



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH

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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

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.

August 29, 2021

Parish Office:

(440) 884-2319

Parish e-mail:

church_sfds@sbcglobal.net

Parish web site:

stfrancisdesales-church.org

Parish Fax:

(440) 884-1661

Parish Office Hours:

Mon-Fri.: 9:00am to 5:00pm

Masses:

Monday - Friday: 8:45 A.M.

Saturday Vigil : 4:00 P.M.

Sunday: 8:30 A.M. &
11:00 A.M.

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)



SUNDAY, August 29

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am †Francis & Margaret Vicki
 11:00am †John Cooper

MONDAY, August 30

Weekday

8:45am †Rita Taddie

TUESDAY, August 31

Weekday

8:45am †Greg Stephen

WEDNESDAY, September 1

Weekday

8:45am †Stephen & Barbara Klemencic



THURSDAY, September 2

Weekday

8:45am *Health of Avery & Alexis Neel*

FRIDAY, September 3

Saint Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

8:45am †Daniel Surber

SATURDAY, September 4

Weekday

4:00pm †Janet, Robert, Frank, and Esther Elizabeth Romanowski

SUNDAY, September 5

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am *People of the Parish*
 11:00am *Stigalt & Kellogg Families Living & Deceased*

SUNDAY, August 29

MONDAY, August 30

7:00pm *Parish & Finance Councils Joint Meeting* (De Sales Room)

TUESDAY, August 31



11:00am Wii Bowling
 7:00pm Instrumental Practice (Church)



WEDNESDAY, September 1

10:30 *American Sewing Guild (Room F)*

THURSDAY, September 2

6:00pm O.A. (De Sales Room)
 7:00pm *Youth Choir (Church)*



FRIDAY, September 3

SATURDAY, September 4

SUNDAY, September 5

MONDAY, September 6 *Parish Office Closed*

Social After 8:45 A.M. Mass (De Sales Room)



BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO SERVE

Sat., Sept 4	4:00pm	Dana Juby
Sun, Sept 5	8:30am	Rich Juby
	11:00am	Brody Tancak-Peshek

In Loving Memory

Patricia A. Hovanic



Please review our Sick List, first, to pray for them, and second, to ensure that your name is not on it if you are healthy again! Many times we are asked to add someone to the sick list. But, when he/she has returned to good health, we are not called again to take them off the list. Please call the Parish Office (440-884-2319) if we need to add or take someone off the Sick/Prayer List.



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| Nancy Sue Jablonowski | Mary Peters | Alice Zamiskie |
| Colette Jedlicka | Marlene Petras | |
| Lena Jones | Genevieve Plona | |

From the Pastor's Desk



In my column in last weekend's bulletin I shared with the parish our annual "Status Animarum" report for the Diocese. This is a statistical report of the state of the parish. Compared to the previous year's report our parish has declined in some areas, remained the same in others and increased in two areas. The parish has declined in the number of households and parishioners by about 100 houses and people. It appears this is due to the aging population of the parish and the shifting population of the area. A number of the older members died, and a number of people (usually younger people) have moved away. The sacramental life of the parish was somewhat stable. But, there are very few baptisms, First Communions and marriages! This can be explained by two factors. First, the aging parish population. Second, the lack of the practice of the faith by the younger population. I would guess that on any given weekend we only average about 15 children at the three Masses altogether! The only two areas that showed an increase were Confirmations and funerals. Confirmations were up from zero the previous year since we only celebrate this sacrament every other year due to the small number of youths. Funerals increased slightly. I suspect there may have been more funerals, but due to the pandemic many people throughout the country chose not to have wakes or formal burial services for their deceased loved ones. Thus, they bypassed services offered by the Church. So, what does all this say? To me it says we all need to work harder to invite the younger families, with their children, to return to the practice of the faith and to commit ourselves to invite new people to the Church. Through Baptism we all were made disciples of Jesus Christ. As disciples we must evangelize – grow in and practice our Catholic faith and invite people to return to the Church or to consider membership in the Church. As I have often mentioned in my homilies, at meetings or in conversations with parishioners, its not just up to priests, deacons, religious sisters and lay pastoral ministers to do the work of evangelizing. It's the job of everyone, but especially of the laity in the pews. You have day-to-day contact with family members, neighbors on the street, friends and co-workers with whom you can share your faith, encourage those who have "fallen away" to return to Church and invite new members to the life of the Church. This is the only way that our churches and schools will be full once again and our parish's "numbers" will rebound in years to come.

