

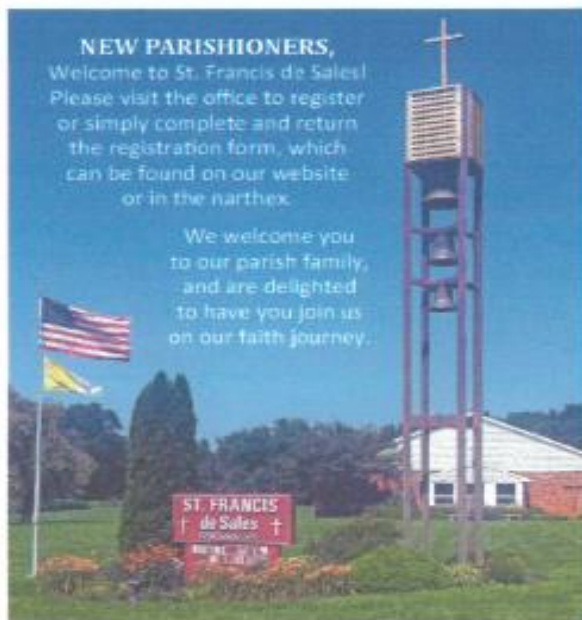
ST. FRANCIS de SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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.



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 &
5:30pm - 6:15 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 31, 2025 ✠ The Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule for the Week:

Saturday, August 30, 2025

5:00 PM

Sunday, August 31, 2025

8:00 AM Kathleen Yarwood

10:30 AM Our Parishioners

Monday, September 1, 2025

9:00 AM

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

9:00 AM Jean Sabinsky-Murphy

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

9:00 AM Ann Plummer

Thursday, September 4, 2025

9:00 AM Catherine Cason

Friday, September 5, 2025

9:00 AM

Saturday, September 6, 2025

5:00 PM John Hoffa

Sunday, September 7, 2025

8:00 AM Intentions for Ken & Melanie Jackson

10:30 AM Daniel Gonzalo Cando

Parish Schedule/Announcements

Tuesday, September 2: 9:30am - Spiritual Enrichment
#9 - The Sacrament of Reconciliation as a Source of Hope

Thursday, September 4: 9:30am – 6:30pm - Eucharistic
Adoration with Benediction of the Blessed
Sacrament at 6:30pm; Reconciliation from 9:30-10:30am;
5:30-6:15pm

Saturday, September 6: 9:00am - Spiritual Enrichment
#9 - The Sacrament of Reconciliation as a Source of Hope

Lector & Server Schedule

Saturday, September 6

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Bross Lector: Giacobbi

Sunday, September 7

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

10:30 AM ~ Servers: Lector: Fullam

~ *Living Flame* ~

Will burn the week of August 31, 2025
In Loving Memory of Ann Plummer



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., Joseph Disabella, Savannah Ferrell, Pat Fleagle, Judith Goeltz, Michael B. Hasenauer, Nicholas M. Headley, Karen Houck, John Hopko, Rose Howard, John Jones, Leslie & Janet Livinghouse, Florence Kapuscinski, Kathleen Miller, Tom Mirabella, Dave Mitchell, Connor Mocey, Joe Noll, Pat Snyder, Layla Rose Stockinger, Andrew Strangarity, Logan Weaver, Eleana Wilson



Readings for the Week

Sunday

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

Monday

1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11

First Friday

Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39

First Saturday

Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday

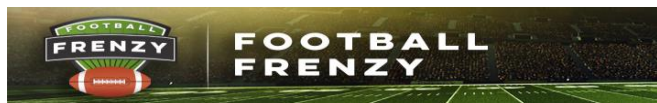
Wis 9:13-18b; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Our Return to the Lord

Week of August 24, 2025 ~ \$ 5,243.00

If you signed up for the for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Basilica Shrine bus trip on October 7, 2025, please submit your payment to the office by September 21st. The cost is \$60 per person. Thank you.

The Fun & Social Ministry would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who volunteered and attended the parish picnic ~ making it a huge success!! The day was filled with fun, fellowship, and great food. A special thanks to the CW community pool for donating the pool and pavilion; the K of C for their donation of burgers, hotdogs, and buns; Bruce, our chef; and the volunteers for their tasty treats and dedication with organizing this event. Blessings to ALL ~ We look forward to seeing you again next year!!



Football Frenzy is back!! Tickets will be available beginning NEXT weekend and are \$10 each. Cash prizes ranging from \$10 - \$400 are awarded to the ticket holders who have the Highest and Lowest 4 team combination scores each week throughout the last 10 weeks of the NFL Regular Football season (11/2/2025 - 1/4/2026). Proceeds go towards scholarships for Catholic Education. Please see any K of C member for more details and to purchase your tickets now!!



