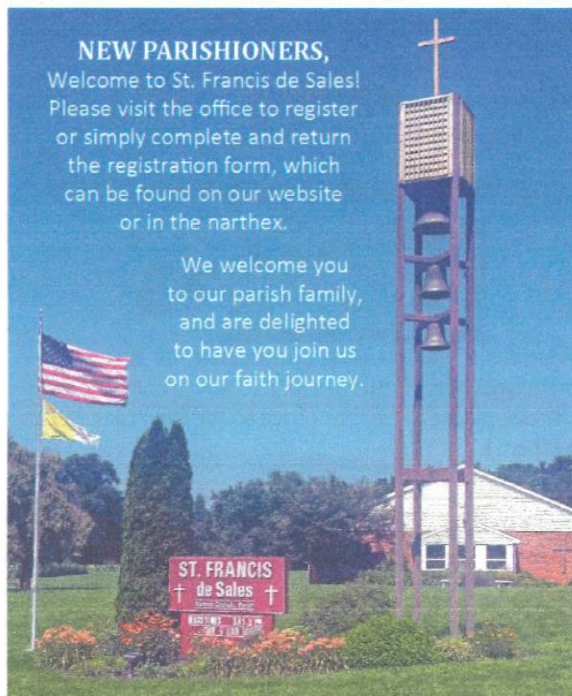


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We welcome you to our parish family, and are delighted to have you join us on our faith journey.

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Rev. John A. Frink, M.Div ----- Administrator
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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.



December 1, 2024 ✕ First Sunday of Advent

Mass Schedule for the Week:

Saturday, November 30, 2024

5:00 PM Geraldine Babb

Sunday, December 1, 2024

8:00 AM Our Parishioners

10:30 AM James Maun

Monday, December 2, 2024

6:30 PM

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

9:00 AM

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

9:00 AM Patricia Talarico

Thursday, December 5, 2024

9:00 AM

Friday, December 6, 2024

9:00 AM Daniel Cando

Saturday, December 7, 2024

5:00 PM Geraldine Babb

Sunday, December 8, 2024

8:00 AM Rodger Rothenberger

10:30 AM Helen Switay

Parish Schedule

Monday, December 2 - Offices CLOSED

Thursday, December 5: 9:30am - 6:30pm - Eucharistic

Adoration with Benediction at 6:30pm;

Reconciliation from 9:30-10:30am & 5:00-6:15pm

Thursday, December 5: 6:30pm - Reflection on Prayer

Saturday, Dec. 7th @ 11am - Lunch with Santa please sign up

Upcoming Events:

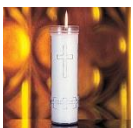
✠ Annual Christmas Dinner for the Women of the Parish @ Stouch Tavern - Dec. 11th @ 6:00pm

✠ Holiday Greens Sale - Dec 14th & 15th

✠ Advent Vespers - Dec. 15th @ 3:00pm

Lector & Server Schedule

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~ *Living Flame* ~

Will burn the week of December 1, 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).



In a memo to the U.S. Bishops, the Vatican confirmed that the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception usually celebrated on the 8th day of December must

be transferred and observed as a Holy Day of Obligation on the 9th day of December since the 8th day of December in 2024 is the 2nd Sunday of Advent. In light of this new directive, the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is to be observed as a Holy Day of Obligation on Monday, December 9, 2024.** Therefore, Mass will be celebrated at St. Francis de Sales Parish Monday, December 9th at 12:00 Noon and 6:30pm.

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, 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 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12 - 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday

Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

First Friday

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

First Saturday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday

Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Our Return to the Lord
 Week of November 24 ~
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Aging religious need your help.

“Your support acknowledges that we continue the mission of Christ even in our retirement,” says Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart Sister Celeste Burgos, 80. Donations help provide for the care, medication, and daily needs of over 24,000 senior brothers, sisters, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious next weekend.

Reflection in Prayer

3 Part Series

❁ Dec 5th Why Pray? <i>Be Aware</i>	❁ Dec 12th What is Prayer? <i>Understand</i>	❁ Dec 19th What happens when we pray? <i>Act</i>
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Thursdays in Advent with Benediction

6:30pm in the church. All are welcome!



Provide a Merry Christmas for Families in Need

As always, our parish has volunteered to help **Lifeline of Berks County** help families in need this Christmas. Please choose a tag containing a baby item from the ‘Giving Tree.’ Bring the new, un-wrapped item and place it under the tree **NO LATER THAN December 19th.** Your generous donation will then be delivered to Lifeline in time for Christmas. **{Please know gifts left in the church after the deadline DO NOT get delivered.}** Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Sunday, December 15 @ 3:00PM

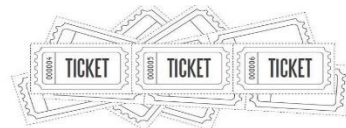
Advent Vespers is a worship service that marks the beginning of Advent and the Christmas season. It is a liturgical service that combines music and prayer to focus on preparation and the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Come hear the beautiful voices of our Choir to deepen your spiritual preparation for Christmas as we reflect on the wait while being reminded of God’s promise fulfilled in the birth of Jesus.



