St. Francis de Sales

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:30a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Weekday & Holy Day
Masses: listed in the bulletin

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

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.

Office Hours:

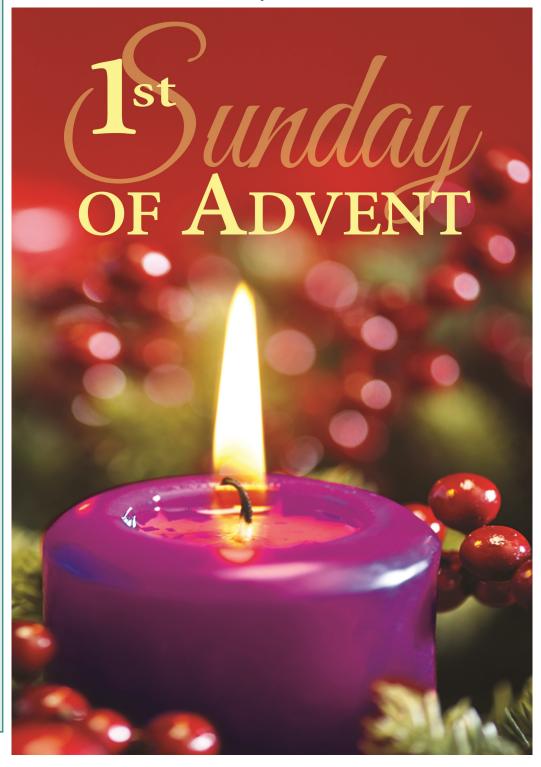
Mon-Thurs.: 8:30am to 8:00pm Friday: 8:30am to 6:00pm Saturday: 9:00am to 12:00pm

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Bulletin for Sunday, December 1, 2019



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, December 1

First Sunday of Advent

8:30am For the People of the Parish 11:00am \$\frac{1}{2}Mrs. Mildred Handlovic & David Handlovic



MONDAY, December 2

Advent Weekday

8:45am \$\psi\$Margaret & John Petrunak

TUESDAY, December 3

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

WEDNESDAY, December 4

Saint John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church

THURSDAY, December 5

Advent Weekday

FRIDAY, December 6

Saint Nicholas, Bishop

8:45am \$\psi\$Jacob & Adeline Strmac



SATURDAY, December 7

Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

SUNDAY, December 8 Second Sunday of Advent

8:30am For the People of the Parish

Holy Name Society Corporate Communion

11:00am \$\frank & Rosemarie Crish



BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO SERVE

4:00pm Haley Baker &

Jackie Bonsignore

8:30am Ron Grzybowski

11:00am Jack DeGeeter &

Brody Tancak-Peshek



SUNDAY, December 1

Social Justice "Angel Tree" Weekend (all Masses)



MONDAY, December 2

6:00pm P.A.L.'s Christmas Dinner

7:00pm Boy Scout Troop Meeting (Cafeteria)

TUESDAY, December 3 Credit Union Open Noon-5pm



7:00pm WinterFest Committee (Room A)

7:00pm Men's Choir

WEDNESDAY, December 4

7:00pm PSR Class & Advent Prayer Service

7:30pm Instrument Practice (church)

THURSDAY, December 5 Credit Union Open 2-pm

7:00pm Youth Choir

FRIDAY, December 6

SATURDAY, Dec. 7 Credit Union Open 9—Noon

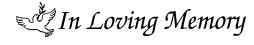
Parish Office Open 9:00—Noon

5:00 pm Holy Name Society Christmas Party



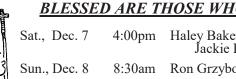
SUNDAY, December 8

7:00pm **RCIA** (Room A)



