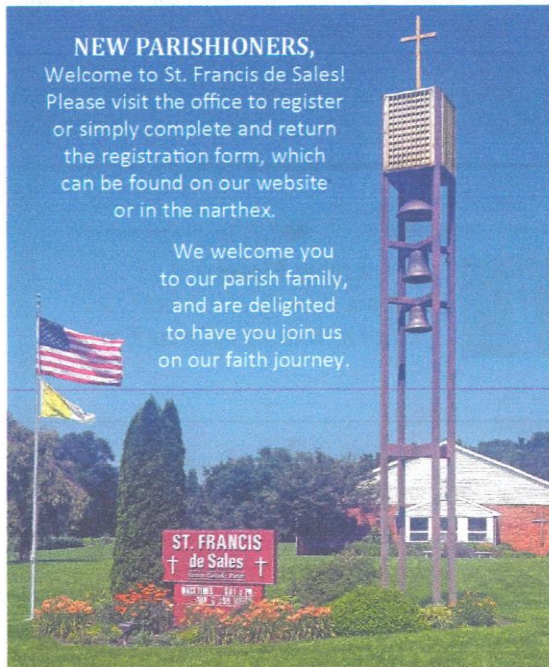


ST. FRANCIS de SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH

320 NORTH CHURCH STREET • ROBESONIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19551



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.

Phone
610-693-5851

Church E-mail
stfrancisrob82@verizon.net

Pastor's E-mail
jfrink@allentowndiocese.org

Website
www.stfrancisroby.org

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

**Diocesan Victim
Assistance Coordinator**

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak,
M.A., NCC, LPC
Direct Phone: 800-791-9209

**Diocesan Safe
Environment Coordinator**

Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS
Secretary for Youth Protection
Diocese of Allentown
1515 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
P.O. Box F
Allentown, PA 18105-1538
610-871-5200, Ext. 2204
610-871-5211 (Fax)
prusso@allentowndiocese.org

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.

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. John A. Frink, M.Div ----- Pastor
Alison Snyder ----- Director of 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

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday 9:30am - 12:00 Noon and Benediction at 12:00 Noon

RECONCILIATION: Thursday 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon and Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm

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.



January 7, 2024 ✦ THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 6, 2024

5:00 PM Fredie Page

Sunday, January 7, 2024 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM Our Parishioners

10:30 AM Carol Field

Mass Intentions for the Weekdays will be celebrated privately by Fr. John:

Monday, January 8, 2024

9:00 AM Greg Hawley

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

9:00AM

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

9:00 AM

Thursday, January 11, 2024

9:00AM Tom Suchon

Friday, January 12, 2024

9:00 AM

Saturday, January 13, 2024

5:00 PM Our Parishioners

Sunday, January 14, 2024 ~ The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Lenny Kopicz

10:30 AM Rosalie Zury

Pray For Our Sick

Delphine Altland, Edward Bellina, Camille Bernardo, Lucia (Lucy) Bernardo, Michelle Bernardo, John Binder, Jim Bross, Sr., Betty & Harold Brown, Rosemary C., Mary DeLong, Joseph Disabella, Savannah Ferrell, Mary Ann Flemming, Judith Goelz, Michael B. Hasenauer, Nicholas M. Headley, Karen Houck, Rose Howard, Mark Hyde, John Jones, Leslie Livinghouse, Florence Kapuscinski, Dave Mitchell, Connor Mocey, Casper Morreale, , Walter Muir, Joe Noll, Mercedes Rodriguez, Pat Snyder, Layla Rose Stockinger, Andrew Strangarity, Logan Weaver, Eleana Wilson

Parish Schedule

NEXT WEEKEND: Maintenance Collection

Sunday, January 7 ~ PREP

Lector & Server Schedule

Saturday, January 13th

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Bross Lector: Stine

Sunday, January 14th

8:00 AM ~ Servers: Lector: Huck

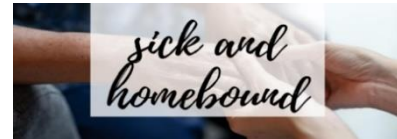
10:30 AM ~ Server: Lector: Balthaser

Thank You from Fr. John

A sincere 'Thank You' to all who remembered me this Christmas season with expressions of cheer through your cards, letters, gifts, and for ALL THE SWEETS and TREATS!!! You helped make the season more joyful and memorable.

"May the God of Hope fill you with all Joy and Peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with Hope."

Romans 15:13



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).



Readings for the Week

Sunday

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday

Is 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday

1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Our Return to the Lord
Week of December 31, 2023 ~ \$ 6,123.00



begins January 12th and Fr. John Frink needs your help!

Fr. John will represent St. Francis de Sales in Cooks with Collars, an online cooking competition to raise funds for parishes in the Diocese of Allentown. Visit www.cookswithcollars.com to see your favorite priests from around the Diocese creating delicious kitchen concoctions. Vote early and vote often before the deadline of February 12th for our Diocesan top chef! All voting proceeds for Fr. John will benefit our parish. Thanks for making Fr. John and St. Francis de Sales Parish a winner!

