

St. Francis de Sales

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Bulletin for Sunday, January 9, 2022

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday: 8:45 A.M.

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

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**Current Office Hours:**

Mon-Friday: 9:00am to 5:00pm

Saturday: CLOSED  
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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.

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.

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.



BAPTISM
of the LORD

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, January 9

Baptism of the Lord

8:30am Mary Bourque
Holy Name Society
Corporate Communion

11:00am Peter & Elsie Ellis Sr.



SUNDAY, January 9

MONDAY, January 10

4:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Social Justice (De Sales Room)



MONDAY, January 10

First Week in Ordinary Time

8:45am For the Health of James Campbell

TUESDAY, January 11

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Weekday

8:45am Romy Panlilio

WEDNESDAY, January 12



7:00pm PSR



WEDNESDAY, January 12

Weekday

8:45am Andy Fetcho

THURSDAY, January 13

6:00pm OA Group (DeSales Room)

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, January 13

Saint Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:45am Thomas J. Blaze

FRIDAY, January 14

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Weekday

8:45am Bessie & Eli Cottle & John Chapla

SATURDAY, January 15

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Weekday

4:00pm Janet Hoffman

SUNDAY, January 16



January 16

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Jeanette Swauger

11:00am For the People of the Parish

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO SERVE
Sat., Jan. 15 4:00pm Dana Juby
Sun., Jan 16 8:30am Ron Grzybowski
11:00am Emilie Bonsignore

In Loving Memory
Theresa Cole



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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| Theresa Hrusovsky | Tina Panlillio | Joanne Zajkowski |
| Dorothy Inman | Andrew Pavka | Alice Zamiskie |

From the Pastor's Desk



This weekend the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord. This event is another revelation to the world of Jesus as the Christ, the long-awaited Redeemer promised by God from Old Testament times. This solemnity concludes the Church's celebration of the Season of Christmas. On Monday we return to Ordinary Time in the Church Year. The Mass vestment color returns mainly to green (a sign of hope) and the Sundays are celebrated mainly by number (e.g., 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, etc.). Since the word for "number" is "ordinal", this is why these weeks after Christmas and before Lent are called "Ordinary" Time.....

In concluding the Christmas Season I once again would like to acknowledge and thank everyone who has made this time of the Church Year such a special time of grace for us. Thanks to the parish staff members who have put in many extra hours to meet the needs of people for various requests, to meet deadlines for bulletins for the holidays and to be sure that the parish campus is in good order. Thanks also to those who worked to provide the beautiful environment in our church. Many visitors, as well as parishioners, commented on the beauty of our church. Thanks to all who fulfilled ministries for our Christmas time liturgies – music ministers, lectors, altar servers, Eucharistic ministers and ushers. Your talents enhanced our Christmas liturgies and made everyone, especially visitors, feel welcomed to SFDS. And, I cannot forget to thank everyone who contributed to the Christmas collection. Your sacrifice of treasure for the parish in these challenging economic times is appreciated. As I look back over the weeks of Advent and Christmas Time here in our parish I am truly thankful to the Lord, the Infant of Bethlehem, for the many good and generous people of SFDS who share their gifts of time, talent and treasure for the parish..... **Don't forget that due to the Pandemic surge the annual "WinterFest" will be celebrated as "IrishFest" on March 17 (as was done last year).** Early in February tickets for the \$5000.00 Cash Prize Raffle will be sent to all parishioners' homes. At that time, we also will begin selling tickets for the baskets for the Chinese Auction. Your support of this annual fundraising event for the parish will be appreciated!..... **Finally, I will be providing you more information on the meeting for our parish's input into the synodal process called for by Pope Francis.** Our parish meeting for this will be on Thursday, January 27th. The meeting will be open to all parishioners. Again, more information will be in my column in the weeks to come.....**Have a happy, holy and healthy New Year!!**



... Fr. Mark Peyton

MASS INTENTIONS for 2022 ARE AVAILABLE

Our Mass Scheduling Policy states that individuals may schedule up to four masses for the year (with only one of those being on a weekend or Holy Day). **HOWEVER, because we have Mass intentions open during the next few months, you can now schedule additional intentions.** (This applies to masses from January through June only).