.... Fr. Mark Peyton

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

On Saturday, September 11th, the P.A.L.S. group is hosting a "S.A.M.S." Join us in **after the 4:00 P.M. Mass in the Cafeteria**. We will have **Pizza and Salad**, coffee, and ice tea. Hope to see you on September 11th after 4 o'clock Mass!!! (PALS, "People Are Loving Servants", is a ministry of our parish)

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS - August 22, 2021

SUNDAY Collection	\$	5,282
Online Giving "We Share"	\$	757
UTILITIES	\$	406
FUNDING THE FUTURE	\$	97
TOTAL:	\$	6,542

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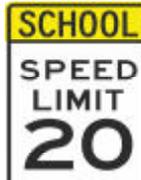
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You can also use Online Giving to donate to Special collections. (e.g. Utilities, Flowers, SFDS Social Justice)



A donation of \$200.00 was given to the parish in memory of **Stanley Frydryk**. Memorial donations are a wonderful way to honor a person and to help the parish where he/she was nourished in faith. It is appreciated when memorial donations to SFDS are asked for in a person's obituary.



SCHOOL HAS BEGUN!!!

Watch your SPEED!!!



Stewardship of Treasure

Your September packet of Offering Envelopes contains envelopes for the following special collections.

- ◆ Funding the Future – anytime during the month
- ◆ Catholic Communications Campaign – Sept. 26

On the weekend of **September 11th – 12th**, as part of our diocesan Mission Co-op Program, a missionary priest will be here to speak to us about the Church's missionary ministry and what his religious community does in their missionary works. A special second collection will be taken at the Masses that weekend to support the priest's community and other religious communities that are dedicated to missionary work. This will be an actual "passing of the basket" for that second collection since there is no envelope in your packet for the appeal.

Aid for Haiti Collection

The Diocese of Cleveland and dioceses across the country have been asked by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to have a voluntary special collection on behalf of the people of Haiti. Their country has been devastated by an earthquake and Tropical Storm Grace. As a result of both disasters many Catholic properties, along with homes and businesses, have been severely damaged or destroyed. In order to support this major relief effort we will have a special "pass the basket" second collection at Masses next weekend, Sept. 4 – 5. Checks should be made payable to St. Francis de Sales with the memo line marked "Calamities in Haiti". Your generosity is a real Work of Mercy to help people in their time of great need.

We need your
**HELPING
HANDS**



Social Justice News

St. Francis De Sales Social Justice Group needs You! Our mission is to be a

prayerful, sensitive, caring, confidential and helpful presence to families/individuals in need in our parish/neighborhood community and, by promoting awareness of these needs, provide a way for every member of our parish to share their God-given talents/gifts with those less fortunate. We are in need of more members willing to share their time and talents so that we can continue our activities in serving those in need. *Please consider joining our friendly group.* Our next meeting will be:

**Monday, September 20th
At 7 PM in the De Sales Room**

We are still collecting small size toiletries, **small sizes of bar soap, shampoo, lotion, etc.** We use these donation to assemble kits for the West Side Catholic Center where they are distributed and greatly appreciated! Also...

THANK YOU to all donated SCHOOL SUPPLIES!!!!

Memorial Candles

You can still purchase **MEMORIAL CANDLE GLOBES** with disposable inserts (candles) for your home use. The candle globe has a picture with a prayer: *"In your mercy, O Lord, grant them eternal rest and may perpetual light shine upon them. Amen."* In memory of.... We will print the name on the glass when you purchase it.

The cost for the Candle (Globe and candle insert) is \$10. If you would like to order one, please call the parish office (440-884-2319). **Sister Annette**



**We need
You!** 

Ministry of Usher

During the past few months a **need for ushers at the 11:00 Sunday Mass** has arisen. *The ministry of the usher is to welcome people to church, hand out the hymnals, take up the collection, direct people for the Communion procession, pass out church bulletins as people leave and check the pews and return hymnals to the bookcases.* Ushers need to be at church at least 15 minutes before Mass and be the last ones to leave. Ushers can be high school age and older and can be both men and women. Please, seriously consider **helping your parish** in this special ministry. Think about it – you need to be here at Mass to fulfill your Sunday obligation, so it's not as if you have to find extra time to be here! Please contact Fr. Peyton this week to let him know that you will **help your parish** in this needed ministry.

