

# ST. FRANCIS de SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH

320 NORTH CHURCH STREET • ROBESONIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19551

## 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 &  
6:15pm - 7:15 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.

**Phone**  
610-693-5851

**Church E-mail**  
stfrancisrob82@verizon.net

**Pastor's E-mail**  
jfrink@allentowndiocese.org

**Website**  
www.stfrancisrob.org

**Office Hours**  
Monday - Thursday:  
8:30 am - 12 noon  
& CLOSED Fridays

**Diocesan Victim  
Assistance Coordinator**

Ms. Wendy S. Krisak,  
M.A., NCC, LPC

Direct Phone: 800-791-9209

**Diocesan Safe  
Environment Coordinator**

Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS  
Secretary for Youth Protection  
Diocese of Allentown  
1515 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive  
P.O. Box F  
Allentown, PA 18105-1538  
610-871-5200, Ext. 2204  
610-871-5211 (Fax)  
prusso@allentowndiocese.org

**CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE:** If you have an  
allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic  
Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at [www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or  
phone 800-276-1562.

## 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.



# March 29, 2026 ✠ Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

## Mass Schedule for the Week:

### Saturday, March 28, 2026

5:00 PM Louis Disabella

### Sunday, March 29, 2026 ~ Palm Sunday

8:00 AM Carol Palm

10:30 AM Intentions for Gloria Areaiza

### Monday, March 30, 2026

9:00 AM NO MASS

Fr. John away for spiritual direction

### Tuesday, March 31, 2026

9:00 AM Intentions for Nathan Pouss

### Wednesday, April 1, 2026

9:00 AM Our Parishioners

### Thursday, April 2, 2026 ~ Holy Thursday

7:00 PM The Lord's Supper

### Friday, April 3, 2026 ~ Good Friday

3:00 PM Passion of the Lord

### Saturday, April 4, 2026 ~ Holy Saturday

8:00 PM Easter Flower Memorials/Intentions

### Sunday, April 5, 2026 ~ Easter Sunday

8:00 AM Easter Flower Memorials/Intentions

10:30 AM Easter Flower Memorials/Intentions

## Parish Schedule/Announcements

### Second Collection - Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Parish Offices will be CLOSED in observation of Easter effective Thursday, April 2 – Monday, April 6

Saturday, April 4 @ 12:00PM ~ Blessing of Easter Baskets

## Lector & Server Schedule

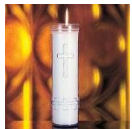
### Holy Saturday, April 4

8:00 PM ~ Servers: R. Kalinofski Lector: Giacobbe Starling Fullam

### Easter Sunday, April 5

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

10:30 AM ~ Servers: Lector: Misterkiewicz



- Living Flame -  
Will burn the week of March 29, 2026  
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, Betty & Harold Brown, Rosemary C., Joseph Disabella, Savannah Ferrell, Pat Fleagle, Judith Goeltz, Alice Bernardo-Gold, Michael B. Hasenauer, Karen Houck, John Hopko, Rose Howard, John Jones, Leslie & Janet Livinghouse, Florence Kapuscinski, Mary Ann Kirkpatrick, Richard L. Mark, Kathleen Miller, Tom Mirabella, Dave Mitchell, Connor Mocey, Drea Moyer, Joe Noll, Mary Ann Savitsky, David Snyder, Pat Snyder, Barbara Lucas Stencel, Andrew Strangarity, Logan Weaver, Eleana Wilson



## Readings for the Week

### Palm Sunday

Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 – 27:66

### Monday

Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

### Tuesday

Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

### Wednesday

Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

### Thursday ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

### First Friday ~ Passion of the Lord

Is 52:13 – 53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 – 19:42

### First Saturday

Gn 1:1 – 2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18; Ex 14:15 – 15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ez 36:16 17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Mt 28:1-10

### Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

## Our Return to the Lord

Week of March 22, 2026 ~ \$ 4,610.00

Operation Rice Bowl ~ 752.30

Today we will take up a collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. **The Society of St. Vincent de Paul** is a vital, Catholic-based charity that helps support families both within our parish and extends to our neighbors, providing material aid to those less fortunate. The gifts we have, we were given to share. So we are inviting you to join in a season of generosity. When you give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you are giving friendship, love, help, and hope to your neighbors in need.