The Robesonia Church Community Blood Drives are finally reconvening since the COVID Pandemic!

St. Francis de Sales parish is hosting the next Blood Drive **THIS Thursday, September 4 from 1-7PM**. This blood drive will be held outside in the Blood Mobile. If you would like to donate blood, please contact Teresa Mohler: 610-858-3015 or 610-678-7282. Keep in mind, if you are unable to donate at this drive, you can still donate at the Miller - Keystone Blood Center, 2745A Leisch's Bridge Road, Reading.

Today's Scripture readings encourage us to ask ourselves: am I humble, a virtue that finds favor with God?

As we know, St. Francis de Sales considered humility the acceptance of who I am in the eyes of God. I imagine none of us has to be reminded that we are sinners. We're often all too conscious of that fact.

We don't always remember that Jesus came to earth to tell us sinners that our Father loves us. Jesus chose to die on the cross to save us from our sins and he rose to share his new life with us. Through our baptism, Jesus has made us his brothers and sisters - adopted children of his Father. We are now "graced sinners," loved by our God. When I am thankful that I am a "graced sinner" in the eyes of God, then I am practicing true humility.

All that we are and all that we have is gift -- a gift of God's love for us. When we accept that fact, then we can follow the advice Sirach offered us: "Conduct your affairs with humility." That will mean recognizing our own dignity as we go about our day. It will also help us to realize that the same dignity is God's gift to every person we meet.

God is choosing to live and work in me; God is also choosing to live and work in you. As I respect and honor God's presence in me, so I must try to respect and honor God's presence in you. This is the kind of humility we are asked to live today.

Remembering that I am a sinner will keep me aware of my limitations; remembering that I am graced will help me to trust in God's providence for me. Remembering that I am a sinner will keep me from judging others; remembering that I am graced will move me to reach out to others who are suffering. Remembering that I am a sinner will lead me to call on God's mercy frequently; remembering that I am graced will lead me to be thankful often during the day.

Let us be humble before the Lord and with one another today. Sirach assures us that we will find favor with God.

<https://www.oblates.org/sundays-salesian/twenty-second-sunday-in-ordinary-time-august-31-2025>



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.

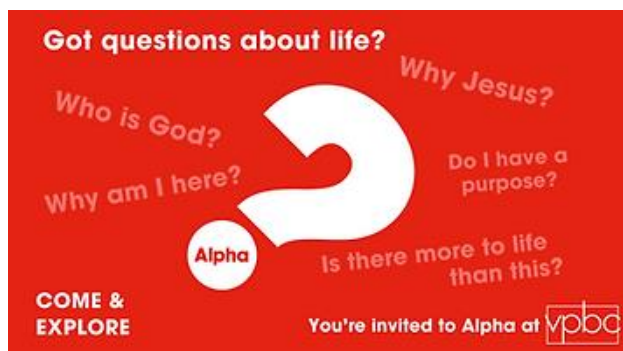
No pressure, no cost—just honest discussion with others on a journey.

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 scan the QR code to be directed to our ALPHA page on our website to sign up as a participant and/or a volunteer on the hospitality/greeter team.

Course begins Wednesday, September 10 @ 6:30pm.



Can I invite others?

Absolutely! Alpha is open to anyone from anywhere!



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Dear Friends,

National Make-A-Will Month, an annual event each August, focuses on one of the most important aspects of our lives — our legacy. Preparing a will is a crucial step in planning for the future, caring for your loved ones, and creating a lasting legacy that reflects your faith.

If you haven't had the chance to make your plans yet, there's still time!

The Diocese of Allentown partners with FreeWill to make this process accessible and simple for our entire community. By using [FreeWill](https://www.freewill.com), you can confidently navigate estate planning, knowing that you are preparing well for the future and carefully stewarding every gift from God. To make your will, simply visit:

https://www.freewill.com/allentowndiocese?utm_source=partner&utm_medium=followup&utm_campaign=202508_allentowndiocese_mawm_noask_impact

No matter what you choose for your estate plans, your choices exemplify Christ's love on earth. We hope you find this resource useful as you prepare your blessings for the future.

Many Blessings,
Paul Acampora, Executive Director
Office of Stewardship & Development
Diocese of Allentown

P.S. If you've already included the Diocese of Allentown in your will or estate plan, [please let us know](#) so we can express our gratitude.



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