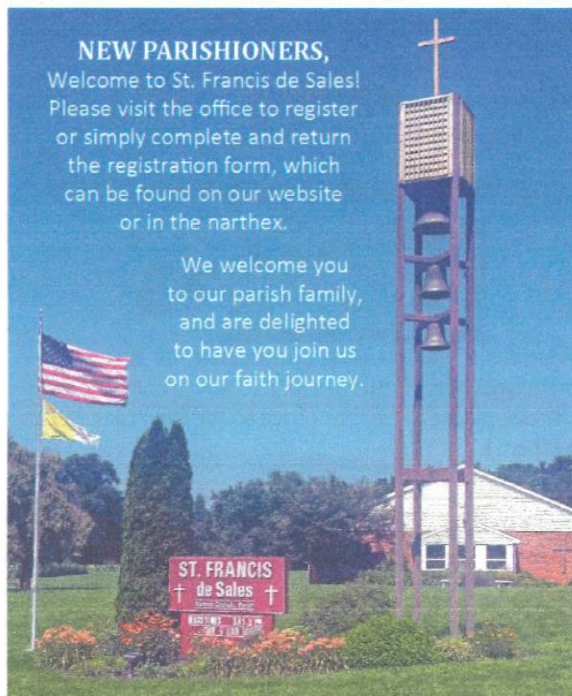


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NEW PARISHIONERS,

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.



March 30, 2025 ✠ The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 29, 2025

5:00 PM Louis Marchetto

Sunday, March 30, 2025

8:00 AM Carol Palm

10:30 AM Intentions for Gloria Araiza

Monday, March 31, 2025

9:00 AM Intentions for Nathan Pouss

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

9:00 AM Intentions for Michael Solovey

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

9:00 AM Nick & Mary Barbetta

Thursday, April 3, 2025

9:00 AM Alfred Robezzoli

Friday, April 4, 2025

9:00 AM Mary & Joseph Rusnak

Saturday, April 5, 2025

5:00 PM Mary Lou McWilliams

Sunday, April 6, 2025

8:00 AM Charles A. Kidron

10:30 AM Linda Sarkozy

Parish Schedule/Announcements

THIS Weekend is the 5th Sunday of the month. Therefore, there will be a second collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please be generous.

Sunday, March 30: 9am - PREP Levels 2-7

Thursday, April 3: 9:30am - 7:00pm - Eucharistic Adoration with Stations of the at 6:30pm followed by benediction at 7:00pm; Reconciliation from 9:30-10:30am & 5:00-6:15pm

Throughout Lent, we will be collecting Your old palms. Please place the old Palms in the bin located in the vestibule.



Lector & Server Schedule

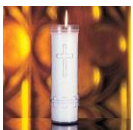
Saturday, April 5th

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Bross Lector: Schmoyer

Sunday, April 6th

8:00 AM ~ Servers: Lector: Huck

10:30 AM ~ Servers: Mirabella Lector: Fuir



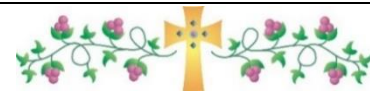
~ Living Flame ~

Will burn the week of March 30, 2025
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., 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, Tom Mirabella, Dave Mitchell, Connor Mocey, Joe Noll, Mercedes Rodriguez, Pat Snyder, Layla Rose Stockinger, Andrew Strangarity, Logan Weaver, Eleana Wilson



Readings for the Week

Sunday

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Monday

2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday

Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

Friday

Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday

Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Our Return to the Lord

Week of March 23, 2025 ~ \$ 5,329.00

Started in 1975 by Monsignor Robert Coll at St. Thomas More Parish in Allentown, **Operation Rice Bowl** became a national program as part of the 1976 Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia, What began as a way to help families facing famine in Africa has become a Lenten tradition for millions of Catholics in the United States who continue to answer the Gospel call.

Today, Operation Rice Bowl supports families experiencing hunger at home and around the world. In addition to the simple cardboard boxes used to collect Lenten alms, Operation Rice Bowl provides a Lenten calendar to guide families throughout the 40 days of Lent with activities, reflections, and stories as well as alms-giving opportunities. Operation Rice Bowl materials are available at every parish in the Diocese of Allentown during Lent. **St Francis de Sales Church will take up a second collection for Operation Rice Bowl the weekend of April 5 & 6, 2025.** Congratulations to Monsignor Coll and the entire Diocese of Allentown for launching fifty years of service to the world.

