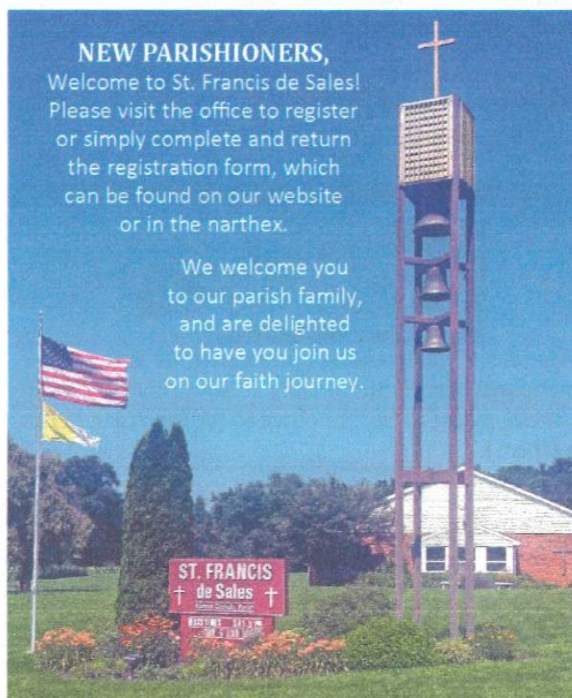


# ST. FRANCIS de SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

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## 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.

## 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.



## July 21, 2024 ✠ Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mass Schedule for the Week:

#### Saturday, July 20, 2024

5:00 PM Cindy Rusnak

#### Sunday, July 21, 2024

8:00 AM James Maun

10:30 AM Tare Mirabella

#### Monday, July 22, 2024

9:00 AM Special Intentions for D.J.T.

#### Tuesday, July 23, 2024

9:00 AM

#### Wednesday, July 24, 2024

9:00 AM Helen Solovey

#### Thursday, July 25, 2024

9:00 AM

#### Friday, July 26, 2024

9:00 AM Special Intentions for the Kramer Family

#### Saturday, July 27, 2024

5:00 PM Dave Wixted

#### Sunday, July 28, 2024

8:00 AM Lou Shatkin

10:30 AM Our Parishioners

### Parish Schedule

### THIS Weekend ~ Central and Eastern Europe Collection

ADORATION - There will be **NO ADORATION** on Thursdays during the month of July. Adoration will resume Thursday, August 1 from 9:30am - 6:30pm with Benediction at 6:30pm.

### Lector & Server Schedule

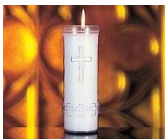
#### Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Bross Lector: Schmoyer

#### Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>

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

10:30 AM ~ Servers: Marinari-Gonzalez Lector: Fuir



### ~ *Living Flame* ~

Will burn the week of July 21, 2024  
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).

### *Spiritual Thought*

Always give good heed to the Word of God, whether you hear or read it in private, or hearken to it when publicly preached: listen with attention and reverence: and seek to profit by it, and do not the precious words fall unheeded.

St. Francis de Sales

### **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, Judith Goelz, Michael B. Hasenauer, Nicholas M. Headley, Karen Houck, Rose Howard, John Jones, Leslie Livinghouse, Florence Kapuscinski, Dave Mitchell, Connor Macey, Joe Noll, Mercedes Rodriguez, Pat Snyder, Layla Rose Stockinger, Andrew Strangarity, Logan Weaver, Eleana Wilson



### Readings for the Week

#### **Sunday**

Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

#### **Monday**

Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

#### **Tuesday**

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Mt 12:46-50

#### **Wednesday**

Jer 1:1, 4-10; Mt 13:1-9

#### **Thursday**

2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28

#### **Friday**

Jer 3:14-17; Mt 13:18-23

#### **Saturday**

Jer 7:1-11; Mt 13:24-30

#### **Sunday**

2 Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

*Our Return to the Lord*  
*Week of July 14 ~ \$ 5,079.00*

*Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe*

THIS week, our second collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Funds from this collection help support reconstruction, education, formation and poverty outreach. Please be generous to the collection today. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/ccce](http://www.usccb.org/ccce).

Welcome **Fr. Stephen Kofi Sakpaku**, Priest of the Catholic Archdiocese of Accra, Ghana. He is visiting with us and performing priestly duties until August 13, when he will spend the remainder of August at St. Peter's in Reading. Fr. Stephen will then return to SFDS for the month of September. Let's extend our genuine hospitality to Fr. Stephen to our faith community to let him know we are glad he is here!

