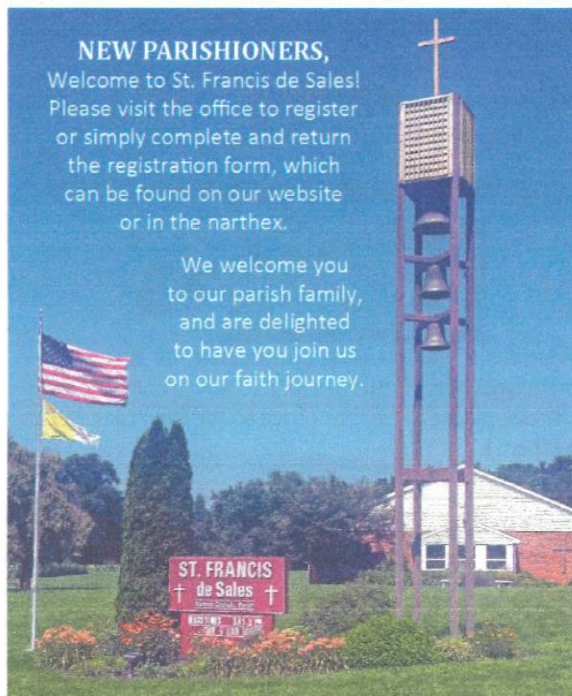


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NEW PARISHIONERS,

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.



December 15, 2024 ✦ Third Sunday of Advent

Mass Schedule for the Week:

Saturday, December 14, 2024

5:00 PM Ron & Jeananne Wert

Sunday, December 15, 2024

8:00 AM Barbara Hetrick

10:30 AM Intentions for Jessica Areiza

Monday, December 16, 2024

6:30 PM Our Parishioners

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

9:00 AM

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

9:00 AM

Thursday, December 19, 2024

9:00 AM Robert Brezler, Sr.

Friday, December 20, 2024

9:00 AM

Saturday, December 21, 2024

5:00 PM Our Parishioners

Sunday, December 22, 2024 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Intentions for Nurture & Protection of Children

10:30 AM Julie Bohanick

Parish Schedule

Sunday, December 15: 3:00pm - Advent Vespers

Thursday, December 19: 9:30am – 6:30pm - Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction at 6:30pm; Reconciliation from 9:30-10:30am & 5:00-6:15pm

Thursday, December 19: 6:30pm - Reflection on Prayer

Lector & Server Schedule

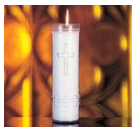
Saturday, December 21st

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Lector: Giacobbe

Sunday, December 22nd

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

10:30 AM ~ Servers: Lector: Fullam



~ *Living Flame* ~

Will burn the week of December 15, 2024
For the Intention of Ann Marie and her late husband, James Girard for their 51st Wedding Anniversary

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



Readings for the Week

Sunday

Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18(9)

Monday

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday

Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

Thursday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

Friday

Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

Sunday

Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Our Return to the Lord

This Weekend ~ Second Collection for Maintenance

Week of December 8, 2024 ~ \$ 5,668.00



Christmas Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 24: 5:00 pm & 8:00 pm

Wednesday, December 25: 9:00 am

Our offices will be closed

Tuesday, December 24th through the New Year.

We will return Monday, January 6, 2025.

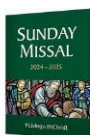


*Provide a Merry Christmas for Families
in Need*

As always, our parish has volunteered to help **Lifeline of Berks County** help families in need this Christmas. Please choose a tag containing a baby item from the 'Giving Tree.' Bring the new, un-wrapped item and place it on the table **NO LATER THAN December 19th.** Your generous donation will then be delivered to Lifeline in time for Christmas. **{Please know gifts left in the church after the deadline DO NOT get delivered.}** Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Don't forget to support The Garden Club's Annual Greens Holiday Sale **TODAY!** In addition to fresh greens, they are raffling off a vintage Longaberger basket filled with goodies following the 10:30am Mass this Sunday. Be sure to purchase your raffle for \$5 for your chance to win the basket located in the narthex. As always, thank you for your support.



