

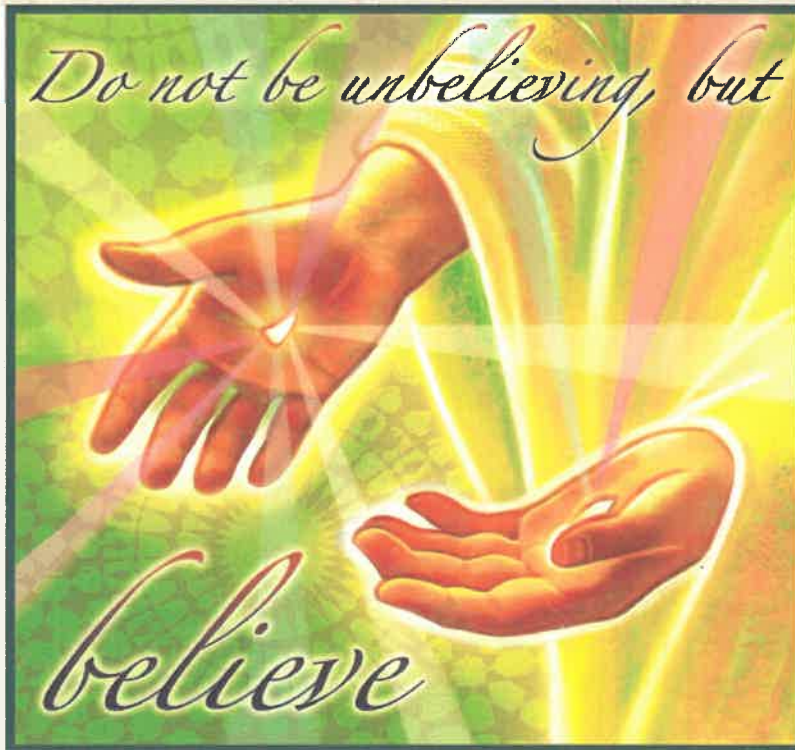
All Weekday and Sunday Masses are currently suspended, due to the COVID19, until further notice per Bishop Serratelli. The sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the sick are available as needed. Please call Fr. Chris at ext. 431. Sunday Mass will be Live on Facebook- Sunday at 10 AM- Father Chris



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Welcome to St. Francis de Sales Parish

We extend a warm welcome to all who attend our Church.
 We hope you will find our parish community a place where your life of faith will be nourished.
 Your prayers, your presence, and your talent are most welcome. May God bless all of us.



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We Invite you to Celebrate . . .

**Currently, Sunday Mass
 from St. Francis de Sales
 is Live on
 Facebook.**

Sundays at 10:00 AM

**Father Chris is celebrating a
private daily Mass, praying
 for the daily Mass intentions.**

**Please keep up to date with
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 page and our website
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**Rev. Chris Barkhausen, Pastor
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St. Francis de Sales Church



Mission Statement

As a parish family of St. Francis de Sales Church, we are committed to stewardship as our way of life. We place God first in all things. Centered in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, we devote ourselves to proclaim the Gospel. We are dedicated to grow as a faith community to holiness through prayer, sacraments and service to all God's people.

**Sunday of Divine Mercy
 April 19, 2020**

*"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."
 — John 20:29b*



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- Mass Intentions**
- 18 - Saturday
 - 8:30 AM Saturday Memorial Mass
 - 5:00 PM Josephine Evicci req by Mike Gubner
 - 19 - Sunday
 - 8:00 AM Josephine Evicci req by Anna Marie & Evan Duerr
 - 10:00 AM Walter Olender req by The Annunziata Family
 - 12:00 PM John Piccirilli req by The Family
 - 12:00 PM Catherine & Margaret Matthews req by Terry Matthews and Family
 - 20 - Monday
 - 8:30 AM Dr. Nestor Bautista req the Furrey Family
 - 21 - Tuesday
 - 8:30 AM Deacon Paul Magarelli req by The Family
 - 22 - Wednesday
 - 8:30 AM People of the Parish
 - 23 - Thursday
 - 8:30 AM People of the Parish
 - 24 - Friday
 - 8:30 AM Kay Conroy req by Friends at St. Francis
 - 25 - Saturday
 - 8:30 AM Saturday Memorial Mass
 - 5:00 PM Dolores Larios req by Erin MacVane
 - 26 - Sunday
 - 8:00 AM Jack Reeth req by The Brady Family
 - 10:00 AM Puvine Santos req by The Ilaw Family
 - 12:00 PM Eileen McLaughlin req by AnnaMarie & Evan
 - 6:30 PM Alex Mutz req by Maureen & Mike Moscato



