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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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Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or
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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.



Mass Schedule for the Week:

Saturday, February 28, 2026

5:00 PM Intentions for Joseph Kramer

Sunday, March 1, 2026

8:00 AM Grace Hornickel

10:30 AM Jim Bross, Sr.

Monday, March 2, 2026

9:00 AM Rev. Raymond P. Merman

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

9:00 AM Rev. Richard J. Loeper

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

9:00 AM Rev. David W. Karns

Thursday, March 5, 2026

9:00 AM Walter DeMelle

Friday, March 6, 2026

9:00 AM Rev. Francis T. Gillespie

Saturday, March 7, 2026

5:00 PM Jim Bross

Sunday, March 8, 2026

8:00 AM Florence Bachulski

10:30 AM Fr. William Nessel

Parish Schedule/Announcements

Sunday, March 1: 9:00am - Family Formation

Tuesday, March 3: 6:30pm - ALPHA

Thursday, March 5: 9:30am – 7:30pm - Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00pm; Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM; Reconciliation from 9:30-10:30am; & 6:00-6:45pm

NEXT WEEKEND - Chocolate Easter Egg Sale

13th Annual Lenten Crab Cake Sale

The Knights of Columbus are hosting the 13th Annual Lenten Crab Cake sale. Deadline for orders is *Sunday, March 22*, with pickup on Friday, March 27.

Lector & Server Schedule

Saturday, March 7

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Starling Lector: Echeverri

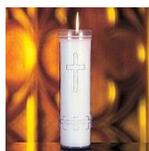
Sunday, March 8

8:00 AM ~ Servers: Palm-Rittle Lector: Eckenroth

10:30 AM ~ Servers: Hook Lector: Hampson

- Living Flame -

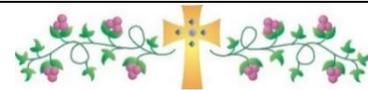
Will burn the week of March 1, 2026
For Special Intentions



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, Camille Bernardo, Lucia (Lucy) Bernardo, Lisa Boess, Jim Bross, Sr., Betty & Harold Brown, Rosemary C., Joseph Disabella, Savannah Ferrell, Pat Fleagle, Judith Goeltz, Alice Bernardo-Gold, Michael B. Hasenauer, Nicholas M. Headley, 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 Mocey, Drea Moyer, Joe Noll, Mary Ann Savitsky, David Snyder, Pat Snyder, Barbara Lucas Stencel, Andrew Strangarity, Logan Weaver, Eleana Wilson



Readings for the Week

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Monday

Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday

Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

First Friday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

First Saturday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

Our Return to the Lord

Week of February 22, 2026 ~ \$ 7,113.00

The Three Pillars: A Lenten Retreat with Father John Frink

During the sacred season of Lent, the Church urges us to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. But what do these core practices really entail? Join **Father John Frink** as he leads us to reflect on how these three pillars of Lent can help us deepen our relationship with God and neighbor, cultivate spiritual growth, overcome temptation, and foster a more virtuous life. **There is no cost to attend this Lenten Retreat; however, it is a ticketed event. Please visit www.padrepio.org/events/threepillarsretreat to register. Registration CANNOT be returned to Fr. John or the parish office.**

The Fun & Social ministry are raffling off a variety of beautifully curated gift baskets which are displayed in the narthex. Enter for your chance to win any one of the amazing baskets! Lucky winners will be announced Saturday, March 14th at the Chili Cookoff.



**Saturday, March 14th
following the 5:00PM
Mass.**

Homemade Chocolate Easter Egg Sale

Saturday, March 7 & Sunday, March 8

{Before and after all Masses}

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Like Abraham in today's first reading, we are on a journey. The circumstances of our lives are always changing. As we get older, we find that we can't do things they way we used to, so we learn to do things differently.

Change isn't always easy; so, if we're smart, we learn to be flexible. This is true in our spiritual lives also. We must learn to be more sensitive to the many ways the Lord is working in us and through us.

Lent is a time for developing this deeper sensitivity to God's presence and love. St. Paul reminds us that there are a few things that never change. They become the sure foundation for our Christian living:

- God has saved us in Jesus, who has robbed death of its power and has brought us life and immortality.
- Salvation is a grace - a gift of God. We have done nothing and can do nothing to merit it. The gift is ours because God loves us with great compassion.
- We are called to live a holy life, bearing our share of the hardship which living and sharing the gospel entails.

Like Peter, James and John, we have heard and believed the voice from the clouds: "Jesus is my beloved Son on whom my favor rests. Listen to him." Listening to Jesus is a vital part of our living a holy life. Our willingness to take the time to listen to Jesus is the primary way that we grow in our sensitivity to God's working in us. Our listening can take many forms:

- Personal prayer
- Meditating on the life and passion of Jesus
- Spiritual reading
- Attentiveness to the needs of the people around us.

Lent is a graced time for moments of listening. What we will hear will point out the direction our journey with the Lord will take. None of us will probably hear a voice from the clouds, as the disciples did. God will speak to us in less obvious ways, but he will speak. He speaks in every event of our lives, in every person who crosses our path. As we grow in greater sensitivity to his presence in everything and everyone around us, we will more easily understand what he is telling us about ourselves and what he wants us to say and do each day. Our daily journey becomes an ever-growing dialogue with our God who loves us and calls us to be one with him.

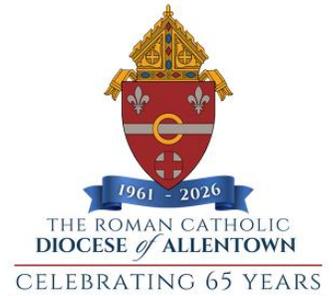
These days of Lent are graced. Let's be sure we take the time to accept the graces God has prepared for us and grow in our baptismal commitment.

<https://www.oblates.org/sundays-salesian/second-sunday-in-lent-march-1-2026>





20 February 2026



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In recent days, many, including myself, have expressed concern regarding the proposed presence and use of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) facilities within our diocesan boundaries, namely in Berks and Schuylkill Counties. I write to you as your Bishop to offer pastoral guidance rooted in the Gospel and the rich social teaching of the Church.

The Catholic Church affirms the right of nations to regulate their borders and to enforce their laws in a just and orderly manner. At the same time, the Church proclaims with equal clarity that every human person, regardless of legal status, possesses an inviolable dignity, bestowed by God, which must always be respected.

Our faith calls us to hold these principles simultaneously. We must insist that immigration policies and their enforcement be carried out with humanity, fairness, and due process, especially when families and children are affected. Detention, when it occurs, must respect fundamental human rights and avoid unnecessary harm to the vulnerable.

I am particularly mindful of the anxiety experienced by immigrant families within our parishes and communities, including those who live with fear of separation or uncertainty about the future. The Church stands with you as a sign of Christ's compassion and hope. We advocate for a pathway to legal status for those who are already here contributing to American society and living among us peaceably.

I ask our clergy, parish leaders, and Catholic Charities to continue offering pastoral care, legal referrals where appropriate, and concrete assistance to those in need. I also encourage all the faithful to pray for wisdom for our public officials, for those who work in law enforcement and immigration services, and for all whose lives are touched by migration. ICE Facilities

Let us remember the words of Our Lord: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" and "in prison and you visited me." (Matthew 25:35-36). May this Gospel challenge our hearts, our conversations, our actions, and the decisions of our government officials, so that our Diocese may be a place where truth is spoken with charity and justice is always guided by mercy.

Entrusting our Diocese to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Migrant, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

✠ Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert Bishop of Allentown

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