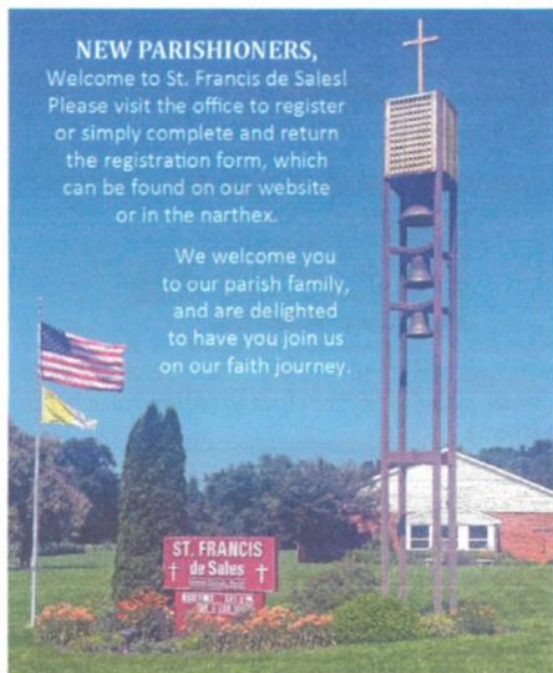


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PASTORAL STAFF

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.

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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.



March 9, 2025 ✠ The First Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 8, 2025

5:00 PM Blasi 'Cap' Capalbo

Sunday, March 9, 2025

8:00 AM Our Parishioners

10:30 AM Helen Boulanger

Monday, March 10, 2025

9:00 AM Fr. William N. Seifert

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

9:00 AM Fr. John P. Murphy

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

12:00 PM Fr. David J. Morrison

Thursday, March 13, 2025

9:00 AM Florence Bachulski

Friday, March 14, 2025

9:00 AM Fr. James J. Lofton

Saturday, March 15, 2025

5:00 PM Intentions for Family Members of the St. Monica Ministry

Sunday, March 16, 2025

8:00 AM Our Parishioners

10:30 AM Donna Wright

Parish Schedule/Announcements

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

SECOND COLLECTION - Black and Indian Mission and Catholic Home Mission Appeal

Saturday March 8@3pm - Teen/Young Adult Chat Session

6pm - Social Gathering and Meal

7pm - From Cave to Community

Sunday, March 9: 10:05am - Pray the Rosary with K of C

12 Noon - The Ear of the Heart

Thursday, March 13: 9:30am - 7:00pm - Eucharistic

Adoration with Stations of the at 6:30pm and benediction at 7:00pm; Reconciliation from 9:30-10:30am & 5:00-6:15pm

Sunday, March 16: 9am - PREP (ALL Levels)

Lector & Server Schedule

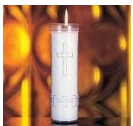
Saturday, March 15th

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Lector: Giacobbe

Sunday, March 16th

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

10:30 AM ~ Servers: Quinlevan Lector: Balthaser



~ Living Flame ~

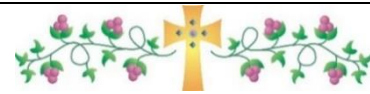
Will burn the week of March 9, 2025

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, Tom Mirabella, Dave Mitchell, Connor Mocey, Joe Noll, Mercedes Rodriguez, Pat Snyder, Layla Rose Stockinger, Andrew Strangarity, Logan Weaver, Eleana Wilson



Readings for the Week

Sunday

Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Monday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday

Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

Friday

Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday

Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17 - 4:1 or 3:20 - 4:1;

Lk 9:28b-36

Our Return to the Lord

Week of March 2, 2025 ~ \$ 4,864.00

This weekend, we will take up a second collection for Black and Indian Mission and Catholic Home Mission Appeal. The Catholic Home Mission Appeal strengthens the Church at Home by supporting essential pastoral programs in financially challenged dioceses and eparchies in the United States through the annual Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

Since 1884, proceeds from the Black and Indian Missions Collection (BIM) are distributed as grants to dioceses supporting and strengthening evangelization programs, which would otherwise be in danger of disappearing among the Black, American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleute communities of the United States. Normally taken on the first Sunday in Lent. You can donate up to one week beyond the collection date. Please be generous.



Opportunity House

Homelessness and hunger are real and these issues exist in Berks

County. Losing a job or a medical crisis can push our neighbors to the brink of homelessness. It's not always obvious what homeless people or homeless shelters need most. Throughout Lent, St. Francis de Sales will be taking a collection for a few basic hygiene supplies which have been depleted due to an increase in the homeless population. As you contemplate contributing to our cause, please consider the following items. Your donations can go a long way in improving the well-being of individuals in very challenging circumstances. Some examples of much needed supplies include: toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo/conditioner, liquid body wash, shaving cream & razors, feminine hygiene products). By generously donating these items to Opportunity House, you extend a lifeline of care to those facing adversity. Your contribution resonates beyond the physical items; it sends a powerful message of compassion, reminding our clients that their community stands with them.

To find out what needs are currently most pressing at our shelter, please call our Main Office at 610-374-4696 ext. 221

Isn't it good to be reminded again that Jesus was tempted by Satan?

The Scriptures tell us: Jesus is like us in all things, but sin. We can be tempted to say: "Of course, he didn't sin; Jesus is God." But that thinking denies the truth that the Scriptures take such care to present to us: Jesus is Son of Man, as well as Son of God. Jesus' temptations remind us that Jesus is human like us. They also help us to understand how Jesus dealt with temptation. That gives us a model for our own experiences of Satan.

As we take time to reflect on today's Gospel account, it becomes obvious that Jesus learned to keep his attention focused on his Father's love for him. His great desire was to respond to that love by doing his Father's will.

