

ST. FRANCIS de SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS,
Welcome to St. Francis de Sales!
Please visit the office to register
or simply complete and return
the registration form, which
can be found on our website
or in the narthex.

We welcome you
to our parish family,
and are delighted
to have you join us
on our faith journey.

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. John A. Frink, M.Div. ----- Pastor
Alison Snyder ----- Director of Religious Education
Christina Kopinski ----- Administrative Assistant

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil ----- 5:00 pm
Sunday ----- 8:00 am & 10:30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday ----- 9:00 am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 9:30 am - 7:00 pm
and Benediction at 7:00 pm

RECONCILIATION: Thursday 9:30 am - 10:30 am &
6:15pm - 7:15 pm and Saturday 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

SPIRITUAL CARE OF THE SICK: Please contact the office
when a parish member has been admitted to the hospital
or has become home bound. Upon request, the
Sacrament of Anointing will be celebrated and Holy
Communion will be brought monthly.

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Office Hours
Monday - Thursday:
8:30 am - 12 noon
& CLOSED Fridays

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CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE: If you have an
allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic
Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or
phone 800-276-1562.

THE MISSION OF ST. FRANCIS de SALES PARISH

*Guided by the gentle spirit and practical teachings of St.
Francis de Sales, we strive to "Live Jesus" in our daily lives.
We proclaim the Gospel, celebrate the Holy Eucharist, and
are nourished through prayer, worship, love, and service to
others. Together we are building a community that brings joy
to our faith and light to the world, which one day will become
the City of God.*

BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated during Mass or on
Sundays after the 10:30 Mass. Parents are asked to contact the parish
office to arrange a time for preparation and to schedule the baptism.

CONFIRMATION AND EUCHARIST: Each child must have received a
full year of religious education at St. Francis prior to beginning the
sacramental preparation classes.

MARRIAGE: In order that the requirements for marriage preparation
may be fulfilled, couples are to contact the parish office at least six
months before the desired wedding date.

WILLS AND DONATIONS: Please consider designating St. Francis de
Sales Parish in your last will and testament so that the blessings the
Lord has given you can continue to build His Kingdom here on earth.



August 30, 2026 ✠ 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule for the Week:

Saturday, August 29, 2026

5:00 PM Emma Grace Buchheit

Sunday, August 30, 2026

8:00 AM Intentions for Mary Jane Huebner

10:30 AM Michael Wixon

Monday, August 31, 2026

9:00AM Pat Fleagle

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

9:00 AM Louis Disabella

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

9:00 AM Jean Sabinsky

Thursday, September 3, 2026

9:00 AM Intentions for Ann Plummer and Family

Friday, September 4, 2026

9:00 AM Catherine Cason

Saturday, September 5, 2026

5:00 PM Intentions for Nancy, Donna, & Sandra Boulanger

Sunday, September 6, 2026

8:00 AM Bonnie Chasse

10:30 AM Intentions for Murry and Gerri Frink
celebrating their 75th Wedding Anniversary

Parish Schedule/Announcements

Thursday, September 3: 9:30am – 12:30pm -

Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 12:30pm; Reconciliation from 9:30-10:30am

Monday, September 7 - Offices will be closed in observation of Labor Day.

Lector & Server Schedule

Saturday, September 5

8:00 PM ~ Servers: Bross **Lector:** Schmoyer

Sunday, September 6

8:00 AM ~ Servers: Palm-Rittle **Lector:** Fleming

10:30 AM ~ Servers: Hook **Lector:** Nicotra



- Living Flame -

*Will burn the week of August 30, 2026
for Very Special Intentions*

If you are a homebound parishioner or know of a homebound parishioner unable to attend Mass due to an illness, please notify the office so we can reach out to you (them).

Pray For Our Sick

Delphine Altland, Alicia Balkjy, JoAnn Bartnick, Lisa Boess, Betty & Harold Brown, Rosemary C., Joseph Disabella, Savannah Ferrell, Judith Goeltz, Alice Bernardo-Gold, Michael B. Hasenauer, Suzanne L. Mark-Hasenauer, Karen Houck, John Hopko, Rose Howard, John Jones, Leslie & Janet Livinghouse, Florence Kapuscinski, Mary Ann Kirkpatrick, Richard L. Mark, Kathleen Miller, Tom Mirabella, Dave Mitchell, Connor Mocey, Drea Moyer, Joe Noll, Mary Ann Savitsky, David Snyder, Pat Snyder, Barbara Lucas Stencel, Andrew Strangarity, Logan Weaver, Eleana Wilson, John Wroblewski



Readings for the Week

Sunday

Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Monday

1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday

1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11

First Friday

1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39

First Saturday

1 Cor 4:6b-15; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday

Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

Our Return to the Lord

Week of August 23, 2026 ~ \$ 4,992.00

THIS weekend, we will take up a collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. This fund helps to support families within our parish and local community in need of assistance; whether with housing/rent, utilities, food, or clothing items. It also aids our outreach ministry in providing meals to serve the needy. Please be generous with your support.