SATURDAY MEMORIAL MASS

The 8:30AM Saturday Mass during the month of April will be offered for the souls of: Frank Curran, Edward & Catherine DeYoung, Stephen Fava, Nancy Gubner, Marissa Jankow, Albert & Marion Sinforosa, Paul Smitko, Joan Stellingwerf, Jennifer Kirchmer Young

Liturgical Schedule



Eucharistic Ministers Lectors Altar Servers

To be published again, once Masses are scheduled.

Prayers for the Sick and Dying

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is one of the best means of assisting the dying. Jesus revealed the power of this prayer to St. Faustina. The Lord gave many promises regarding recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet for the sick and/or dying.

There are parishioners who regularly pray the chaplet. We have a prayer chain and are accepting prayer requests.

If you are interested in joining the prayer chain, please contact Bea Harrigan at (973) 827-0083. If you have a special prayer request, or prayers for a loved one who is sick and/or dying, you may call Bea Harrigan, Cheryl Avery at (973) 702-1342, or Denise Drogo at (973) 875-6863.



GET REAL!

Those of us who flatter ourselves that we have a “realistic” view of the world may listen to the first reading today and say, “Get real!” when we hear Luke’s account of the early, Elysian days of the Christian movement. All seems to be rosy, lots of wonders are performed, everyone shares selflessly, they eat together in “exultation,” and the Lord added to their numbers? Well, who wouldn’t be attracted to a group like this? From the wind that swept through the upper room at Pentecost as the Spirit of God blew over the face of the waters in Genesis, and the fire that appeared over each disciple as the light appeared at the dawn of creation, Luke’s intent in Acts is to show a new creation, a restoration of creation’s original goodness through the working of the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who continues to make us into the Body of Christ. We may occasionally, like Thomas in the Gospel, say, “Get real!” but our ultimate reality in the Spirit is to work continually to make our Christian community a new creation, one in which others will find God’s joy and beauty. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
- Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

FIRE

Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.
—St. Catherine of Siena

Baptismal Prep Classes

Next class is tentatively scheduled for Weds., May 20th, 2020 at 7:30 PM. Call Cathy in the office to sign up (973)827-3248 x 300.



Do you have a Sponsor/Godparent form that needs to be signed? Contact the Parish office. M-F

Parish Membership: A Parishioner is one who belongs to our parish family. As such, he/she is registered and is committed through active participation in the life of the parish community by regularly attending Mass, joining ministries, and financially supporting the parish. For Sponsor Certificates for Baptism and Confirmations, recommendations, etc. please call the parish offices. The person requesting such must be registered and be an active member of our Parish community. We request that you register at our monthly welcome meetings so that we can better serve you.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:



Mike Annunziata, Sr., Baby K., Shirley Baldwin, Michael Balinski, Scott Bartlett, Susan Broers, Jacob Bonebreak, Barbara Boniface, Rev. Eugene Boland, Brian Braun, Kevin Braun, Carol Carmody, John

Caylor, S. Chmara, Dick Clampitt, Sean Connell, Paul Conteri, Jeffrey DeGroat, Jeanie Diemer, Evie Dixon, Robert A. Drogo, Sr., Robert Duthaler, Mary Emmanuel, Mary Fahy, Maureen Frazer, Bill Fredericks, Patricia Goggin, Jerry Granato, Barbara Greco, Bob Haley, Teresa Hayward, Maria Hermann, Arleen Hill, Rob Izbicki, Laurie, Janiece, Ray Kacyon, Mike Kirchmer, Anne Kolibas, Joseph Kolibas, R. Kusma Family, Debbie Lechowicz, Ryan Mahoney, Hayden Marshall, Debbie Melanson, Lisa Merck, Ken Meredith, Alvan Monzo, Maureen Munn, Michael, FM, Alan Newell, Anthony Paradiso, Janice Peak, Jimmy Pier, Kathleen Plaisance, Michael Regan, Dick & Marlene Reighter, Gene & Alice Rourke, Baby James Ryan Simpkins, Vito Siblano, John S. Sidebottom, Glenn Sloves, George Stewart, Elaine Stoppel, Frank Trstensky, Fr. Fred Walters, Patricia Wetterlind, Brenna Whitson, Linda Wilson, Bill Wolverton, Michael & Irene Ruth Yachnik

