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

MONDAY, February 17
Weekday
8:45am †Deceased Members of Kelly Family

TUESDAY, February 18
Weekday
8:45am †Angela Mathias

WEDNESDAY, February 19
Weekday
8:45am †Deceased Members of Koza & Kaminski Families

THURSDAY, February 20
Weekday
8:45am For the Health of Nancy Ryan

FRIDAY, February 21
Saint Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
8:45am †Martha Gullion

SATURDAY, February 22
The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle
4:00pm †The Adornetto Family

SUNDAY, February 23
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30am For the People of the Parish
11:00am †Agnes Bilski-Lustik

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)
Deacon Robert J. Piskach

Nov. 19, 1932 — Feb. 13, 2020

VISITATION:
Friday, February 21
2 P.M. - 8 P.M.
ZABOR FUNERAL HOME
(5680 Pearl Road)

FUNERAL:
Saturday, February 22 at St. Francis de Sales
9:45 A.M. - Reception of the Body in Church
10 - 10:45 - Viewing
11:00 A.M. - Funeral Mass
Celebrant: Bishop Roger Gries
Private interment at
Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery

From the Pastor’s Desk

My thanks to everyone who remembered me with words of happiness and well-being and gifts for my birthday (#69) last weekend. Your words and gifts make getting older a little easier to handle! Thank you and God bless you!.... Speaking of birthdays, Fr. Crawford celebrates number 87 this Thursday, Feb. 20th. When you see him be sure to wish him a Happy Birthday. I’m sure that he will appreciate your kind wishes. .... We are making progress on the remodeling of Room C (now known as the De Sales Room) and the main hallway. Most of the electrical work is done, the hallway has its new, brighter lighting and has been painted. New cabinetry has been ordered along with new appliances and carpet. Vinyl tile for the kitchenette and the serving counter area will be selected and new banquet-style chairs will be ordered. Painting of the room should be done in the next few days. If all continues to go well the De Sales Room should be completed by the end of the month. Thank you to those who have made special donations to help defray the cost of the appliances and chairs. Now the CELEBRANT: Bishop Roger Gries

Special Donations
Thank you to a parishioner who has made a donation of $100.00 for new appliances for Room C (the “De Sales Room”). Special donations are always welcome!

This Monday, Feb. 17th is President's Day in our nation. On this federal holiday we pause as a nation to remember and honor all those who have served our nation in its highest office – President of the United States (“POTUS”). These leaders have made many sacrifices to guide us in both good and difficult times in our history. Some have even made the ultimate sacrifice of giving their lives to the bullets of assassins! Why not join in the 8:45 A.M. Mass this Monday to pray in thankfulness for our presidents? (Due to the holiday the parish office will be closed this Monday.)

Meet & Greet

Join us at our monthly social THIS Sunday after each of the morning Masses. Come to the Cafeteria for light refreshments and a time of fellowship with other parishioners & visitors to the parish. (The Holy Name Society is the host for this month’s social.)

Financial Blessings - Feb. 9, 2020

SUNDAY Collection $ 6,398
Online Giving “We Share” $ 270
UTILITIES $ 4,218
FUNDING THE FUTURE $ 272
TOTAL: $ 11,158

Thank you for your generosity!

Online Giving is available!
Go to: stfrancisdesales-church.org
Scouts FUND RAISER
Troop 192 will be selling Krispy Kreme Doughnuts after all Masses NEXT WEEKEND, Feb. 22nd & 23rd. Glazed donuts will be sold for $8 a dozen. Please consider supporting the Boy Scouts’ activities by taking home some doughnuts!
Enjoy Delicious Doughnuts before Lent begins!

Would You Like To Help?
We are having a Planning Meeting for the Lenten Breakfast. The meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday, Feb. 19th, at 9:30 A.M. in Room A. If you would like to help with the planning and the Breakfast, please come to the meeting. (Call 440-884-2319 & RSVP) .... Mary Therese Slota

Let’s do Lunch!
You are invited... to a Luncheon with the SFDS “Lunch Bunch”
THIS Thursday, Feb. 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 THIS 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)

The SENIORS CLUB....
Will resume their activities March 12, 2020.
New members are always welcome!!!

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.)

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!!!

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!
- 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.
As these events draw closer, please check the bulletin for more details!

JOIN US.... At 1pm on the first & third Tuesday of each month for discussion and study of the Scriptures with others who are interested in growing in our faith.
For more info call: Rosalie at 440-884-9028

High School Teens... DO YOU NEED SERVICE HOURS?
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!
Family Perspectives
Today’s Gospel is from the “Sermon on the Mount”. Jesus gives strong and lofty ideals to inspire and guide our living. For family life we are reminded that ideal families are not lived on lofty mountaintops, but in the nitty-gritty of everyday life. In their love, mutual sharing and forgiveness families give us a glimpse of the Kingdom of Heaven.

