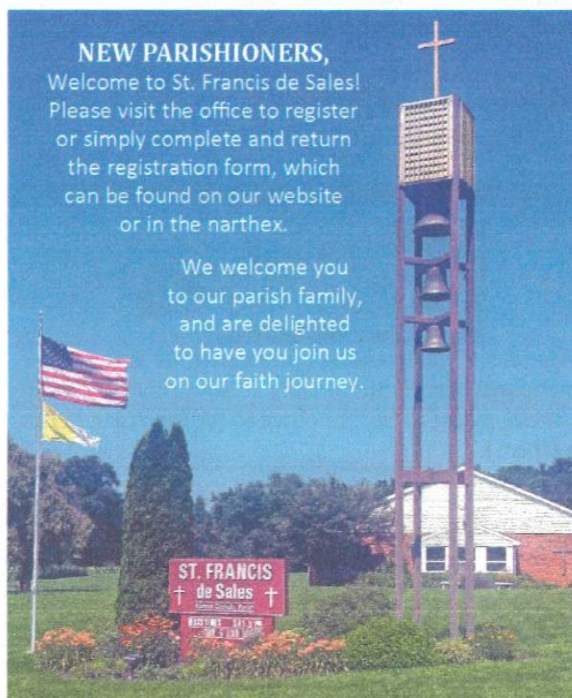


# ST. FRANCIS de SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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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& CLOSED Fridays

## Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

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## Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator

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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 24, 2024 ✕ Palm Sunday

### Mass Schedule or the Week

#### Saturday, March 23, 2024

5:00 PM Our Parishioners

#### Sunday, March 24, 2024 ~ Palm Sunday

8:00 AM Carol Palm

10:30 AM Special Intentions: Gloria Areiza

#### Monday, March 25, 2024

9:00 AM Leon Koshnick

#### Tuesday, March 26, 2024

6:00PM

#### Wednesday, March 27, 2024

9:00 AM Chrism Mass in Allentown

#### Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

#### Good Friday, March 29, 2024 ~

3:00 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

#### Holy Saturday, March 30, 2024

8:00 PM Easter Flower Memorials

#### Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

8:00 AM Easter Flower Memorials

10:30 AM Our Parishioners

### Pray For Our Sick

Delphine Altland, Edward Bellina, Camille Bernardo, Lucia (Lucy) Bernardo, John Binder, Jim Bross, Sr., Betty & Harold Brown, Rosemary C., Mary DeLong, Joseph Disabella, Savannah Ferrell, Mary Ann Flemming, Judith Goelz, Michael B. Hasenauer, Nicholas M. Headley, Karen Houck, Rose Howard, Mark Hyde, John Jones, Leslie Livinghouse, Florence Kapuscinski, Dave Mitchell, Connor Moeey, Casper Morreale, , Walter Muir, Joe Noll, Mercedes Rodriguez, Pat Snyder, Layla Rose Stockinger, Andrew Strangarity, Logan Weaver, Eleana Wilson

### Parish Schedule

Sunday, March 24 @ 6:00pm - PREP Gr 1-7

Wednesday, March 27 @ 6:30pm - St. Monica Ministry

### Lector & Server Schedule

#### Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

8:00 PM ~ Servers: Marinari-Gonzalez Lector: Fullam  
Bross Balthaser  
Chaiko

#### Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

8:00 AM ~ Servers: Palm-Rittle Lector: Carman  
10:30 AM ~ Servers: Mirabella Lector: Stine



### Readings for the Week

#### Sunday

Mk 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 – 15:47

#### Monday

Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

#### Tuesday

Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

#### Wednesday

Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

#### Holy Thursday

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:  
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

#### Good Friday

Is 52:13 – 53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 – 19:42

#### Holy Saturday

Gn 1:1 – 2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18 or  
22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ex 14:15 – 15:1; Is 54:5-14;  
Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32 – 4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28;  
Rom 6:3-11; Mk 16:1-7

#### Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8;  
Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7



### Holy Triduum Schedule

#### Holy Thursday – March 28

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 p.m.  
followed by adoration until 10:00 p.m.

