

SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH - WELCOMES YOU

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday –7:30 a.m. English, 9:00a.m. Portuguese,
10:30a.m. English & 12:00p.m. Spanish
Monday- 7:30a.m.,
Tuesday-7:30a.m.
Wednesday -7:30a.m. English, 12p.m. English,
7:00p.m. Portuguese, 8:00p.m. Spanish
Thursday-7:30a.m.,7:00p.m.Portuguese, & 8:00p.m. Spanish
Friday-7:30a.m.
Saturday -8:00a.m.English, 5:00p.m. English &
7:00p.m.Spanish

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00p.m-5:00p.m. or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

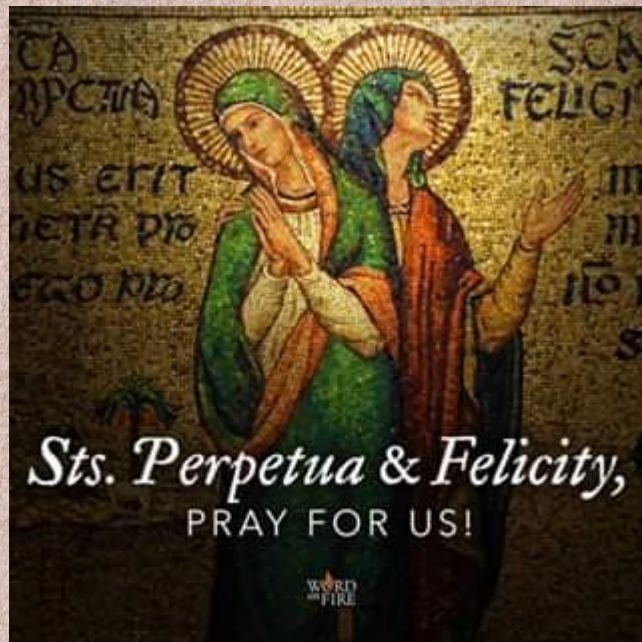
Please call the rectory for Baptism Information

Sacrament of Marriage

Contact the Parish office 973-779-4330 at least one year in
advanced for arrangements.

Sick & Home bound

To all who may have a sick relative at home, in rehab, hospital or
nursing home please notify the Parish office 973-779-4330 so



*“When my father in his affection for me
was trying to turn me from my purpose
by arguments and thus weaken my faith, I
said to him, ‘Do you see this vessel—
waterpot or whatever it may be? Can it
be called by any other name than what it
is?’ ‘No,’ he replied. ‘So also I cannot call
myself by any other name than what
I am—a Christian.’”*

St. Perpetua, Martyr

*St. Francis de Sales Parish confesses our belief in
Jesus Christ as Lord and proclaims the Kingdom of
God in the Roman Catholic tradition by forming a
community reflective of the diverse cultures of our
area, empowered by God’s spirit, and dedicated to
the shared ministry of witnessing to the Good News
in Word, in Sacrament, and in Action.*

SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES LODI, NJ.



From Fr. Francisco 's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters,

“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit,

nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.

For every tree is known by its own fruit.”

These words of Jesus Christ are very important today as we approach Lent and the possibility of conversion. We need to take a hard look at our fruits. What fruits you may ask; well, the fruits of your life. Let me elaborate a little using the Gospel of last week; when people do something that you don't like, do you give the sweet fruit of understanding and patience or the bitter fruit of resentment and anger? That is why by our fruits we shall be recognized. If we say that we are Christians, it means that we give the fruits of a Christian — love, patience, understanding, believes everything, doesn't hold a grudge. If we don't that means that we need to “convert” — to turn back to God so that He may grant us to give the sweet fruit of a Christian.

On Wednesday we will start Lent with Ash Wednesday. I invite you to come not as a magic thing, but with the desire to convert and to turn back to God. Let us use the time of Lent and its weapons of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. To help, as a parish we will do “Rice Bowl” during Lent so that we can all have a concrete way to participate in the Lenten exercises.

Saint Francis de Sales Pray for Us!

Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

“Un buen árbol no da frutos podridos,

ni un árbol podrido da buenos frutos.

