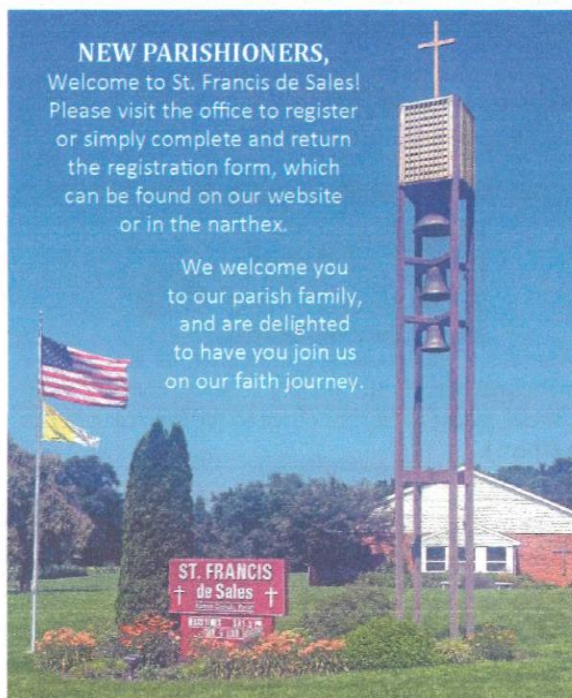


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NEW PARISHIONERS,

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.



February 2, 2025 ✠ The Presentation of the Lord

Mass Schedule for the Week:

Saturday, February 1, 2025

5:00 PM Pol O'Dwyer

Sunday, February 2, 2025

8:00 AM Joseph Lombardi

10:30 AM Anthony & Gertrude Mirabella

Monday, February 3, 2025 ~ St. Blaise

9:00 AM Our Parishioners

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

9:00 AM Jean Maun

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

9:00 AM Tom Suchon

Thursday, February 6, 2025

9:00 AM Daniel Cando

Friday, February 7, 2025

9:00 AM Louis LaSorsa

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

Parish Schedule/Announcements

The K of C Lenten Crab Cake Sale has begun and will run through Sunday, March 16!!

Monday, February 3: 9:00am - Blessing of the Throats

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

Saturday, February 8: 9:00am - Mission Team Meeting

Lector & Server Schedule

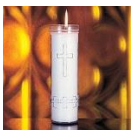
Saturday, February 8th

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Lector: Schmoyer

Sunday, February 9th

8:00 AM ~ Servers: Palm-Rittle Lector: Fleming

10:30 AM ~ Servers: Quinlivan Lector: Clarke



~ Living Flame ~

Will burn the week of February 2, 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, Dave Mitchell, Connor Macey, Joe Noll, Mercedes Rodriguez, Pat Snyder, Layla Rose Stockinger, Andrew Strangarity, Logan Weaver, Eleana Wilson



Readings for the Week

Sunday

Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Monday

Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday

Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13

Friday

Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11; Lk 5:1-11

Our Return to the Lord

*Week of January 26, 2025 ~ \$ 5,917.00
Maintenance for January ~ \$ 3,926.00*



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 on **Saturday, February 15th** (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 16th



Bagel Sunday



Donut Sunday!

JOIN US DOWNSTAIRS

Made for Community

A PARISH MISSION

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Matthew 25:35



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 Community – A Parish Mission
March 7, 8, & 9

Join us for a transformative parish mission inspired by the life and teachings of Saint Benedict, led by Father Boniface Hicks, O.S.B., a Catholic priest and Benedictine monk. Kristin Molitor from the Institute for Formation will join him. They will aim to lead us into deeper communion with God and those around us.

Father Hicks is a world-renowned speaker, spiritual director, and author. You can find him on the Hallow app, YouTube, and WAOB, (We Are One Body), out of Latrobe, PA, where he is the Program Director.



Our Parish Nurse Ministry is reaching out to our faith community for anyone who works in the field of nursing to volunteer your time and skills to provide essential care and assistance periodically. Please reach out to Betty Schmoyer: eschmoyer@aol.com. Your expertise will make a meaningful difference and your presence will be a blessing to many.



Parish Religious Education Program

Date: 1/26/25	Chapters/Lessons Covered Theme for the Week	Homework or Out of Class Activity	Additional Notes
Level 1		Continue to Practice Prayers	Prayers student should know: Sign of the Cross Grace before Meals The Lord's Prayer Hail Mary
Level 2 (First Communion)	The Greatest Event on Earth	Work on Prayers. Help your child write 1 thing God is trying to tell them in their Mass journal.	
Level 3/4	Session 17 The Sacrament of the Eucharist		
Level 5	Session 10, 11 Church and the disciples as one How to devote ourselves to God	Bring supplies to create posters for our stewardship project.	
Level 6	Unite 3 Marks of the Catholic Church Nicene Creed	Spend time learning the Nicene Creed https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe	
Level 7 (Confirmation Prep)	Session 8 The Holy Spirit	Crossword "Choosing a Christian Name" worksheet due at next class.	

Link to 2nd Grade Videos: <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/plus/blessed-seasons.html>

Link to 7th Grade Videos: <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/plus/decision-point.html>

There is a new Mass attendance chart for 2025. Please be sure to add a sticker when you attend Mass. Attendance is VERY important. Each grade has its own curriculum which builds upon the prior year and prepares for the next year. PREP allows children to build a strong foundation of their faith, it brings them closer to God and gives them the proper tools to lead a life that follows Jesus. Classes may need repeated in the following year if there is an excess of absences. Please value the importance of these classes along with regular **Mass attendance. Be sure to fill out the sticker chart in the church hall for Mass attendance.**

Our next Class is: February 9th (ALL Levels)



In our first reading today, the prophet Malachi speaks about the coming of the Lord to the Temple. All the people seek the Lord's arrival, for he will bring judgment and purification, turning them toward pleasing the Lord.

St. Luke's record of the coming of the Lord to the Temple doesn't quite seem to fit Malachi's picture at first hearing. Yet if we look a little deeper, we can see the foreshadowing of Malachi's prophecy.

Simeon recognizes in the child Jesus the fulfillment of God's promise of a Messiah. He announces that the child in his arms will be a "revealing light to the Gentiles and the glory of God's people Israel." He also tells Mary that her child is destined to be opposed. His life and death will cause some to fall and others to rise.

He will lay everyone's thoughts bare as final Judge.

Today's reading from the letter to the Hebrews helps us to understand what's behind the words of Simeon. The writer takes great pains to try to explain why Jesus is the perfect mediator-priest. As he tells us, Jesus was flesh and blood, fully human as you and I are. He became like us in every way, so that he might be our merciful and faithful high priest before God on our behalf. Since He was both human and divine, he could offer a sacrifice worthy of expiating the sins of the entire world. By his death on the cross, he was able to rob the devil of his power and free us from the fear of eternal death due to sin.

But for Jesus, atonement for our sins wasn't enough. He also wanted us to know that he had shared our experience of suffering, so he can understand us when we turn to him in our suffering. Jesus is truly our brother; he is also our Savior. We can confidently approach him for he is God's mercy and compassion incarnate.

He is always interceding for us. He is light for us in our darkness, and glory for us in our suffering. He will be true to his promise of sharing his glory with us.

The child in Simeon's arms is the same Jesus we hold in our hearts. We can have the same confidence that Simeon had: "Now, Master, I can live and die in peace; you have fulfilled your promise. My eyes have witnessed your saving deed in Jesus. He is my light and my glory." So let us confidently take hold of Jesus each day and let him be our light as we journey with him in the darkness of this life today and every day.

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