***It's that time again to start planning your child's religious education!*** Classes for the upcoming PREP year will begin **Sunday, September 8, 2024 for all grades 1-8 from 9:00 – 10:20 am.** If your child is enrolled in 1<sup>st</sup> grade for the 2024-2025 school year, please sign him/her up: <https://www.stfrancisroby.org/wix-prep-registration-form>. The deadline for registration is Sunday, **August 11<sup>th</sup>** to avoid the late fee!! For our complete registration packet and calendar of class dates, please visit our Religious Education page on our website [www.stfrancisroby.org](http://www.stfrancisroby.org).

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered to our students on **Wednesday, October 2, 2024 @ 4:30 PM** at St. Ignatius Loyola Church.

*Condolences*

St. Francis de Sales Parish asks you pray for the soul of parishioner, **Ronald James Stanislaw**, late husband to Evelyn Ann Stanislaw. May God welcome Ronald into eternal life and peace, and may the Stanislaw family experience God's consolation and strength during this time of sorrow.

**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer  
Cab Cake Sale**



*It is hard to believe that 12 years have passed since we began this tradition! The sale will run today through **Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**. Orders can be picked up from our church kitchen from 4-7pm on Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. The Knights are a group of Catholic men serving and supporting our church and community. We are actively involved with Pro-Life, assisting the homeless at Opportunity House, and providing partial scholarships for our parishioners attending St. Ignatius Regional School and Berks Catholic High School as well as donating to our PREP Program for tuition assistance and books. Our members are always available in the vestibule to assist you and answer any of your questions.*



*The Mass Book for **2025** is now available for you to schedule Mass Intentions for your loved ones. There are still open dates for the remainder of this year to have a Mass requested for loved ones. Please call 610.693.5851, email or visit the office to schedule a Mass. The requested donation is \$10.00.*

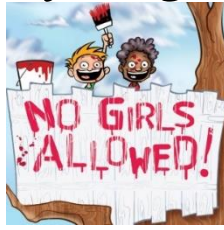
**Santo Niño Fiesta**

A Multicultural Celebration on Sunday, August 18, 2024 ~ Mass at 1:30 pm ~  
Social to follow at the Church Hall of Immaculate Conception Church, 905 Chestnut St., Douglassville



For more details on this event, to volunteer, perform, or to reserve seats at the celebration, please leave a message or text: 610.670.1429.

***It's Guys night out!***



***Join the K of C from Mary, Gate of Heaven,  
for a pizza and movie night.***

***July 27, 2024, 5:30-8:00 pm***

***Mary, Gate of Heaven Church  
188 W. McKinley Ave., Myerstown***

*{Pizza, drinks and snacks will be provided.}*

*Come together, hang out, swap stories, and learn a bit about how we as fathers and gentlemen can and should be the Christian leaders that God has called us to be.*



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We know that the prophecy we heard from Isaiah today is ultimately fulfilled in the person of Jesus.

He is the righteous shoot of David, the just and wise king, the shepherd who gathers and cares for the remnant of God's flock. Through His death and rising, Jesus has established peace and reconciliation. Through Him, everyone has access to one Spirit to the Father. Through our Baptism, you and I are the Body of Christ. We carry on the mission of Jesus to bring peace and reconciliation to our world.

Our mission will not always be easy. There will be times when we may want to find some time alone – like Jesus and His disciples in today's gospel. We may want to talk to Jesus alone about all that's happening in our lives.

The Gospel today reminds us that Jesus came to care for all God's people, not just His disciples. Jesus caught sight of the people who had followed them. Rather than becoming annoyed that they were interrupting His precious time with His disciples, His heart is moved with pity by their need, and He cares for them. Right then, these people needed to know God's loving care. He would find time later to be alone with his disciples and listen to them.

The call to be Jesus' compassion to someone in need often asks us to attend to that person's need first, then attend to our own. We are not asked to deny our own need; we are asked to attend to another's first.

Our daily challenge as a disciple is to be Jesus' loving compassion present to anyone in need. Our oneness with Jesus here in Eucharist gives us the experience and strength we need to open our heart each day and love as Jesus loved us.

As we eat His Body and drink His Blood today, let us resolve to be generous in our loving this week – as Jesus was.



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