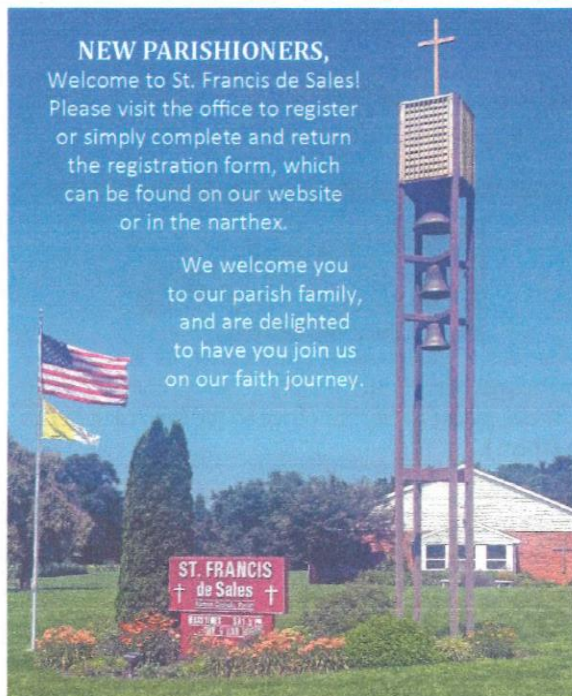


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NEW PARISHIONERS,

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
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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.



January 14, 2024 ✦ THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Schedule or the Week

Saturday, January 13, 2024

5:00 PM Our Parishioners

Sunday, January 14, 2024 ~ The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Lenny Kopicz

10:30 AM Rosalie Zury

Monday, January 15, 2024

9:00 AM Carolyn Schultz

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

9:00AM

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

9:00 AM

Thursday, January 18, 2024

9:00AM Dennis Flemming

Friday, January 19, 2024

9:00 AM Catherine Prince

Saturday, January 20, 2024

5:00 PM Dennis Flemming

Sunday, January 21, 2024

8:00 AM Our Parishioners

10:30 AM Zelda Marcinkowski

Pray For Our Sick

Delphine Altland, Edward Bellina, Camille Bernardo, Lucia (Lucy) Bernardo, Michelle 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 Mocey, Casper Morreale, , Walter Muir, Joe Noll, Mercedes Rodriguez, Pat Snyder, Layla Rose Stockinger, Andrew Strangarity, Logan Weaver, Eleana Wilson

Parish Schedule

THIS WEEKEND: Maintenance Collection

Sunday, Jan. 14 - Donut Sunday after morning Masses

Wednesday, Jan. 17 @ 1:00 pm - Prayer Shawl

Thursday, Jan. 18 @ 9:30am - 7:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction at 7:00pm

Reconciliation from 9:30-10:30am & 5:00-7:00pm

Sunday, January 21 @ 9:00am ~ PREP

Lector & Server Schedule

Saturday, January 20th

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Lector: Ruth

Sunday, January 21st

8:00 AM ~ Servers: Lector: Carman

10:30 AM ~ Servers: Mirabella Lector: Hampson
Quinlevan

Spiritual Thought

Prayer is a secure anchor for those in peril of shipwreck; it is a treasury of immense wealth for those who are poor; it is the most effective medicine for those who are sick; and it is a sure preservative for those who want to keep themselves well.

St. Alphonsus Ligouri



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).



Readings for the Week

Sunday

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Monday

1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday

1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday

1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12

Friday

1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday

Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

Our Return to the Lord
Week of January 7, 2024 ~ \$ 2,792.00



~ *Living Flame* ~

Will burn the week of January 14, 2024
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Mass with Bishop Schlert



All are invited to the 10:30am Mass next Sunday, January 21st with Bishop Schlert as our celebrant. Following Mass, there will be a reception downstairs with some light refreshments.



Fr. John Frink needs your help!

Fr. John is representing St. Francis de Sales in Cooks with Collars, an online cooking competition to raise funds for parishes in the Diocese of Allentown. Visit www.cookswithcollars.com to see your favorite priests from around the Diocese creating delicious kitchen concoctions. Vote early and vote often before the deadline of February 12th for our Diocesan top chef! All voting proceeds for Fr. John will benefit our parish. Thanks for making Fr. John and St. Francis de Sales Parish a winner!

Life Ad

Life Ad, an anti-abortion/pro-life ad, will be published in the *Reading Eagle* on Monday, January 22, 2024 to mark the 51st anniversary of the legalization of abortion in the U.S. Sponsors will be asked to contribute \$10 for individuals, or \$15 for couples or families. Your name will be displayed in the ad under our parish name. Proceeds from the Life Ad support Mary's Shelter/Home, an alternative to abortion for pregnant women in need of housing and care. The deadline for sign-ups is Sunday, January 14, 2024. Thank you for taking a public stand against the tragedy of abortion.

Coupons are available in the vestibule.

Today's Scripture readings offer us an opportunity to reflect on discipleship.

St. John recounts the first encounter between two of John the Baptist's disciples and Jesus. Their dialogue is very instructive.

Jesus asks them: "What are you looking for?" They respond: "Teacher, where are you staying?" And Jesus invites them: "Come, and you will see." What they experience as they spend the day with Jesus causes Andrew to go to his brother Peter and tell him: "We have found the Messiah."

Spending the day with Jesus enables them to experience who Jesus is. The experience of Jesus is vital for the disciple, and we can only have that experience if we are willing to spend time with Jesus. Jesus tells each of us: "Come, and you will see."

Making time to be with Jesus in prayer, especially with the Scriptures, is vital for a fruitful discipleship. St. Francis de Sales encourages us to take a Gospel passage and allow ourselves to become part of what's happening in that passage. Put yourself in the place of one of the characters and see and listen to Jesus. In this way, we can allow ourselves to encounter Jesus in a real way.

Today's first reading offers us the attitude needed by a disciple. We heard a young Samuel experiencing a call. The priest Eli tells him to respond: "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." That is the attitude we need as disciples.

When we approach the Lord in prayer, these are the first words we need to utter: "Your servant is listening." They remind us that we want to be open to whatever the Lord may want to tell us. The good news we share in ministry is God's good news, not ours. We are messengers; God gives us the message.

As we consider the demands of social justice today, may we always be conscious of our need to take the time often to encounter Jesus and listen to him. May our attitude always be attentive: "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." May the Lord continue to bless our efforts to be his peace and justice for our brothers and sisters.

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