



# ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH

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www.stfrancisdesales-church.org

**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  
Mrs. Arline Debelak-Price..... 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.*

**January 23, 2022**

**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, January 23

#### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am †Rose Contrera  
 11:00am *For the People of the Parish*

### SUNDAY, January 23

### MONDAY, January 24

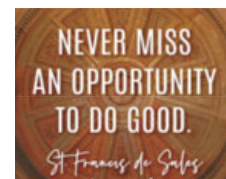
#### Saint Francis de Sales Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:45am †Minnie Kuczyn



### MONDAY, January 24

1:30pm **Parish Council**  
(De Sales Room)



### TUESDAY, January 25

Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

8:45am †Rev. Neil Crosby

### TUESDAY, January 25

### WEDNESDAY, January 26

7:00pm PSR  
 7:00pm *Confirmation Prep Class*



### WEDNESDAY, January 26

Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

8:45am †Mrs. Angela Boland

### THURSDAY, January 27

6:00pm OA Group (Room A)

**7:00-8:00pm** *Synodal Sharing Session*  
(DeSales Room)

### THURSDAY, January 27

Saint Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious Founder

8:45am †Deacon Frank Lozata

### FRIDAY, January 28

Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest,  
Religious & Doctor of the Church

8:45am †Helen English

### FRIDAY, January 28

### SATURDAY, January 29

Weekday

4:00pm †Larry Taddie

### SATURDAY, January 29

### SUNDAY, January 30

#### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am *For the People of the Parish*  
 11:00am †Greg Greggila

### SUNDAY, January 30

**BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO SERVE**

	Sat., Jan. 29	4:00pm	Brody Tancak-Peshek
	Sun., Jan 30	8:30am	Jack Koopman
		11:00am	Jack DeGeeter

**MASS INTENTIONS  
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 **Schedule additional intentions**. (This applies to masses from January through June only).*



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.



Joseph Amata	Lena Jones	Rosemarie Polefko
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Laura Collins	Doreen Lerch	Susan Sliva
Kathye Coffey	Mary Macek	Ed Smetanka
John C yngier	Judith Mallos	Hilda Stigalt
Josephine Czarniecki	Helen Maslanko	Pete Svancara
Vittoria DeBiasi	Anna Massitti	Ed Szalkowski
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Maryann Howard	Tina Panlillio	Carol Wolff
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Dorothy Inman	Mary Peters	Alice Zamiskie
Nancy Sue Jablonowski	Genevieve Plona	
Colette Jedlicka	George Pofok	

## From the Pastor's Desk



**Happy Feast Day!! This Monday, Jan. 24, is the Feast of St. Francis de Sales, the patron saint of our parish.** He was born in 1567 in Annecy (which is now part of France). In 1593 he was ordained a priest and then ordained the Bishop of Geneva in 1602. He spent his life in service to his people through preaching and spiritual direction. He also wrote two spiritual classics and, in 1610, founded the Sisters of the Visitation with (Saint) Jane Frances de Chantal. Saint Bishop Francis de Sales died

on December 28, 1622, at the age of 55 in Lyons, France. As a little point of parish history, our founding pastor, Fr. Francis McGlynn, when asked by the bishop what would be a good name for this new parish in Parma in 1931, requested St. Francis de Sales, his own patron saint. Why? Maybe because St. Francis de Sales taught people to be cheerful, optimistic, inspired by common sense and to always be open to divine love and hope. As we celebrate our parish patron's feast this Monday let us all seek the grace to have the same spirituality and attitude as taught and lived by St. Francis de Sales. How much our world needs this witness in these difficult and trying days of the Covid pandemic!.....**This Thursday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>, you are invited to join in an open meeting to participate in the synodal process initiated by Pope Francis to prepare for a world-wide synod of bishops in 2023. The meeting will be in the De Sales Room (the old Room C) from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M.** "Synod" means journeying together and gathering in assembly as God's people to proclaim the Gospel. Parish gatherings is the first step toward the world-wide synod in 2023. After these local gatherings are completed the bishops of our country will review all the information they receive during the rest of 2022 to prepare to share the thoughts of the Catholics of our country at the world-wide synod in Rome in 2023. When we gather this Thursday we will begin with a time of prayer and then ask everyone to share their positive thought about the Church and their commitment to be missionary disciples. We will then take time to share thoughts and ideas on the following – how can the Church (local & Universal) grow better as a community of faith, how can people be encouraged to participate in the life of the Church, and how can people be prepared and encouraged to give witness to their faith (to be missionary disciples). After the meeting Jack Koopman (our parish rep to the Diocese for this process) and I will write a summary of the meeting for Jack to present to the Diocese's Synodal Committee. Your participation is welcomed and no registration is needed for the meeting. Just come and share! If you cannot come to the meeting you can go to the diocesan website ([www.dioceseofcleveland.org](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org)), click on Synodal Committee's info page and scroll to the page by which you can share your thoughts. ... Fr. Mark Peyton

