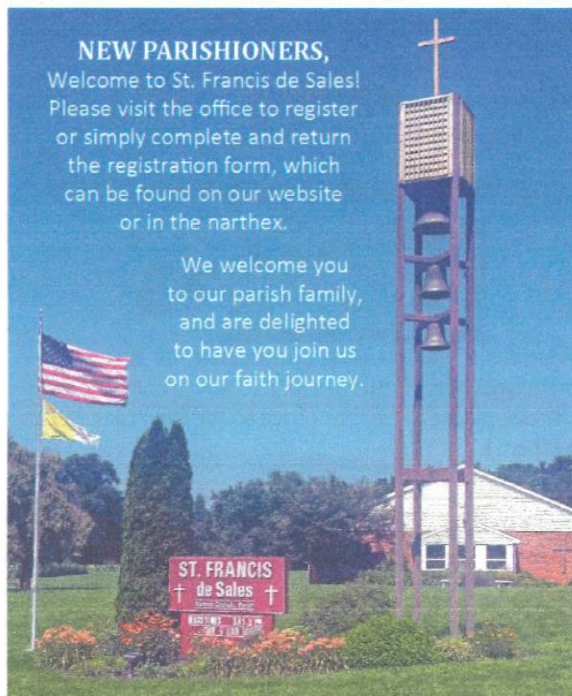


ST. FRANCIS de SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 ----- Administrator
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 - 12:00 Noon and Saturday 4:00 - 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.



March 23, 2025 ✠ The Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 22, 2025

5:00 PM Helen Piroli

Sunday, March 23, 2025

8:00 AM Intentions for Nurture & Protection of Children

10:30 AM Gloria Fuschino

Monday, March 24, 2025

9:00 AM Ron & Joe Savitsky

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

9:00 AM Anna Zubris

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

9:00 AM Stella Plonski

Thursday, March 27, 2025

9:00 AM Joseph J. & Julia Savitsky

Friday, March 28, 2025

9:00 AM Virginia Bagnato

Saturday, March 29, 2025

5:00 PM Louis Marchetto

Sunday, March 30, 2025

8:00 AM Carol Palm

10:30 AM Intentions for Gloria Araiza

Parish Schedule/Announcements

NEXT Weekend, March 29 & 30, is the 5th Sunday of the month. Therefore, there will be a second collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please be generous.

Thursday, March 20: 9:30am – 7:00pm - Eucharistic Adoration with Stations of the at 6:30pm and benediction at 7:00pm; Reconciliation from 9:30-10:30am & 5:00-6:15pm

Wednesday, March 26: 6:30pm - St. Monica Ministry

Saturday, March 29: 9:30am - Parish Mission Team follow-up Meeting

Sunday, March 30: 9am - PREP Levels 2-7

Throughout Lent, we will be collecting Your old palms. Please place the old Palms in the bin located in the vestibule.



Lector & Server Schedule

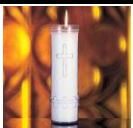
Saturday, March 29th

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Lector: Ruth

Sunday, March 30th

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

10:30 AM ~ Servers: Mirabella Lector: Balthaser



~ *Living Flame* ~

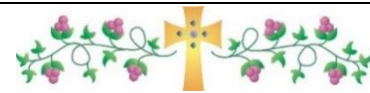
Will burn the week of March 23, 2025

For 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, Camille Bernardo, Lucia (Lucy) Bernardo, Lisa Boess, Jim Bross, Sr., Betty & Harold Brown, Rosemary C., Mary DeLong, Joseph Disabella, Savannah Ferrell, Pat Fleagle, Mary Ann Flemming, Savannah Ferrell, Judith Goeltz, Michael B. Hasenauer, Nicholas M. Headley, Karen Houck, Rose Howard, John Jones, Leslie & Janet Livinghouse, Florence Kapuscinski, Kathleen Miller, Tom Mirabella, Dave Mitchell, Connor Mocey, Joe Noll, Mercedes Rodriguez, Pat Snyder, Layla Rose Stockinger, Andrew Strangarity, Logan Weaver, Eleana Wilson



Readings for the Week

Sunday

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Monday

2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday

Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

Friday

Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday

Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Our Return to the Lord

Week of March 16, 2025 ~ \$ 5,106.00



THANK YOU

the Parish Mission Teams, Fun & Social, Garden Ministry, and our Music Ministry for your dedication and generosity with not only physical donations, but also your time and talents; all which made our Parish Mission a great success.

