

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 2, 2018**

**Salesian Perspective**

Today, the Scriptures focus our attention on two basic attitudes that are to characterize us as a community. The first: the law of God (the word of God) is meant to change our hearts, and then our actions. The second: God's word is meant to be lived, not just heard.

Jesus reminded the Pharisees in today's Gospel that good and evil come from what is in our hearts, not from some outside law. Jesus keeps calling us to a change of heart. That's the only way that our actions can truly be holy actions. When we allow ourselves to be open and receive the immense love that God has for us and understand how passionately God desires us to live in his love, then our hearts will truly change. As a result, we are better able to hear God's word for what it is – a word spoken to us because he loves us and desires us to be one with him.

We all know what happens in our life when someone truly loves us: how free we feel to be our self, how openly and generously we act, how much we seek to do what pleases the one who loves us. The same is true when we open ourselves to the love God has for us. God's love for us is unconditional and everlasting; God loves us just because he made us in his image. I know we have all heard those words many times. But do you, do I, really believe them?

Have we spent time with God alone and asked God to open us to experience the depths of his love for us? God desires to do just that if we are willing to spend quiet time with him.

When we do begin to understand and accept God's great love for us, then we are drawn to love in return. Loving God with our whole being is the gift we receive, and that love overflows to touch the lives of all around us, especially those who are in need of experiencing God's love.

Today's Scriptures call us to look more carefully to our God who loves us, and then look inside ourselves, at our heart. Am I hearing God's word as a word of love for me? Am I letting God's word of love change my heart? Do I spend enough time with God so that I am renewed by his love?

God's love is what makes us the Body of Christ, a community of faith. May we be wise in choosing to live by God's love.

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **864**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** ~ Deuteronomy 4:1 – 2, 6 – 8

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** ~ James 1:17 – 18, 21b – 22, 27

**Gospel Reading** ~ John 7:1 – 8, 14 – 15, 21 – 23

**"2018 50/50 OLS RAFFLE"**

Raffle tickets are on sale after all the Masses, this raffle will support our church.

~ 1 tickets for \$5.00 ~

~ 5 tickets for \$20.00 ~

***Drawings will be held every time total ticket sale reaches \$1000.00.***

The winner will take home \$500.00 and the church receives the remaining \$500.00. This raffle will continue throughout the summer. A winner will be notified immediately following the drawing. So buy your tickets today to win.

**OUR 5th WINNER** – Tom & Pat Shaffer of Pennsylvania



**Pope's Intentions September**  
**That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.**



**A Moment From De Sales**

"Do all things in the name of God, and you will do all things well." A Moment From De Sales is a Blog by Fr. Richard R. DeLillio, OSFS. His purpose for this blog is to help readers see the connection between

life's everyday happenings and their growth in holiness. Read more at [www.livetodaywell.org/](http://www.livetodaywell.org/)



**The Sacrament of Penance Fr Fred will minister to the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturdays, starting at 4:45 pm, to provide sufficient opportunities for the faithful to receive the grace of the Sacrament of Penance.**

**"Let God be the air in which your heart breathes at ease."**

***~St. Francis de Sales***



**~ Next Sunday immediately following 9:00 am Mass is Coffee Sunday Please help by baking something to share with the church community.**

## Volunteer Help Needed Day at the Docks

**Date: Saturday Sept 15th.**



- ~ We need 6 to 8 volunteers ~ 1st shift 10:00 to 1:00
- ~ We need 6 to 8 volunteers ~ 2nd shift 1:00 to 5:00
- ~ We need a set up crew at 7:30 am
- ~ Clean up crew at 4:00 pm

~ We need desserts (cookies or brownies individually wrapped)

**If you can't bake or work, donations to defray costs would be appreciated.**

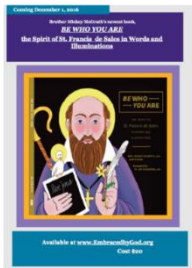
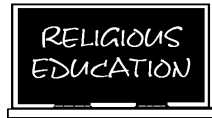
Contact Dave or Karen Kelmer at 986-2719 or email at [karenkelmer@gmail.com](mailto:karenkelmer@gmail.com)

