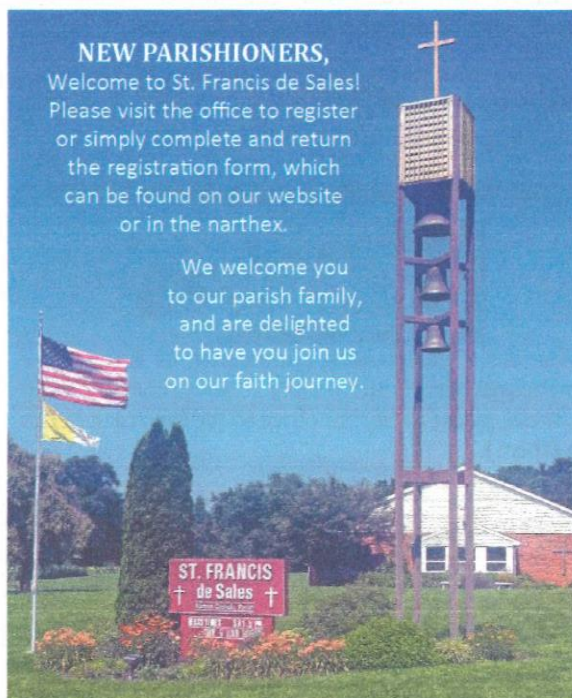


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NEW PARISHIONERS,

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
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.

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 6, 2025 ✠ The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass Schedule for the Week:

Saturday, April 5, 2025

5:00 PM Mary Lou McWilliams

Sunday, April 6, 2025

8:00 AM Charles A. Kidron

10:30 AM Linda Sarkozy

Monday, April 7, 2025 ~ NO PUBLIC MASS

Daniel Cando

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

9:00 AM Intentions for Bob & Kathy Verbosh

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

9:00 AM Donna Melvin

Thursday, April 10, 2025

9:00 AM Linda Sarkozy

Friday, April 11, 2025

9:00 AM Emma Robezzoli

Saturday, April 12, 2025

5:00 PM Joseph A. & Mary E. Murray

Sunday, April 13, 2025 ~ Palm Sunday

8:00 AM Arlene Stella

10:30 AM Cindy Rusnak

Parish Schedule/Announcements

Second Collection - Operation Rice Bowl

Thursday, April 10: 9:30am – 7:00pm - Eucharistic Adoration with Stations of the at 6:30pm followed by benediction at 7:00pm; Reconciliation from 9:30-10:30am & 5:00-6:15pm

Sunday, April 13: 10am - Pray the Rosary

Sunday, April 13: 6pm - PREP ALL Levels

Throughout Lent, we will be collecting Your old palms. Please place the old Palms in the bin located in the vestibule.



Lector & Server Schedule

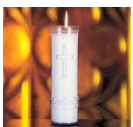
Saturday, April 12th

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Bross Lector: Echeverri

Sunday, April 13th ~ Palm Sunday

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

10:30 AM ~ Servers: Mirabella Lector: Hampson



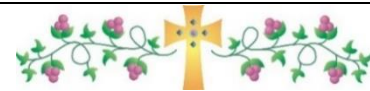
~ Living Flame ~

Will burn the week of April 6, 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

Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday

Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday

Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday

Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 – 23:56

Our Return to the Lord

Week of March 23, 2025 ~ \$ 5,168.00

Today, Operation Rice Bowl supports families experiencing hunger at home and around the world. In addition to the simple cardboard boxes used to collect Lenten alms, Operation Rice Bowl provides a Lenten calendar to guide families throughout the 40 days of Lent with activities, reflections, and stories as well as alms-giving opportunities. **THIS weekend, we will take up a second collection for Operation Rice Bowl.** Learn more at <https://www.crsricebowl.org/>

As you read in last week's bulletin, Bishop Schlert has given the parishes of the diocese permission to distribute Holy Communion under 'both species.' It is important to remember that even when Holy Communion is received under one species, the Sacred Host OR the Precious Blood, the **WHOLE** of Jesus is received: Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity.

