

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2018



Monday, April 30, St. Pius V

8:15 a.m. Cheryl Madick (Family)
6:30 p.m. Vespers (Evening Prayer)
Month's Mind – Gertrude Howell

Tuesday, May 1, St. Joseph the Worker

8:15 a.m. Vivian Heim (Rod & Jo Ann Cook)
6:30 p.m. Vespers (Evening Prayer)
Month's Mind – Ludwig Edl

Wednesday, May 2, St. Athanasius

8:15 a.m. Charles Gallo (Family)
Month's Mind – Ann Stayshich

Thursday, May 3, Saints Philip & James

8:15 a.m. Betty Geig (Phil & Mary Ott)
6:30 p.m. Vespers (Evening Prayer)

Friday, May 4

8:15 a.m. Bill Junker
(Joe & Shirley VanDevere)
9:00 a.m. George Schnitzler (Jeff & Gail Angeletti)
6:30 p.m. Vespers (Evening Prayer)

Saturday, May 5

8:15 a.m. Patricia Oriti (Family)
5:00 p.m. Bill Kennedy (Fr. Robert Friedl)
Month's Mind – Darlene O'Sullivan

May 6, 2018

Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30 am - Pro Populo, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Scripture Readings for the Week:

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday



This week (May 2) marks my 11th year of being your priest here at St. Francis de Sales Parish. During this time, I have promised to keep my focus on the best gift given to me when I arrived...a parish that truly believes in the Sacramental Life of the Church. I have been blessed to be embraced by so many who seek to know Jesus through the Blessed Sacrament (crazy number of Daily Mass goes and Eucharistic Adorers...Alleluia!), frequent Confession (gratefully there's always a line on Saturdays), and those who seek to live out their Baptismal calling. Even though I have always been committed to keep two Masses available during the weekdays, sometimes we have to cancel the evening Mass due to one of the Priests being away. Sadly, and for the first time ever, we will not have evening Mass during the week of April 30th and the week of May 7th. (However, please notice on the Mass calendar to the left that our Deacons will offer Vespers each evening from 6:30-6:45, followed by Adoration). The first week is because Fr. Bearer will finally be away for his first time canonical retreat. The second week (May 6-11) I will have another week of formation and classes at Mundelein Seminary through the Institute of Priestly Formation (IPF). Pray for us both to be drawn deeper into The Father's heart so we may freely share Him with you!

By the way, while I'm studying in Chicago, Tuesday (May 8th) our beloved and "retired" Deacon Richard Butz will be joining Bishop Perez and all the Diaconate Jubilarians at St. Basil the Great for Mass. May 23rd marks the 20th Anniversary of his ordination and service to the Church. Pray for his continued joy and strength, as well as for his beautiful bride Frances and their family. We thank God for these two decades of love.

As long as I have known, our parish has always been devoted to helping those in need through participating in Catholic Charities. I recently inquired about how we did this past February and I found out that we have joyfully met 83% of our goal (gratefully we have always exceeded our goal). Thank you for your sacrifice and support. In May we will be given another chance to offer further support during a weekend collection.

As I begin another year of being your priest, I thank God for allowing me this much time to celebrate our faith life together. You have changed my heart and have given my family a place to call home! Thank you. Pray for me that I may know how to best offer my life in His love. Pray that I may discern faithfully the direction and needs of our parish, not only for now, but especially beyond our 70th Jubilee! Peace, Fr. Bline

*Here's What's Happening
Around the Parish This Week...*

Monday, April 30

- PSR, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Men's Scripture Study, 7:00-8:00 p.m. (VHM)
- Vespers followed by Adoration – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 1

- Women's Study Group, 9:15 a.m. (VHM)
- Vespers followed by Adoration – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 2

- Choir Practice, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- AA/Al-Anon, 7:30-9:00 p.m. (Refectory)

Thursday, May 3

- Scripture Study, 12:30-3:00 p.m. (Upper Room)
- Vespers followed by Adoration – 6:30 p.m.