Kathleen "Kay" Gundling

Rev. Thomas J. Lusoski Pastor Emeritus, St. Margaret Mary Parish





Joseph Amata, Elizabeth Ardner, Donita Arena, Mary Rose Baioni, Jim Bartkiewicz, Charlie Basich, Leonard Betlejewski, Stanley Beaudry, Kathleen Bomba, Mary Bourque, Ernie Bruno, John Ceregan, Kathy Chmielewski, Janice Clement, Ralph Clement, Joseph & Laura Collins, Ida Cmolik, Kathye Coffey, Larry Cole, John Cyngier, Josephine Czarnecki, Vittoria DeBiasi, Dawn Renee Dedo, Thomas Drusa, Zita Dudkowski, Cynthia Dunchak, Rosalie Duray, Robert Emerick, Julia Fabish, Kristine Faust, Eleanore Felty, Mary Fern, Joe Fischbach, Sandy Frankovic, Bernie Friedl, Bernie Gaines, Melissa Gatka, Barbara Glynn, Tom Golem, Walter Grale, Jerry Gunsley, Mildred Habich, Loretta Homick, Dorothy Houck, Linda Houck Menko, Bridget Houdek, Patricia Hovanic, Michael & Maryann Howard, Theresa Hrusovsky, Dorothy Inman, Nancy Sue Jablonowski, Anne Janatovich, Colette Jedlicka, Lena Jones, Larry Jones, Patricia Jones, Clara Kallal, Anna Kaminsky, Rosemary Karpus, Donald Karpus, Joseph Kaschalk, Shirley Kazimer, Daniel Kenski, Elizabeth Kiwala, Paul Kostansek, Walter Kowalski, Karen Kuczin, Linda Lachowski, Art & Marlene Lang, Jim Leggott, Louise Leo, Doreen Lerch, Judith Mallos, elen Maslanko, Anna Massitti, Linda Mastroianni, Linda Menko, Gloria Merholz, Barbara Milavec, Robert & Grace Miller, Donald Mlady, Toni Muceito, Mary Ellen Mura, Ted Murawski, Nicholas, Genevieve Nowack, Nowakowski, Ed O'Bloy, Marjorie Oster, Chris Otcasek, Cecylia Owca, Tina Panlillio, Andrew Pavka, Mary Peters, Ron Peters, Deacon Bob Piskach, Rosemarie Polefko, Sheila Porubsky, Tom Potoczak, Richard Raycher, Michael Repko, Carol Rickard, Maria Rizzo, Josephine Salonia, Lillian Salwan, Ramona Salupo, Thomas Sammon, Susan Sarota, Philomena Scalise, Ron Seman, Walter Sleva, Marge Svancara, Suzanne Sliva, Ed Smetanka, Hilda Stigalt, Bill Sunday, Ed Szalkowski, Julian Teul, Delores Tollis, Kenny Tomecko, Linda Toothman, Edith Ulicny, Carol Vale, Clara Vasicek, Sara Vondra, Tim Wesolowski, Pat Weston, Carol Wolff, Josephine Wramp, Joanne Zajkowski, Alice Zamiskie

₩Winter Fest 2020

We will have a very short meeting *THIS Tuesday*, *Dec.* 3rd, at 7:00 PM in Room A. Interested workers are also welcome at this meeting! This will be a short meeting just to pull a few things together.

...Sr. Annette, Coordinator

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS - November 24, 2019

 SUNDAY Collection
 \$ 7,284

 Online Giving "We Share"
 \$ 340

 UTILITIES
 \$ 692

 FUNDING THE FUTURE
 \$ 135

 TOTAL:
 \$ 8,451

Thank You for your Generosity

ONLINE GIVING is available!

Go to: stfrancisdesales-church.org
You can also use Online Giving to donate to Special
collections. (e.g. Utilities, SFDS Social Justice, etc.)