The Altar Linen Ministry is looking for new members! Volunteering in a church ministry can be a fulfilling

and impactful way to serve the church, grow spiritually, and make a difference in your faith community. This service ministry allows you to serve your parish behind the scene without demanding much of your time, right from the comfort of your home. It incorporates your domestic talents by washing and ironing the altar linens. There is a rotating schedule where the more members involved, the less frequent you are required to fulfill your obligation. Currently, there are 4 members and we are hoping to increase that with your help. Volunteering in a church ministry is not just about giving your time, but also about growing together with others in the body of Christ. Whether you have a few hours a week or a significant amount of time to dedicate, your service will make a meaningful impact in both your own life and the lives of those around you. Please prayerfully consider joining the Altar Linen Service Ministry and contact Christine Hawley 610.790.7374.

Don’t forget to purchase your raffle for the Lonaberger Basket created by the Garden Ministry!!



Expect a Miracle this Christmas!
We will begin preparing our hearts and minds for the anniversary of our Lord's birth this Advent Season on Sunday, December 1, 2024.

† **ADVENT VESPERS**

Our music ministry has prepared a program consisting of music and prayer to focus on the preparation and celebration of the birth of Christ, to be held on the Third Sunday in Advent, December 15th @ 3PM.

† **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ~ HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

Monday, December 9, 2024 Mass Times: 12:00 Noon & 6:30 PM

† **EVENING MASS**

Throughout Advent, the daily Mass time for Mondays will be at 6:30 PM. Daily Mass will resume at the regularly scheduled time of 9:00 AM on Monday, December 30.

† **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ~ EXPERIENCE THE REAL PRESENCE OF JESUS**

Bring a friend to meet Jesus at Adoration on Thursdays following the 9:00 AM Mass. Adoration will conclude at 6:30 PM with Benediction. You will also have an opportunity for confession in the morning from 9:30 – 10:30 AM and evening 5:30 – 6:15 PM. There is a signup binder in the vestibule to make sure someone is present in the church with the Blessed Sacrament.

At this Christmas when Christ comes, will he find a warm heart? Mother Teresa

Christmas Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 24: 5:00PM & 8:00PM

Wednesday, December 25: 9:00AM

Wednesday, January 1: 9:00 AM

*Church offices will be closed from Christmas through New Years.
We will resume normal hours on Monday, January 6, 2025 @ 8:30am*

Dear parishioners of St. Francis de Sales.

Bob and I want to thank you for reaching out to the people of our region following the immense devastation by Hurricane Helene that impacted all of Western North Carolina, especially Asheville, where we call home.

We especially give thanks for the generous donation from your St. Vincent de Paul Society that was sent to our parish, St. Eugene. And thanks to those of you who sent private donations. We also have an active St. Vincent de Paul Society and know the work that they do changes lives. We are not privy to where or who the donations went but you can be assured that, because of you, some of our parishioners were helped.

Going forward, please keep the people of Western North Carolina in your daily prayers. The number of people who have been left homeless is staggering, and many are grieving the loss of friends and family and their livelihood. That being said, the ray of hope and resilience is strong here and what lightens the burden is the outpouring of volunteers from all over the country, and abroad. Catholic Charities, World Kitchen, Samaritan's Purse, the Amish, and neighbors helping neighbors are a few of the examples of the on-going help.

The mission of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, "To bring faith and hope alive through service to others, one neighbor at a time, is apt": And you were a part of that. A heartfelt Thanks.

With gratitude, Bob and JoAnne Gance (former parishioners who always love to return to St. Francis de Sales when we visit PA).



As I mentioned during my homilies over the last few weeks, I ask for your free will support in helping to grow and sustain St. Joseph School in Ghana founded by Fr. Stephen, a true servant of God who is dedicating his life to educating and empowering the next generation. Your generous free will donations will help provide educational opportunities for children who may otherwise have none, and will honor the legacy of Fr. Stephen's mission. Every contribution, no matter how small, is a step toward transforming lives through the power of education. Some examples of the estimated cost to achieve this opportunity are (but not limited to):

Cost of educating ONE child per year ~ \$150.00 (estimated 350 total students)

Cost of building ONE 30-seat school bus ~ \$15,000 - 20,000

Cost of ONE photocopier machine ~ \$ 500.00

If you are interested in contributing, I ask you to please send in your free will donation in an envelope marked "Fr. Stephen's School" by December 29th. Your generosity will be deeply appreciated.

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