Friday, May 4

- Youth Choir Practice, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
(Mobile Music Room)
- Vespers followed by Adoration – 6:30 p.m.
- Women's Tea, 7:00 p.m. (Upper Room)

Saturday, May 5

- Men's Scripture Study, 7:00-8:15 a.m. (VHM)
- First Communion Practice & Pictures, 8:30 a.m. (Gym)

Sunday, May 6

- Cub Scouts, 12:30-2:00 p.m. (Refectory)
- Boy Scouts, 5:00-6:30 p.m. (Pavilion)
- Youth Group, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (Upper Room)



Rest in Peace

Please remember in your prayers the souls of parishioners Sandi Lyn Richards and Andrew Spagnuolo. May perpetual light shine upon them.

WEDDING BANNS

II Zachary Thomas Babcock and Lisa Marie Darrow

COLLECTION INFORMATION

The collection for last weekend, April 21/22 was \$16,934.54. Our parish is blessed by your generosity!



Today marks a great time of blessing both for myself and for our parish. It shows how God has brought about new life not only in light of a vocational call, but in all of our lives. Today is a witness of the profound faith of St. Francis de Sales Parish.

Thank you all so much for supporting me throughout the past 8 years of my seminary formation. It has all seemed to fly before my eyes and it is amazing to see how God has worked in my life. Yet, the road is not over. Much preparation still needs to be done in me before, God willing, Priesthood Ordination next May 2019.

I can't wait to be with all of you and to minister to you as a deacon, as one called to lay down his life in service for others through the Proclamation of the Gospel and service at the altar. As a deacon, too, I will especially seek to be with and serve the poor and vulnerable in our society helping to bring the light and truth of Christ to all.

There is much I already know about what this ministry will look like and, simultaneously, there is so much more that I don't know. I would ask for your continued prayers so I may remain faithful to God's call in my life. Know that I carry you all in my hearts as I begin my diaconal ministry this summer. Thank you again so much for your witness and all your support! God Bless!

Deacon David Stavarz



Because Father Bearer and Father Blin will each be away for a week, there will be no evening Masses for the weeks of April 30 – May 11. In lieu of Mass, there will be Vespers followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.



Evangelization Workshop

Sowing Seeds of Faith:

Learning to Share our Faith Stories



Saturday, June 9th,
9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

St. Francis de Sales Parish

4019 Manchester Road, Akron, OH 44319

Speakers: Fr. Jacob Bearer, Parochial Vicar,
St. Francis de Sales,
Terrie Baldwin, Director of Evangelization,
Diocese of Cleveland
Mike Powers, St. Paul Street Evangelization,
Akron Chapter Coordinator.

Topics:

- ~ The Power of Testimony
- ~ Faith-filled Encounters (a Road Map)
 - ~ Turning Points
 - ~ Writing Our Turning Points
- ~ Story Telling in Small Groups
 - ~ Be My Witnesses
- ~ Sealed in Power, Sent in Mercy

To Register: See the flier in the church foyer under the bulletin board or call Joanne at 330-338-4810 or St. Francis de Sales Parish Office at 330-644-2225. Cost: \$20 - includes morning muffins and lunch.



The next **Respect Life** meeting is Monday, May 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Visitation of Holy Mary Room inside the school. All too often we tell ourselves that we are on the side of good, but do we do anything about it? Do you ever talk about it or do anything about it? We need to talk the talk and walk the walk. Join us to know what is going on in our community, to make it known through our words and deeds to back up what we believe.



The annual Right To Life Flowers For Life sale will be held on Mother's Day weekend after all of the Masses. Carnations will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and bouquets will be \$10. Please say "Thank you for the gift of life!" to wives, moms, grandmas, godmothers and loving friends with beautiful flowers and support Right To Life of Northeast Ohio's continuing efforts to promote the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death.