Life Ad

Life Ad, an anti-abortion/pro-life ad, will be published in the *Reading Eagle* on Monday, January 22, 2024 to mark the 51st anniversary of the legalization of abortion in the U.S. Sponsors will be asked to contribute \$10 for individuals, or \$15 for couples or families. Your name will be displayed in the ad under our parish name. Proceeds from the Life Ad support Mary's Shelter/Home, an alternative to abortion for pregnant women in need of housing and care. The deadline for sign-ups is Sunday, January 14, 2024. Thank you for taking a public stand against the tragedy of abortion.



Life Ad Donation Coupon

Place this coupon with your donation (check payable to "St Ignatius") into your Sunday Mass collection or mail to:

Life Ad, St. Ignatius Loyola Rectory,

2810 St. Albans Drive, Sinking Spring, Pa 19608

"A nation that kills its own children is a nation without hope."
Saint John Paul II

Parish Name: _____

Your Name: _____

Tel#(____) _____ Amt: \$ _____



OBLAGES OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES
WILMINGTON-PHILADELPHIA PROVINCE

<https://www.oblates.org/sundays-salesian-feed/epiphany-of-the-lord-january-7-2024>

Today we celebrate the manifestation of God to the world in the person of Jesus.

The magi were men of the East who were wealthy and educated. They were able to see the signs of the times concentrated in a single star and came to honor a great one born into the world.

Naturally, they began by seeking him in a palace, since they came looking for the King of the Jews. They eventually find a poor infant born to parents who were far from home. They bend their knee before the helpless infant and offer gifts of great value to a child that is poor. Station in life is forgotten in the presence of this child whose star they had followed.

We are invited to follow the example of the magi. This is the 2015th anniversary of the event these wise men experienced. We know that Jesus is God become flesh and blood like us. He has told us that God is so passionately in love with humanity that he entered the human condition in order to redirect human history back into its proper order – the establishment of the kingdom of God.

He came to remind us that each of us is created by God and destined for God. Our destiny is eternal union with our God. As one of the Sunday prefaces used to remind us, addressing God our Father: "So great was your love that you gave us your only Son as our redeemer. You sent him as one like us, though free from sin, that you might see and love in us what you see and love in Christ."

Today's feast offers us a challenge for this New Year. Can we become like the magi, open to recognizing God's presence in the poor and less fortunate around us? Can we receive the Good News that Jesus has shared with us, by humbling ourselves before the helpless? Can we announce the good news by acting justly and peaceably in our homes and schools and workplaces?

This anniversary offers each of us an opportunity to deepen our faith and widen our love. It offers us opportunity and grace to grow. May we have the wisdom of the magi to see the signs of our time in the world around us and follow the lead of grace. We too will find Jesus with Mary his mother. May we learn to humble ourselves before him in the many forms he will take each day and offer him all that we have in loving service.

Act now to
help end hunger.

In the United States, one in
nine people face hunger.
feedingamerica.org

**FEEDING
AMERICA**

**Be a
friend.**

Give blood.

AMERICAN
RED CROSS

Frederick P. Krott
Supervisor

678-3461

Lamm & Witman
243 W. Penn Avenue
Wernersville, Pa. 19565
Since 1918

FUNERAL HOME INC.

B.E.A.N.
FUNERAL HOMES
& CREMATORY

(610) 376-1129
www.BeanFuneralHomes.com

Jacob R. Beđnar, Supr.
SINKING SPRING
3825 PENN AVENUE

**POISON
Help**

1-800-222-1222

**Free and
confidential.**

BICYCLE SAFETY

**FIND THE
RIGHT FIT**

Helmets come in many sizes and size
can vary between manufacturers.

Buy It. Adjust It. Wear It. Always.

Anewaltis
Landscape Contracting

610.916.7070 | www.anewaltislandscape.com

Heim means
Home in Berks County

Now, more than ever,
Home is important.

kw PLATINUM
REALTY
KELLERWILLIAMS

In Loving
Memory

ADVERTISE
YOUR BUSINESS IN THIS SPACE

Join the thousands of professionals and businesses
in our network and begin growing sales, driving
new client visits and building client retention
and name recognition.

800-883-4343

**BON
Venture**

*God
Bless
America*

Peter Heim
Associate - Broker
Local Expert

610-745-3378
peterheimrealtor.com
Personally serving Berks County's
Real Estate needs since 1984!

Heavenly Birthday
Wishes To Our Mom,
Mary Ann Rosenbaum
We Love & Miss You Very Much
Your Five Kids!! XO

ACCEPT GOD'S CHALLENGE

**OBLATES
OF
ST. FRANCIS DE SALES**

*If Interested in a vocation
to the priesthood or
brotherhood, contact:*

~ Fr. Tim McIntire, OSFS ~
(610) 282-1100 X1393

Kuhn
Funeral
Home, INC.

EDWARD J. KUHN, JR., SUPERVISOR
MICHAEL R. KUHN, PRESIDENT
610-374-5440
739 Penn Avenue - West Reading, PA
www.kuhnfuneralhomes.com

ASPCA
ASPCA.ORG
WE ARE THEIR VOICE.

www.aspca.org

PARISHIONERS
LOOKING TO EARN EXTRA INCOME?

Sell advertising in this bulletin and your surrounding area.

Great opportunity for retirees,
college students or anyone looking
to supplement their income!

**BON
Venture**

For more information call Sue Volante at 1-800-883-4343 ext. 38
Part or full time availability.

**SEAT
BELTS
SAVE
LIVES**

In Loving Memory

*Wish Your Loved One A
Heavenly Birthday!*

**Call 800-883-4343
Ext. 106**