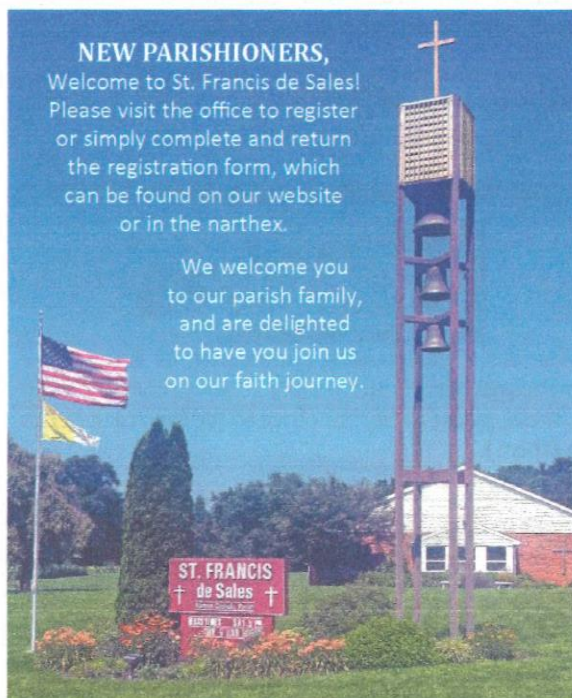


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NEW PARISHIONERS,

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.

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PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. John A. Frink, M.Div ----- Administrator
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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.



December 29, 2024 ✠ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Mass Schedule for the Week:

Saturday, December 28, 2024

5:00 PM Pol (Paul) O'Dwyer

Sunday, December 29, 2024 ~ The Holy Family

8:00 AM Joseph Tosheff

10:30 AM Julie Bohanick

Monday, December 30, 2024

9:00 AM Our Christmas Memorials & Intentions

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

9:00 AM Our Christmas Memorials & Intentions

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 ~ Solemnity of Mary

9:00 AM Our Parishioners

Thursday, January 2, 2025

9:00 AM

Friday, January 3, 2025

9:00 AM

Saturday, January 4, 2025

5:00 PM Our Parishioners

Sunday, January 5, 2025 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM Dick Zepiora

10:30 AM Sandrine Vanek

Parish Schedule/Announcements

2nd Collection: St. Vincent de Paul Society

There will be **NO ADORATION** this Thursday, January 2.

Lector & Server Schedule

Wednesday, January 1

9:00 AM ~ Servers: Lector: Huck

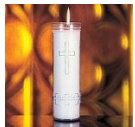
Saturday, January 4

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Lector:

Sunday, January 5

8:00 AM ~ Servers: Lector:

10:30 AM ~ Servers: Lector:



~ Living Flame ~

Will burn the week of December 29, 2024

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



Readings for the Week

Sunday

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Monday

1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday

1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Thursday

1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

First Friday

1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34

First Saturday

1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

Sunday

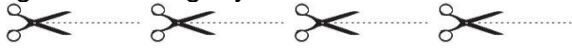
Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Our Return to the Lord

*Week of December 22, 2024 ~
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Life Ad

Life Ad, an anti-abortion/pro-life ad, will be published in the Reading Eagle on Monday, January 22, 2025 to mark the 52nd anniversary of the legalization of abortion in the U.S. Sponsors will be asked to contribute \$10 for individuals, or \$15 for couples or families. Your name will be displayed in the ad under our parish name. Proceeds from the Life Ad support Mary's Shelter/Home, an alternative to abortion for pregnant women in need of housing and care. The deadline for sign-ups is **Sunday, January 12, 2025**. Thank you for taking a public stand against the tragedy of abortion.



Life Ad Donation Coupon

Place this coupon along with your donation (check payable to "St Ignatius") into your Sunday Mass collection or mail directly to: Life Ad, St. Ignatius Loyola Rectory, 2810 St. Albans Drive, Sinking Spring, Pa 19608

"A nation that kills its own children is a nation without hope."
Saint John Paul II

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Gethsemane's Annual Mass of Remembrance commemorating all of those interred or entombed in both Gethsemane and St Mary's Cemeteries in 2024, will be held on Sunday, January 19, 2025.

Mass will be held in the Chapel of the Resurrection at 3pm.



Today's Gospel focuses our attention on the Holy Family, as members of a wider family, the family of God. The Father has bestowed his great love on us in calling us His children, brothers and sisters of Jesus who has shared his very life with us. Our Father's final gift to His children will be seeing our God as He is – full union with our God forever. The Spirit has been given to us as the pledge of God's everlasting love.

As God's children, we are asked to reflect on a strange incident in the life of the Holy Family. What might we learn? When Mary and Joseph discovered that the boy Jesus was missing, they didn't waste their time arguing about who was to blame. Together, they went to search for Jesus. When they find him in the Temple among the scholars, they expressed their anguish about missing him. Jesus focused them by reminding them that they should expect to find him in his Father's house.

Jesus was asking them to trust him, even if they didn't fully understand.

In our experience in the family of God here at Childs, there are often enough misunderstandings and anguish of one kind or another. We can lose sight of Jesus in these difficult moments. Jesus instructs us, as he did Mary and Joseph: "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

Each day we come here to find Jesus in our Father's house. Like Mary and Joseph, we can tell Jesus about our misunderstandings and anguish. Jesus always invites us to put them in his hands, then hear our brother's comforting words to us and join him in offering our sufferings with his to the Father. And he feeds us with his own Body and Blood and gives us his peace. Healed and nourished, we can go forth to grow in wisdom, knowledge and grace as a more united family of God.

May our Eucharist on the feast of the Holy Family encourage us to live more fully as children of our Father, as brothers and sisters of Jesus.

<https://www.oblates.org/sundays-salesian/holy-family-december-29-2024>

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