The Prayer to St. Michael has been added to the end of each of our Masses. Here it is for your reference.

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 evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen



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EASTER

It is the hour to rend thy chains, the blossom time of souls.
—Katharine Lee Bates

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

CURRENTLY ALL MASSES/ EVENTS/ MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED due to Coronavirus Shutdowns.



STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE

We will post figures as soon as they are available. Due to the Coronavirus closure, and getting the collection via mail, our counting schedule is off.

We hope that you are able to support the Parish by mailing or donating online.

For our parishioners who contribute electronically, the next upcoming special collection is:

April 19th Diocesan Assessment

Diocesan Assessment Collection Mar. 22, 2020	\$ 370.00
(*\$370 was all through Online Giving)	
Diocesan Assessment (July 2019 - 2020)	\$71,420.00
Diocesan Assessment Collection fiscal YTD	\$20,070.00
St. Francis payments to the Diocese YTD	\$54,038.00



ONLINE GIVING OPTION

We are pleased to announce that our parish website has a link to sign up for online giving. Simply go to www.stfrancisvernon.org, where you will find the link under the home tab. Or if you prefer, go directly to the site.



<https://osvonlinegiving.com/4244>

As always, we thank you for your support of our parish.

During this unprecedented time, your continued support of our parish is critical.

If you prefer not to do online, your donations may be mailed to the church.

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Parish Lenten Project : Operation Rice Bowl

We hope that you were able to participate in our Lenten project, CRS Rice Bowl. The time to send them in has come. It would be easiest at this time, if you could convert the change and send it in as check or electronic donation, notating it as a RICE BOWL donation.

Second Sunday of Easter

Poor Thomas. Singled out from among the disciples because he refused to believe what they were telling him—that they had seen, in the flesh, their friend and their Lord, Jesus Christ. Can any of us really blame him? All of the disciples were terrified, crestfallen, hiding. But what of Thomas? Just where was he when Jesus appeared the first time to the group huddled in fear? He had gone “out”—out of the community where his faith had life. Maybe this was actually a blessing for Thomas and not the curse associated with the “doubting Thomas” moniker bestowed on him by tradition. Oh, the divine mercy of the Lord! Could Thomas be the forerunner of all of us who come in fragile hope and uncertainty to the Christian community, so beautifully described in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles? Could Thomas be an ultimate exemplar of the faith described in the First Letter of Peter?

YOU SHOULD’VE BEEN THERE!

Most of us have had the misfortune of missing something important simply by being absent, and then hearing about what happened. In today’s reading, unique to John’s Gospel, Thomas is the only apostle who was not around when Jesus appeared to his friends for the first time after his death and resurrection. They were frightened and grieving, not knowing what would happen to them. Remember, they found themselves to be fugitives, seemingly guilty by association with a criminal executed by government officials. Suddenly, Jesus was with them, beaming peace and mercy to his fragile followers. What joy! What a shock, too!

We will never know why Thomas had left their hiding place. All we know is that he returned to wild stories about Jesus being alive after dying a brutal death. He must have thought that the other apostles in their grief had a shared delusion of what they wished were true. When Thomas finally saw Jesus, he gave what is considered the most profound profession of faith: “My Lord and my God!” In his tender mercy, Jesus ministered to Thomas by helping him to see for himself.

WE WALK BY FAITH

But what of us? The early Christian community could only trust the words of these same apostles, the ones Thomas couldn’t believe, when they preached Jesus Christ risen from the dead. Who could believe what they said? The Holy Spirit, breathed upon the disciples in that first encounter, emanated so powerfully from them that they were able to convene seemingly utopian communities of faith. Filled with “divine mercy,” their lives became an evangelization to the world.

