

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 ----- 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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Office Hours
Monday - Thursday:
8:30 am - 12 noon
& CLOSED Fridays

**Diocesan Victim
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allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic
Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or
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.



April 26, 2026 ✠ Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mass Schedule for the Week:

Saturday, April 25, 2026

5:00 PM Carol Sabinsky-Baumann

Sunday, April 26, 2026

8:00 AM Intentions for Kristin Miele

10:30 AM Steven Zerbe

Monday, April 27, 2026 ~ NO MASS

Fr. John away for Spiritual direction

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

9:00 AM Easter Flower Intentions & Memorials

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

9:00 AM Easter Flower Intentions & Memorials

Thursday, April 30, 2026

9:00 AM Intentions for Bob & Kathy Verbosh

Friday, May 1, 2026

9:00 AM John Milia

Saturday, May 2, 2026

5:00 PM Sr. Mary Heffron

Sunday, May 3, 2026

8:00 AM Anne Essig

10:30 AM Jose Areiza

Parish Schedule/Announcements

Wednesday, April 29: 6:30pm – 8:00pm - St. Monica
Ministry

Thursday, April 30: 9:30am – 7:30pm - Eucharistic
Adoration with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
at 7:30pm; Reconciliation from 9:30-10:30am; &
6:15-7:15pm

Lector & Server Schedule

UNAVAILABLE AT TIME OF PRINT

Saturday, May 2

8:00 PM ~ Servers: Lector:

Sunday, May 3

8:00 AM ~ Servers: Lector:

10:30 AM ~ Servers: Lector:

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, Betty & Harold Brown, Rosemary C., Joseph Disabella, Pat Fleagle, Judith Goeltz, Alice Bernardo-Gold, Michael B. Hasenauer, 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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

Monday

Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday

Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday

Acts 12:24-13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday

Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

First Friday

Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

First Saturday

Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

Our Return to the Lord
Week of April 19, 2026 ~ \$ 4,695.00



Dear Parishioners,

Last weekend marked the kick off to the 2026 *Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal*. This year holds a special significance as we celebrate the 65th Anniversary of our Diocese—a true Jubilee Year of Grace.

I want to begin by offering my sincere thanks for the remarkable generosity you have shown in the past. As your pastor, I am constantly moved by how you live out your faith through your stewardship.

Bishop Schlert has dedicated this year as a “Eucharistic and Marian Year,” a time to give thanks for our many blessings while imploring new graces for the future of our local Church. Our Appeal is the heartbeat of this mission. It allows us to bring the Light of Christ to our neighbors in Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton, and Schuylkill Counties.

When you support the Appeal, you are personally feeding the hungry, welcoming students of all abilities into our schools, and walking alongside young couples as they prepare for marriage.

Our parish goal this year is **\$ 21,011.00**. I am prayerfully asking you to join me in making a gift to help us reach this mark. My hope is for 100% participation; remember, no gift is too small when given with a grateful heart.

We truly are stronger together. Through our collective sacrifice, we ensure that the mercy of God reaches every corner of our Diocese.

To make your gift, please return the pledge form you received in the mail, visit BecauseWeAreCatholic.org, or call the Appeal Office at 800-831-4443.

May this Jubilee Year be a time of great renewal for you and your families.

Peace and blessings,
Fr. John Frink

SPRING PLANT SALES



The Garden Ministry will be holding their annual spring sale the weekend of **May 16 & 17** offering hanging planters, houseplants, annuals, and more. Fellow parishioner, Bill Hofmann, will also be on hand selling his native perennials, grasses, and ferns from his business, Keystone Wildflowers. Bill has over 30 years of experience growing and learning about plants that are native to our area. A portion of his proceeds will be generously donated to the Garden Ministry.

Preorders for Bill's plants can be placed via email prior to the event at bill@kestonewildflowers.com.

Checkout his website for a list of available plants for sale: www.kestonewildflowers.com



The St. Francis de Sales Respect Life Ministry will be collecting donations for Mary's Shelter in the narthex beginning May 3rd – May 24th

Mary's Shelter is committed to empowering homeless youth by providing housing, education, and social service programs. They offer youth services as well as maternity & family services to women; which includes temporary housing, counseling, on-site classes, and help with coordinating prenatal care, education, and housing. They have a family wellness program available to families with newborns and/or children up to 3 years of age. They currently provide their services to over 300 Berks County families a month, which extends to providing items such as diapers and other common baby supplies. Therefore, they are always accepting and appreciative for donations. Our parish's Respect Life ministry has organized a collection of items in demand from Mary's Shelter's wish list to be donated. The primary items always in demand are baby diapers (all sizes) and wipes, along with the items listed below. The link to their Amazon Wish List can be found on their website: <https://www.marysshelter.org/donated-items> if you prefer to purchase items and ship directly to Mary's Shelter for your convenience.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Baby bottles – 4 & 8 oz {COMPLETELY OUT}· Infant & Baby socks {COMPLETELY OUT}· Bibs· Baby lotion, wash & shampoo (No oil or powder)· Diapers & wipes· Baby nail clippers | <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Premie clothing & sleepers· Onesies – Newborn to 18 mos.· Clothing – Newborn to 12 mos.· Baby toys, baby books· Similac baby formula· Crib & Bassinet Sheets |
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Thank you to all the volunteers for the fantastic job this past weekend serving the less fortunate at Kennedy House; as well as to the McGuigans for donating the food served. Your time and energy are extremely needed and valued. We served meals to 130 folks on Saturday and 105 folks on Sunday. Your willingness to follow the example of St. Vincent dePaul, to serve those most in need in our community, is an example to all. Please mark your calendar - our next weekend to serve at Kennedy House is the weekend of July 18 & 19. Have a wonderful Spring!

Take time to love and to laugh. Take time to enjoy family. Take time for yourself.

Blessings, Betty



Today's Gospel reading speaks of Jesus as the shepherd who calls his sheep by name and leads them out to pasture. He is also the gate of the sheepfold. All who enter through him will "have life and have it more abundantly." Our relationship with Jesus allows us a place of refuge, a place where we will always find nourishment and safety. Jesus has called us by name, so we are able then to recognize his voice.

What does that mean in terms of our daily living? Jesus is the Good Shepherd who knows us by name, and he wants us to know him in the same way that he knows his Father, and his Father knows him. He knows and loves us intimately, and he gives us the grace to know and love him in the same way.

We learn to do this by taking the time each day to listen to his voice. He speaks to us in the Scriptures, in our worship, in our personal prayer, and in the people and events that are part of our daily lives. St. Francis de Sales calls this process learning to let Jesus live in us. As we let ourselves be led by the voice of Jesus,

Jesus lives in us more and more - and the new life that he shares with us becomes the source from which we live each day. The power that flows from his death and rising transforms our self-centeredness into out-reaching love for one another. More and more, we become the love of God incarnated in our world.

Because we hear Jesus' voice, we are able to be more patient in our suffering. We are able to look at Jesus' own experience of suffering and learn from him how to accept our own. He left us an example. He trusted in his Father's love for him and knew that his Father was with him no matter what he was doing. He listened for his Father's voice and found refuge in his love.

In the sacrament of Baptism, Jesus called us by name and made us part of his flock. What a wonderful gift we have been given in our baptism! May we learn to take hold of that gift each day and nurture its growth through prayer and generous love. Let us take joy in the fact that Jesus is leading us to abundance of life with him - an abundance that will be complete in eternity.

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