

# ST. FRANCIS de SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## 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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## 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.



October 4, 2026 ✠ 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Mass Schedule for the Week:*

**Saturday, October 3, 2026**

5:00PM Living & Deceased Boulanger Family Members

**Sunday, October 4, 2026**

8:00AM Our Parishoners

10:30AM David Charlton

**Monday, October 5, 2026**

9:00AM Intentions for Scarlett & Mason Hummel

**Tuesday, October 6, 2026**

9:00 AM Alan Rauenzahn

**Wednesday, October 7, 2026**

9:00 AM Rev. Joseph Martinkovic

**Thursday, October 8, 2026**

9:00 AM Intentions for Fallen Away Catholics

**Friday, October 9, 2026**

9:00 AM Intentions for Ken Jackson

**Saturday, October 10, 2026**

5:00PM Mary Hopko

**Sunday, October 11, 2026**

8:00AM Intentions for Kathleen Hart

10:30AM Joe & Joan Russo

**Parish Schedule/Announcements**

Sunday, October 4: ALPHA Youth @ 4:00pm

Tuesday, October 6: ALPHA @ 6:30pm

Thursday, October 8: Eucharistic Adoration

**9:30 – 11:00am** - with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 11:00am; Reconciliation from 9:30-10:30am

Sunday, October 11: Pray the Rosary @ 10am



Sunday, October 4:

✠ Parent & Student classes @ 9am;

Wednesday, October 7:

✠ Confirmation Practice - 6:30pm @ St. Ignatius

Thursday, October 8:

✠ Confirmation - 4:30pm @ St. Ignatius

**Lector & Server Schedule**

**Saturday, October 10**

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Bross

Lector: Giacobbe

**Sunday, October 11**

8:00 AM ~ Servers: Palm-Rittle Lector: Nicotra

10:30 AM ~ Servers: Hook Lector: Robezzoli

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***

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***Readings for the Week***

***Sunday***

*Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43*

***Monday***

*Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37*

***Tuesday***

*Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42*

***Wednesday***

*Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4*

***Thursday***

*Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13*

***Friday***

*Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26*

***Saturday***

*Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28*

***Sunday***

*Is 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14*

## Our Return to the Lord

Week of September 27, 2026 ~ \$ 5,029.00



*Please remember in your prayers the students of our parish who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Alfred A. Schlert this Thursday, October 8th @ 4:30 PM at St. Ignatius Loyola Church.*

*Due to Confirmation, there will be NO EVENING eucharistic adoration from 5-7pm this Thursday.*



Seeking a few volunteers or a family to maintain the flower beds around the rectory beginning in spring until fall with weeding and maintaining shrubbery; starting immediately with fall cleanup and maintenance. If you enjoy working outside and are interested in a project of this nature, please reach out to Fr. John after Mass.

## STAND UP FOR LIFE AND LIBERTY

At the Berks County Life Chain  
Penn Ave, West Reading

**Sunday, October 4, 2026**

**2:00 – 3:30 PM**

**Come out and PRAY!**

Take a public stand in support of LIFE!! We must pray together for God to change hearts and minds.

Saturday evening @ 5:45 pm provides another opportunity to come out and prayer-walk Penn Avenue to ask God's blessing on the Chain which begins at St. James Church, West Reading. For more details, please contact Pam Snyder 610.790.9197 or [pjsnyd@comcast.net](mailto:pjsnyd@comcast.net)



The image of the vineyard is the focus of two of today's readings. In both cases, things in the vineyard happen not to turn out the way the owner had planned. It seems that the people responsible for caring for the vineyard haven't held up to the owner's expectation.

As we consider these two passages, Jesus wants us to understand that God is the owner of the vineyard of life. We are responsible for the upkeep of God's vineyard. We collaborate in God's ongoing plan of creation, redemption, inspiration and salvation. We are to harvest the grapes of life in ways that give life: through honesty, respect, purity and decency.