Porque cada árbol es conocido por su propio fruto.”

Estas palabras de Jesucristo son muy importantes hoy cuando nos acercamos a la Cuaresma y la posibilidad de conversión. Tenemos que echar un vistazo crítico a nuestros frutos. Qué frutos puedes preguntar; bueno, los frutos de tu vida. Permítanme elaborar un poco usando el evangelio de la semana pasada; Cuando la gente hace algo que no te gusta, ¿das el dulce fruto de la comprensión y la paciencia o el amargo fruto del resentimiento y la ira? Es por eso que por nuestros frutos seremos reconocidos. Si decimos que somos cristianos, significa que damos los frutos de un cristiano: amor, paciencia, comprensión, cree en todo, no guarda rencor. Si no lo hacemos, eso significa que debemos “convertirnos”: volvernos a Dios para que Él nos otorgue el fruto dulce de un cristiano.

El miércoles comenzaremos la Cuaresma con el Miércoles de Ceniza. Te invito a que no vengas como algo mágico, sino con el deseo de convertirte y volver a Dios. Usemos el tiempo de la Cuaresma y sus armas de oración, ayuno y limosna. Para ayudar, como parroquia, haremos "Taza de arroz" durante la Cuaresma para que todos podamos tener una forma concreta de participar en los ejercicios de Cuaresma.

San Francisco de Sales ¡Ruega por nosotros!

Queridos irmãos e irmãs,

“Uma boa árvore não dá frutos podres,

nem uma árvore podre dá bons frutos.

Pois toda árvore é conhecida por seus próprios frutos ”.

Estas palavras de Jesus Cristo são muito importantes hoje, quando nos aproximamos da Quaresma e da possibilidade de conversão. Precisamos dar uma olhada em nossos frutos. Que frutos você pode perguntar; bem, os frutos da sua vida. Deixe-me elaborar um pouco usando o Evangelho da semana passada; quando as pessoas fazem algo de que você não gosta, você dá o doce fruto da compreensão e da paciência ou o amargo fruto do ressentimento e da raiva? É por isso que pelos nossos frutos seremos reconhecidos. Se dissermos que somos cristãos, isso significa que damos os frutos de um cristão - amor, paciência, compreensão, acredita em tudo, não guarda rancor. Se isso não significa que precisamos "converter" - voltar a Deus para que Ele nos conceda dar o doce fruto de um cristão. Na quarta-feira começaremos a Quaresma com a quarta-feira de cinzas.

Convido-os a não virem como uma coisa mágica, mas com o desejo de converter e voltar a Deus. Vamos usar o tempo da Quaresma e suas armas de oração, jejum e esmola. Para ajudar, como paróquia, faremos “Tigela de Arroz” durante a Quaresma, para que todos possamos ter uma maneira concreta de participar nos exercícios da Quaresma.

São Francisco de Sales ora por nós!

Fr. Francisco

Saint Francis De Sales Announcements

Office of Family Life Ministries

Cardinal Joseph Tobin is preparing the annual tradition of honoring all the couples that are celebrating their 5th, 25th and 50th Christian wedding anniversary in 2019. The Mass will take place in the Sacred Heart Basilica in Newark, NJ and the liturgy will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin.

April 28, 2019 3:00p.m. (50th wedding anniversary)

June 2, 2019 3:00p.m. (5th and 25th wedding anniversary)

If you are interested in celebrating your anniversary at the Sacred Heart-Basilica please contact the rectory for registration 973-779-4330.

Date	Church Activities
March 3	-CCD 8:45 a.m.
March 4	-Circulo de Oracion 7p.m.
March 5	-Rosary Society Novena 7:15p.m. Mother Angela Commons
March 6	-Ash Wednesday
March 7	-Consecration Class- Bonds of Marian Love 7:30p.m. -First Penance Rehearsal 7:00p.m.
March 8	
March 9	-First Penance Celebration 12p.m. -RCIA 3:30p.m. Mother Angela Commons -Confessions 4:00pm-5:00pm
March 10	-CCD 8:45a.m.