A Heartfelt Thank You is extended to our wonderful parishioners who were actively involved with



Our Level 5 PREP Students are collecting items for the Hope Rescue and Lighthouse Missions in Reading, PA. All donations can be placed in the yellow "donation" boxes at church. We will collect items through April 26th. The students appreciate your support and donations for their service project.

**Items needed:
Oatmeal Packets,
Pop Tarts,
Granola Bars,
Protein Bars,
Cereal Bars,
Cereal boxes,
Individual Snack packs,
Slim Jims,
and Fruit Snacks.**

Senior in your community needs your friendship and support

Companionship can make a big difference in the quality of life through social interaction and emotional support. A South Heidelberg Twp. daughter is seeking a part-time, non-medical, companion for her 95-year-old mother in the mornings 2-3 days/week. Family is willing to compensate. If you are interested and available to provide this elderly woman some caring support and friendship, please call/text Christine Hawley ~ 610.790.7374.



Opportunity House

Homelessness and hunger are real and these issues exist in Berks County. Losing a job or a medical crisis can push our neighbors to the brink of homelessness. It's not always obvious what homeless people or homeless shelters need most. Throughout Lent, St. Francis de Sales will be taking a collection for a few basic hygiene supplies which have been depleted due to an increase in the homeless population. As you contemplate contributing to our cause, please consider the following items. Your donations can go a long way in improving the well-being of individuals in very challenging circumstances. Some examples of much needed supplies include: toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo/conditioner, liquid body wash, shaving cream & razors, feminine hygiene products). By generously donating these items to Opportunity House, you extend a lifeline of care to those facing adversity. Your contribution resonates beyond the physical items; it sends a powerful message of compassion, reminding our clients that their community stands with them.

To find out what needs are currently most pressing at our shelter, please call our Main Office at 610-374-4696 ext. 221

SAVE THE DATE

**MARCH 31
&
APRIL 1
7:00 PM**

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Date: 3/16/25	Chapters/Lessons Covered Theme for the Week	Homework or Out of Class Activity	Additional Notes
Level 1	Lent Sins, Apologizing and Forgiveness Taking care of others	Lent Flower Petal Worksheet. Take care of your plant!	
Level 2 (First Communion)	Session 3 The Word of God overview of the Mass		
Level 3/4	Lent Stations of the Cross		
Level 5	Stewardship to our Community	Donation items for Hope Rescue Mission: Oatmeal packs, Pop Tarts, Granola Bars, Protein Bars, Individual Snack Packs, Cereal Boxes, Slim Jims, Fruit Snacks	*It is important to be at the next 2 classes as we will be practicing & performing the Resurrection Movement
Level 6	Practiced Shadow Stations		*It is important to be at the next 2 classes as we will be practicing & performing Shadow Stations
Level 7 (Confirmation Prep)	Session 9 The Church Confirmation Questions	Complete Confirmation Name and Sponsor paperwork.	Live your Faith!

All classes are participating in *Operation Rice Bowl* through Catholic Relief Services (CRS). The program invites us to reflect on the challenges of global hunger - and our Gospel call to care for our global human family. Your sacrifice during this holy season has the power to change lives by providing enough nutritious food for families to thrive. Please return all donations by class on Palm Sunday - April 13th. Thank you for your generosity to this cause! Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Please be sure to add a sticker to the Mass attendance chart when you attend Mass. Attendance is VERY important. Each grade has its own curriculum which builds upon the prior year and prepares for the next year. PREP allows children to build a strong foundation of their faith, it brings them closer to God and gives them the proper tools to lead a life that follows Jesus. Classes may need repeated in the following year if there is an excess of absences. Please value the importance of these classes and also **Mass attendance**. Be sure to fill out the sticker chart in the church hall for Mass attendance.

Our next Class is: March 30th (Levels 2-7)



Spring CRAFT BAZAAR

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

*Saturday, April 5, 2025 * 9am-2pm Social Hall*

All are invited to come & enjoy the HGA Annual Craft Fair on Saturday, April 5, 2025! There will be over 50 vendors with original, hand-crafted items for sale, as well as home-based party consultants!

There will be shopping, delicious food, a fantastic basket raffle, cash raffle with a top prize of \$1,000 & more!

VENDOR INFORMATION

Applications are now being accepted for Vendors for the Craft Fair. Attention Early Birds: reserve your space before March 17th & save \$10! Vendor Bundles for the 2025 Craft Fair & 2025 Christmas Bazaar are also available – a savings of \$30!

Scan the QR code to apply online or request a paper application by email to hgacrafts@hgaparish.com. Spaces are \$40 each. Tables are available to rent for \$5 and electricity is available for a limited number of spaces for a \$5 fee.

We can't wait to see you!



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