VOCATION CRUCIFIX

The parish can always use more volunteers to receive the Vocation Crucifix. Even if you've received it before, you may receive it again. There's no limit! Vocation prayers are always needed and appreciated! Please call the parish office at 330-644-2225 to have your name added to the list.

The Stavarz Family received the Vocation Crucifix this weekend.



Tiny Saints continue to be on sale after Masses and in the parish office for \$5. This special edition tag of St. Francis de Sales includes a commemorative prayer card and can be used on your key chain, backpack, gym bag, or attached to your jacket. Get one to commemorate our 70th Anniversary as a parish!

“Bloom Where You Are Planted”



St Francis de Sales Parish 70th Anniversary Jubilee

**Reverend Father G. David Bline
Third Pastor, St. Francis de Sales Parish**

“ALWAYS FOR OTHERS”



A biography of Fr. Bline, while interesting, can be found on Google. I choose to use this space to say all that is necessary, “God in His infinite wisdom has blessed us with this selfless priest as our third pastor.” So, let’s enjoy the many blessings he brings, always for others! And God bless the individual who told him while at St. John’s Cathedral “he should consider finding a spiritual advisor.” His “yes” is what led him to his calling, his deep relationship with God and the priesthood.

Father Bline’s sister, Debbie Pickens, had these words to say that very simply describe how with him it is always for others, whether it be with his immediate family or God’s family. *“I am the oldest of Fr. David’s sisters. Growing up we always said he was “holier than thou.” Little did he know how true that statement would be. As we grew into adults we all took our places in the family dynamic. While Fr. David wasn’t the oldest, when he entered the priesthood he took on the most important role of all of us. He was the one that had the heaviest load on his shoulders. With so many family members everyone leaned on him for ‘wisdom and strength.’ While he doesn’t have children of his own, he treats every niece and nephew as if they are his own. I am very proud of my brother and couldn’t imagine our lives without him in it.”*

Poet Kate Watkins Furman wrote something befitting of Fr. Bline: **“The Priest, the portal in this world through which Christ will pass.”** Christ is love; Fr. Bline leaves us no doubt that he exemplifies that message of love for you, for me, and this parish. He has been a true portal for Christ. Nothing I write can express the feelings I have for my priest more adequately than this poem by Easter Almuena. I hope, no, I know, you have the same feelings and will agree it is the perfect poem, for the right priest, by the right poet, at the right time. Enjoy!!!

~Jeff Koncz

ALWAYS FOR OTHERS

*You are the image and likeness of God
But with you the morning awakens
With the call to rise
Not for you
But always for others.*

*God handpicked you from a myriad of souls
Molded you since you were a babe
To prepare you for a journey
Not for you
But always for others.*

*God blessed you with wisdom
To use to give form to His plans
And love to carry them out
Not for you
But always for others.*

*Mary walks with you
Guiding and loving you
For to her you are a Christ
Not for you
But always for others.*

*You hold the Body of Christ
Embrace His name and proclaim it
And a father and counselor you have become
Not for you
But always for others.*

*God forever bless you
Walk and carry you when your feet are weary
Bring peace and joy to your heart
For though your life is never for you
It is Christ’s and He delights in you.*

Easter Almuena

St. Francis de Sales Parish



70th ANNIVERSARY PHOTO DIRECTORY!

"Bloom where you are planted"

Our new directory sincerely will not be the same without you!!

Please sign up now to have your photo taken!!

All photos will be taken in the Upper Room at St. Francis de Sales

By Universal Church Directories

You can sign up online

(website closed on weekends for Mass sign-ups)

GO TO: WWW.UCDIR.COM CODE: oh2111 PASSWORD: sfd

Click "schedule your photography session" on the right side & follow the prompts.

~~ OR ~~

You can sign up after a variety of

Masses in the church narthex on the weekends

PHOTOGRAPHY SESSION DATES:

May 7th – May 12th and
June 4th, 5th, 8th & 9th, 2018.

