

# ST. FRANCIS de SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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We welcome you  
to our parish family,  
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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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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.



## February 15, 2026 ✠ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mass Schedule for the Week:

#### Saturday, February 14, 2026

5:00 PM Patricia Castello Barcliff

#### Sunday, February 15, 2026

8:00 AM Carolyn Schultz

10:30 AM Intentions for Santiago & Andres Aeiza

#### Monday, February 16, 2026

9:00 AM Helen Boulanger

#### Tuesday, February 17, 2026

9:00 AM Tom West

#### Wednesday, February 18, 2026 ~ Ash Wednesday

12:00 PM Marie Buchheit

#### Thursday, February 19, 2026

9:00 AM Daniel Baumann

#### Friday, February 20, 2026

9:00 AM Rev. James C. Bechtel

#### Saturday, February 21, 2026

5:00 PM John Milia

#### Sunday, February 22, 2026

8:00 AM Intentions for Nurture & Protection of Children

10:30 AM Intentions for Walter Areiza

### Parish Schedule/Announcements

Tuesday, February 17: 6:30pm - ALPHA

#### Schedule for Ash Wednesday:

12:00 Noon - Mass

6:30PM - Prayer Service

#### Thursday, February 19: 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

### Lector & Server Schedule

#### Saturday, February 21

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Starling Lector: Echeverri

#### Sunday, February 22

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

10:30 AM ~ Servers: Hook Lector: Fullam  
P. Kalinofski



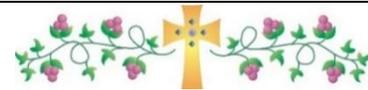
*- Living Flame -*

Will burn the week of February 15, 2026  
For Donna Sabinsky-Murphy

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 Moecey, Drea Moyer, Joe Noll, Mary Ann Savitsky, David Snyder, Pat Snyder, Barbara Lucas Stencel, Andrew Strangarity, Logan Weaver, Eleana Wilson*



### **Readings for the Week**

#### **Sunday**

Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

#### **Monday**

Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13

#### **Tuesday**

Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21

#### **Ash Wednesday**

Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

#### **Thursday**

Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

#### **Friday**

Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

#### **Saturday**

Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

#### **First Sunday of Lent**

Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19

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## ***Our Return to the Lord***

*Week of February 8, 2026 ~ \$ 4,041.00*

*I understand circumstances such as weather, health, work, travel, etc., sometimes prevent you from attending Mass. Please know you are missed and in my prayers. I would like to gently remind our parishioners that missed offertories have a profound effect on the church's ability to fulfill our mission and serve the members. Please consider making up missed donations at a future Mass, or through our alternative parish giving options. Your faithful support, as always, helps us continue our ministries, maintain the church, and serve those in need. We are deeply grateful for your generosity and commitment to our parish community. May God bless you and your family, and I look forward to seeing each of you at Mass.*

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### ***13<sup>th</sup> Annual Lenten Crab Cake Sale***

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

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### ***Conrad Weiser Ministerium***

Lenten services are held on Wednesdays throughout Lent and begin @ 12 Noon. The theme for the five Lenten services will be "*Living Out Our Baptism.*"



**February 25 @ Trinity Robesonia**  
**March 4 @ United Church of Christ of Robesonia**  
**March 11 @ St. John's (Hain's)**  
**March 18 @ Trinity Wernersville**  
**March 25 @ Trinity Wernersville**

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### ***Western Berks Shepherding Ministry***

Come out and support our upcoming fundraiser on **February 18 & 19** at Austin's and Coastal Grille. Take the invite card (available on the desk in the narthex) and present to server (if dining in) or to cashier (if taking out). The fundraiser runs through lunch and dinner. WBSM gets a percentage of all food purchases. We are a non-profit organization that transports ambulatory adults residing in the Western Berks County area to medical appointments. Thank you for your support!



Today's Scripture readings elaborate on the wonderful reminder that we have heard from the book of Sirach: God has created us out of love, and the surest sign of his love is the blessing of free will. Sirach encourages us to exercise our freedom to choose wisely.

St. Paul reminds us that God has revealed his wisdom to us through his Spirit who dwells in us. The gift of faith gives us a broader view of life than mere human wisdom can give. Allowing the Spirit to lead us will enable us to see beyond our own selfish needs and desires and choose to act in ways that manifest God's goodness and love.

