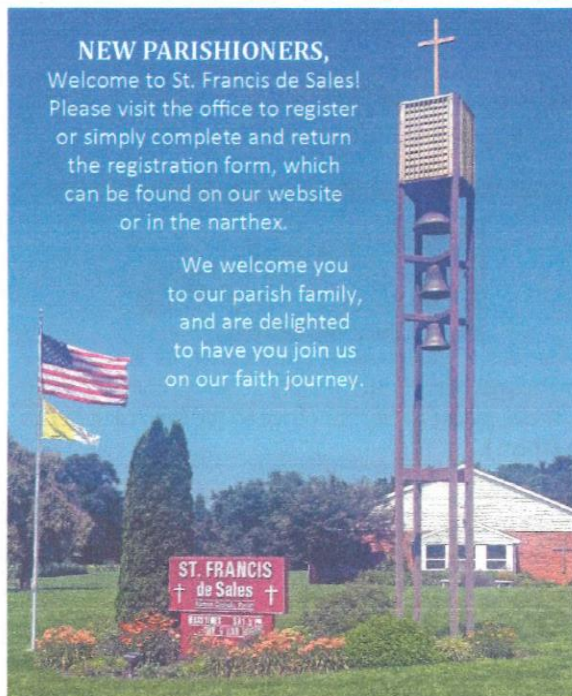


# ST. FRANCIS de SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.



## October 20, 2024 ✠ Twenty-Nineth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mass Schedule for the Week:

#### Saturday, October 19, 2024

5:00 PM Michele & Frank Paradiso

#### Sunday, October 20, 2024

8:00 AM John L. Switay

10:30 AM Dennis Gaston

#### Saturday, October 26, 2024

5:00 PM Living & Deceased members of the  
Boulanger Family

#### Sunday, October 27, 2024

8:00 AM Intentions for Nurture & Protection of Children

10:30 AM Julie Bohanick

### Parish Schedule

#### This Weekend - Hurricanes Collection

✠ Sunday, October 20 @ 9:00am - PREP

✠ Fr. John will be away for Spiritual direction Monday, October 21 – Tuesday, October 22 and then immediately travels to Hershey for the Priests Convocation beginning Wednesday – Friday. **Therefore, there will be NO daily Mass or adoration the week of October 21-25.**

### Lector & Server Schedule

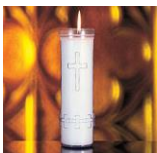
#### Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Lector: Echeverri

#### Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM ~ Servers: Lector: Eckenroth

10:30 AM ~ Servers: Mirabella Lector: Fuir



### ~ *Living Flame* ~

Will burn the week of October 20, 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).

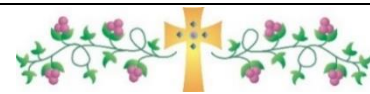
### *Spiritual Thought*

*Hold on to the staff of prayer and you will not fall. And even a fall will not be fatal, since prayer is a devout, persistent coercing of God.*

*St. John Climacus*

### **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**

*Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45*

#### **Monday**

*Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21*

#### **Tuesday**

*Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38*

#### **Wednesday**

*Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48*

#### **Thursday**

*Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53*

#### **Friday**

*Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59*

#### **Saturday**

*Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9*

#### **Sunday**

*Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52*

*Our Return to the Lord*  
*Week of October 13 ~ \$ 5,774.00*

**Mission Sunday ~ Next weekend,** World Mission Sunday, we join Catholics worldwide in this annual Eucharistic Celebration for the Missions of the Church. This year, under the guidance of Pope Francis' message "Go and invite everyone to the banquet (cf. Mt 22:9)," we are reminded of the joyful and urgent call to evangelization that lies at the heart of our faith. World Mission Sunday is a momentous occasion for us to reflect on the universal mission of the Church—to bring the Gospel to all corners of the earth. It is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrificial giving. The funds collected on World Mission Sunday are crucial. They directly support the formation of seminarians, religious sisters, and catechists, as well as the development of Catholic schools and healthcare centers. These efforts are tangible expressions of God's love and compassion, providing hope and practical help to the most vulnerable members of our human family. Together, let us pray for the success of the Church's mission and for the missionaries who dedicate their lives to spreading the Gospel. May our collective prayers and contributions on World Mission Sunday bear fruit in abundance, as we answer the call to invite everyone to the Lord's banquet.

*Becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life!*

The St. Francis de Sales Knights of Columbus are reaching out to the young men of our parish to join in our mission of Charity, Unity, and Patriotism. As a Knight, you have the opportunity to support your parish, give back to the community, and grow in your faith. We are a band of brothers dedicated to doing good in the service of God and our neighbor. We have various open positions {one position in particular, a Financial Secretary} we are hoping to fill and will provide the appropriate training. If interested in learning more or becoming a Knight, please talk to any of our members or go to [kofc.org/join](https://www.kofc.org/join).



It's interesting that Jesus does not directly criticize James and John when they ask to sit at his side in glory. Instead, he challenges them: "Are you able to drink the cup that I drink?" He contrasts their lofty ambitions with his humility: zeal for glory is set against God's call to humble service.

Jesus' humility was born of his love for the Father and for the world. Because he loves, Jesus is willing to endure anything – even death – in order to save the human race. This kind of humility releases God's love to the world and advances the kingdom of God. It's this kind of humility we heard Jesus teaching his followers: "Whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be a slave to all."

It's obvious that Jesus is not trying to gather a bunch of shrinking violets. That's not the kind of humility he's looking for in his disciples. He wants a people like himself who will shoulder the Father's sadness over the suffering in the world. He is looking for people who will work with him so that the world will be free of sin.

Rather than rebuking the misdirected ambition of James and John, Jesus channels it into an embrace of the Father's will: "The cup that I drink of you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized."

Jesus is speaking to you and me, is challenging you and me. The challenge is not an easy one. It would be easy for us to become discouraged. What Jesus shows us through his life and suffering and death is that the cup of sacrifice is also one of intimacy with God. Every willing act of death to self for the sake of the kingdom brings us closer to Jesus.

The more fully we are willing to drink of this cup, the more fully we learn that Jesus never asks more of us than he empowers us to give. Jesus is always inviting us to "draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Jesus is reminding us that he knows what our suffering is like, and we never have to suffer alone. He is telling us that our suffering can be a time of grace – for us and others.

Are we willing to drink of our cup, as Jesus drank of his? If we are willing, then let us approach Jesus where we will receive mercy and find grace to help us.

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