From the Pastor's Desk

We Need You!! With beginning the new procedure to distribute and collect the Breaking Bread hymnals this weekend (Nov. 30 - Dec. 1) the ushers will handle this at the weekend Masses. However, help is needed to do this for funerals. I need 4 to 8 volunteers to be "Ministers of Hospitality" for funerals. These Ministers would need to be here about 20 minutes before the funeral. Their ministry would be to welcome people who are coming for the funeral and to give them hymnals to use for the Mass. The Ministers will then need to stand in the front vestibule to give hymnals to those who are arriving with the funeral procession. After the funeral Mass, the Ministers will need to collect the hymnals from the pews and return them to the book cases. I've seen this done at other parishes (e.g. St. John Bosco), so there is no reason why we cannot do this. Please – consider participating in this new ministry of the parish. A Corporal Work of Mercy is to bury the dead and a Spiritual Work of Mercy is to pray for the deceased. This Ministry of Hospitality is a wonderful way to live these! Please fill out the slip at the bottom of the page or call me. Thank you!......... Have you responded to the Offertory Increase Appeal Renewal yet? Your generous response and willingness to make a little more financial sacrifice for the parish is needed! This week I had to transfer \$20,000.00 from savings to cover a number of bills that we have been holding for a while. With the colder months upon us gas bills will increase significantly and the plowing/salting contract will begin once again. In January the property tax bill will come and it will be more than in the past since we now have to pay property tax on the convent as well as the rectory. I'm guessing that bill will be in the neighborhood of \$7,000.00. In January the yearly contribution for the Priests' Retirement Fund (\$10k) is due. Also, we are preparing for an increase in health care premiums in the next few months, as well as property/casualty insurance. And, as you all know, the normal costs for other utilities, groceries and cleaning supplies continue to rise. Yet, our weekly collection, the main source of income for the parish, has been flat (averaging about \$7300.00/week). So please – be a good steward of your treasure and make a little better sacrifice for the parish! Remember – God blesses the cheerful giver!

.... Fr. Mark Peyton

Special Donation

The parish received a special donation of \$2000.00 this past week. Special donations are a wonderful way to help the parish meet its financial responsibilities. Thank you for your generosity!

Min	istry of Hospitality Volunteer
! Name: _.	
Phone	Number:



Next Sunday, Dec. 8th, normally would be the celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. On this day we remember that Mary, because she would say "yes" to be the mother of Jesus, was conceived in the womb of her mother, St. Ann, without the stain of Original Sin. It is Mary, in her

Immaculate Conception, who is the patroness of the United Sates. This is usually a Holy Day of Obligation. *However*, since the Solemnity falls on the Second Sunday of Advent this year, the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Monday, Dec. 9th. *Further, the obligation to attend Mass for the Solemnity (on Monday) is dropped this year.* It would be appreciated greatly, though, if you would make your normal Holy Day contribution in the Immaculate Conception envelope in your December packet, along with the regular envelope for Sunday, Dec. 8th.



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Give in thanksgiving! "The nuns left lasting impressions on me," writes a donor. "I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education." Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Next weekend (Nov. 30 – Dec. 1) drop your "Religious Retirement Fund" envelope in the collection basket. Your generosity will help hundreds of religious communities care for their aging members.



DECEMBER 2019 HOLY NAME SPIRE

NEXT SUNDAY IS OUR FAMILY CORPORATE COMMUNION

St. Francis Holy Name members annual **Christmas Party** is this coming **Saturday**, **December 7**th. Please refer to the mailed Christmas party invitation you should have received. If by chance you did not receive it, please contact the church office, **440-884-2319** A.S.A.P. We need a count of members with your spouse or significant other who are planning to attend so we will have enough light food and beverages. The party will be held at St. Francis at 5:00 P.M. (after the Saturday evening Mass.)

It is hard to believe that 2019 is coming to an end.



St. Francis de Sales Holy Name Society would like to wish all Parishioners a Blessed Christmas & Happy New Year.



Beginning this weekend, our hymnals will have a new home...in the bookshelves at the church entrances. Our ushers will be ready to gracious-

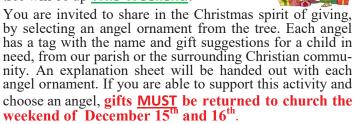
ly hand them out. Please take one as you enter the church, and return them on your way out. The hymnal is an important "tool" for worship. If we come early, it's a good idea to look over the Sunday readings to prepare yourself. Also, remember that **St. Augustine said that: "to sing is to pray twice."** At this time of the year, we all need the "double dose" of prayer. **Thank you, Ushers, for helping us all to participate better.**

...Sr. Annette

CHRISTMAS ANGELS

Available This Weekend!

The SFDS Social Justice Christmas Angel tree will be up **THIS Weekend!**



We look forward to another successful Christmas Angel season & sincerely appreciate your generosity.