### Traditional Easter Basket

Among many Eastern European countries, the blessing of the Easter basket is an old, treasured Catholic tradition. It stems from the desire of the Christian community to ask God's blessing on the foods that will break the Great Fast (Lent) and from which they have abstained from during this period. The religious significance attached to the foods eaten are symbolic of our faith and the joy of the Resurrection, including Christ Himself, our true Passover. The prohibition of certain foods during Lent, namely meat and dairy products, naturally become the main staple during the festive time of the Easter celebration. Below are the articles traditionally placed in a wicker basket and brought to the church Easter Saturday to be blessed for the people to take home and enjoy with their whole family after Mass on Easter Sunday. While tastes vary by region and family, the basket usually contains smoked meats, sausage, butter, cheese, bread, salt and decorated, colored pysanky eggs. A white candle symbolizing Jesus, the light of the world, is placed in the basket so it can be lit during the blessing. Another local tradition is to tie two nails together in the form of a cross and place them in the basket. The foods that have a place of honor on the festive Easter table are the decorated hard-boiled eggs, which are broken and shared by all, and a lamb molded of butter or pastry, representing Christ as the "Lamb of God." Butter may also be placed into a glass container with cloves in the form of a cross studding the top.

**Join us next Saturday, April 4 @ 12 Noon for this meaningful celebration.**



Throughout Lent, we will be collecting your old palms. Please place them in the bin located under the desk in the vestibule.



**OBLATES OF  
ST. FRANCIS  
DE SALES**  
North American Provinces

We have just heard Matthew go to great pains to show us that every event, every happening, every person involved in the passion and death of Jesus fulfills a passage from the Hebrew Scriptures.

The betrayal and abandonment of Jesus by his special friends, the innocent Jesus becoming the victim of religious and political conniving, the darkness and the skies and the dramatic ripping of the Temple veil - all are seen in light of the sacred scriptures of the Jewish people.

The proclamation of the centurion who has witnessed all these events is the surprised recognition from all the clues: "Clearly this was the Son of God."

With that recognition, Matthew turns our attention back to the fidelity of the women who have been following Jesus from Galilee. They alone remained to witness the fulfillment. All the others had scattered in fear.

We are among the faithful who attend Jesus and will follow him through His passion and death. St. Paul tells us what we must be doing as we journey. We are to learn to live with the attitude that Jesus had toward life and its varied events. Suffering and glory will be so intertwined as to be inseparable. Learning to accept whatever comes as coming from God's hand and doing it in obedience to the will of the God who is my Father, being willing to put aside any position so as to better love God and my neighbor - all of this is having the attitude of Christ.

May we all be open to learning more about life from Jesus this week.

<https://www.oblates.org/sundays-salesian/passion-of-our-lord-march-29-2026>

**Act now to help end hunger.**

In the United States, one in nine people face hunger.  
[feedingamerica.org](http://feedingamerica.org)

**FEEDING AMERICA**

Persons Living with Dementia Care Partners

**Comprehensive in-home care solutions for persons living with dementia.**

Home Care Services & Memory Support  
 484.709.2768  
[www.plwdcp.org](http://www.plwdcp.org)

Frederick P. Krott  
 Supervisor

**678-3461**

243 W. Penn Avenue  
 Wernersville, Pa. 19565  
*Since 1918*

**Lamm & Witman FUNERAL HOME INC.**

**Readers Choice #1 Best Funeral Service**

David J. Burawski, Supv.  
**610-376-1129**  
 3825 Penn Avenue  
 Sinking Spring  
[BeanFuneralHomes.com](http://BeanFuneralHomes.com)

**BEAN FUNERAL HOMES AND CREMATORY**

**You don't need to know your blood type to give blood.**

Help fill the #MissingTypes. Give blood. meric n Red Cr ss

**Anewalts Landscape Contracting**

610.916.7070 | [www.anewaltslandscape.com](http://www.anewaltslandscape.com)

Help your community, the environment, & yourself

Patronize your local businesses

**POISON HELP** **TM**

**1-800-222-1222**

**Free and confidential.**

**Every Veteran has earned help and support.**

Don't wait. Reach out.  
 VA.GOV/REACH

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

ACCEPT GOD'S CHALLENGE

**OBLATES OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES**

*If Interested in a vocation to the priesthood or brotherhood, contact:*

~ Fr. Tim McIntire, OSFS ~  
**(610) 282-1100 X1393**

**Kuhn Funeral Home, INC.**

EDWARD J. KUHN, JR., SUPERVISOR  
 MICHAEL R. KUHN, PRESIDENT  
**610-374-5440**  
 739 Penn Avenue - West Reading, PA  
[www.kuhnfuneralhomes.com](http://www.kuhnfuneralhomes.com)

**CALL US TODAY!**

**YOUR AD HERE!**

**Reserve Your Space Today!**

Contact our advertising team at **800-883-4343** to discuss affordable advertising solutions.  
**Don't miss this opportunity to become a valued partner in the community.**

- Connect with a Dedicated and Engaged Audience
- Build Trust and Credibility
- Showcase Your Business to Those Who Actively Support Local Businesses
- Benefit From Our Online Presence and Extend Your Reach Beyond the Church Walls

**SEAT BELTS SAVE LIVES**