As we consider what Jesus presents to us, we realize that we don't always live up to God's expectation. We know the kind of vineyard that God wants us to cultivate.

Too often we allow sin, fear and selfishness to prevent us from producing the kinds of fruit that gives life. Instead of grapes of life, we may find ourselves producing grapes of wrath: jealousy, envy and indifference, or worse, hatred, violence and injustice.

As we look within ourselves and at the world around us, we can find ourselves at times discouraged and anxious. At these moments, we need to listen to St. Paul:

"Have no anxiety at all." Francis de Sales has told us why: "With the single exception of sin, anxiety is the greatest evil that can happen to a soul." Francis then explains his observation. "Instead of removing the evil, anxiety increases it and involves the soul in great anguish and distress together with such loss of strength and courage that it imagines the evil to be incurable - all this is extremely dangerous." (**Introduction**, 4. 11)

We need to be honest. We need to identify those areas of our lives - our thoughts, feelings, attitudes and actions - in which we experience difficulty in cultivating a harvest of peace, justice, reconciliation and love. But we need to do this without anxiety because anxiety both weakens our ability to turn away from sin and robs us of the courage we need to do what is right and good.

After acknowledging the reality of sin and the shortcomings in our life, we need to dedicate more of our energies to living "according to what you have learned and accepted then, the God of peace will be with you."

Let us strive each day to produce a harvest of love from the vineyard of life ...but avoid anxiety in the process.

<https://www.oblates.org/sundays-salesian/twenty-seventh-sunday-in-ordinary-time-october-4-2026>



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Maybe you've thought about planning ahead, but the time never seemed quite right. **Perhaps now is the right time to start the conversation.**

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# Respect Life Month

October 2026

## Mary, Mother of Life

*Pray for us!*



When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to tell her that she would conceive and bear a son, Mary responded with her fiat, “May it be done to me according to your word” (Lk 1:38). Mary conceives Christ in her womb, becoming the mother of God, the mother of Jesus. Jesus himself tells us that he is “the way and the truth and the life” (Jn 14:6). In becoming the mother of Jesus, Mary becomes the *mother of life*. Mary’s acceptance in this unforeseen moment demonstrates how each of us must welcome the gift of new human life, even when that gift is unexpected or calls us to make sacrifices.

Eve was called the “mother of all the living” (Gen 3:20). Unfortunately, her disobedience brought sin into the world. In contrast Mary, through her obedience to God, gives birth to our Salvation. Mary becomes the New Eve—the new mother of all the living. Her fiat gives us an example of perfect docility and cooperation with the will of God.

At the Annunciation, when Mary learns that her elderly cousin Elizabeth is six months pregnant, she travels in haste to visit Elizabeth, spending the next three months at her side, even while pregnant herself. In her selfless service to Elizabeth, the Blessed Mother perfectly models how we are called to accompany expectant mothers as they prepare to welcome new life into the world.

Mary’s role as the Mother of Life extends from the Annunciation all the way to the Crucifixion. On

**Oh Mary, “Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life.”**

*Evangelium vitae*

Calvary, Mary stands at the foot of the Cross with Saint John. The Gospel tells us: “When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, ‘Woman, behold, your son.’ Then he said to the disciple, ‘Behold, your mother.’ And from that hour the disciple took her into his home” (Jn 19:26-27).

With his final breaths on the Cross, Jesus entrusts Mary and the Beloved Disciple to one another, and by extension establishes a maternal relationship between Mary and the Church. Jesus’ words are addressed not only to Saint John, but to each one of us. In this moment, the physical mother of Jesus becomes the spiritual mother of the Church and all the faithful. Saint John goes on to take Mary into his home and cares for her as she advances in age, demonstrating our responsibility to continue our care for human life, from conception to natural death. Mary, who taught us how to nurture human life, becomes the recipient of that same honor and care.

The life of the Blessed Mother teaches us to respect each human life in every stage and circumstance. Mary is our model for upholding the sanctity of all human life. O Mary, “Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life.”<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 105.

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