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS - Jan. 2, 2022

SUNDAY Collection	\$	7,367
Online Giving "We Share"	\$	972
UTILITIES	\$	1,281
FUNDING THE FUTURE	\$	203
TOTAL:	\$	9,823
Christmas (updated total)	\$	19,153

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St. Francis de Sales Holy Name Society 50/50 Raffle



Raffle Tickets for the Holy Name Society's 50/50 Raffle, "GNOME for the HOLIDAYS", are available. Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased from HNS Members or at the Parish Office (440-884-2319).

First prize \$500, Second prize \$300, Third prize \$200
Only 100 tickets are sold, so your odds are very good!

A Holy Name member will be selling tickets after Masses THIS weekend (Jan. 8-9)!!!

Collection for Catholic University

This annual collection will be taken next weekend, Jan. 15–16. Catholic University is a national research university of the Catholic Church. Your donations to this national collection (the only second collection taken for higher education) support the students during this crucial time and help the University to conduct critical research that will serve parishes and dioceses throughout the country. Your generosity will be appreciated!

SFDS Social Justice

Thank you again to all our Christmas Angels who purchased, wrapped and delivered Christmas presents for the children of our parish and community. Because of your generosity, nearly 150 children were given a Christmas gift that they might otherwise have not received.

We would also like to express our gratitude to members of our community who assist the Social Justice Ministry with our work: With each of our food distributions we offer fresh fruit that includes bananas, apples, oranges and pears. The next time you see *Jeff, the Produce Manager at Giant Eagle (Gillombardos) on Snow Road*, please thank him for his many years of assistance. With each food distribution, Jeff selects, orders and helps load the eight cases of fruit we distribute.

We would also like to acknowledge *the staff of the Giant Eagle on Day Drive*. When we serve lunch for the clients of the West Side Catholic Center, we order 240 pieces of fried chicken. We pick up the chicken in the morning in order to prepare the meals in time for lunch. Just for us, the workers at Giant Eagle arrive for work early in order to meet our needs. Next time you are at Giant Eagle, please thank *Sheri, Josh and Jordan at "The Kitchen"* for their extra efforts.

Thank you for all your support in 2021 and our best wishes for a great New Year!

Please consider joining us in our ministry. All are welcome to our next meeting (in the De Sales room) THIS Monday, Jan. 10th at 7:00 p.m.



"WinterFest" Rescheduling



Due to the new surge of the Omicron Variant of the Covid virus I have consulted with staff members and have decided to move our "WinterFest" from January to *March 17th (St. Patrick's Day)* and make it our "IrishFest", as we did last year due to the Covid virus. On March 17th we will have the drawing for the 5 prizes in the \$5000.00 Cash Raffle and the drawing for the gift baskets in the Chinese Auction. *Thank you to those who have donated for the baskets.* These items will be used for the baskets for the "IrishFest". Tickets for the Chinese Auction will be sold beginning in later January/early February. Tickets for the \$5000.00 Cash Raffle (Five \$1,000 winners) will be sent to all households in mid to later January. Since the "IrishFest" will be in Lent we will not have the chicken dinner that was planned for "WinterFest" since, hopefully, we will have our "drive-thru" Lenten Fish Fries (beginning March 4th). Thank you for your understanding of this change in scheduling. The safety and health of everyone needs to be our greatest concern during this time of pandemic. Fr. Peyton



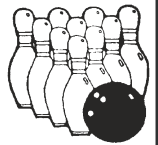
Diocesan Briefing on Covid-19

As the Omicron variant of Covid-19 continues to spread the Diocese has published the following directives.