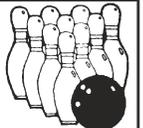
SFDS Social Justice

We have been making and serving a lunch, once a month, at the West Side Catholic Center for over 30 years. At this time, we are in need of a volunteer to be the coordinator of this lunch program. The duties include: being a contact between the West Side Catholic Center and our group, selecting a menu from our list of meals, passing out a sign-up sheet for social justice members to make the food, passing out a sign-up sheet for social justice members to join you to serve the lunch, making sure we have the paper products and food items that need to be purchased to complete the meal. It would involve some shopping and phone calls. All training provided. If you are interested and able to help with this work of mercy, please give your name and phone number to the parish office (440-884-2319) and Social Justice will contact you. Thank you.



**People
Are
Loving
Servants**

The SFDS Wii Bowling group will meet this Tuesday, August 31st at 11:00 A.M.



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IT'S HUMAN TRADITION TO WIPE YOUR FEET BEFORE GOING INTO YOUR MOTHER'S HOUSE.

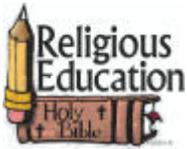


NOW, GOD ONLY COMMANDS THAT YOU LOVE YOUR MOTHER, NOT THAT YOU WIPE YOUR FEET.



BUT IF YOU LOVE YOUR MOTHER YOU'LL WIPE YOUR FEET.





PSR

Michelle Nowakowski, PSR Director
Parish Office: 440-884-2319
SFDSGenerationsMinistry@yahoo.com

- ◆ PSR Families may return their completed Registration packet for the 2021-2022 school year at the Parish Office.
- ◆ PSR *in-person* Classes begin on **Wednesday, Sept. 15th**.

Family Perspectives

Today Jesus teaches us what really matters are the intentions of our hearts. Bad intentions lead to angry outbursts with name-calling and put-downs. These are violent acts that “defile” our relationships. No one wins; everyone loses. Examine your heart and open it to God’s love and grace. Pray for families in conflict, that the healing power of Christ might open their ears and hearts to each other so that reconciliation, harmony and respect might reign in their homes.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Give it all Back

Pop culture has given us a unique idea of the term justice. Justice, we often think, is about taking. Taking what’s owed. Taking revenge. Taking what we deserve. This worldview tends to make mincemeat of our Catholic social teachings. Seeking the good of the poor, a call to community and participation, solidarity — on the face of it, in a society where everything must be earned & we are encouraged to hoard for ourselves whatever success we can achieve, these principles look a lot like highway robbery.

But when you remember the presence of an omnipotent, all-loving and all-merciful God, it turns our gunslinging sense of justice on its head. For how does justice inhabit the same universe as a God who is so quick to give and indeed to forgive?

Well, very easily, when we remember Who exactly is the source of every good and perfect thing in this world. There is no law that cannot be traced back to the Word. And the Word saves our souls.

Is that justice? No, that is a gift. It is the reckless, indulgent gift of a father whose love is greater than His anger. What is justice in the Biblical sense?

The answer is simple. Look at your life. See the hours in your day? See your spouse, your kids, your grandkids? See the house they live in, the money in your wallet, the food in your fridge, the breath in your lungs?



Calling it all your own, refusing to share any of it — that’s robbery. Giving it all back to the One who gave it to you — that’s justice.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS (LPI,)

Bringing up the Gifts

If the weekend Mass you are attending is being offered for *an intention you requested*, it would be very appropriate for you and other family members to bring up the gifts (cruet of wine and bowl of hosts) during the Presentation of the Gifts at that Mass. *If you would like to bring up the gifts, please talk to one of the ushers when you come for Mass (early) and let them know.* The usher will then give you instructions on when to bring the gifts forward.



Liturgy Update

GOSPEL MEDITATION

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

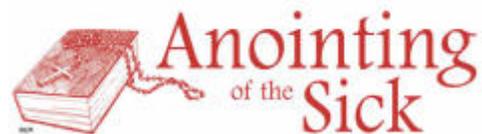
Albert Einstein said that the “true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.” Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demand creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God’s children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God’s compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God’s word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn’t just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That’s why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It’s risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That’s why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.

(LPI, Liturgical Publications Inc.)

...Sr. Annette



This week the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered at the following parish Mass here in Parma/Parma Hts.

Friday, Sept. 3—St. Anthony of Padua (8:00 A.M. Mass)

Should you need this Sacrament of Healing but cannot go to St. Anthony’s, please do not hesitate to call our parish office and make arrangements for one of the priests to administer the Sacrament to you.