After his long fast in the desert, Jesus is hungry. Satan encourages him to use his power – change stones into bread. Jesus responds: "bread is temporarily filling, but there's more to my life than eating." Doesn't Satan present us with the same temptation at times? Something we need would make us feel good right now. Jesus is reminding us to ask a question: is there more to my life than this need? Is this immediate desire calling me to be more dependent on God's loving care for me?

Then Satan tempts Jesus with power and glory if he's willing to compromise his Father as God. Jesus responds: "I have one desire in life -- to serve my Father's love." Often enough Satan presents us with opportunities for some kind of power and glory if we're willing to compromise our values. Jesus reminds us to look into the eyes of God when we're trying to make decisions in our daily living.

Finally, Satan tempts Jesus to test God's care for him. And Jesus tells Satan: "My Father's word is enough." How easy it is for us to try and control God's care for us: "If you'll just give me this sign, I'll know you're looking out for me." Jesus tells us: trust in God's providence for you; God doesn't lie.

As we continue our Lenten journey, preparing ourselves to celebrate the great events of our salvation, we could benefit greatly by some prayerful reflection on Jesus' responses to Satan's tempting.

Jesus shows us where we can find the source of strength we need when we are tempted: our God's abiding presence and care for us.

<https://www.oblates.org/sundays-salesian/first-sunday-of-lent-march-9-2025>





St. Francis de Sales Parish
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ASH WEDNESDAY
March 5, 2025



Distribution of Ashes Schedule:

12:00Noon ~ Mass
6:30PM ~ Prayer Service

“Lent is a favorable time for letting Christ serve us so that we in turn may become more like Him...” ~ Pope Francis

OUR LENTEN OBLIGATIONS

Who must fast?

All Catholics who are between the ages of 18 and 59. The obligation ceases when one begins his/her 60th year on his/her 59th birthday.

Who must abstain?

All Catholics who are 14 years and older.

What does fasting mean?

The observance of fasting means that those obliged may take only one full meal on the day of fast. Two lighter meals (not equal to another full meal) may be taken to maintain strength according to one’s needs.

What does abstinence mean?

The law of abstinence forbids the eating of meat, including poultry. Voluntary abstinence refers to refraining from lawful pleasures in a spirit presence.

The law of abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

- Thursday, March 6: 6:30 PM
- Thursday, March 13: 6:30 PM
- Thursday, March 20: 6:30 PM
- Thursday, March 27: 6:30 PM
- Thursday, April 3: 6:30 PM
- Thursday, April 10: 6:30 PM

PREP “Youth Stations Presentation”

& “Resurrection” Movement

Sunday, April 13 ~ 7:00 PM



SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Penance is an experience of the gift of God’s boundless mercy – that any sin committed after Baptism can be forgiven.

In confession, we have the opportunity to repent and recover the grace of friendship with God. It is a holy moment in which we place ourselves in his presence and honestly acknowledge our sins, especially mortal sins. With absolution, we are reconciled to God and the Church. The Sacrament helps us stay close to the truth that we cannot live without God. "In him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28).



Thursdays 9:30 – 10:30am; 5:00 – 6:15pm
Saturdays 4:00 – 4:45pm

Adoration

All are invited in the Church
Thursdays from 9:30 AM - 7:00 PM

9:30am - Exposition

9:30 AM – 6:30 PM - Adoration

6:30 PM – Station of the Cross

7:00 PM - Benediction



My Lord and my God, I firmly believe that you are here; that you see me, that you hear me. I adore you with profound reverence; I beg your pardon for my sins, and the grace to make this time of prayer fruitful. My Immaculate Mother, Saint Joseph, my guardian angel, intercede for me.

Amen

Made for Communion ~ A Parish Mission

Come experience the joy of being truly known and loved by God, and be empowered to share that love with others. Inspired by the life and teachings of St. Benedict. Special guest speakers Fr. Boniface Hicks, O.S.B. and Kristin Molitor. March 7 @ 7:00pm; March 8 @ 3 pm – 8pm; March 9 @ 12 Noon-1pm. Event is FREE. Visit stfrancisroby.org for more details on our mission.

Chrism Mass

All are invited to the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Sienna, Allentown for the blessing of the Oils and consecrating the Chrism on **Wednesday, April 16 @ 10:30AM**. All priests from the Diocese will be in attendance therefore there will be **NO 9:00 AM Mass** at SFDS or surrounding parishes.

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday –April 17 - 7:00 PM

Followed by adoration until 10:00 PM

Good Friday –April 18 - 3:00 PM

Easter Vigil – April 19 - 8:00 PM

The Easter Triduum begins at sundown on Holy Thursday with the Mass of the Lord's Supper and concludes with Easter vespers at sundown on Easter Sunday; its high point is the celebration of the Easter Vigil.

Easter Triduum



Blessing of Easter Food

Saturday, April 19, 2025 @ 12:00 PM

The custom of blessing food for Easter arose from the discipline of fasting throughout Lent and the special Easter Fast during the Easter Triduum. Easter was the first day when meat, eggs, and other foods could again be eaten. According to custom, food may be blessed before or after the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday for consumption at the first meal of Easter, when fasting is ended and the Church is filled with joy.

K of C Lenten Crab Cake Sale

12th Annual Lenten Crab Cake Sale

Deadline to place your order is Sunday, **March 16th**

Pickup orders from the kitchen of church:

Friday, **March 21st** from 4:00-7:00PM



Palm Sunday



Saturday, April 12: 5:00 PM

Sunday, April 13: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

EASTER DAY MASS



Sunday, April 20, 2025

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

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