

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.

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 &
6:15pm - 7:15 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

**Diocesan Victim
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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 23, 2026 ✠ 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule for the Week:

Saturday, August 22, 2026

5:00 PM Intentions for Melanie Jackson

Sunday, August 23, 2026

8:00 AM Rodger Rothenberger

10:30 AM David Charlton

Monday, August 24, 2026

9:00AM Intentions for Katie M.

Tuesday, August 25, 2026

9:00 AM Gerald Fleagle

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

9:00 AM Rev. David M. Liebner

Thursday, August 27, 2026

9:00 AM Rev. Robert R. Fagan

Friday, August 28, 2026

9:00 AM Rev. Paul E. Masiar

Saturday, August 29, 2026

5:00 PM Emma Grace Buchheit

Sunday, August 30, 2026

8:00 AM Intentions for Our Parishioners

10:30 AM Michael Wixon

Parish Schedule/Announcements

Thursday, August 27: 9:30am – 12:30pm - Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 12:30pm; Reconciliation from 9:30-10:30am

Friday & Saturday, August 28 & 29 -

ENCOUNTER School of Healing
MINISTRIES

Lector & Server Schedule

Saturday, August 29

8:00 PM ~ Servers: Starling **Lector:** Starling

Sunday, August 30

8:00 AM ~ Servers: R. Kalinofski **Lector:** Eckenroth

10:30 AM ~ Servers: Hook **Lector:** Fullam



- Living Flame -

*Will burn the week of August 23, 2026
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).

Pray For Our Sick

Delphine Altland, Alicia Balkjy, JoAnn Bartrick, Lisa Boess, Betty & Harold Brown, Rosemary C., Joseph Disabella, Savannah Ferrell, Judith Goeltz, Alice Bernardo-Gold, Michael B. Hasenauer, Suzanne L. Mark-Hasenauer, Karen Houck, John Hopko, Rose Howard, John Jones, Leslie & Janet Livinghouse, Florence Kapuscinski, Mary Ann Kirkpatrick, Richard L. Mark, Kathleen Miller, Tom Mirabella, Dave Mitchell, Connor Moecey, Drea Moyer, Joe Noll, Mary Ann Savitsky, David Snyder, Pat Snyder, Barbara Lucas Stencel, Andrew Strangarity, Logan Weaver, Eleana Wilson, John Wroblewski



Readings for the Week

Sunday

Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Monday

Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday

1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51

Friday

1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday

1 Cor 1:26-31; Mk 6:17-29

Sunday

Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Our Return to the Lord

Week of August 16, 2026 ~ \$ 10,636.00



St. Francis de Sales parish is taking up a Freewill offering, a **voluntary** contribution in support of Fr. Stephen's school over in Ghana as our "thank you" for his time here with us. If you wish to contribute in support of this special cause, please do so to the parish office **NO LATER THAN Sunday, September 6th** as Fr. Stephen returns home September 9th.



The St. Monica Ministry **WILL NOT MEET** this month. They will resume again on Tuesday, Sept. 30 @ 6:30 pm.



It takes just 20 minutes to build a legacy of care.

August is National Make-A-Will Month, an opportunity to consider how our daily acts can build a legacy of care. By preparing your estate plan, you can create a "love letter" that shares your faith and God's blessings with future generations.

If you haven't yet, we want to make sure you can write yours with ease. Thanks to a partnership between the Diocese of Allentown and FreeWill, we're pleased to share complimentary access to a **secure estate planning resource**: https://partner.freewill.com/allentowndiocese?utm_source=partner&utm_medium=fwp&utm_campaign=allentowndiocese_homepage-carousel

The passage we have just heard is pivotal in the Gospels. Everything that precedes this passage is preparing us for it; everything that follows it is an explanation.

Jesus asks his closest followers a fundamental question: "Who do you say I am?" Peter speaks for the apostles: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God!" They acknowledge that Jesus is the promised Messiah; he is the very Son of God.

