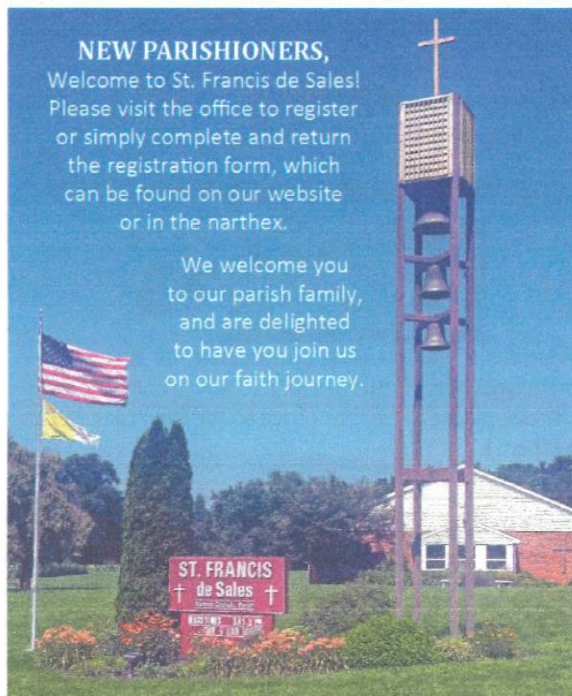


# ST. FRANCIS de SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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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**Pastor's E-mail**  
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**Office Hours**  
Monday - Thursday:  
8:30 am - 12 noon  
& CLOSED Fridays

## Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak,  
M.A., NCC, LPC  
Direct Phone: 800-791-9209

## Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator

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**CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE:** If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at [www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or phone 800-276-1562.

## 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.



## April 7, 2024 ✠ Sunday of Divine Mercy

### Mass Schedule or the Week

#### Saturday, April 6, 2024

5:00 PM Dennis Flemming

#### Sunday, April 7, 2024

8:00 AM Tom Suchon

10:30 AM Joseph & Julia Savitsky

#### Monday, April 8, 2024

9:00 AM Justine Richards

#### Tuesday, April 9, 2024

9:00AM Marlene Ryndock

#### Wednesday, April 10, 2024

9:00 AM Easter Memorials

#### Thursday, April 11, 2024

9:00 AM Easter Memorials

#### Friday, April 12, 2024

9:00 AM John Milia

#### Saturday, April 13, 2024

5:00 PM Joni Boulanger

#### Sunday, April 14, 2024

8:00 AM Cindy Rusnak

10:30 AM John Stoudt

### Pray For Our Sick

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

### Parish Schedule

#### NEXT WEEKEND - Maintenance Collection

Sunday, April 7 @ 9:00am - PREP Gr 1-7

Thursday, April 11 @ 9:30am - 7:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction at 7:00pm

Reconciliation from 9:30-10:30am & 5:00-6:15pm

### Lector & Server Schedule

#### Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Callahan Lector: Hampson

#### Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

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

10:30 AM ~Servers: Quinlivan Lector: Fuir

### Spiritual Thought

*And the greatest grace that God can give a man is to send him a trial he cannot bear with his own powers – and then sustain him with his grace so that he may endure to the end and be saved.*

Fr. Walter Czisek



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

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

#### Monday

Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

#### Tuesday

Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

#### Wednesday

Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

#### Thursday

Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

#### Friday

Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

#### Saturday

Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

#### Sunday

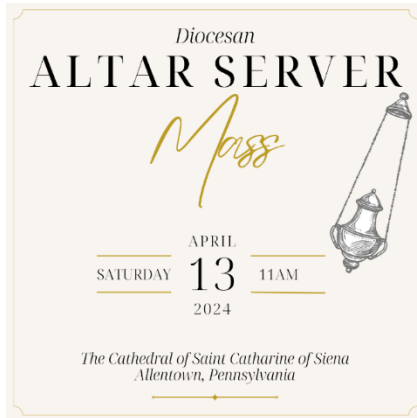
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

## Our Return to the Lord

Week of March 31, 2024 ~ \$ 5,401.00

Easter Collection ~ \$ 3,547.00

St. Vincent de Paul Collection ~ \$ 650.00



All youth altar servers throughout the diocese are invited to attend this special Mass Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00am at the Cathedral Church of St. Catharine of

Siena, Allentown celebrated by Bishop Schlert. This Mass is to bless and thank all those serving in this important ministry. Participants are invited to bring and vest in their parish's altar server robes. A reception for youth altar servers and their families will be held after the Mass.



## BERKS CATHOLIC YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING

Girls and boys enrolled in Berks County Parochial Schools may join ~ some age and grade restrictions do apply. For more information on eligibility and fees, please visit:

[WWW.LEAGUELINEUP.COM/BCYFAC](http://WWW.LEAGUELINEUP.COM/BCYFAC)

To register for the 2024 Season, visit:

<https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/419740>

You can also follow us on Facebook by going to: Berks Catholic Youth Football and Cheer-2020 and Beyond

For any other questions, please contact:

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The heart of Thomas longed to see what the others had seen. He wanted to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. And we just heard Jesus respond to Thomas' longing in today's Gospel.

Jesus' gift of peace entered the heart of Thomas and Thomas' faith and love poured out in response: "My Lord and my God!" Then we heard Jesus speak to disciples down through the ages: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

There is a longing in the heart of every disciple to have the experience of Thomas – a deep encounter with Jesus. Our longing does not come from unbelief or disbelief. It is a longing of love and faith that seeks even deeper union with Jesus.

This longing draws us to prayer, to the Scriptures, to the Eucharist. When we come with faith and an open heart, we express our longing for union. Jesus responds in love, giving us his body and blood and often a word to encourage us to long even more deeply.

We are truly blessed. Even though we have not seen as Thomas did, we believe and seek to deepen our faith and love. As Jesus responded to the longing of Thomas, he will respond to our longing by drawing us closer to him each day. May we learn to echo Thomas's cry of faith and love: "My Lord and my God!"

<https://www.oblates.org/sundays-salesian-feed/second-sunday-of-easter-april-7-2024>



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