And this is how we too are sent out, like the disciples, filled with the Holy Spirit and bearing the Lord’s peace and mercy to a troubled, suffering world. The wounds of Jesus are very real today in the needy and broken. May we always work to bind up those wounds wherever we find them.

Today’s Readings: Acts 2:42–47; Ps 118:2–4, 13–15, 22–24; 1 Pt 1:3–9; Jn 20:19–31

**Let's look forward and
SAVE THE DATE!
St. Francis de Sales
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**5PM Mass with all our previous
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More info to follow!

SAINT ANSELM (1033-1109)
April 21

For anyone disheartened at how easily contemporary discussions of disputed church-state issues escalate from civil discourse to shrill polemic, Anselm provides perspective. Grounded in the Benedictine Rule's balanced "prayer and work," this monk-scholar, called from his abbey to become Archbishop of Canterbury, was thrust into firestorms of political intrigue, himself the target of warring bishops and nobles, kings and popes. Yet from depths of inner peace, Anselm wrote this moving exhortation by which today's Liturgy of the Hours celebrates him: "Rise up, insignificant man! From your preoccupations, flee a while. From your turbulent thoughts, hide for a time. Your crushing responsibilities cast aside. Your burdensome business lay down. Free a little space for God. Rest a little while in him!" "Faith seeking understanding" was his strikingly contemporary motto; and though renowned as an erudite philosopher-theologian, Anselm also left personal letters, profound for their insights on Christian friendship. Along with those, he composed "A Prayer for My Friends" and "A Prayer for My Enemies," reminding us that those who love God most passionately are also those who love others most humanly.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**REGISTRATION FOR 2020-2021
IN PERSON
Is Postponed till further
notice.**



Registration will take place once the State mandates on gathering are lifted. Space is limited first come, first served. Discount provided for all that pay in full at this time.

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St. Francis Food Pantry is remaining open with limited volunteers to assist during this crisis.

The food pantry is in current need of :



Canned Soup & Stews, Tuna, Peanut Butter, Grape Jelly, Mac & Cheese, Breakfast items: Cold Cereal, Oatmeal, & Pancake syrup, Granola Bars, Toothpaste & Toiletries.

Of course we appreciate all donations!

Donations may be dropped in front of the church doors. There will be a grocery cart there to place your donations.



Thank you for sharing what God has given you!

**The need is greater than ever!
Thank you!**

The Parish Gift Shop

The Gift shop is currently closed for now. **LOCKDOWN GAMETIME!**

Here is the challenge: Write the word "Resurrection" on a piece of paper, then make a list of all the words you can come up with that are two or more letters. When church is re-opened, submit it to the Gift Shop. The parishioner with the most words will win a gift from the Gift Shop.



NAMI Family-To- Family

NAMI Family to Family is a FREE evidence based 8 week program that helps family members, caregivers and friends understand, support and become advocates for their loved ones with serious mental health challenges, while maintaining their own wellbeing.

MEETINGS CURRENTLY SUSPENDED

Questions : call Jeri 973-214-0632

www.nami-sussex-nj.org or www.facebook.com/Namisussex

Looks What's New

... A Mailbox!

Since the church is locked for the foreseeable future, we wanted a way for our parishioner to drop off paperwork for the office. This locked mailbox has been installed to the left of the front door, under the overhang.



SPIRITUAL ADOPTION Program

Spiritual Adoption Development update:

Hi! I'm three months old now. I'm about 3 inches long and I weigh one ounce. That's not much, but I'm fully formed and can even suck my thumb! Keep praying for me!

Prayer:

Jesus, Mary and Joseph I love you very much.

I beg you to spare the life

Of the unborn child that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion. - Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

Won't you please "spiritually adopt" one and share the love for life that God has given you?

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Life is Fragile, Handle with Prayer

Can you make time to pray everyday for a child's life?

Are you using cans with POP TOP TABS?? (Soda, Soups, Pet food)



The Columbiettes are collecting them for RONALD MC DONALD HOUSE (Central & Northern NJ).

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