Weekdays 2 pm – 8:30 pm & Saturdays 10:30 am – 4 pm

**Every family that is photographed will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait,
and a free 70th Anniversary Directory!!**

Please feel free to bring a beloved pet if you'd like to have them in the photo with you.



Questions? Please ask:

Susie Naragon 330-329-1937 ms4e@aol.com, Michele Steurer 330-618-5545 shellbell601@gmail.com

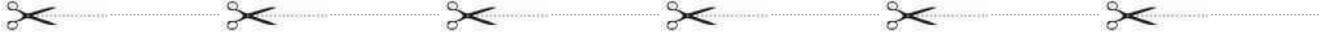
Joy Kopcha 765-760-9517 joy.kopcha@gmail.com, or Terri Bachtel

Martha's Hands,



Mary's Heart

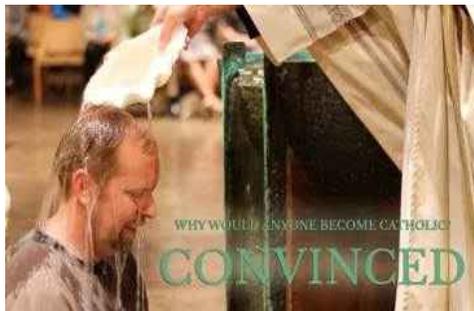
All women of St. Francis de Sales Parish are invited to attend our **Annual Tea** on Friday, May 4th at 7:00 pm in the Upper Room. This year's theme is "Martha's Hands; Mary's Heart". Come and enjoy a cup of tea and some delicious food while visiting with friends. Reserve your place early, as space is limited. Just complete the registration below and return it to the Parish Office by Monday, April 30th. (Remember to bring your favorite teacup.)



Yes - save me a seat. I'm coming to the Tea.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____



From: FORMED.ORG "CONVINCED"

What would it take for an atheist to come to believe that there is a God, Jesus is God and that the Catholic Church is the Church that Christ founded? What might be his or her radical steps to conversion? Watch and find out!

"Convinced" a video from the library of "FORMED" is an interview of 22 individuals who offer their conversion stories. I found this video a common rational and reasoned conquest of doubt and stereotyped views of the Catholic Church. It offers clear examples of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen's quote, "There are not one hundred people in the United States who hate the Catholic Church, but there are millions who hate what they wrongly perceive the Catholic Church to be." Consider that these misconceptions may exist because of our own indifference.

The common threads of logic and reason, which bring about the conversion of this cast of 22, including Abbey Johnson, Scott Hahn, Patrick Madrid, Patrick Coffin, Mark Shaw, Taylor Marshall, Jeff Cavins and Francis Beckwith, is captivating. These are intelligent people with an incredible story to tell. **Convinced** would make an interesting icebreaker for what might seem to be a difficult subject. Watch it yourself or with family, friends or young adults. A discussion afterward might be a lot easier than you think. Open your bible and look up 1 Peter 3:15 first.

~ A fellow parishioner

Simply access by registering at FORMED.org. The Parish Code is WY494W. Its FREE!

Go to: Watch, Documentaries, Men and Women of Faith

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ANNUAL FUND RAISER**

Raffle tickets for the K of C Annual Charity Fundraiser are available in the St. Francis Parish Office until Tuesday, May 15th. Tickets are \$5 each with a **first prize** this year of \$49,680. A total of 25 prizes will be awarded at the drawing to be held on May 19. Please stop by and support the Knights!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The quad-county Knights of Columbus invite you to show your appreciation and support for the clergy and religious at our local parishes at the annual Priest and Religious Appreciation Dinner. The details are as follows:

Thursday, May 17, 2018
6:00 p.m. cocktails (cash bar); 7:00 p.m. dinner
Knights of Columbus #3410
2055 Glenmount Ave.
Akron OH 44319

Tickets are \$25 and reservations must be received by Monday, May 14. Please call the K of C at 330-773-3410 to reserve your spot.