This is a true moment of faith, proclaimed for the ages. Jesus makes it very clear that they are responding with the gift given to them by his heavenly Father, not just to the mere sum of their own experiences of Jesus. This becomes clearer as the Gospel progresses, and we see that they have much more to learn about how Jesus will be the Messiah-Savior.

At this point in the Gospel narrative, they have no idea that Jesus will suffer, die on a cross, and rise on the third day. Despite their lack of full understanding, Jesus uses this moment of faith to set the foundation of the Church on the "rock" of Peter's confession of faith. He entrusts the keys of the kingdom to Peter: the symbol of authority in the community of believers. The Church will have power to continue when Jesus returns to his Father.

For the moment, Jesus orders his disciples not to tell anyone that he is the Messiah because they have much more to learn before they can accurately communicate the full truth of faith in Jesus as Messiah. Once they have experienced Jesus' death and resurrection and have received the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit, Jesus will tell them to go out to all the nations and proclaim the Good News of salvation.

We heard St. Paul sum up the wonder of God's plan of salvation, meant for all people. His words are a reminder that we are part of the continuing plan as members of the community founded on the authority of Peter. As we continue to grow in our knowledge and experience of the good news, we can well echo Paul's words: "O, the depths of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!"

As we speak his words, let us be grateful for the gift of faith and renew our commitment to live by what we have come to believe - so that all we are and do is seen as coming from God, done through his grace, and leading us to give God glory today and every day!

<https://www.oblates.org/sundays-salesian/21st-sunday-in-ordinary-time-august-23-2026>





ENCOUNTER
MINISTRIES

SCHOOL OF HEALING

2-DAY WEEKEND SCHOOL
& HEALING SERVICE

"...they will lay
hands on the sick
& they will recover"
Mark 16:18

AUG. 28-29

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GILBERT
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COOLEY

MARK 16:17

"...THEY WILL LAY HANDS ON THE SICK
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HEALING SERVICE

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

JESUS IS THE
DIVINE PHYSICIAN.
LET US ENTRUST
OUR HEARTS AND
BODIES TO HIM.

Feel free to invite anyone who is in
need of healing to attend.



GILBERT
RODRIGUEZ



DEACON
JOE COOLEY

AUG. 29

ST. FRANCIS DESALES PARISH



7:00 PM Praise & Worship

7:30 PM Gospel presentation + prayer ministry

- Livestreamed with online prayer teams via Zoom
- Registration required for Zoom prayer teams.

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What is Alpha?

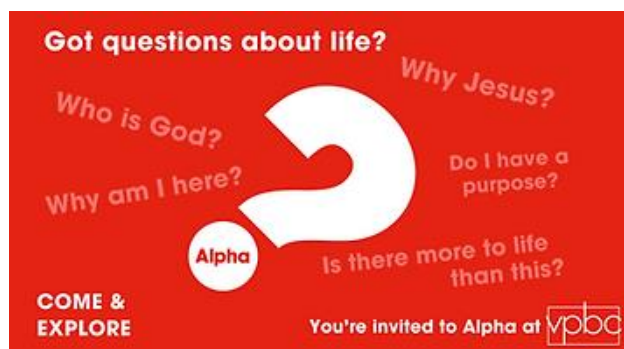
Alpha is a space to explore life's big questions in a relaxed, welcoming environment. Each week includes food, a dynamic video, and open conversation.

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 visit our church website:

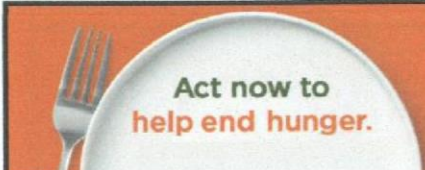
<https://www.stfrancisroby.org> and click on the COME and EXPLORE image to be directed to the ALPHA page which includes the signup link.

Course begins Tuesday, September 8 @ 6:30pm.



Can I invite others?

Absolutely ~ Bring a friend! Alpha is open to anyone from anywhere!



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