signup under “Volunteers Needed”! THANK YOU!

SFDS Parish Office…

Will be CLOSED Monday, Feb. 17th, for the Federal Holiday commemorating George Washington’s Birthday, aka PRESIDENTS DAY.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What does it mean to be salt and light? If we listen carefully to Jesus’ words, we gain some direction. To be salt means to bring taste, zest, and joy to life. We are asked to liven things up a bit by allowing the joy of our faith to spill over into the lives of others. Only a sincere and deep relationship with God can freshen up humanity and set it on proper course. To be light means that our faith must translate into action so that we can be Christ for others and extend the same arm of mercy and compassion that Christ did. Our acts of piety, then, cannot be directed solely at ourselves. Prayer is never about self-benefit but must always be directed toward union with God, deepening our relationships with one another and learning how to be effective stewards of the beautiful universe God has entrusted to our care.

The Master gives us wise direction in terms of how we can best become the salt & light he desires. Listen carefully to the Beatitudes. Think about the oppression & alienation that exists in our world, the violence & prejudice, the anger & the hatred, the fear & the shame. All of these things require action. The poor need food, housing, and clothes. Hatred must be replaced by love. Retaliation and violence by forgiveness. Our thoughts and speech can become more like Christ. We can change and continue to change. Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman said, “To live is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often.”

But it doesn’t end with just offering the bandages needed to heal wounds. It must go deeper. We must ask ourselves what has happened that we have found ourselves in this place with these wounds and divisions. What are their causes? Together we must address these systemic problems, politically and spiritually, and face the truth. Only then will we truly be salt and light. But then again, we may not like what the light shows us.

(LPI, Liturgical Publications Inc.) …Sr. Annette

Anointing of the Sick

The Parma/Parma Heights parishes are offering the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at the following parish this week.

*St. Bridget of Kildare - Thursday, after 8:30 A.M. Mass

Remember that if you are admitted to a hospital you can always request that the Catholic chaplain anoint you if you did not receive this sacrament of healing previously or you can ask one of the priests here to anoint you after the weekend or weekday Mass in which you participate.

Called To Pray…

Our next prayer gathering will be:

THIS Tuesday, February 11th

from 7:00 – 8:00 PM.

Come to our prayer gathering this Tuesday. We will meet in Room A. If you would like to join us, please feel free to come and pray one hour with us!

…Sr. Annette
All Women are invited to attend:

**St. Charles’ Ladies Guild:**

**DAY OF RECOLLECTION**

Guest Speaker: Father Lou Thomas

Our Day of Recollection will be on **Monday, Feb. 17th (President’s Day)**, in the Lower Parish Hall. We will start with a Continental Breakfast at 9 - 10:00 a.m. Father Lou will begin at 10:00 a.m. His topic of discussion is:

“Everything you always wanted to know About the Catholic Church and more!”

The day will conclude with Benediction in the Church at 2:30 P.M. Lunch will be provided for a $2.00 charge or you may bring your own brown bag lunch. Any questions, please call Pam Bennett (440-773-33291) or Pat Lawler (440-843-9186).

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**Upcoming Retreats**

**Jesuit Retreat Center**

5629 State Road

To register contact: Jesuit Retreat Center at 440-884-9300 or www.jesuitretreatcenter.org

**February Morning Prayer for Women**: **Monday, Feb. 17th** from 9:30am - 11:00am. Women from all walks of life are invited to pray together and learn more about the beauty of prayer. Led by Sr. Mary Ann Flannery, S.C., this prayer group will refresh your spirit and help you find strength in regular prayer habits. Just bring your Bible and come as you are! Price includes coffee & pastry. Registrations are encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. Cost: $10.

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**Grief Support Meeting**

The Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Diocese of Cleveland graciously invites you to join together for an hour of sharing, listening, learning and healing along your grief journey. No registration is needed, though reservations are appreciated. (You can call Rhonda Abrams at 216-930-4866 or email her at rabrams@clecem.org)

The next meeting will be at **3:00 PM NEXT Sunday, February 16th**, at the following cemeteries:

- **Holy Cross** (Brookpark Rd., in the office building),
- **Calvary** (Miles Ave.), and
- **All Saints Cemetery** (Northfield).

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**St. Mary Seminary Winter Festival 2020**

In order to support the various activities of the seminarians of St. Mary Seminary the Student Activities Staff is putting on a Winter Festival fundraiser. These monies will allow them to attend the Cleveland orchestra, a Cleveland Indians game and to visit other cultural venues in the Cleveland area as a way to form a sense of community. The Winter Festival will be held at the Center for Pastoral Leadership (28700 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe) on **Friday, Feb. 21st**, from 5:00 – 8:00 P.M. Cost for adults is $10.00 and $5.00 for children under 12. Menu includes Eastern European dishes. Also, there will be raffle opportunities.

*It should be a good time! See you at the Winter Festival!*

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**Boy Scout Troop137**

**INDOOR GARAGE SALE**

St. Therese Church Boy Scout Troop 137 will be holding its annual indoor garage sale, flea market and everything sale on **Saturday, February 15 from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm** in the St. Therese Church Hall, 5276 E. 105th Street and Granger Road, Garfield Hts. Admission is $1.00 at the door. Vendor tables are still available for rent at $25 per table. If you are interested in a table or need more information call PJ: 216-624-8334.

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**St. Columbkille 50+**

**We are ready to start traveling in 2020 with a Baron’s Coach.**

**February 25:** Caesars Windsor, Windsor, Ontario Shop/Browse at Windsor-Detroit Tunnel Duty Free; Casino Bonus: $15 Food Coupon or $15 Free Slots or Free Lunch Buffet. Everyone MUST have a Passport or Passport Card to enter Canada, no exceptions.

Cost: $30 per person, Call **Nancy** at 216-524-3668 for more information and to reserve your seat.

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**Incarnate Word Academy**

**Offering EdChoice Scholarship Program**

Incarnate Word Academy will offer the EdChoice Scholarship Program through the Ohio Department of Education beginning with the 2020-21 school year. The EdChoice Scholarship Program awards students from designated public schools in grades K - 12 scholarships to attend a Catholic or private schools. Incarnate Word Academy is a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence committed to teaching the Gospel values and inspiring academic excellence. A limited number of openings are available for students in Kindergarten – Grade 8 for the coming school year. For more information, please call (440) 842-6818.

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**Sacred Steps to Peace Divorce Recovery**

**St. Joseph Church (12700 Pearl Rd., Strongsville)**

Any person who is separated or divorced is invited to attend the Sacred Steps to Peace Program at St. Joseph Church. Sacred Steps is a spiritual journey that helps heal the participants from the trauma and grief associated with divorce. The group meets once a month, usually, on the third Friday of each month. The next 14 month sessions will begin on **Friday evening, February 21, 2020 from 7pm until 9pm** in the Bethlehem Room. If you are interested in taking this journey with us, please contact St. Joseph’s Office at 440-238-5555 to register. For further information, contact Deacon Bob at 440-238-5555 ext. 110, or Carol Petro at 216.696.6525 ext. 2325.

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**RECORD OF 2019 CONTRIBUTIONS**

You can request a statement of your contributions to **St. Francis de Sales Church for 2019.** Just fill out the information below and drop it in the collection basket or send it in to the parish office. We will send the statement to you in the mail.

**NAME:** ____________________________

**ADDRESS:** ____________________________

**ENVELOPE NUMBER:** ____________________________

(Your envelope number is the number on your Church contribution envelope that begins with the first letter of your last name.)