1. If a person is high risk or anxious about catching or spreading the coronavirus he/she is not obligated to attend Sunday Mass.
2. It is highly encouraged for everyone (vaccinated and non-vaccinated) to wear a mask when gathered in church.
3. Should one wish to socially distance during Mass here at SFDS it is best to sit in the pews along the north wall of the church since fewer people sit in those pews (most people sit on the south side of the church as they enter from the parking lot doors)
4. The Church highly recommends vaccinations and booster shots for those who are not yet vaccinated, especially the aged and the medically vulnerable. It appears that previous infection of Covid and just the original vaccination is not as effective against Omicron as originally thought.
5. Continue to pray for an end to the Pandemic, for those suffering with the disease, those who have died from it and their loved ones, and the healthcare workers who deal with this every day.
6. Care for your neighbors if they need help during this time, respect those who hold different thoughts about the virus and vaccines, and trust that God is with us during these difficult times.
7. The clergy will do all that they can, with guidance from the Diocese, to safely provide sacraments for the homebound and those in nursing homes and hospitals, especially the dying.

People
Are
Loving
Servants

SFDS Wii Bowling League
will resume again on
Tuesday, January 18th
at 11:00 A.M.



SENIORS CLUB

We will resume our activities on:
Thursday, February 10th at 1 P.M.
in the De Sales Room.

The Seniors Club would like to send out a "Thank You" to *Rose Jablonowski* for her generous donation of Bingo materials!

BAPTISM OF THE LORD





PSR

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

- ◆ PSR classes are in session this Wed., January 12th.
- ◆ Our PSR Program invites all parishioners, families, & friends to help with our **FIFTH ANNUAL SOCK COLLECTION**. Donations can be placed in designated containers either in Church or in the Parish Office. This year we are also collecting new hats, scarves, and gloves to be donated for the many families in need to help keep them warm this winter! This sock and warm apparel collection will end January 31st.



Thank you for your warmth and generosity!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

I Hope I Am Like Him

“Who is this Christ? Is he like you?”

Perhaps you’ve heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

“He is nothing like me,” the saint is said to have answered. “But I hope I am like him.”

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. “One worthier than I is coming,” he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God’s will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let’s examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God’s plan? *Tracy Earl Welliver (LPI,Lit.Publ.Inc)*



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

⇒ **Thursday, Jan. 13 – St. Bridget Kildare (8:30 A.M.)**

Should you need this Sacrament of Healing but cannot get to the church listed above, please do not hesitate to call our parish office to arrange for one of the priests to administer the Sacrament to you.



Liturgy Update

GOSPEL MEDITATION

The Baptism of the Lord

“We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ.” — Pope Francis



What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

(LPI, Liturgical Publications Inc.)

...Sr. Annette

Memorial Candles

You can purchase **MEMORIAL CANDLE GLOBES** with disposable inserts (candles) for your home use. *(Inserts can be purchased at the Parish Office as you need).* 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. This is a nice way to remember your loved ones at home. Some parishioners have purchased the candles as gifts. **The cost for the Candle (Globe & candle insert) is \$10.** If you would like to order one, please call the parish office (440-884-2319).

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS



The FEST Internship

*Calling all College Students
looking for a
paid summer internship!*

The FEST (www.theFEST.us) is looking for summer interns to make this year's event the best FEST yet! We are looking for students with interests in theology, business marketing & communications, event planning, or logistics management interns to join the team that puts together our annual Diocesan Family Festival. Interns will be a part of a fast-paced team and will play a critical role in the marketing, planning and coordination of this annual event for thousands of people.

Interns will provide support and have responsibilities including public speaking, marketing, mailings, digital and social media, press releases, logistics, event planning, and more. Interns must have strong people skills, work ethic, critical thinking, organizational skills, and reliable transportation.