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Legion of Mary Cleveland West Comitium invites you to attend Holy Mass and participate in a traditional Eucharistic Procession on **Saturday, September 4th**. The Mass will be at **11:00 AM** and the procession will begin at 12:00 PM at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in downtown Cleveland. The Cathedral is located at 1007 Superior Ave., Cleveland (East 9th and Superior). The procession (less than one mile in distance) will be through the sidewalks of downtown Cleveland, as we walk, pray, and sing in honor of our Eucharistic Lord Jesus and Our Lady, the Blessed Virgin Mary. The event includes Holy Mass with Father Kevin Estabrook, our Legion of Mary Comitium Spiritual Director, a procession with hymns, and a return to the Cathedral for the recitation of the Rosary & closing prayers. RSVP is not required. For more information you can email contact@legionofmarynorthernohio.org or go to www.facebook.com/legionofmarynorthernohio/.

All are welcome to attend

The next Cleveland Retrouvaille Weekend is scheduled for September 10-12 This is a Lifeline for Troubled Marriages

Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring – your relationship cold, distant – thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but both of you want to try again? Then the Retrouvaille program may help.

RETROUVAILLE, which means rediscovery, is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, but it is open to couples of all faiths. This program consists of a weekend experience for couples and six follow up sessions. A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. For more information concerning the program, or to register, please call Marce or Liz Gliha at **440.357.6580** or **1.800.470.2230**, or go online to www.helpourmarriage.org.

“A Closer Walk With Thee” CCA Monthly Grief Support E-Newsletter

Our monthly grief support e-newsletter, provides much of the same helpful grief support information that is presented at the monthly meetings but can be enjoyed from the comfort of your home and from any device where you can access your email. This e-newsletter is emailed the first Tuesday of each month to any family/individual who has expressed an interest in our bereavement programs. To subscribe to this valued grief support resource, go to the signup form at <https://bit.ly/ccabereavementbulletin> or contact Rhonda at rabrams@clecem.org or 216-930-4866.

Free Legal Aid Information

Since the Pandemic began the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland has not been able to hold free legal advice clinics throughout Northeast Ohio as they have in the past. But, you can get information on the phone or through “clinics” hosted on the radio or internet.

Legal Aid provides **free eviction help**. If you, or someone you know is in need of help, encourage them to visit www.laslev.org/contact to apply for help 24/7 or you can call **888-817-8777** to get help.

MASSES - Televised, Internet and Radio

Sunday Masses from the *Cleveland Catholic Diocese* are televised on **Sundays at 10:00 A.M. on WUAB Channel 43**, the CW43. WUAB is available for those who do **not** have access to cable TV. WUAB also televises a **Sunday Mass at 8:00 A.M.** from “*Heart of the Nation*”. Cable viewers should check their local cable system listings to locate Channel 43 their local channel line-up.

If you have access to the Internet you can watch the Mass daily at: www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/communications/mass OR www.catholicstv.org OR www.HeartoftheNation.org.

Listen to Mass: on AM 1260 The Rock at 4 p.m. Saturday and 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

Catholic Cemeteries Association Annual WALK TO REMEMBER

10/3/2021 1:00-2:00 PM

and “In Remembrance Wall” – Month of October

During October, the month of the Most Holy Rosary, Catholic Cemeteries Association invites families to participate in a **half-mile walking Rosary** in honor of departed loved ones. We walk, we pray, we sing, and we remember. For those who cannot walk, or in case of rain, the Rosary will be prayed in the mausoleum or in the cemetery office. At the end of the Rosary, there is a brief candle lighting ceremony in remembrance of our dearly departed. This is a great communal prayer opportunity for families and for Rosary Prayer organizations in your parish. **Registrations starts August 1st and runs through October 3rd**. Whether walking or not, you can also honor your departed loved ones on our “**In Remembrance**” Wall. **Submit names by September 30th** to be included for the month of October. Register and/or submit remembrance names TODAY by phone (Rhonda/216-930-4866), email (rabrams@clecem.org), or register online at:

www.clecem.org/Events/WalkToRemember.aspx.

Walk to Remember locations:

All Saints Cemetery | 480 W. Highland Road, Northfield OH | Meet at Nativity Mausoleum;

All Souls Cemetery | 10366 Chardon Road, Meet at Mary Queen of Peace Mausoleum;

Calvary Cemetery | 10000 Miles Ave, Cleveland | Meet at Main Office;

Holy Cross Cemetery | 100 E Waterloo Rd Akron | Meet at Holy Family Mausoleum;

Holy Cross Cemetery | 14609 Brookpark Rd Brook Park | Meet at St. Jude Mausoleum;

Resurrection Cemetery | 6303 Center Road (Rt. 303) Valley City | Meet at Main Office;

St. Joseph Cemetery | 32789 Detroit Rd. Avon | Meet at St. Joseph Mausoleum;

A Rosary podcast will be available on our website for those who cannot attend but wish to participate.

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