

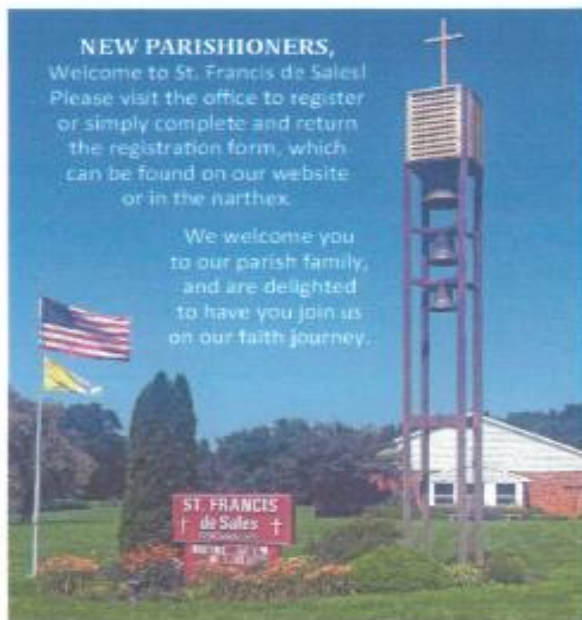
ST. FRANCIS de SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 &
5:30pm - 6:15 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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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 14, 2025 ✠ The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Mass Schedule for the Week:

Saturday, September 13, 2025

5:00 PM Intentions for Nancy, Donna & Sandy Boulanger

Sunday, September 14, 2025

8:00 AM Helen Michalik

10:30 AM John Barone

Monday, September 15, 2025

9:00 AM James Hogan

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

9:00 AM Rev. Michael J. Beers

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

9:00 AM Mark Hawley

Thursday, September 18, 2025

9:00 AM Donna Sabinsky-Murphy

Friday, September 19, 2025

9:00 AM Giacomo Robezolli

Saturday, September 20, 2025

5:00 PM Mary Ann Kern

Sunday, September 21, 2025

8:00 AM Our Parishioners

10:30 AM Rev. Marian Paskowicz

Parish Schedule/Announcements

2ND Collection - Maintenance Collection

Sun., Sept. 14: 10:00am - Pray the Rosary

10:30am – 3pm - Confirmation Retreat

Wednesday, September 17: 1:00pm - Prayer Shawl

6:30pm - ALPHA Course

Thursday, September 18: 9:30am – 7:30pm - Eucharistic

Adoration with Benediction of the Blessed

Sacrament at 7:30pm; Reconciliation from 9:30-10:30am;
& 6:15-7:15pm

Friday, Sept. 19: 4:30pm – 7:00pm - Crab Order Pickup

Lector & Server Schedule

Saturday, September 20

5:00 PM ~ Servers:

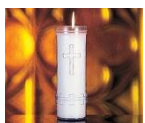
Lector: Ruth

Sunday, September 21

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

10:30 AM ~ Servers:

Lector: Fullam



~ Living Flame ~

Will burn the week of September 14, 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., Joseph Disabella, Savannah Ferrell, Pat Fleagle, Judith Goeltz, Michael B. Hasenauer, Nicholas M. Headley, Karen Houck, John Hopko, Rose Howard, John Jones, Leslie & Janet Livinghouse, Florence Kapuscinski, Kathleen Miller, Tom Mirabella, Dave Mitchell, Connor Mocey, Drea Moyer, Joe Noll, Pat Snyder, Layla Rose Stockinger, Andrew Strangarity, Logan Weaver, Eleana Wilson



Readings for the Week

Sunday

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

Monday

1 Tm 2:1-8; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday

1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday

1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday

1 Tm 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50

Friday

1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday

1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday

Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

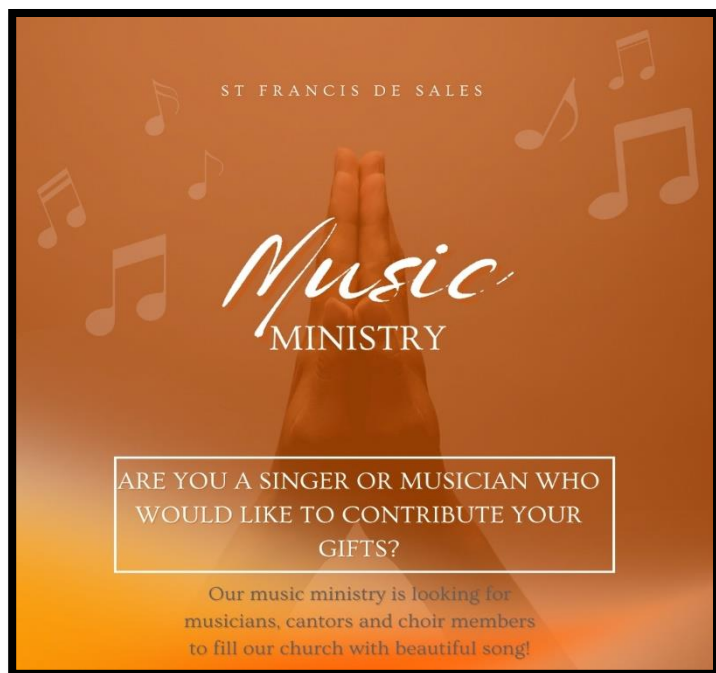
Our Return to the Lord

Week of September 7, 2025 ~ \$ 4,575.00

If you signed up for the for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Basilica Shrine bus trip on October 7, 2025, please submit your payment to the office by September 21st. The cost is \$60 per person. Thank you.