**For more info. or to apply,
please send your resume
to Caitlin@theFEST.us by January 9th.**

Sisters Of The Incarnate Word ANNUAL RAFFLE

The Sisters of the Incarnate Word Annual Raffle is underway. **Tickets are \$5 each and the GRAND PRIZE is \$10,000!** The drawing will be held on **Friday, Feb. 4, 2022**. Tickets may be purchased from any Incarnate Word Academy student or on-line at incarnatewordorder.org and selecting "Raffle Tickets".

St. Charles Borromeo

All Men & Women are invited to attend the ...

LADIES GUILD DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Monday, February 21st, 2022

(President's Day)



Lower Parish Hall

Guest Speaker: Fr. Anthony Simone

***"Living the Little Way in the World through
Charity, Mercy & Stewardship"***

- 9:00 - 10:00am – Begins with a continental breakfast in Lower Parish Hall
- 10:00am - Fr. Anthony speaks
- 12 Noon - Bring a brown bag lunch
- 1:00pm - Fr. Anthony speaks
- 2:30-3:00pm - Adoration and Benediction in the church

Any questions, please contact Regina (330) 770-0248 or Felicia (440) 888-3488.

St. Francis de Sales (SFDS) Parish Staff

Rev. Mark J. Peyton.....Pastor
Rev. John Crawford..... In Residence (Retired)
Sr. Annette Amendolia, SND....Lit./Spiritual Life Minister
Miss Michelle Nowakowski.....Generations Minister
Mrs. Arline Debelak-Price.....Music Minister

Grief Support Meeting

Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free monthly **Grief Support** groups in two formats: **In-Office (3pm)** and **Virtually (5pm) via Zoom**. The next Grief Support sessions are **next Sunday, January 16th**. Meetings are open discussion format, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is in your heart. This month's topic is **"Facing the New Year with Hope and Love"**. We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to explore your grief. Come and be in the presence of those who understand.

We will meet from **3-4:00 P.M.** in the main office at the following locations.

- ⇒ Holy Cross Cemetery, 14609 Brookpark Road
- ⇒ All Saints Cemetery, 480 W.Highland, Northfield
- ⇒ Saint Joseph Cemetery, 32789 Detroit Rd., Avon

Catholic Cemeteries Assoc. follows the guidelines set by the CDC, the State of Ohio, and the Diocese of Cleveland regarding COVID-19 protocols.

Register for **5-6pm Virtual Grief Support meeting:**
<http://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup>.

You can join virtually from any Wi-Fi enabled area via computer, laptop, smartphone, or even without Wi-Fi (via audio only) from your analog phone. If you do not have Wi-Fi or email, please contact **Rhonda** (number below).

Your RSVP for both In-Person and Virtual Grief Support is appreciated but not required to attend.

For more info or if you have questions, please contact Rhonda: 216-930-4866 or email rabrams@clecem.org



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or jesuitretreatcenter.org/calendar

January Morning Prayer for Women, Monday, Jan. 24, 9:30-11am. 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 and pastry. Registrations are encouraged, but walk-ins welcome. Cost: \$10.

Cinema & Conversation: "Ignatius of Loyola", Monday, Jan. 24, 7:00-9:00pm. We continue in January with the 2016 film, *Ignatius of Loyola*, founder of the Jesuit order. "If you could hear the voice of God, would you want to keep it secret?" This is the story of a soldier, a man of vice and violence who, in his attempt to turn to the light, was forced to wrestle with his inner demons to the very brink of death. A Filipino production shot in Spain and the Philippines, the film chronicles his valiant but futile defense at the Battle of Pamplona, his struggles with depression and near suicide, his trial before the Inquisition, and his ultimate vindication. Cost: Free Will Offering.

January Sabbath Day-a Personal Retreat Day (only a few spots remaining). Tuesday, Jan. 25, 8:30-3:30pm.

Come and spend a day of renewal and prayer at the Jesuit Retreat Center. You will have access to the wonderful spaces both inside and outside the retreat center. We'll set aside one of our small group/spiritual direction rooms for your personal use. We'll provide a nutritious and simple lunch, along with endless coffee or tea. You are welcome here... Cost: \$50

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