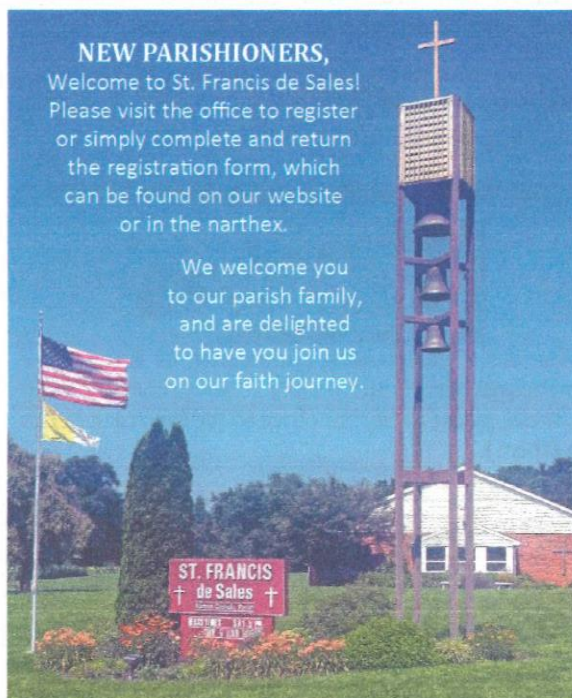


ST. FRANCIS de SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 ----- 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.

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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 21, 2024 ✠ THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Schedule or the Week

Saturday, January 20, 2024

5:00 PM Dennis Flemming

Sunday, January 21, 2024

8:00 AM Our Parishioners

10:30 AM Zelda Marcinkowski

Monday, January 22, 2024

9:00 AM Tom Suchon

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

6:00PM Dennis Flemming

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

9:00 AM Carolyn Schultz

Thursday, January 25, 2024

9:00AM Greg Hawley

Friday, January 26, 2024

9:00 AM Special Intentions

Saturday, January 27, 2024

5:00 PM Helen Boulanger

Sunday, January 28, 2024

8:00 AM Anna Nerino

10:30 AM Special Intentions for Andres Arciza

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

NEXT WEEKEND: Catholic Relief Services Collection

Sunday, January 21 @ 9:00am ~ PREP

Thursday, Jan. 25 @ 9:30am – 7:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction at 7:00pm
Reconciliation from 9:30-10:30am & 5:00-7:00pm

Lector & Server Schedule

Saturday, January 27th

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Callahan Lector: Echeverri

Sunday, January 28th

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

10:30 AM ~Servers: Mirabella Lector: Fuir

Spiritual Thought

*Don't let a day go by without praying a little!
Prayer is a duty, but it is also a joy because it is a dialogue with God through Jesus Christ,*

Saint Pope John Paul II



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

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

Monday

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Lectionary for Ritual Masses, vol. IV
"Mass for Peace & Justice", nos. 887-891

Tuesday

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday

Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18

Friday

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday

Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Our Return to the Lord
Week of January 14, 2024 ~ \$ 4,853 .00

Next week, our parish will take up the **Catholic Relief Services Collection**. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's love** to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Please note: there is a time change for daily Mass THIS Tuesday – Daily Mass will be at 6:00 PM this week only!



~ Living Flame ~

Will burn the week of January 21, 2024
In Loving Memory of Jean Sabinsky



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!



SURVIVING DIVORCE — a confidential program offering hope and healing from divorce is being held every Monday (starting now) through March 25, 2024, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at Saint Benedict Church, 2020 Chestnut Hill Road, Mohnton, (Plowville). For more information, please contact **Joe Boylan**, 610-781-6415 or joeboylan17@gmail.com



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<https://www.oblates.org/sundays-salesian-feed/third-sunday-ordinary-time-january-21-2024>

There is wonder and challenge in today's Scripture readings.

Imagine for a moment how surprised Jonah must have been when the people of Nineveh responded so quickly to his call to repent. It was not too much earlier that Jonah feared the assignment and refused to go and suffered his whale experience. Then he had changed his mind and now found that his fears were needless.

Imagine too the amazement of Zebedee and the hired fishermen when his two sons just take off after this itinerant preacher. What was it about Jesus that would make them put aside everything they were used to and follow him?

That's where the challenge of Jesus' words comes in: "The reign of God is at hand. Reform your lives and believe in the good news." There is something in his words that tells us things will be different when we accept Jesus as God present among his people.

St. Paul gives us an insight into the difference: "The world as we know it is passing away." The earthly matters that seem so important, that seem to run our lives, have no lasting value. The real value is learning to use these things in a way that reflects how God wants them to be used.

We all might ask: and how do we do that? St. Francis de Sales gives us a way that can help. He tells us: take hold of the present moment as a time graced by God to bring us closer to him. Whatever we are called to do because of the circumstances of our daily life can help us to grow in holiness - union with God. God will give us the grace we need to do each action of our day in a way that is loving - in a way that Jesus would do it.

If we can learn to live in the present moment, accept the grace that God will give us for that moment, and try to love as Jesus would love in whatever we are doing, then the kingdom of God is there in our midst.

In meeting the challenge of the present moment with the grace of God, we will be filled with wonder - wonder that God loves us so much that He is with us at every moment. He reforms our lives - and the way we live makes the kingdom of God present to all around us. What a challenge - and what an amazing grace!

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