#### Good Friday – March 29

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion: 3:00 p.m.

### Easter Schedule:

#### Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil Mass  
March 30: 8:00 PM

#### Easter Sunday

March 31  
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

*Our Return to the Lord*  
*Week of March 17, 2024 ~ \$6,050.00*

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~ *Living Flame* ~

Will burn the week of March 24, 2024  
*For Special Intentions*

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<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/b35tdb>



Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online; open to every parishioner who has received confirmation

and older. The survey can be accessed through the online link **until this Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.**

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The Bible contains numerous references to the importance of showing hospitality, both to those we know well, and to those we are meeting for the first time. **Greeters** are always pleased to welcome everyone who enters and present ourselves as an open and welcoming faith community; letting parishioners and visitors know how glad we are that they are here.

**Ushers** are mostly thought of as the church members who take up the collection. We are also the secondary greeters that hand out church hymnals and bulletins weekly as you enter our worship space. We also assist in seating, when necessary.

If you feel you would like to become more involved at Mass and become more acquainted with your fellow parishioners, please contact the office to become a part of the ministry.

**Ushers & Greeters Ministry**



Today we begin the most sacred week of the Christian calendar.

We heard Isaiah's Servant Song proclaimed to us. The Servant represents the sufferings of the exiled community of ancient Israel in Babylon. In the midst of their suffering, the Servant speaks a word of hope to the community: "The Lord God is my help; therefore, I am not disgraced."

In Mark's account of the Passion, Jesus' last words from the Cross are the opening words of Psalm 22: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me"? Jesus was identifying himself with the suffering people of every age. Jesus has taken upon himself the sufferings and sins of every person who will ever live.

In the midst of all his suffering, Jesus knew his Father's love.

Perhaps his last cry in a loud voice indicated that he was identifying himself with the last words of Psalm 22: "You, O Lord, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to aid me." Then Jesus breathed his last. We know that his Father heard the voice of his suffering Son – and has greatly exalted him.

Jesus wants each of us to know that he has shared in our sufferings – for he is our brother. He invites us to join our sufferings to His – for the salvation of the world.

Let us be with Jesus, our brother and Savior, during this Holy Week.

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<https://www.oblates.org/sundays-salesian-feed/palm-sunday-passion-of-the-lord-march-4-2024>





All youth altar servers throughout the diocese are invited to attend this special Mass celebrated by Bishop Schlert. This Mass is to bless and thank all those serving in this important ministry. Participants are invited to bring and vest in their parish's altar server robes. A reception for youth altar servers and their families will be held after the Mass. Saturday, April 13th 2024, 11:00am at the Cathedral Church of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown.

*Mothers, together with their daughters ages 9 to 13, are invited to spend a memorable afternoon exploring God's gift of femininity. The event is on April 28<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall in Allentown. The event will feature presentations on the physical and emotional changes girls experience, the sacredness of life, and empowering tips about modesty, virtue, and personal style. Your daughter is welcome to invite another special woman in her life to attend. A light lunch, door prizes, and games will be included. Register here: [allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup/152407](http://allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup/152407)*



## Pilgrimage to Italy with Bishop Schlert

Reservations are now open for the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Italy with Bishop Schlert & Father Hoffa - Tuesday, March 25, 2025 – Saturday, April 3, 2025. The first Diocese of Allentown International Pilgrimage will “Follow the Footsteps of Saints Peter and Paul” through Florence, Assisi, and Rome. To sign up for the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage, please contact Father Allen Hoffa directly at [ahoffa@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:ahoffa@allentowndiocese.org) or 610-921-2729, ext. 2205. See flyer info [here](#) and [here](#).



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***Our 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade PREP classes will portray the  
14 stations of the Cross Jesus endured for us:***

**"Shadow Stations"**



**& Resurrection Movement**

**Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 PM**

**All PREP students will attend.  
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