

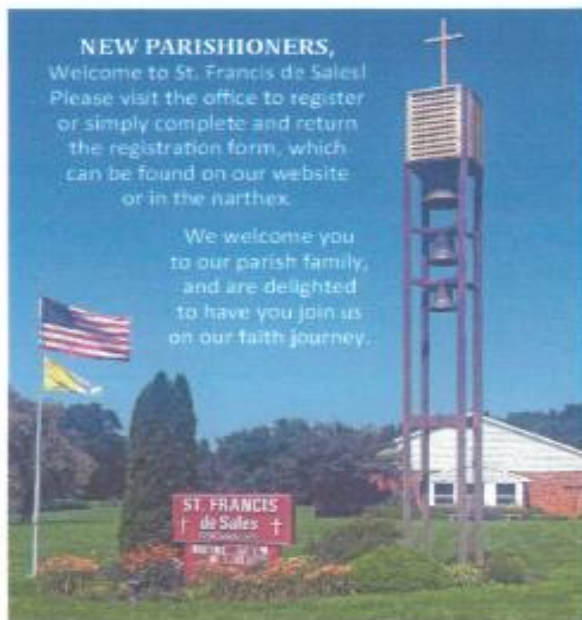
ST. FRANCIS de SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.



August 17, 2025 ✠ The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule for the Week:

Saturday, August 16, 2025

5:00 PM Annetta Edinger

Sunday, August 17, 2025

8:00 AM Our Parishioners

10:30 AM Rev. Robert M. Forst

Monday, August 18, 2025

9:00 AM

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

9:00 AM

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

9:00 AM Russell Brown

Thursday, August 21, 2025

9:00 AM Intentions for Melanie Jackson

Friday, August 22, 2025

9:00 AM Jeffrey Miller

Saturday, August 23, 2025

5:00 PM John Milia

Sunday, August 24, 2025

8:00 AM Our Parishioners

10:30 AM Rodger Rothenberger

Parish Schedule/Announcements

Tuesday, August 19: 9:30am - Spiritual Enrichment #7 -
Serving the Spiritual Needs of Others as a Sign of Hope

Wednesday, August 20: 1:00pm - Prayer Shawl

Thursday, August 21: 9:30am – 12:30pm - Eucharistic
Adoration with Benediction of the Blessed
Sacrament at 12:30pm; Reconciliation from 9:30-10:30am

Saturday, August 23: 9:00am - Spiritual Enrichment #7
- Serving the Spiritual Needs of Others as a Sign of Hope

Lector & Server Schedule

Saturday, August 23

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Lector: Schmoyer

Sunday, August 24

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

10:30 AM ~ Servers: Lector: Stine



~ Living Flame ~

Will burn the week of August 17, 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, Joe Noll, Pat Snyder, Layla Rose Stockinger, Andrew Strangarity, Logan Weaver, Eleana Wilson



Readings for the Week

Sunday

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53 (120)

Monday

Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday

Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday

Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday

Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14

Friday

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday

Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30 (123)

Our Return to the Lord

Week of August 10, 2025 ~ \$ 4,994.00



Join us for the 10:30am Mass on August 24th as we celebrate the beginning of a new school year. Students of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks to church for a special prayer. (If you need a backpack and/or supplies, please indicate on the blue signup poster in the hallway). After Mass, the children are invited to an ice cream social.



13th Annual Summer Cab Cake Sale to Support Catholic Education



It is hard to believe that 13 years have passed since we began this tradition! The sale will run through 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. We also provide partial scholarships to our active parishioners attending St. Ignatius Regional School and Berks Catholic High School as well as donate to our PREP Program for tuition assistance and books. Our members are always available in the vestibule to assist you and answer any of your questions.

During the past several Sundays, the Church has presented us with some of the challenges we will face as disciples of Jesus.

We will have to learn to let go of our possessions, and even of our desire to possess. Jesus calls us to be generous, sharing whatever we have with those who are in need. Last Sunday, we were cautioned to be watchful and ready. Jesus will come to us in ways that will surprise us. And today, Jesus tells us that our efforts to be faithful disciples may cause dissension, even in our families.

All of us would like to believe that following Jesus would lead us to peace. Jesus is telling us very clearly that that may not be the case. We have only to look at Jesus' life. It wasn't the case for him – and he is Lord and Master and could have done something about it.

Long before Jesus, the prophet Jeremiah suffered because of the message God gave him to deliver to his people. Despite his suffering, Jeremiah continued to call the people to hear God's word to them.

The writer of the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that we are part of a long tradition of witnesses to God's faithfulness. We are encouraged to persevere in running the race that lies before us, while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus. As we heard: "For the sake of the joy that lay before him, Jesus endured the cross and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God." Jesus' example is meant to give us hope so that we will persevere.

Keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus each day! That becomes our way to keep focus as we go about our daily living. We ask Jesus to be with us as our strength. We ask him to show us the way to our Father's home through the ups and downs of life.

When we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, when we let him live in us, we can be sure that whatever fire we may have to enter in our life, we will always emerge more purified, like fire-tried gold. Jesus is at our side.

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