My Dear Parishioners:

Once again, we will be hosting a Parish Ministry Fair the weekend of November 1 & 2. Over the next few weekends, you will hear from representatives from the different parish ministries which we have here at St. Francis de Sales. I ask you to pray and think about which ministry the Lord is inviting you to be part of in an amazing way. See you at the Fair!



ST FRANCIS DE SALES

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MINISTRY

ARE YOU A SINGER OR MUSICIAN WHO
WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE YOUR
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Our music ministry is looking for
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to fill our church with beautiful song!



Football Frenzy is back!! Tickets will be available beginning NEXT weekend and are \$10 each. Cash prizes ranging from \$10 - \$400 are awarded to the ticket holders who have the Highest and Lowest 4 team combination scores each week throughout the last 10 weeks of the NFL Regular Football season (11/2/2025 - 1/4/2026). Proceeds go towards scholarships for Catholic Education. Please see any K of C member for more details and to purchase your tickets now!!

13th Annual Summer Cab Cake Sale to Support Catholic Education



THIS WEEKEND IS YOUR FINAL CHANCE!!

You can place your order until **Sunday, September 14th**. Orders can be picked up from our church kitchen from 4-7pm on Friday, September 19th. The Knights are a group of Catholic men who serve and support the needs of our church and community. Proceeds from this particular sale supports partial scholarships to our active parishioners attending St. Ignatius Regional School and Berks Catholic High School as well as our PREP Program for tuition assistance and books.

2025 Eucharistic Rosary Congress My Soul Magnifies the Lord

Saturday, October 4 through
Friday, October 10

Holy Sacrifice of Mass,
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration,
Hourly Recitation of the Rosary,
Confession, Procession



The Eucharistic Rosary Congress (**ERC**) is **7 days and nights** of perpetual adoration, where the rosary will be prayed every hour, on the hour, wrapping our country, our states, our diocese, and our families within the protective Heart of Mary. ERC will be taking place in Berks County at **Holy Guardian Angels Parish (left side chapel)**, 3121 Kutztown Road, Reading. beginning with 4:15PM Vigil Mass on **Saturday, October 4, 2025** through **Friday, October 10, 2025**, concluding with 6:00PM Mass. **St. Francis de Sales parishioners are asked to signup for adoration on Tuesday, October 7th from 12 Midnight - 11:59 pm.** Signup sheet is in the hallway.



The feast commemorates the finding of the True Cross in 325 by St. Helena, the mother of the Roman emperor Constantine I during a pilgrimage she made to Jerusalem. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher was then built at the site of the discovery, by order of Helena and Constantine. The church was dedicated nine years later, with a portion of the cross placed inside it. In 614, that portion of the cross was carried away from the church by the Persians, and remained missing until the Byzantine Emperor Heraclius recaptured it in 628. The cross was returned to the church the following year after initially having been taken to Constantinople by Heraclius. The date used for the feast marks the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in 335. This was a two-day festival: although the actual consecration of the church was on September 13, the cross itself was brought outside the church on September 14 so that the clergy and faithful could pray before the True Cross, and all could come forward to venerate it.

Of course, there is the physical cross itself. Then there is the ongoing meaning of the cross in our lives. Francis de Sales wrote:

“The wisdom of the Cross is wholly contrary to that of the world. Even though Our Lord cried out again and again, ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, the peacemakers, the meek, those who hunger and thirst for justice,’ the world cannot embrace that wisdom. It cries out: ‘Oh, how blessed are the wealthy, the oppressors, those who take vengeance on their enemies, and those whom no one dares offend.’ See how the perfection of the Cross is folly in the eyes of the world precisely because it embraces what is abhorrent to human nature. It loves correction and submits to it; it not only takes pleasure in being corrected, but it has no greater pleasure than in being reproved and corrected for faults and failings. Oh, blessed are they who speak only to give fraternal correction in a spirit of charity and profound humility! But more blessed are those who are always ready to receive the Cross with a gentle, peaceful and tranquil heart.” (*Sermons for Lent, 1622, p. 166*)

St. Jane has her own take on the exultation of the Cross and its relevance to our pursuit of devotion. She wrote:

“The true happiness of the Christian is to know God in the person of his Son and imitate him in the virtues he practiced in his life, in his holy Passion, in his humility, poverty, abjection, contempt, pain and suffering; nature has no liking for this, but we are not born to live according to its instinct. The mind of the flesh will disquiet us when we are denied anything, whereas the Spirit of God will lead us to submit to his will in our miseries, and to bear them with patience; the humble are always gentle and courteous; they are so little and lowly in themselves that they never say a cross word...” (*Exhortations, Conferences and Instructions*)

The exultation of the Cross challenges us to surrender mere human instinct so as to live on the higher plane of divine life. The exultation of the Cross challenges us to critically examine popular culture and to promote the culture of divine love. The exultation of the Cross challenges us to find greatness in littleness; to fight fire with peace; to confront violence with gentleness.

The triumph of the Cross is not easy to swallow...nor to live.



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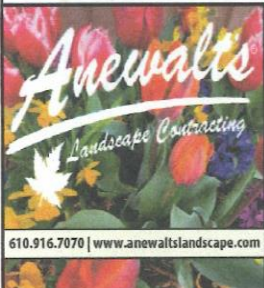
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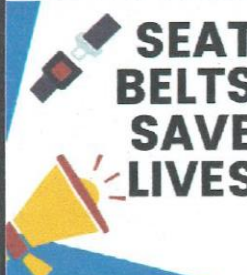
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