With the distribution of Holy Communion under the species of the Precious Blood, extra care must be taken that it is not spilled. As we return to this practice on a monthly basis, we must be concerned that negotiating the steps to the Sanctuary presents a potential hazard.

In order to reduce the danger of spilling the Precious Blood, we will be rearranging the layout of the Sanctuary. You may have already noticed that the platform in front of the Altar of Sacrifice has been lowered. We will be moving this Altar down to the lower platform.

In the past, Bishop Schlert has asked that Churches where the Tabernacle is 'off to the side' be restored to the center of the Sanctuary. This acts as a visible reminder that Our Lord is in the center

of our worship. In addition to moving the Altar, we will be moving the Altar of Repose to the center of the Sanctuary. A set of steps will be added to the center of the Sanctuary for better access between the Altar of Sacrifice and the Altar of Repose.



Saturday, April 26, 2025 ~ from 7-9 PM

Mercy Night is an evening of eucharistic adoration, prayerful music, and healing prayers. It is a call to rest in God's mercy and experience His peace. This candlelit evening is open to people of faith from all denominations ~ invite a friend!



Five years ago, the public celebration of Mass was suspended throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. As

you will recall, various liturgical guidelines and restrictions were in place for many months due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. All of the restrictions were eventually relaxed in 2022 with the exception of the suspension of the Precious Blood from the Chalice for the laity. In the Diocese of Allentown, Bishop Schlert will be permitting the reception of the Precious Blood from the Chalice for the laity beginning with the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper. **Fr John would like to return to Communion under both species at the Holy Thursday and Easter Masses.** Following Easter weekend, we would administer Communion under both species **once a month** until we had adequate EOMs to do it weekly. We are desperately low on active EOM's. So please, if you are currently on-leave, prayerfully consider returning to serve on our Liturgical Ministry. If any parishioner is interested in serving or know of someone who would like to serve on this ministry, please let Fr. John know. Your participation would be most welcome!

Thank you for your participation in this most holy Liturgical Ministry. May God send his blessing to you and your family during this Easter Season.



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R.S.V.P. Please let us know you are coming! Respond via email with your name, phone, school and the number in your group so that we can plan accordingly!
Email: kmouiter@malvernretreat.com



Date: 3/30/25	Chapters/Lessons Covered Theme for the Week	Homework or Out of Class Activity	Additional Notes
Level 1		Continue Working on Lent Flower Petal Worksheet Practice Prayers	
Level 2 (First Communion)	Sessions 4 & 5 The Eucharist Your First Communion		Felt Squares are due. Please bring to next class.
Level 3 & 4	Stations of the Cross		
Level 5	Confession Resurrection Movement		*attendance at next class is extremely important
Level 6	Practiced Shadow Stations and Confession		*attendance at next class is extremely important
Level 7 (Confirmation Prep)	Session 10.2, 10.3, 11 Made for Mission	Practice a Work of Mercy pg 287-288 in book, for the rest of Lent.	Complete Confirmation Paperwork

Link to 2nd Grade Videos: <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/plus/blessed-seasons.html>

Link to 7th Grade Videos: <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/plus/decision-point.html>

All classes are participating in *Operation Rice Bowl* through Catholic Relief Services (CRS). The program invites us to reflect on the challenges of global hunger - and our Gospel call to care for our global human family. Your sacrifice during this holy season have the power to change lives by providing enough nutritious food for families to thrive. Please return all donations by class on Palm Sunday - April 13th. Thank you for your generosity to this cause! Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Please be sure to add a sticker to the Mass attendance chart when you attend Mass.

Attendance is VERY important. Each grade has its own curriculum which builds upon the prior year and prepares for the next year. PREP allows children to build a strong foundation of their faith, it brings them closer to God and gives them the proper tools to lead a life that follows Jesus. Classes may need repeated in the following year if there is an excess of absences. Please value the importance of these classes combined with Mass attendance. Be sure to fill out the sticker chart in the church hall for Mass attendance.

Our next Class is: April 13th Evening Class – 6pm -7:15pm (All Levels)

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