Attention all CCD Students

Lenten Season penance Service will be Monday, April 1st at 7p.m. All students in Levels 3 through 8 are required to attend two penance services a year. Attendance will be taken. Please plan to attend.

Sacred Heart Home-School's Annual Spring Auction Tricky Tray

Sacred Heart Home-School Association presents their Annual Spring Auction Tricky Tray on Friday, March 22, 2019 at Sacred Heart School, 620 Valley Brook Avenue Lyndhurst, NJ. Tickets are \$15 per person—no one under 18 will be admitted. Doors open at 6pm. Tickets include one sheet for 1st level prizes, coffee/tea and dessert. If you are interested please call the school office at 201-939-4277 or Patty at 201-803-9580. Tickets will be sold until March 10th. No tickets will be available at the door.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast Dates:

The Knights of Columbus, St. Michaels council will hold their monthly pancake breakfast on Sunday March 10th from 8:30a.m to 12:00p.m. at the K of C Hall, 39 Washington Street Lodi, NJ. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$4.00 for children over the age of six. Breakfast menu includes pancakes, French toast, eggs, bacon, orange juice, coffee, and tea. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

The Tri-City Italian American Civic Association

Meets on the second Monday of each month at the Belleville Senior Center, 125 Franklin Avenue (corner of Mill Street), Belleville. Yearly open membership is only \$10 per year. Our march meeting will be a St. Patrick's Day Party on Monday March 11, 2019 at 7:00p.m. Menu consist of corned beef and cabbage, boiled potatoes, glazed carrots, Irish soda bread, rye bread, St. Joseph's zeppole, soda, coffee, tea, and water— all for the cost of \$15 per person! Kindly make your check payable to BIACCA, c/o Ms. Charlene Borino, 7 William Street, apt. 327, Nutley, NJ 07110. Everyone is welcome!

<i>Sharing God's Blessings Arch-bishop's Annual Appeal*</i>	Updated 2/24/19
Goal Amount	\$18,952.00
Donor Pledged	\$6,385.00
Pledges Received	\$2,431.66
Balance of Pledges	\$3953.34
Balance of Goal	\$12,567.00
Weekly Offerings February 24, 2019	\$3,173.00
<u>Special Collection:</u>	\$1255.00

Bishop's Weekly Bible Reflection on Stewardship

March 3, 2019

“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit,

nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.” (Luke 6:43)

Are you using your God-given gifts in the way God intended? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

Prayer Participation Generosity



MARRIED LIFE SEMINAR

Married Life seminar will start in St. Joseph's in East Rutherford on Friday, February 1st at 8 pm, for one hour. These meetings are for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage, those who are deciding about getting married, and those who are experiencing some struggles, which are always part of marriage, priesthood, etc. Those who have a civil marriage can convalidate their marriage in the Church by attending this seminars. Please call to let us know you are coming.

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2019 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Did you know that there is still time to support the 2019 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal?

St. Francis de Sales has received \$2,431.66 in pledges. Thank you to those parishioners who have already shown your support and generosity.

Will you join your fellow parishioners in supporting this effort which strengthens many important programs and ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark and which make our own parish a more vibrant place of worship? Our Goal, \$18,952.00, can only be achieved through YOUR generosity! If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge form at the back of the church or visit www.rcan.org/sharing. YOUR gift will truly make a difference. Thank you for your prayers and support.

HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take the appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who wish to report allegation of misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.

COMO REPORTAR ABUSO

La Arquidiócesis toma muy en serio todas y cada una de las acusaciones del clero, los religiosos y el personal laico de la Arquidiócesis. Animamos a cualquier persona con conocimiento de un acto de mala conducta sexual a que nos informe de inmediato para que podamos tomar las medidas adecuadas para proteger a los demás y brindar apoyo a las víctimas de abuso sexual. Las personas que deseen reportar alegaciones de mala conducta pueden hacerlo llamando a la Oficina Arquidiocesana de Protección de Niños y Jóvenes al 201-407-3256

Lenten Regulations

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Firdays of lent ar edays of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one full meal is permitted **and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially”, or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extenda from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 10, 2019 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 16, 2019.**

** Canon 920, 1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