Social Justice News



As we prepare ourselves spiritually for the Christmas season, we look forward to your support of our ADVENT FOOD DRIVE. Your donation of any non-perishable food or staple item will be greatly appreciated. Suggested items are:

Soup, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit,
Sloppy Joe Mix, Mac N Cheese, Tuna,
Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta, Cereal,
Peanut Butter & Jelly/Jam, Cake Mix,
Pancake Mix & Syrup, Jello,
Shampoo, Body Soap, Detergent,
Paper Products (Toilet paper, Tissue/Kleenex)

Thank you for your continued and generous support!!!



Attention: SENIORS CLUB

The Seniors' Club will be meeting soon for our Annual Christmas Luncheon. It is scheduled for: **EDDIE's PIZZERIA CERINO (Broadview)** *Tuesday, December 10th at 12:30 P.M.*

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT







Michelle Nowakowski, PSR Director Parish Office: 440-884-2319

SFDSGenerationsMinistry@yahoo.com

- ◆ PSR students will begin class **THIS Wednesday**, **Dec.**4th at **7 P.M.** Then at 7:10 P.M. will have a short

 Advent Wreath Lighting Ceremony in Church. Families are invited to attend this service.
- ◆ PSR students in Grades 3-8 will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, Dec. 11th, during their PSR classes.
- During the month of December, there will be a **GIVING TREE** in the middle hallway that we hope to fill with gloves, scarves, and hats. PSR families are invited to help decorate the tree with these warm items. The forecast is for a very cold winter (again)! So many people in our communities need our help. So please, help decorate our tree to help others! That's what the season of Advent is all about!

Family Perspectives
This Christmas season we would all like to have the peace of Christ, the ability to give as Jesus gave, and hearts that are not troubled. As the rush begins, reflect on your past celebrations. What is it about Christmas and gift giving that you find life-giving? What traditions would you especially like to continue? How can you use your time and talents to spread the joy of the season?

CONFIRMATION

The next Confirmation Preparation class is Wednesday, December 18th. All candidates should report to Room A. Class is from 7:00 to 8:15 P.M.

R.C.I.A. UPDATE

This Sunday, Dec. 1st, the 1st Sunday in Advent, we are celebrating the *RITE OF ACCEPTANCE* of our two candidates: Briana Clark and Nathan Libertowski, at the 11:00 o'clock Mass. We hope many of you attending that Mass will welcome and encourage them on their journey of Faith. It's a very short service at the beginning of Mass. Please keep our candidates in your ...Sr. Annette prayers.

R.C.I.A. PRAYER FOR CATECHUMENS

Good and gracious God, giver of all that is good, we bring before you today our brother and sister who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. St. Paul said to the Romans, "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart...' Keep safe these Catechumens who long for your saving sacraments. Perfect them and make them worthy to be called your sons and daughters.

We pray also for ourselves and ask for the same gifts that you freely give to them. Make us all worthy to call you our Father.

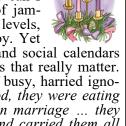
We ask all this in the name of Jesus our Lord and Savior. AMEN.



Liturgy Update

GOSPEL MEDITATION The First Sunday of Advent

"I'm never getting enough rest! How can I possibly be 'asleep'?" In a world of jampacked schedules and high anxiety levels, physical rest may be hard to come by. Yet



relentless pursuit of our to-do lists and social calendars may keep our minds off of the things that really matter. Jesus knows all too well a pattern of busy, harried ignorance. "In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage ... they did not know until the flood came and carried them all away ... two men will be out in the field ... two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left." When it comes to the spiritual life, we can be at work or at relaxation and still be spiritually asleep.

Each year, we are called back to remember the essential things. God comes to save His people. He becomes flesh to dwell among us. Supernatural light pierces the world's darkness and our own. Advent wakes us up. "Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." Every Advent, we prepare to celebrate Christ's first coming at Christmas, and we anticipate his second coming at the end of time.

"At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." There's another hour, too, both known and unknown. It's the present moment. Whether it's a lazy Saturday morning or a major business proposal, whether it's attending a kindergarten play or an elderly relative's bedside, at every moment the Lord wants to enter into our hearts. This Advent, let's pray for the grace to stay alert. Christ is coming soon. (LPI, Liturgical Publications Inc.)