### 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.

### FINANCIAL BLESSINGS - Jan. 16, 2022

SUNDAY Collection	\$	4,557
Online Giving "We Share"	\$	777
UTILITIES	\$	893
FUNDING THE FUTURE	\$	286
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,513</b>
Solemnity of Mary	\$	1,559

**Thank You for your Generosity!**

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Includes Special collections (Utilities, Flowers, Social Just.)



January  
Prayer Group  
Meeting Cancelled

Due to the Omicron Virus uncertainty, we have cancelled our January Meeting. Please watch the bulletin for future updates. Thank you.



## Support for SFDS Social Justice

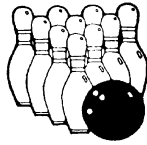
*Next Sunday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> is the fifth Sunday of the month.* As has been done here since

the Social Justice Committee had to drop their annual rummage sale (due to the sale of the school building), a special envelope is in parishioners' monthly packet of Offering Envelopes, when there is a fifth Sunday in the month, to help support the Works of Mercy performed by the Committee. Please be sure to bring your Social Justice Ministry offering and drop it in next weekend's collection. Your generosity, and the efforts of our Social Justice Committee, helps many people who are in need. Remember, Jesus said that what you do for the least of my people, you do for me!  
... Fr. Mark Peyton

People Are Loving Servants

### SFDS Wii Bowling League

will resume again on **Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 A.M.



### SENIORS CLUB

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



### "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 17<sup>th</sup> (St. Patrick's Day)** and make it our "**IrishFest**", as we did last year due to the Covid virus. On March 17<sup>th</sup> 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 February. Tickets for the \$5000.00 Cash Raffle (Five \$1,000 winners) will be sent to all households the first of February. 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 4<sup>th</sup>). 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

### The Lighter Side ~ Divine Delivery

A businessman ordered flowers to be sent to the opening of his friend's new branch office. When the businessman got to the event, he was shocked to see the flowers with the inscription "**Rest in Peace.**" He was so outraged that he stopped at the florist to complain.

"It could be worse," the florist said, "Just think: Today someone was buried beneath a floral arrangement with the inscription:

**Congratulations on Your New Location!"**

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## CONFIRMATION

Our students in Grades 7-8 have a **Confirmation Preparation** class **THIS Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**. Just a reminder that **Service Project #2** is due at THIS Wednesday's class (Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>). Students will meet in the De Sales Room from 7-8:15 P.M. Masks are required to be worn.



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



Tickets for the *Holy Name Society's 50/50 Raffle*,

**"GIVE ME 5 🖐️"**

are now available! Tickets are **\$20 each** and can be purchased from **HNS Members** or at the **Parish Office** (440-884-2319). Whenever possible a HNS member will sell tickets after weekend Masses.

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

### SFDS Social Justice

*The SFDS Social Justice Recycle Bins are always open for donations!*



### St. Francis Parishioners! .... You've Got Mail!!!



Cards and letters of thanks from the people we assist are delivered to us. However, the true recipients of these notes of gratitude are you, our parishioners, who support the works of our Social Justice Ministry.