1. **Registration for Fall catechism** classes call:

Claudia Hennessey:  
252-995-6662

2. **Confirmation Class summer event:**

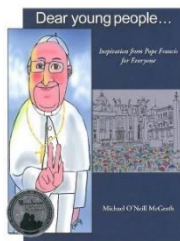
~ Sept 11th. Tues. Pool Party & Cookout 3:15 pm to 6:00 pm



St. Francis de Sales is one of the wisest of saints when it comes to understanding the human heart. Salesian spirituality makes that timeless wisdom practical and accessible to everyone. In *Be Who You Are, Bro. Mickey* has illuminated some of his favorite quotes of St. Francis about patience

and living in the present moment. And he has also invited some of his fellow Oblates of St. Francis de Sales to share their insights and experiences as well. Enjoy this book. It will provide the perfect meditation to go with your morning coffee.

Pope Francis never made it over the Ben Franklin Bridge to Camden, but we were ready for him at Immaculate Conception cathedral! May his message of mercy and non-judgmental love fill every heart and may we strive to see Jesus in every face.



**Both of these Books are on sale in our vestibule!!**

**Principal Balance on our Mortgage ~ \$124,839.42**

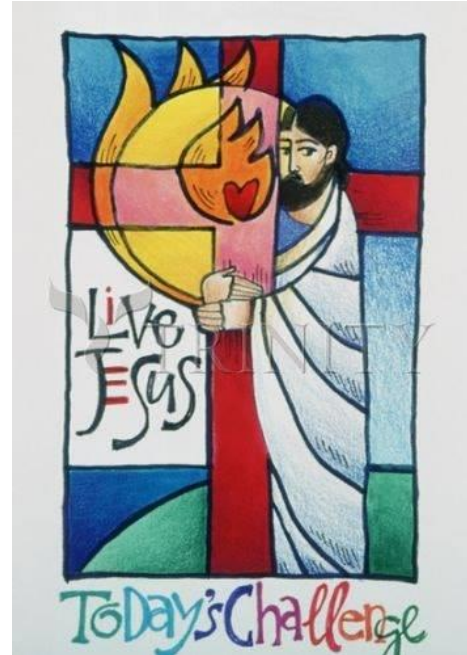
**Thank you for your continuing support...**

**MASS SPECIAL NOTICE: OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE ENDS THIS WEEKEND. NEXT WEEK WE WILL DISCONTINUE SUNDAY MORNING 11:00 AM.**



## NEXT WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>

we will celebrate the Feast Day to Our Mother MARY, Our Lady of the Seas. **After the 9:00 am Mass we invite everyone to the Social Hall for Coffee Sunday. Please help by making something to serve that morning.**



Brother Mickey McGrath, an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales, and the artist whose inspirational work is posted in our bulletin weekly, he is currently in Kenya! You can learn more at [bromickeymcgrath.com](http://bromickeymcgrath.com).



## GIVING TREE MEMORIALS

**Do you want to share in the GIVING TREE? A donation of \$500 will purchase a leaf which has 4 lines to list an inscription. It is quite fitting that the new "GIVING TREE" has taken root in the vestibule of our church. Any questions contact Dave Kelmer 252.986.2719**



## ~STAY SAFE~

## LEARN ABOUT RIP TIDES

**Every Monday morning 9:30 am at Hatteras Island Rescue Squad,**  
(which is located right across from the

Buxton Post Office), there is a special presentation on how to know what to look for and what to do if caught in a "RIP TIDE" Please be safe and have a wonderful vacation.

## DONATING MADE EASY ON OUR WEBSITE!!!



Our Lady of the Seas website now has the ability to accept on-line donations. It is a secure easy way to make your donation and is available 24-hours a day for your convenience. [www.ourladyoftheseas.org](http://www.ourladyoftheseas.org)