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks about one way to do this. He encourages us to look beyond the mere letter of the law and strive to act in ways that move us toward the ideal living of the kingdom of God. Minimal obedience is far beneath the dignity of anyone who genuinely loves God and neighbor.

Jesus' words in the gospel are not to be taken too literally. He is using the customary Middle Eastern love of exaggeration to make his point. What he is saying is that reaching the ideal implies avoiding whatever will compromise the ideal.

For example, the letter of the law says: "You shall not commit murder." Living by the spirit of the law will mean: Do nothing which can injure another person (anger, abuse, hatred). And if you have injured anyone, go and seek reconciliation immediately. Then the two of you can worship God in mutual love and respect.

Jesus is encouraging us to listen to the wisdom of God present in us in the Spirit and use our freedom to choose wisely as we go about our daily living.

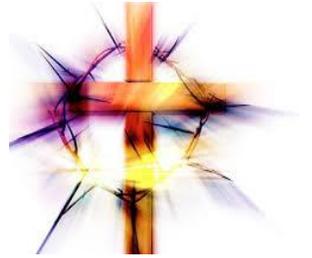
In this way, we respond to the love that God has shown us in the gifts he has given us. Our choice to use our gifts wisely becomes an act of love. And in choosing to love, we are building up the kingdom.

May we learn to be faithful in following the lead of his grace.

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<https://www.oblates.org/sundays-salesian/sixth-sunday-in-ordinary-time-february-15-2026>

# OUR LENTEN OBLIGATION



Church law considers every Friday and the season of Lent as penitential days and times. The practice of penance is a part of our faith and Christian life. When we do penance, we imitate Jesus, who Himself recommended it is necessary to His followers, and gave them the example of His prayer and fasting.

The Lenten obligation, as determined for Catholics in the United States by our bishops, requires that fasting be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The law of abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

## † Who must fast?

All Catholics who are between the ages of 18 and 59. The obligation ceases when one begins his/her 60<sup>th</sup> year on his/her 59<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## † Who must abstain?

All Catholics who are 14 years and older.

## † What does fasting mean?

The observance of fasting means that those obliged may take only one full meal on the day of fast. Two lighter meals (not equal to another full meal) may be taken to maintain strength according to one's needs.

## † What does abstinence mean?

The law of abstinence forbids the eating of meat, including poultry. Voluntary abstinence refers to refraining from lawful pleasures in a spirit of penance.

## † Can anyone be dispensed or excused from fast and/or abstinence?

Individuals for a just cause may be dispensed by their pastor or by a priest with the faculty to do so. In our Diocese, all priests may dispense individuals who are committed to their pastoral care. Those who are ill or have a similar serious reason are excused from the observance of fast and abstinence. Catholics are reminded that they should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

## † Are there other obligations which we should fulfill?

Catholics are obliged to fulfill what has been called their "Easter Duty." They are required to receive Holy Communion during the Easter time. In the United States, this obligation can be fulfilled from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday (February 22 – May 31, 2026). Those conscious of serious sin are reminded of the obligation to confess their sins at least once a year during this time. Catholics also encouraged to make Lent a time of more intense prayer and to practice almsgiving and other works of charity. Parishes are encouraged to continue participation in Operation Rice Bowl.



## *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](http://www.padrepio.org/events/threepillarsretreat) to register. You may bring your own packed lunch or pre-order and pre-pay \$23.18 for a boxed lunch when registering for your ticket online. Lunch options are eggplant parmesan sandwich on roll **OR** penne pasta with garlic knot, an apple, cookie, bag of chips, and a bottle of water. The deadline to order lunch is Friday, March 6th. Lunch payment is non-refundable but is transferable to another person.

Friday, March 13, 2026 from 9:30AM – 3:15 PM:

- ✝ Confessions - 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM
- ✝ Welcome, Opening Prayer, and Conference #1 - 9:30 AM
- ✝ Mass - 10:30 AM **Celebrant: Father John Frink**
- ✝ Rosary with Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio Following Mass
- ✝ Confessions immediately following Mass until 12:15 PM
- ✝ Lunch with Free Time to Visit the Museum, Gift Shop, and Our Lady of Grace Chapel - 12:15 PM
- ✝ Conference #2 - 1:30 PM
- ✝ Stations of the Cross - 2:30 PM
- ✝ Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3:00 PM



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