

Dear Friends,

My name is Father John Frink (Father John, please) – (and that’s Frink not Frank, like drink not drank!). I am so looking forward to my arrival at St. Francis deSales on Tuesday, September 12th. I have to admit that I was very surprised when Bishop Schlert gave me this appointment. Surprised and excited to be, in a way, coming home. You see, I grew up and attended school at St. Ignatius (back in the days before St. Francis deSales Parish existed). I have fond memories of riding my bicycle on the roads that wind their way through the corn fields between Sinking Spring, Wernersville and Robesonia.

I was ordained a priest for the Diocese in 1987 by Bishop Welsh, 36 years ago. My first eleven years were spent learning the ropes as an assistant pastor in several different parishes around the diocese. I then spent four years teaching at Allentown Central Catholic HS and then four years as pastor in Ashland. Following Ashland, I ended up at Kutztown University for one year and then four more years back at Holy Name HS (back at??? I graduated from Holy Name in 1979 – anyone from those days around the parish now?). After Holy Name I had the opportunity to take a sabbatical and helped out in a parish in Ireland and then spend three months studying at the North American College in Rome. When I came home from sabbatical, I was assigned to St. Jerome Church in Tamaqua where I spent nine and a half wonderful years working to build the new Catholic community of St. John XXIII. In 2021 I was assigned to St. Benedict’s in Mohnton and then last year chaplain at Muhlenberg College. After some time off this past summer, I am looking forward to getting back in to parish ministry.

As you can see, I come with a wide range of experience which I pray will be a benefit to the parish community. I look forward to getting to know you, serving you, praying with you and hopefully helping you to our ultimate purpose: eternal life in the Kingdom of God.

Peace and Blessings,

Fr. John