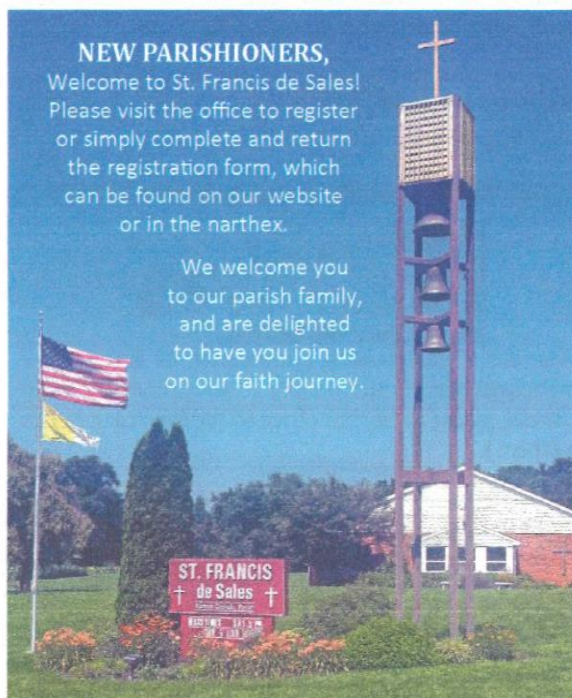


# ST. FRANCIS de SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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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## Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator

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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.



## February 25, 2024 ✦ THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### Mass Schedule or the Week

#### Saturday, February 24, 2024

5:00 PM Earnest & Helen Boulanger

#### Sunday, February 25, 2024 ~ Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Anthony Lascoskie

10:30 AM Special Intention: Walter Areiza

#### Monday, February 26, 2024

9:00 AM Dennis Flemming

#### Tuesday, February 27, 2024

9:00AM Lorraine Baksys

#### Ash Wednesday, February 28, 2024

9:00 AM

#### Thursday, February 29, 2024

9:00AM Dennis Flemming

#### Friday, March 1, 2024

9:00 AM John Milia

#### Saturday, March 2, 2024

5:00 PM Grace Hornickle

#### Sunday, March 3, 2024 ~ Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Edward Chimenko & Karen

10:30 AM Ana de Jesus

### Pray For Our Sick

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

### Parish Schedule

**NEXT WEEKEND: in-person**

**Disciple Maker Index Survey after Mass**

Wednesday, February 28 @ 6:30am – 8:00pm -

St. Monica Ministry

Thursday, February 29 @ 9:30am – 7:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction at 7:00pm

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

Stations of the Cross 6:30pm

### Lector & Server Schedule

**UNAVAILABLE AT TIME OF PRINT**

#### Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

5:00 PM ~ Servers: Lector:

#### Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

8:00 AM ~ Servers: Lector:

10:30 AM ~ Servers: Lector:

### Spiritual Thought

*Look at his adorable face. Look at his glazed and sunken eyes. Look at his wounds. Look Jesus in the face. There you will see how he loves us.*

*St. Therese of Lisieux*



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

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

#### Monday

Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

#### Tuesday

Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

#### Wednesday

Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

#### Thursday

Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

#### First Friday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

#### First Saturday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

#### Sunday

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17;

1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25



*Our Return to the Lord*  
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~ *Living Flame* ~

Will burn the week of February 25, 2024  
*For Special Intentions*

### **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Lenten Crab Cake Sale**

*The Knights of Columbus are hosting our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Lenten Crab Cake sale. Deadline for orders is **Sunday, March 17**, with pickup on Friday, March 22. Our members are always available in the vestibule to assist you and answer any of your questions.*

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/b35tdb>



Saint Francis de Sales is participating in a parish-wide survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute and we need your help! Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online; open to every parishioner who has received confirmation and older. The survey can be accessed through the online link (above) **now through March 27<sup>th</sup>** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole. If you prefer a paper copy, surveys will be available after Mass, **March 2 & 3** ~ they must be completed here the church. Thank you in advance for helping with this important project!

**Attention High School Seniors of Italian Heritage:** Victor Emmanuel II Beneficial Society offers a **\$12,000** scholarship to Berks County High School seniors living in Berks County and who are of Italian heritage. Applications must be picked up at your local high school guidance counselor's office and returned to VE II by **March 15, 2024**. Any questions, please contact Fred Ranalli Jr. ~ 610 406 1131.



Something remarkable happened on that mountain.

Consider the possibility that it was not Jesus who changed but rather it was Peter, James and John who were transformed. Imagine that this account from Mark's Gospel documents the experience of Peter, James and John as their eyes were opened; their vision widened, enabling them to see without impediment the virtually blinding light of Jesus' love that flowed from every fiber of his being.

Indeed, every day of Jesus' life something of that remarkable brilliance, that remarkable passion, and that remarkable glory was revealed to people of all ages, stages and states of life. The shepherds and magi saw it; the elders in the temple saw it; the guests at a wedding saw it; a woman caught in adultery saw it; a boy possessed by demons saw it; a man born blind saw it; a good thief saw it.

If so many others could recognize it in a word, a glance, or a touch, why might Peter, James and John have required such extra effort in helping them to see Jesus' glory? Perhaps it was because they were so close to Jesus; perhaps it was because they were with him every day; perhaps it was because, on some level, they had somehow taken his glory for granted.

What about us? Do we recognize that same divine glory present in us, present in others, present in creation, present in even the simplest and most ordinary, everyday experiences of justice, truth, healing, forgiveness, reconciliation and compassion?

Or do we take it for granted?

St. Francis de Sales saw the Transfiguration as a "glimpse of heaven." During this season of Lent, may our eyes, our minds and our hearts be transfigured and transformed. May we see more clearly the glory of a God who always loves us, who redeems us, who heals us, who forgives us, who challenges us, who pursues us, who strengthens us and who inspires us.

May we grow in our ability, through the quality of our lives, to make that "glimpse of heaven" visible in the lives of others.

<https://www.oblates.org/sundays-salesian-feed/sixth-sunday-in-ordinary-time-february-11-2024>

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