Learn more at <https://www.crsricebowl.org/>

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Companionship can make a big difference in the quality of life through social interaction and emotional support. A South Heidelberg Twp. daughter is seeking a part-time, non-medical, companion for her 95-year-old mother in the mornings 2-3 days/week. Family is willing to compensate. If you are interested and available to provide this elderly woman some caring support and friendship, please call/text Christine Hawley ~ 610.790.7374.



Five years ago, the public celebration of Mass was suspended throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. As

you will recall, various liturgical guidelines and restrictions were in place for many months due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. All of the restrictions were eventually relaxed in 2022 with the exception of the suspension of the Precious Blood from the Chalice for the laity. In the Diocese of Allentown, Bishop Schlert will be permitting the reception of the Precious Blood from the Chalice for the laity beginning with the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper. **Fr John would like to return to Communion under both species at the Holy Thursday and Easter Masses.** Following Easter weekend, we would administer Communion under both species **once a month** until we had adequate EOMs to do it weekly. We are desperately low on active EOM's. So please, if you are currently on-leave, prayerfully consider returning to serve on our Liturgical Ministry. If any parishioner is interested in serving or know of someone who would like to serve on this ministry, please let Fr. John know. Your participation would be most welcome!

Thank you for your participation in this most holy Liturgical Ministry. May God send his blessing to you and your family during this Easter Season.



Our Level 5 PREP Students are collecting items for the Hope Rescue and Lighthouse Missions in Reading, PA. All donations can be placed in the yellow "donation" boxes at church. We will collect items through April 26th. The students appreciate your support and donations for their service project.

**Items needed:
Oatmeal
Packets,
Pop Tarts,
Granola Bars,
Protein Bars,
Cereal Bars,
Cereal boxes,
Individual
Snack packs,
Slim Jims,
and Fruit
Snacks.**

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

If you missed our Parish Mission (or want to experience it again), the daily videos can be found on our YouTube page!

Fourth Sunday
of Lent
 LAETARE SUNDAY
 REJOICE!
 EASTER IS NEAR

"Laetare" is Latin for "rejoice," the traditional designation for the Fourth Sunday of Lent. We rejoice because of God's abundant mercy. The temptation to sin can be overwhelming and impossible as it nudges us away from God. But once we "come to our senses" and seek forgiveness, the Lord is ready to embrace us and welcome us home. God calls us to reconciliation. Let us rejoice, indeed!

SAVE THE DATE
 MARCH 31 & APRIL 1
 7:00 PM

ST. IGNATIUS
Mini Mission

Christopher West is a renowned educator, best-selling author, cultural commentator and popular theologian who specializes in making the dense scholarship of the late St. Pope John Paul II's "Theology of the Body" accessible to a wide audience.

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We have just heard Jesus tell us a very familiar story – a story of arrogance, foolishness, loss, and humility; a story of love which forgives and celebrates; a story of anger, hurt pride and invitation to learn.

The father stands at the center of the story – a person filled with unconditional love. The father is willing to give all to his children. The younger son presumes his father's generosity and then foolishly wastes what he's been given. His father is waiting patiently for him to come to his senses and runs out to embrace him when he returns. The father's all-embracing love is capable of accepting his son in all his foolishness and welcoming him home with a party.

The older son is angry at his brother's return and hurt that his father is so generous with someone so foolish. What he's seeing simply isn't fair. We're told that his father leaves the party, and we hear him invite his son to grow – to learn to see with his father's eyes, with the eyes of love.

It's probably easy for us to identify with the younger son. There have been times when we have arrogantly and foolishly chosen to have our own way and we've experienced our own disasters in the process. How generous our God has been with his forgiveness!

We might even find ourselves in the place of the older son. We try so hard to be faithful and watch as others live as they want. It's doesn't seem fair that forgiveness is so free. What about us who try so hard?

The point of Jesus' story is that we are invited to take the place of the father.

We're invited to discipline ourselves to love unconditionally. We're invited to discipline ourselves to forgive unconditionally because that's what love does. We're invited to discipline ourselves not to make judgments about others. Love accepts each person where he or she is at the moment. We're invited to learn to trust that our efforts to love are pleasing to God. Our God is always loving us unconditionally, and everything God has is ours.

Jesus never tells us the ending of the story. Perhaps that is our invitation. Are we willing to come in and join the celebration? Are we willing to discipline ourselves to love as our Father loves us?

<https://www.oblates.org/sundays-salesian/fourth-sunday-of-lent-march-30-2025>





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