SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH

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4625 SPRINGFIELD AVENUE PHILADELPHIA, PA 19143

~23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~
~ September 6, 2026 ~

Reverend Robert Ngageno
Parochial Administrator

Reverend Robert F. Lucas
In Residence

Reverend Michael J. Gokie
Parochial Vicar

Deacon Samuel Ujor
Pastoral Associate

Want to register in the parish or set-up online giving? Do you want to schedule a baptism, wedding, funeral or visit to a sick parishioner?

Contact the Parish Office
at (215) 222-5819
office@desalesphilly.com

Mrs. Karen Hand,
Office Manager

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Looking for information on Saint Francis de Sales School?

Contact the School Office
at (215) 387-1749

Sister Mary McNulty, IHM,
Principal

Want to get involved in family formation activities? Is your child in need of First Communion or Confirmation? Do you want to enroll your child in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd?

Contact the Religious Education Office
at religioused.sfds@gmail.com

Interested in joining our liturgical choir?
Email music@desalesphilly.com

Mrs. Isabel Boston,
Choir Director

Would you like to get involved in an Ignatian Spirituality Group or in our outreach and evangelization efforts?

Call the Assumption Sisters Convent
at (215) 386-5016

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**** Saturday, September 5, 2026****
**** SENSORY FRIENDLY MASS****
5:00PM People of the Parish

Sunday, September 6, 2026
23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time
7:00AM Frances Springer
10:15AM Deady and Leary Families

Monday, September 7, 2026
LABOR DAY
7:00AM Anna Pham

Tuesday, September 8, 2026
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00AM Anna Pham

Wednesday, September 9, 2026
Saint Peter Claver
7:00AM (Living)John Kelleher

Thursday, September 10, 2026
7:00AM Anne Marie Ennis

Friday, September 11, 2026
7:00AM Anne Marie Ennis

Saturday, September 12, 2026
The Most Holy Name of Mary
Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30AM Sacristans of Saint Francis de Sales
5:00PM Alva A. Walston

Sunday, September 13, 2026
24th Sunday In Ordinary Time
7:00AM Diana Springer
10:15AM Thomas and Sophie Waters

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

St. Francis de Sales Parish,

I hope you are enjoying the last few days of summer in a meaningful way and feeling refreshed for what lies ahead. As you know, St. Francis de Sales Parish has been our church home for more than 125 years and continues to stand strong. We give thanks to God for this journey and for the privilege of being part of this parish family.

We also remember the parishioners who have gone home to the Lord. May the good Lord grant eternal rest to their souls. Today, we are blessed to see many young families coming to our parish each week to be in the presence of God and to share their time, talent, and treasure. We are grateful to God for their presence and faith, and we are grateful for all of you who have chosen to be associated with our parish.You are always welcome in this place of worship.

We, your priests and deacon—Fr. Ngageno Robert, Fr. Gokie Michael, Fr. Lucas Robert, and Deacon Ojur Sam—are grateful to serve you by helping connect our daily lives to God through the liturgy and the sacraments we celebrate. We also thank you for your unwavering support through your prayers and financial assistance, which help sustain the mission and life of our parish.

At this time, I would like to call your attention to an important way forward for our parish.

Each year, St. Francis de Sales Parish operates with a target budget of approximately $400,000, and in some years expenses exceed $500,000. We are deeply grateful for your financial support to the parish, including the generous gifts of those who choose to remain anonymous. Thank you.

At the same time, parish financial contributions have remained flat for many years, while unplanned expenses continue to arise because our parish is more than 125 years old. We anticipate several repair and maintenance needs, including repairs to the church roof and walls, organ repair, water-damage restoration, rectory maintenance, catechetical materials, and ongoing activities that sustain parish life.

Our Sunday offertory alone is not enough to address all these needs. Still, we remain profoundly grateful for your continued support of the parish.

For this reason, we ask for your help and support once again. We are requesting a special collection and asking each parishioner, if possible, to increase their Sunday offering by at least $2. The Finance Council and Pastoral Council will prepare materials to share with you soon.

Wishing you and your family the very best during the remaining days of summer. I pray that you will be ready to embrace the beautiful fall season that is just around the corner.

God bless you.
Fr. Ngageno Robert
Parochial Administrator

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2027 Parish Mass Book
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COLLECTION INFORMATION

Weekend of August 29-30
Sunday In Envelopes $ N/A
Parish Giving $ N/A
Venmo $ N/A
PayPal $ N/A
** Total $ N/A **
We are thankful for your consistent stewardship!

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🙏2027 Mass Book and Sanctuary Candle 🕯️
Our calendar for Masses and Monthly Sanctuary Candle are open.
The first available candle is January 2027 and our Mass Book has had a lot of requests already, so if you are looking for a particular date, please contact us soon.

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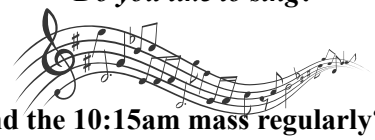
Do you like to sing?



Do you attend the 10:15am mass regularly? The De Sales Choir is welcoming new members for all voice parts and would love to have you join the group. The Choir rehearses on Thursday nights from 7:30-9:00 pm and on Sunday mornings at 9:45am. If interested, contact Isabel Boston (isabel.boston@gmail.com) to set up an appointment. It is always best to join early in the season, so don't delay!

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OCIA – Order of Christian Initiation for Adults
Do you know anyone who may be interested in the Catholic Faith? OCIA is a process of Adult Catechesis for those who are searching for faith tradition and formation in the Roman Catholic Church. It is also for adults who were baptized Catholic but who have not received the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. OCIA groups meet weekly. ***Contact the rectory office @ (215) 222-5819 to request a registration form for the upcoming sessions beginning this September.***

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REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. Let us pray for the victims of all disasters, and for an end to violence and hatred across the country and around the world.
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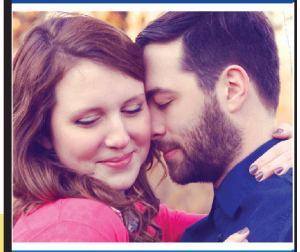

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