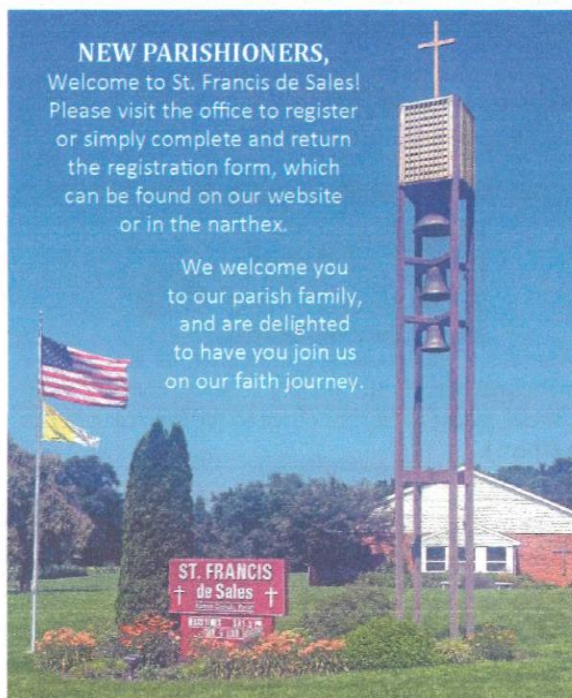


# ST. FRANCIS de SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 ----- 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.

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## 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.



## September 8, 2024 ✠ Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mass Schedule for the Week:

#### Saturday, September 7, 2024

5:00 PM John Hoffa

#### Sunday, September 8, 2024

8:00 AM Jennifer Marie Papay

10:30 AM Our Parishioners

#### Monday, September 9, 2024

9:00 AM

#### Tuesday, September 10, 2024

9:00 AM

#### Wednesday, September 11, 2024

9:00 AM

#### Thursday, September 12, 2024

9:00 AM

#### Friday, September 13, 2024

9:00 AM

#### Saturday, September 14, 2024

5:00 PM Carolyn Schultz

#### Sunday, September 15, 2024

8:00 AM Mark Hawley

10:30 AM Lenny Kopicz

### Parish Schedule

This weekend - 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for Maintenance

Sunday, September 8 @ 9:00am - PREP Class

Sunday, September 8 @ 10:05am - Pray the Rosary

Thursday, September 12: 9:30am – 6:30pm - Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction at 6:30pm; Reconciliation from 9:30-10:30am & 5:00-6:15pm

Thursday, September 12: 6:00pm - Fun & Social Meeting

Friday, September 13: 4:00am – 7:00pm - Crab pick-up

**Crab Sale ends THIS Sunday, September 8, 2024!**

### Lector & Server Schedule

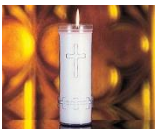
#### Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

**5:00 PM** ~ Servers: Marinari-Gonzalez Lector: Stine

#### Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>

**8:00 AM** ~ Servers: Lector: Miller

**10:30 AM** ~ Servers: Mirabella Lector: Balthaser



### ~ Living Flame ~

Will burn the week of September 8, 2024  
For a Special Intention

### *Spiritual Thought*

Prayer and faith united are imaginably powerful. Always pray with Jesus, remembering that a person united with Jesus can do everything. Keep this verse in mind: "I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). Have faith, pray with faith, and good and overflowing measure will be given to you.

*St. Francis Xavier Cabrini*

### **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 Mocey, Joe Noll, Mercedes Rodriguez, Pat Snyder, Layla Rose Stockinger, Andrew Strangarity, Logan Weaver, Eleana Wilson



### **Readings for the Week**

#### **Sunday**

Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

#### **Monday**

1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11

#### **Tuesday**

1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19

#### **Wednesday**

1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26

#### **Thursday**

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38

#### **Friday**

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42

#### **Saturday**

Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

#### **Sunday**

Is 50:4c-9a; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

*Our Return to the Lord*  
*Week of September 1 ~ \$ 6,251.00*



We are reaching out to our generous parishioners asking for help filling our bin with nonperishable food items that get donated to the local food pantry. The donations have stopped coming in, however, the need is still prevalent in the community. If you can donate, we kindly ask you to place the items in the food pantry bin located in the church kitchen (which is through the worship space) prior to taking your seat for Mass to help keep our church entrance looking beautiful. THANK YOU for your support of this outreach ministry.



Football Frenzy is back!! Tickets are \$10 each and cash 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 (11/3/2024 - 1/5/2025). Proceeds go towards Catholic Education. Please see any K of C member for more details and to purchase your tickets now!!

***BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC***

**Daily Masses Celebrated by  
The Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, D.D.**

**Monday, September 9 ~ 8:00 am**

Our Lady of Mercy, Easton  
132 S. Fifth Street, Easton

**Thursday, September 12 ~ 8:00 am**

Holy Guardian Angels, Reading  
3121 Kutztown Road, Reading

**Monday, October 28 ~ 6:00 pm**

St. Teresa of Calcutta, Mahanoy City  
600 W. Mahanoy Avenue, Mahanoy City

*Followed by light refreshments in the Parish Center*



We have just heard that curious command of Jesus: “Don’t tell anyone about the miracle you’ve just witnessed.” And Mark tells us that the people went about telling of Jesus’ power to heal. Why would Jesus make such a strange command?

Jesus knew human nature all too well. He knew how easily we are attracted by power, by the miraculous. He also knew that power can distract us from examining reality.

Today’s Scripture readings call us to look beyond the miraculous, the powerful and seek to understand reality. Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak clearly to point to the reality that God is present among his people. He is the fulfillment of God’s promise made through the prophet Isaiah. Jesus is trying to tell the people whose hearts of frightened: “Be strong, fear not! Here is your God; ... he comes to save you.” Jesus’ power to heal reveals the compassionate faithfulness of God.

But he’s concerned that the people will be distracted by the miraculous and never come to understand who he really is and why he has come. And we all know that his concern was justified. Many found it difficult to identify the miracle worker with the crucified Savior.

The words of St. James remind us that we are part of the human family, and we are susceptible to the distraction of power. The attractiveness of power can blind us to reality in everyday living. How easily we are attracted by wealth, power and position. How often we choose to pay attention to people who have and ignore those who do not have. Power distracts us from the reality that all of us are equally made in the image and likeness of our God. And Jesus revered the needy as well as the well-off as deserving of God’s compassionate love.

The Scriptures seem to call us to look more deeply within ourselves. What has my God told me about reality? Does power distract me from that reality? Jesus desires to live in each of us as crucified savior, as well as miracle worker. Each person desires to be revered for who he or she is by creation, as well as for what he or she says or does.

May we ask for the grace each day to discipline ourselves to see through power and love the reality of our God and our brothers and sisters.

<https://www.oblates.org/sundays-salesian/twenty-third-sunday-in-ordinary-time-september-8-2024>

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