CONFIRMATION
The next Confirmation Preparation class is THIS Wed., February 19th. All candidates should report to Room A. Class is from 7:00 to 8:15 P.M.
REMINDER: Service Project #2 is due at this time.

R.C.I.A. UPDATE
We invite everyone in the parish to attend the following session: THIS 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

SAVE THE DATE!!!
Saturday, March 14th
9:00 to 11:00 A.M.
St. Francis de Sales (Cafeteria/Social Hall)
LENTEN BREAKFAST
Speaker: Kathleen Hackett
(of University Hospital)
Topic: Human Trafficking
ALL ARE WELCOME!!!
Cost: $10/person
Call 440-884-2319 to RSVP

GOSPEL MEDITATION
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
People are not property. We cannot exchange them at will or simply use them for our own designs and purposes. What does the word “commitment” mean to you? We can begin to understand its meaning by looking at some synonyms: dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, fidelity, and bond. Commitment is primarily about relationship, and Jesus is all about relationships. How our lives affect others, how we treat our brothers and sisters, how we resolve conflict, and how we view the vows of marriage. Jesus’ teachings on obeying the commandments, murder, reconciliation, marriage, divorce, and adultery all stem from the sacredness of commitment. All of this has a God connection.

We can easily see one another as interchangeable and dispensable. We treat so much of our lives this way. What works today may not be what I want tomorrow. We search and search for the right thing only to find our hearts still restless in the end. Is real happiness achievable this side of the grave? Sometimes we expect too much out of others and want our relationships to fill a hole that we must figure out how to fill ourselves. Any seasoned married couple will tell you that their love for one another changes as time passes. Even though the understanding of romance changes as life changes, the dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, & fidelity all remain & even deepen. Some relationships can be hurtful, and God does not want us to live with abuse or pain. Also, how a relationship develops is sometimes out of our control, and we become the victim of someone else’s decision. But we can’t be self-focused in our relationships and see them exclusively as self-fulfilling ends. We are companions on life’s journey with varying depths of relationships being enjoyed by all who are with us along the way. We have the freedom to choose. God asks us to do so wisely, with right judgment and thinking. (LP/ Liturgical Publications Inc.)

Anointing of the Sick
The Parma/Parma Heights parishes are offering the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at the following parishes THIS WEEK.
*St. John Bosco - Tuesday, after the 7:30 A.M. Mass
*St. Columbkille - Thursday, after 7 & 8:15 A.M. Masses
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. You can also 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:
Tuesday, February 25th
from 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.
Come to our prayer gathering Tuesday, Feb. 25th. 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
PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

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).

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 THIS Sunday, February 16th, at the following cemeteries:

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

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!

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.

40 Days for Life™

From Feb. 26 – April 5, you're invited to join with other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray anytime between 7 am to 7 pm during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Preterm - 12000 Shaker Blvd, Cleveland, 44120 or Planned Parenthood - 25350 Rockside Rd, Bedford Heights, or Family Planning - 54 South State St, Painesville.

Join us at the Kickoff Rally at St. Justin Martyr Church in Eastlake on February 25 at 7 PM with Keynote Speaker, Fr. Daniel Bowen, O. de M. You can contact John Noall at clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com or 216-245-9744 for more info. ( www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland )

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.

Sisters of Notre Dame - 30th anniversary

Sisters of Notre Dame are celebrating their 30th anniversary this year. You are invited to a special Mass at our Cleveland Community on Sunday, March 8th at 7 p.m.

A retreat for young adults in their twenties and thirties:

Are you interested in taking time away with God?

Perhaps the Encounter: Ignatian Silent Retreat weekend designed to help young adults personalize and deepen their relationship with God is for you! The retreat will be held at Bethany Retreat Center in Chardon, OH. It starts on Friday, March 6th at 5 p.m. and concludes at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 8th. Mass is included in the retreat. The cost is $50 and includes private accommodations, meals and supplies. Scholarships are available. For more information or to register, contact Sr. Kelley Rush, SND at krush@ndec.org or 440-241-3124.

Are you grieving the loss of a family member, a friend or a loved one?

St. Angela Merici Ministry of Consolation along with Holy Family Hospice invites you to join our Grief & Healing support group. This is an eight-week bereavement support group where members will meet others who have suffered loss, explore their individual grief process and gain knowledge and insight of useful grief coping skills to help them begin to heal.

Monday Afternoons
March 16 – May 11, 2020

No meeting April 13th due to Easter holiday
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
St. Angela Merici Seminar Room (Social Hall)
20970 Lorain Rd, Fairview Park

Registration is required by Monday, March 9, 2020. For more information or to register, please contact Erin Hout at 440-545-7632 or moe@samparish.org

This group is open to the community and is free of charge.
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