**CLEVELAND DIOCESE
50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

The Department for Marriage and Family Ministry, the Office for Worship, and the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist are pleased to announce the 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration. The Mass will be held on Sunday, July 30, 2018 at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Mass begins at 2:30 p.m. Couples are encouraged to register online at www.ccdocle.org/mfm, or if you are unable to do so you may contact the St. Francis de Sales Parish Office and they can register you. The deadline for registration is Monday, June 25, 2018 in order for each couples' names to be included in the 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration Booklet.

Couples celebrating other significant anniversaries (55 or over) or have missed previous celebrations are welcome to register and attend. Questions may be directed to Katie at 216-334-2978 or klgalicic@ccdocle.org or Jason at 216-334-2974 or jrlewis@ccdocle.org.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Clear Path Home Health and Hospice needs hospice volunteers to be friendly visitors to patients in assisted living facilities and nursing homes in the Portage Lakes, Green and North Canton areas. Visit when you schedule allows and bring comfort to those patients that need a visit and offer friendship and support to their family members, as well. Free Hospice Volunteer Training. Call Terri DeGeorge, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator at 330-784-2162, ext. 1021.

FREE COMMUNITY GRIEF EVENT

Sponsored by AseraCare Hospice and Silva-Hostetler Funeral Home

Your loved one passes away, hospice services end, the funeral is over and you may still need support. There is something new at Silva-Hostetler Funeral Home. Remember that recovery is discovery and in reality, we are all grievers. AseraCare Hospice presents The Grief Recovery Method – www.thegriefrecoverymethod.com. The six week session begins at the Silva-Hostetler Funeral Home in Barberton on Thursday, May 10th at 7:00 p.m. and runs through June 21st. To register, contact AseraCare Hospice and your Certified Grief Specialist, Ellen Barber, Spiritual Care Coordinator and Bereavement Coordinator at 216-661-1285 or Rebecca Kail at 330-472-8891, Bereavement Hostess.

ARCHBISHOP HOBAN HIGH SCHOOL

Keep fit and stimulate your mind this summer by attending an academic or athletic camp at Archbishop Hoban High School! Students from kindergarten through 12th grade can choose from a variety of exciting options, from superhero graphic design, archeology, wizard camp, and sports performance and numerous team sports. To register online, visit www.hoban.org or contact camp coordinator Dave Arbogast at 330-773-6658 ext. 265.

MAY CROWNINGS

~Loyola Retreat House will offer a May Crowning, Rosary and Social on May 6, 2018, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Rosary co-sponsored by Queen of Heaven Parish and Loyola. A pizza social will follow. Please bring your lawn chairs. Registration appreciated but not required. Freewill offering accepted. Registration form at www.loyolaretreathouse.com or by calling 330-896-2315.

~Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ will hold their 2nd annual May Crowning with Rosary on Sunday, May 6th at 2:30 p.m. All are welcome to join their Holy Name Society for a communal rosary, songs to honor the Mother of God, and share a Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary, followed by a reception. Their church is located at 2425 Myersville Road, Akron OH 44312. Additional information may be obtained by calling 330-699-5086 or www.nativityofthelord.org.

EUCCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE AND RETREAT

June 4-8, 2018. EWTN (Mother Angelica) and Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham AL and the Shrine of The Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, AL. Double occupancy only - \$595 per person and includes transportation, lodging and all meals in Alabama. For further information, call Rose Mercurio at 234-571-4478.



As part of our 70th Anniversary Celebration, former Parochial Vicars/Associates have been invited to celebrate Mass with us. Next weekend at the 5:00 Vigil Mass, May 5, Father Matthew Jordan, Parochial Vicar from St. Hilary Parish in Fairlawn will be with us. Although he is not a past Parochial Vicar from our Parish, he holds a very special place in our hearts as our most recent vocation. Father Jordan will be celebrating his first year anniversary as an ordained priest on May 19th. Come for Mass and wish him a happy anniversary in the Narthex after!