**The Sunday Missal for 2024-2025
is for sale in the office. The fee is
\$5**

SUNDAY SALESIAN

We just heard St. Paul tell us: "Rejoice in the Lord always!" The prophet Zechariah told us: "The Lord is in your midst." Our God comes to renew us in his love and he is rejoicing over us with gladness.

Imagine, our God loves us so much that he rejoices over us. God's great love for us is the source of our heart's peace. We have nothing to be anxious about when we allow God's love into our hearts.

John the Baptist reminds us that Jesus came to baptize us with the Holy Spirit – to fill us with the life and power of God. Jesus also comes to separate the "wheat" from the "weeds" in our lives, so that there will be more room in our heart for the Spirit.

During our Advent preparations, we are encouraged to look into our hearts and ask the Spirit to reveal to us anything that may be blocking the flow of God's love in us. Are there attitudes in our heart about other people which get in the way of God's desire to love others through you and me? Jesus desires to come into our hearts more fully in order to soften and heal these attitudes, so that God's love can flow out to others. In our kindness and compassion to one another, God can be more fully in our midst.

My sisters and brothers, we really do have much to rejoice about, much to be thankful for. In our thankfulness, even our sinfulness can become a reason to rejoice. Our God comes to save us from our sins. God desires to renew us in his love.

During these final days of Advent, let us hear the call of God's love to repent. Let us listen to the voice of the Spirit within us, encouraging us to change – to grow. Let us rejoice in God's saving grace given to us in Jesus. Let us open our hearts more fully to God's love, so that we are better able to draw more deeply from God's life within us – and love others as we are loved.

<https://www.oblates.org/sundays-salesian/third-sunday-of-advent-december-15-2024>



Parish Religious Education Program

Date: 12/08/224	Chapters/Lessons Covered Theme for the Week	Homework or Out of Class Activity	Additional Notes
Level 1	Advent and Christmas	Continue to work on prayers over the Christmas break.	
Level 2 (First Communion)	Session 6 It's Only the beginning...	Congratulations on your First Reconciliation.	Went to Confession
Level 3/4	Advent and Christmas	Attend Mass to and note the Advent Wreath/Candles that are lit each week. Congratulation to the student who went to penance for the first time!	Went to Confession
Level 5	Session 7 The 7 Sacraments The story of Jesus healing Jairus daughter	Congratulations to the students who received the sacrament of penance for the first time!	Went to Confession
Level 6	Celebrating Advent/Christmas Making Moral Choices		
Level 7 (Confirmation Prep)	Relationships Gifts of the Holy Spirit	Complete 3 Saint Papers Gift of the Holy Spirit Worksheet (due 1/26)	

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>

*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 and also **Mass attendance**. Be sure to fill out the sticker chart in the church hall for Mass attendance. Thank you for valuing the importance of your child's faith.*

Our next Class is **January 12th (ALL Levels)**



THANK YOU for your overpouring support with this cause. Many blankets have been donated so far.. So for those who would still like to donate, I am requesting donations of cereal boxes.

Again - my heartfelt thanks to your contribution and support to this worthy cause.



Christmas in the Philippines is a unique and vibrant celebration, renowned for being one of the longest and most festive in the world. Annunciation BVM church {122 Union Street in Catasauqua} is celebrating this Filipino tradition with Mass on Saturday, December 28th @ 7:00pm. A potluck and fellowship will follow Mass. ALL are invited!



As I mentioned during my homilies over the last few weeks, I ask for your free will support in helping to grow and sustain St. Joseph School in Ghana founded by Fr. Stephen, a true servant of God who is dedicating his life to educating and empowering the next generation. Your generous free will donations will help provide educational opportunities for children who may otherwise have none, and will honor the legacy of Fr. Stephen's mission. Every contribution, no matter how small, is a step toward transforming lives through the power of education.

If you are interested in contributing, I ask you to please send in your free will donation in an envelope marked "Fr. Stephen's School" {checks made payable to St. Francis de Sales} by December 29th. Your generosity will be deeply appreciated.



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