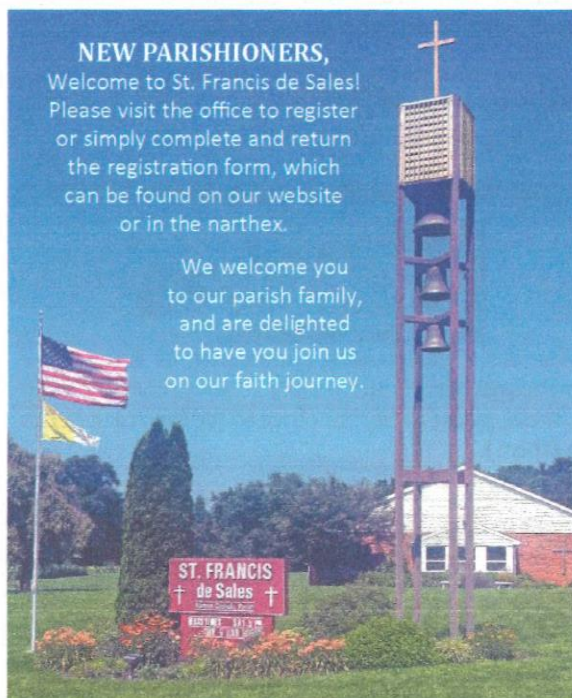


# ST. FRANCIS de SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.



## December 22, 2024 ✕ Fourth Sunday of Advent

### Mass Schedule for the Week:

#### Saturday, December 21, 2024

5:00 PM Our Parishioners

#### Sunday, December 22, 2024 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Intentions for Nurture & Protection of Children

10:30 AM Julie Bohanick

#### Monday, December 23, 2024

6:30 PM

#### Tuesday, December 24, 2024

5:00 PM Our Christmas Memorials & Intentions

8:00 PM Our Christmas Memorials & Intentions

#### Wednesday, December 25, 2024

9:00 AM Our Christmas Memorials & Intentions

#### Thursday, December 26, 2024

9:00 AM **NO MASS**

#### Friday, December 27, 2024

9:00 AM Donna Marie Wright **NO MASS**

#### Saturday, December 28, 2024

5:00 PM Pol (Paul) O'Dwyer

#### Sunday, December 29, 2024 ~ The Holy Family

8:00 AM Joseph Tosheff

10:30 AM Julie Bohanick

### Parish Schedule/Announcements NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

Congratulations to Julie Davis for winning the Garden Club raffle basket and thanks to all of you who bought a ticket. Our greens sale was a huge success due to your never-ending generosity. Words cannot express our gratitude.

**Thank you and have a Merry Christmas.**

### Lector & Server Schedule

#### Tuesday, December 24th

**5:00 PM** ~ Servers: Mirabella Lector: Misterkiewicz

**8:00 PM** ~ Servers: Palm-Rittle Lector: Echeverri

#### Wednesday, December 25th

**9:00 AM** ~ Servers: Lector: Miller

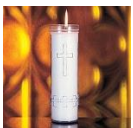
#### Saturday, December 28th

**5:00 PM** ~ Servers: Bross Lector: Hampson

#### Sunday, December 29th

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

**10:30 AM** ~ Servers: Lector: Clarke



### ~ Living Flame ~

Will burn the week of December 22, 2024  
For Special Intentions



### 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

Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

#### Monday

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

#### Tuesday

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

#### Wednesday

Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

#### Thursday

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

#### Friday

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

#### Saturday

1 Jn 1:5 - 2:2; Mt 2:13-18

#### Sunday

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52



## *Our Return to the Lord*

*Week of December 15, 2024 ~  
UNAVAILABLE AT TIME OF PRINT*

NEXT Weekend, December 28 & 29, is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. Therefore, there will be a second collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please be generous

## *Christmas Mass Schedule*

Tuesday, December 24: 5:00 pm & 8:00 pm  
Wednesday, December 25: 9:00 am

**There will be NO 9:00am DAILY MASS  
December 26 & 27**

**There will be NO adoration December 26**

Our offices will be closed  
Tuesday, December 24th through the New Year.  
We will return Monday, January 6, 2025.



*Congratulations to Our Communicants who  
will be joining us at The Lord's Table:*

- † *Liam Hawley*
- † *Peter Kalinofski*
- † *Ryan Kalinofski*
- † *Aleah Shade*

*The Robesonia Community  
Association is hosting their  
Annual "Life Begins at 75"  
Christmas Party*

*Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup> ~ 12  
Noon at St. Daniel's Lutheran Church, Big Spring  
Road.*



*Those "seasoned citizens" age 75 and older who live  
or attend church in the Robesonia area are invited  
for a festive dinner, entertainment and fellowship  
with friends. Please RSVP to Mark Moyer ~ 610-  
334-9708. Transportation available if requested.*

The angel Gabriel's greeting to Mary contained two discrete, yet related, messages: (1) Mary would be the mother of the long-expected Messiah, & (2) her cousin Elizabeth had conceived a child.

No sooner has Mary said "yes" to the invitation to be the mother of the Messiah than she is off "in haste" to visit her cousin.

In a very real sense, long before she actually delivered the child who would redeem the world from the hopelessness and despair of sin, Mary was already giving birth to the Messiah through her own willingness and eagerness to serve the needs of another: in this case, a relative who, because of her age, might have been considered a woman with a "high risk" pregnancy.

On the face of it, there is nothing noteworthy about Mary's action. After all, wouldn't any decent human being do the same for a relative in need? What makes Mary's service remarkable is the urgency with which she did it. She truly is a model of virtue, one who clearly demonstrates in her own life that the best way of saying "thank you" for God's goodness to her is to be a source of that goodness to others.

St. Francis de Sales observed: "Mary does not consider that she is wasting time when she goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth. No, it is an act of loving courtesy." (Stopp, Selected Letters, p. 159) In her "haste" to serve Elizabeth, Mary shows us the path of true devotion. Francis de Sales continues: "God rewards us according to the dignity of the office we exercise. I do not say that we may not aspire to the outstanding virtues, but I do say that we must train ourselves in the little virtues first without which the great ones are often false and deceptive."

Advent reminds us that the great hope for which we all long is built upon the foundation of little, simple, ordinary things: kindness, graciousness, welcome, patience, honesty, hospitality, and compassion. Mary shows us that even the most singular demonstrations of God's love for us, first and foremost, challenge us to recognize the opportunities already present in our ordinary lives to devote our energies in promoting the welfare of one another.

Like Mary, may we come to see that our willingness to do little things for one another with great love and enthusiasm - to display "loving courtesy" - is the first step in our ultimate vocation: to give birth to the Great Promise of God's love for all people - Jesus Christ.

<https://www.oblates.org/sundays-salesian/fourth-sunday-of-advent-december-22-2024>



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