...Sr. Annette

Anointing of the Sick

The Parma/Parma Heights parishes are offering the *Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick* throughout the month. This 1st week of the month the Sacrament will be offered after Mass at the following parishes.

- * Monday, Dec. 2, at St. Charles at 7:00 P.M. Mass
- * Friday, Dec. 6, at St. Anthony at 8:00 A.M. Mass

Keep in mind that if you need to receive this Sacrament, you can always ask one of the priests here to administer it to you after a weekend or weekday Mass you attend or by calling for an appointment.



Coplatki will be available again in the Parish Office during regular hours. There are 4 wafers in a package for a \$3.00 donation.

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.

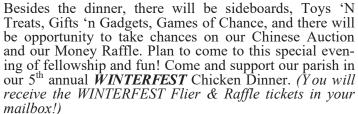
PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Francis de Sales CHICKEN DINNER 2020

The dinner will be served January 25th, Saturday, from 5:00 to 6:30 P.M. Tickets will be on sale before and after Masses, and will be sold in the Parish Office. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets are \$15 for adults/seniors and \$7.50 for children (10 years & under).

THE DINNER WILL BE CATERED BY STANCATO'S **MENU**:

- * Chicken
- * Au-gratin potatoes
- * Vegetable Medley
- * Breadsticks
- * Salad (w. pkg. dressing)
- * Dessert
- * Coffee/punch
- * Beer/wine/pop for sale



... Sr. Annette



St. Francis de Sales Parish is planning once again to decorate the outside of the church on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning with luminaries. The church will provide a luminary for each deceased parishioner since last Christmas. If you would like to have a luminary dedicated to someone (deceased or living) please fill out the form below and include a \$2.00 donation for each name. Please forward the form to the parish office or put it in the weekend collection basket by Friday, Dec. 20th. Thank You.

Christmas Luminaries
Name:
Amount Paid: Names for Luminaries (Please PRINT):

You can drop off Luminary requests & donations !

I in the Collection Basket or at the Parish Office.



Volunteers Needed

Can you lend a hand to make the holidays special at Malachi Center?

CENTER

The holidays are a busy time of year at Malachi Center, and we can only accomplish all that is needed with the help of volunteers.

Are you looking to volunteer at Malachi Center and give back to those most vulnerable in our community? Here's a couple of ways you can help.

Date: December 2 - 5, and December 9 - 11

Volunteers needed between 12-6 pm to help unload supplies from cars and sort donations as they arrive. Must be able to lift 25 lbs. and walk between the parking lot and buildings on-site. (Call 216-771-3036)

We also are still in need of some items for our holiday event for the homeless (by Dec. 12th):

Duffel bags, white socks, wool/synthetic boot socks, men's and women's t-shirts and sweatshirts, hats & gloves, hand warmer packets, deodorant, Vaseline, disposable razors, shaving cream & aftershave lotion, toothbrushes & toothpaste, shampoo, lotion, soap or body wash (travel size and full size). Walmart and/or Sam's Club gift cards are also greatly appreciated, so that we may purchase any items still needed.

HEALING MASS Dec. 13th at Holy Family Church (Parma)

Catholic Renewal Ministries will host a **Healing Mass** at Holy Family Church, 7367 York Rd., Parma, 44130, on **Friday, December 13th.** Praise and Worship will begin at 7:00 P.M. and the liturgy will start at 7:30 P.M. Fr. Bob Franco will be the celebrant. Healing prayer teams will be available after Mass for individual prayer. For more information, please contact Fr. Franco at 440-327-2201 or CRM at 440-944-9445. Come and bring a friend or family member. This will be a time to truly encounter the Lord.



Rev. John Crawford...... In Residence (Retired) Deacon Robert Piskach.....Permanent Deacon (Retired) Sr. Annette Amendolia, SND...Lit./Spiritual Life Minister

Miss Michelle Nowakowski..........Ĝenerations Minister

Mr. Gerry Mass......Music Minister