

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

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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.



September 13, 2026 ✠ 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule for the Week:

Saturday, September 12, 2026

5:00 PM John Hoffa

Sunday, September 13, 2026

8:00 AM Intentions for Shirley Wojnarowski

10:30 AM Joe Boess

Monday, September 14, 2026

9:00AM James Hogan

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

9:00 AM Sara Manbeck

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

9:00 AM Rev. Paul B. della Picca

Thursday, September 17, 2026

9:00 AM Mark Hawley

Friday, September 18, 2026

9:00 AM Donna Sabinsky-Murphy

Saturday, September 19, 2026

5:00 PM Giacomo Robezzoli

Sunday, September 20, 2026

8:00 AM Intentions for Palm-Rittle Family

10:30 AM John Milia

Parish Schedule/Announcements

SECOND COLLECTION - MAINTENANCE

Sunday, September 13: 10:00am ~ Pray the Rosary

Thursday, September 17: Eucharistic Adoration

9:30 – 11:00am & 5:00 – 7:00pm ~ with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00pm; Reconciliation from 9:30-10:30am & 5:45-6:45pm

Lector & Server Schedule

Saturday, September 19

8:00 PM ~ Servers: Bross

Lector: Giacobbe

Sunday, September 20

8:00 AM ~ Servers: Palm-Rittle

Lector: King

10:30 AM ~ Servers: Hook

Lector: Misterkiewicz

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, JoAnn Bartnick, Lisa Boess, Betty & Harold Brown, Rosemary C., Joseph Disabella, Savannah Ferrell, Judith Goeltz, Alice Bernardo-Gold, Michael B. Hasenauer, Suzanne L. Mark-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, John Wroblewski



Readings for the Week

Sunday

Sir 27:30 – 28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Monday

Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Jn 19:25-27

Wednesday

1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday

1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50

Friday

1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday

Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27a; Mt 20: 1-16a

Our Return to the Lord

Week of September 6, 2026 ~ \$ 5,149.00

Free Will for Fr. Stephen's School ~ \$ 6,991.00

Condolences

St. Francis de Sales Parish asks you pray for the soul of long-time parishioner, **Sara J. Manbeck**, who passed away on August 30, 2026. May God welcome Sara into eternal life and peace, and may the Manbeck family experience God's consolation and strength during their time of sorrow.



Dates to Remember:

✠ September 27th ~ ONLY Levels 2 & 7
(Sacramental grades)

✠ October 4th ~ All levels

The old law required that a person forgive three wrongdoings. When Peter asks Jesus about forgiving the wrongs done to us, he suggests forgiving seven times - twice the required number plus one for good measure - a very generous measure he must have thought. Jesus' response must have surprised him - "Seventy times seven times."

Jesus was telling him that there is to be no limit to a disciple's forgiveness.

Jesus goes on to explain "why" in a parable about God's reign. The king generously writes off the debt of the official who owed the king so much that he could never pay it all back. When the official leaves the king's presence he immediately begins to throttle a fellow servant who owes him a small debt. He doesn't even listen when the slave pleads with him for patience.

The obvious question arises: has this man forgotten so soon how forgiving his master had been? The anger he shows doesn't seem like the appropriate response to the forgiveness he has received. Where is his anger coming from?

One possibility is that the man doesn't know how to receive forgiveness. He may feel that the master now has a hold on him and he has no way to get out of that hold. Perhaps if he repaid some of his debt, his master would have less of a hold. The one hundred denarii of his fellow slave would be a start.

For this man, forgiveness has not been a freeing experience; rather it has bound him even tighter to his master in his thinking. He has misunderstood his master's act of forgiveness.

Jesus immediately applies the parable to his disciples, to us. His Father has forgiven us any debt we have incurred with Him by our wrongdoing, even the most evil of our sins.

The Father's forgiveness sets us free; and we don't owe the Father anything. But His Father hopes that this freedom will give us the example we need in forgiving one another. God holds nothing over us, so we are not to hold anything over each other. This is to be true not only in giving forgiveness, but in receiving it as well. True forgiveness means that no payback is ever necessary. The result of forgiveness is a newfound freedom to choose to love again.

Isn't that good news? And we are to share that good news with each other every day - by forgiving freely.

<https://www.oblates.org/sundays-salesian/24th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-september-13-2026>



"Can you not stay awake one hour with me?" Matthew 26:40

Spend time with
Our Lord Jesus Christ
in adoration.

Oct 3 - 9, 2026

7 days/nights of perpetual adoration
in the Holy Guardian Angels (left side chapel).
The rosary will be recited hourly on the hour.

EUCCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS IN BERKS COUNTY



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Saturday, October 3
at 5:15pm

Ending Friday, October 9
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The adoration times for St. Francis de Sales are
Tuesday, October 6 from 12 am – midnight.



A prayer shawl ministry combines the care and skill of crafting with prayer and spiritual intention. Participants create shawls, lap robes, or other fiber items while praying for the person who will receive them. Each stitch is imbued with blessings, and a final prayer or blessing is offered before the shawl is given to the recipient. The ministry aims to provide physical warmth and spiritual comfort, serving as a tangible reminder of God's love and care.

The shawl serves as a symbol of God's embrace, offering both physical warmth and spiritual reassurance. The act of creating the shawl is itself a form of prayer and meditation, fostering a sense of community, compassion, and connection between giver and recipient. In essence, a prayer shawl ministry is a practical expression of faith and care, blending craft, prayer, and service to support and uplift others.

Anyone is invited to join the St. Francis deSales prayer shawl ministry, whether by crafting shawls, donating materials, delivering items to designated areas like local shelters or hospitals, or simply participating/supporting the ministry with your presence, ideas, and kind words. We gather here at the church at 1:00pm on the third Wednesday of every month. We welcome knitters, crocheters, quilters, and other fiber artists, as well as volunteers who help with distribution of blessed items. Recipients can request a shawl {or a parishioner may request a shawl for someone} through the office or any member of the ministry, ensuring that the shawl reaches someone in need of comfort or celebration.

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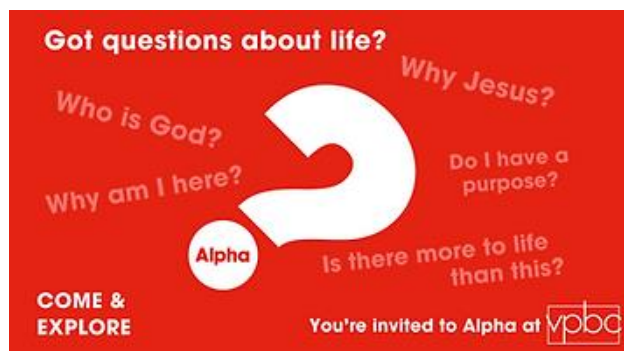
Alpha is a space to explore life's big questions in a relaxed, welcoming environment. Each week includes food, a dynamic video, and open conversation.

No pressure, no cost—just honest discussion with others on a journey.

All are welcome—no matter where you are in your faith or life. Come and see.

Who is Alpha for?

Alpha is for everyone and anyone. The beauty of Alpha is that there are no questions that are too hostile, too silly, or too simple. Alpha has no prerequisites whatsoever. We come together with one another as we are, free to be ourselves.



How can I take part?

Simply visit our church website:

<https://www.stfrancisroby.org> and click on the COME and EXPLORE image to be directed to the ALPHA page which includes the signup link.

Course begins Tuesday, September 8 @ 6:30pm.



Can I invite others?

Absolutely ~ Bring a friend! Alpha is open to anyone from anywhere!

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