

# 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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**Office Hours**  
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8:30 am - 12 noon  
& CLOSED Fridays

## Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak,  
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Direct Phone: 800-791-9209

## Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator

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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.



**February 9, 2025 ✠ The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

***Mass Schedule for the Week:***

**Saturday, February 8, 2025**

5:00 PM Ernest & Helen Boulanger

**Sunday, February 9, 2025**

8:00 AM Dick Zepiora

10:30 AM Special Intentions: Andres Areiza

**Monday, February 10, 2025**

9:00 AM Our Parishioners

**Tuesday, February 11, 2025**

9:00 AM

**Wednesday, February 12, 2025**

9:00 AM

**Thursday, February 13, 2025**

9:00 AM

**Friday, February 14, 2025**

9:00 AM John Milia

**Saturday, February 15, 2025**

5:00 PM Blasi "Cap" Capalbo

**Sunday, February 16, 2025**

8:00 AM Carolyn Schultz

10:30 AM Special Intentions: Santiago Areiza

**Parish Schedule/Announcements**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Maintenance**

**Sunday, February 9: 9:00am** - PREP All Levels  
10:05am - Pray the Rosary

**Thursday, February 13: 9:30am – 6:30pm** - Eucharistic  
Adoration with Benediction at 6:30pm; Reconciliation  
from 9:30-10:30am & 5:00-6:15pm

**Saturday, February 15: 6:00pm** - Chili Cook Off

**Lector & Server Schedule**

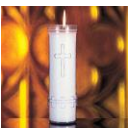
**Saturday, February 15th**

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

**Sunday, February 16th**

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

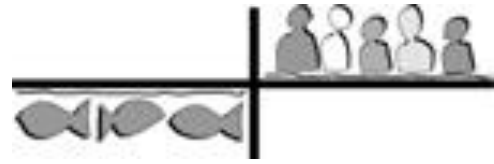
**10:30 AM** ~ Servers: Mirabella      Lector: Fuir



***~ Living Flame ~***

Will burn the week of February 9, 2025  
***In Loving Memory of Carol Sabinsky-Baumann***

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., 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 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11*

***Monday***

*Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56*

***Tuesday***

*Gn 1:20 – 2:4a; Mk 7:1-13*

***Wednesday***

*Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23*

***Thursday***

*Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30*

***Friday***

*Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37*

***Saturday***

*Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10*

***Sunday***

*Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26*



*Our Return to the Lord*

*Week of February 2, 2025 ~ \$5,177.00*



*Let us taste your BEST Chili recipe!*

The Fun & Social committee is once again hosting a Chili cook-off. Signup to have your award-winning pot of chili tasted and judged by your fellow parishioners **NEXT Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>** (downstairs) following the 5:00PM Mass. You must submit a large pot for the competition; the remaining chili will be used for dinner following the competition along with other delicious treats. The winner of the competition will receive a grand prize.

So plan on bringing the family to this tasty event for some great food, fun, fellowship, and who knows – maybe even some bragging rights!! Event is **FREE** for everyone!!

*"I have called you by name."*  
-Isiah 43:1

**Name Tag Weekend**  
February 15th/16th

Grab a name tag on your way into church, meet others, stay for fellowship!

Chili Cook-off Saturday after Mass  
Coffee, donuts and bagels Sunday after Mass

**Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**

A promotional graphic for a name tag weekend. It features a quote from Isaiah 43:1, "I have called you by name," with a green leafy branch. Below the quote is a white name tag on a wooden stick that says "Name Tag Weekend February 15th/16th" and "Grab a name tag on your way into church, meet others, stay for fellowship!". At the bottom, it lists "Chili Cook-off Saturday after Mass" and "Coffee, donuts and bagels Sunday after Mass" and highlights "Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>".

# Made for Communion

## A PARISH MISSION

*"that they may be one, as we are one"*  
John 17:22



Saint Francis de Sales

March 7th, 8th & 9th

St. Francis de Sales Church, in partnership with The Institute for Ministry Formation, will host

*Made for Communion – A Parish Mission  
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**Join us March 7, 8, & 9**

In today's world, we are facing what many call a "loneliness epidemic." Despite living in a digital age that promises connection, we often find ourselves more disconnected than ever. Yet, we were not created for loneliness, we were made for communion and relationships. We were made for love!

Experience the joy of being truly known and loved by God, and be empowered to share that love with others. Together, we will journey into the dynamics of the heart: deepening our communion with God through prayer and with one another through authentic relationships. We will explore Saint Benedict's teachings on prayer, relationships, community, and spiritual accompaniment as well as discover how these principles can lead us into deeper communion with God and those around us.



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24<sup>th</sup> Jan., 2025.

Rev. Fr. John Frink  
The Parish Priest  
St. Francis de Sales Church  
320 N. Church Street  
Robesonia , PA 19551

Dear Father,

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

On behalf of the Bishop, Management, Staff, Parents and Teachers Association (P.T.A) Executives and the entire pupils body of St. Joseph School, Maame Krobo, I wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to you for your generous support towards our school building project and welfare.

We are thrilled to acknowledge receipt of the amount of \$10,200, equivalent to GHC 153,869. We are deeply grateful for your kindness and generosity.

Please be assured that we will utilize the funds for the intended school project, and we promise to provide you with regular updates and a detailed account of how the funds are used.

May the Lord continue to guide, protect and bless you , opening more opportunities for you in all your endeavours.

Thanks.

Yours faithfully,

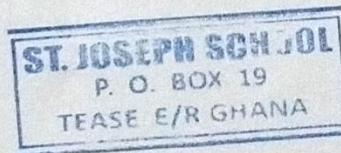
Fr. Saviour Seddo Darkey.

(Administrator)

Cc:

The Bishop

Most Rev. John Alphonse Asiedu SVD





What a wonderful set of life-vocation stories in today's Scriptures.

Isaiah experiences (sees) the Lord of hosts in the Temple. He is humbled: "Woe is me, I'm doomed. I'm a man of unclean lips." The ember carried by the seraph removes his wickedness. And Isaiah is ready to go forth: "Here I am, send me!"

Jesus has confronted Paul on the road to Damascus. Paul acknowledges that he is not worthy to be an apostle. And yet he preaches faithfully: "By the grace of God I am what I am."

Peter reluctantly puts out into deep water at the command of Jesus – and witnesses nets so full that they are breaking. He kneels before Jesus in great humility: "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." Jesus gently tells him not to be afraid: "From now on you will be catching men." Peter and his mates leave everything and follow Jesus.

Each of these encounters with God became life-changing. Isaiah will speak God's word for his lifetime, whether he is accepted or rejected. Peter and Paul engage in "catching men" for the rest of their lives until they are ultimately killed for their preaching.

How many times in their lives as apostles would they be asked again to "put out into deeper water and lower your nets"? Often their security was not to be found near the shoreline but with Jesus in the deep water.

Jesus' invitation always seems to be "put out into deep water." As we grow older, the invitation to let Jesus live in us more fully leads us into the deeper waters of our own life and that of our community. We can only fill our nets with the grace of God when we're willing to leave our own security and trust in the invitation to come deeper.

Like Isaiah, the Lord will remove our sins and failings that keep us close to shore and prepare us to go deeper. Like Peter, we will hear Jesus gently tell us: "Do not be afraid."

May our willingness to put out into the deep with Jesus lead us to be able to say with St. Paul: "By the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective."





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