*"Thank you again for the Christmas aid as we are truly grateful. God Bless to all and a Blessed Happy New Year."*

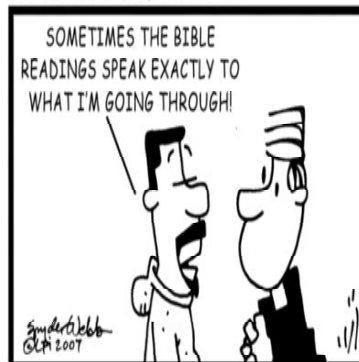
*"Thank you so much for the school supplies for our daughter. The help was so needed! God Bless you all. Also, thanks for the food help! We are blessed."*

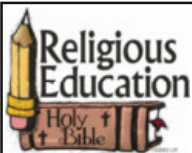
*"Thank you for your continuing support. Without your donations we could not continue to support the 500 families visiting each month."*

*"Thanks for all the wonderful work you all do for so many needy people. God Bless!"*

.... St. Francis de Sales Social Justice

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





## PSR

Michelle Nowakowski, PSR Director  
Parish Office: 440-884-2319  
[SFDSGenerationsMinistry@yahoo.com](mailto:SFDSGenerationsMinistry@yahoo.com)

- ◆ PSR classes are in session this Wed., Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>. PSR students will receive their First Semester Report Cards.
- ◆ 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. *At this time we have collected over 1,000 pairs of socks.* 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 31<sup>st</sup>.



- ◆ Our PSR Program continues each month to recognize students who focus on promoting positive Christian behavior towards others. The character virtue that we focused on for the months of November and December was **HELPFULNESS**. The following PSR students demonstrated this virtue:

<i>Mackenzie Williamson</i>	Grade 5
<i>Bree Phillips</i>	Grade 6
<i>Sebastian Rivera</i>	Grade 8

Congratulations to these students who will be recognized with a special gift. Our virtue for January/February is **COMPASSION**.

## PALS "People Are Loving Servants"

The PALS group next meeting will be  
**Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M.** (Room A)

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life. *Tracy Earl Welliver (LPI, Liturgical Publications Inc.)*



## Liturgy Update

### GOSPEL MEDITATION 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

(LPI, Liturgical Publications Inc.)

...Sr. Annette

## Family Perspectives

Jesus announces in Luke's gospel that he comes to proclaim liberty to captives and announce a year of favor for the Lord. Over 2,000 years later we are still reckoning with our relationship to the captive and to slavery. Let us continue to follow in the footsteps of Christ as we identify the works we can do to help build a beloved community of true peace and freedom.



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

- ⇒ **Wed. Jan. 26 – St. Francis de Sales (8:45 A.M.)**
- ⇒ **Friday, Jan. 28 - Holy Family (8:30 A.M.)**

Should you need this Sacrament of Healing but cannot go to any of these parishes' Masses, please do not hesitate to call our parish office to arrange for one of the priests here to administer the Sacrament to you.

## PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

### *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](http://incarnatewordorder.org) and selecting "Raffle Tickets".

### *St. Charles Borromeo*

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

#### LADIES GUILD DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.

### *Young Catholic Men's Conference*

This Diocesan-approved Young Catholic Men's Conference is for **high school age boys and their dads/mentors** to grow in their relationship with Christ.

**Date:** Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** Doors open & continental breakfast at 8:00am, program starts at 9:00am with the Closing Mass at 5:00pm

**Location:** Walsh Jesuit High School, Cuyahoga Falls

**Keynote Speakers:** Father Larry Richards, Bishop Malesic and many others

**Registration:** \$50. Registration is limited.

### RECORD OF 2021 CONTRIBUTIONS

You can request a statement of your contributions to **St. Francis de Sales Church for 2021**. 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.

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Jesuit Retreat Center at 440-884-9300  
or [jesuitretreatcenter.org/calendar](http://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.

### *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. Legal Aid provides **free eviction help**. If you, or someone you know is in need of help, encourage them to visit our website [www.lasclev.org/contact](http://www.lasclev.org/contact) to apply for help 24/7 or you can call 888-817-8777 to get help.

### *"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 or 216-930-4866 or you can email her at: [rabrums@clecem.org](mailto:rabrums@clecem.org)

### 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).



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