St. Francis de Sales parish is taking up a Freewill offering, a **voluntary** contribution in support of Fr. Stephen's school over in Ghana as our "thank you" for his time here with us. If you wish to contribute in support of this special cause, please do so to the parish office **NO LATER THAN Sunday, September 6th** as Fr. Stephen returns home September 9th.



August is National Make-A-Will Month, an opportunity to consider how our daily acts can build a legacy of care. By preparing your estate plan, you can create a "love letter" that shares your faith and God's blessings with future generations.

If you haven't yet, we want to make sure you can write yours with ease. Thanks to a partnership between the Diocese of Allentown and FreeWill, we're pleased to share complimentary access to a **secure estate planning resource**: https://partner.freewill.com/allentowndiocese?utm_source=partner&utm_medium=fwp&utm_campaign=allentowndiocese_homepage-carousel

We have just heard a very traumatic exchange between Peter and Jesus. I have always found it hard to listen to - and yet it points out very dramatically that suffering cannot be avoided by anyone who would follow Jesus.

Jesus reminds us that God's ways are not our ways - a reminder that we need to hear frequently. Jesus also encourages us to conform our ways to God's.

Jeremiah puts the struggles of a disciple in very emotional terms. He had accepted the role of prophet, but the words of violence and outrage that God had put in his mouth are not happy words. They have brought him pain and suffering and opposition. He feels that God has tricked him - and he knows that he let himself be tricked. Now, even when he tells himself that he isn't going to speak up anymore, the word of the Lord is like a fire burning in his heart, and he gets very weary trying to hold it in.

He has found that obeying God's call to be a prophet is no longer a matter of choice for him, even if it brings him pain. His pain is real, yet it's easier for him to endure his pain than it is to struggle to resist his summons to speak on God's behalf. His emotional outburst offers us great insight into true discipleship. Faith and fervor and the ensuing suffering are made very clear for us.

St. Paul approaches the suffering and sacrifice of a disciple from another point of view. Paul envisions the struggles as a battle between our inclinations and our inspirations. He pleads with us to see things more clearly (to judge what is God's will) - and to depend on our better insights to guide our behavior. Our struggle to do this every day is part of living as a disciple.

The daily sacrifices involved in conforming our ways to God's are the great means we have of taking up our cross daily and following in Jesus' footsteps.

At the end of today's gospel passage, Jesus reminds us that there is a reward for our willingness to conform our ways to God's. We have a sharing in his Father's glory. Taking the time each day to keep in touch with the desire for God burning in our hearts can help us to continue our struggle even when we may feel that we have been tricked by the Lord. Whenever we make the choice to lose our life for the sake of God, then we will find the only life that means anything - life with Jesus.

<https://www.oblates.org/sundays-salesian/22nd-sunday-in-ordinary-time-august-30-2026>





Save the Date: Diocese of Allentown Family Festival

12pm on Sunday, November 1, 2026, at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Orefield.

As part of the Diocese of Allentown's **65th Anniversary Jubilee Year**, all are invited to celebrate **faith, family, and community** at the Diocese's **Family Festival**. Join Bishop Alfred A. Schlert and families from across the Diocese for this special anniversary celebration featuring Mass with Bishop Schlert, live music, food, bingo, a petting zoo, activities and games, an All Saints Trunk-or-Treat, and more.

This rain-or-shine event promises fun for all ages and is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate 65 years of faith together. More details, including the full schedule and registration information, will be shared soon.

What is Alpha?

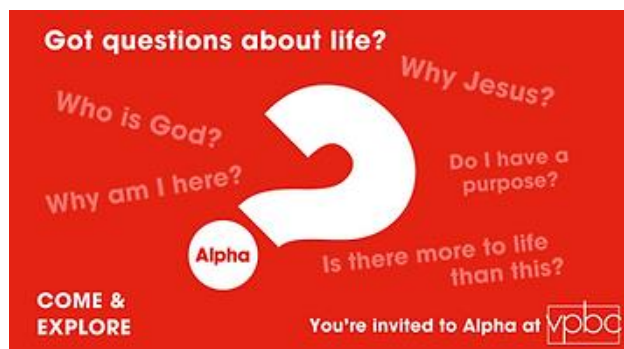
Alpha is a space to explore life's big questions in a relaxed, welcoming environment. Each week includes food, a dynamic video, and open conversation.

No pressure, no cost—just honest discussion with others on a journey.

All are welcome—no matter where you are in your faith or life. Come and see.

Who is Alpha for?

Alpha is for everyone and anyone. The beauty of Alpha is that there are no questions that are too hostile, too silly, or too simple. Alpha has no prerequisites whatsoever. We come together with one another as we are, free to be ourselves.



How can I take part?

Simply visit our church website:

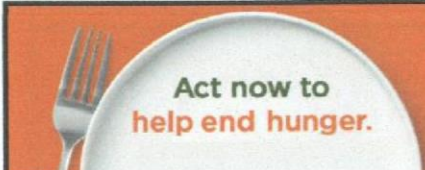
<https://www.stfrancisroby.org> and click on the COME and EXPLORE image to be directed to the ALPHA page which includes the signup link.

Course begins Tuesday, September 8 @ 6:30pm.



Can I invite others?

Absolutely ~ Bring a friend! Alpha is open to anyone from anywhere!



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