

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.



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
notices on our Facebook
page and our website
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Served By:

**Rev. Chris Barkhausen, Pastor
Deacon Dennis Gil**

Pastor Emeritus Rev. John Boland

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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.

Third Sunday of Easter


April 26, 2020

*You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence.*

— Acts 2:28



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- Mass Intentions** 
- 25 - Saturday
 - 8:30 AM Saturday Memorial Mass
 - 5:00 PM Dolores Larios 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 Anna Marie & Evan Duerr
 - 6:30 PM Alex Mutz req by Maureen & Mike Moscato
 - 27 - Monday
 - 8:30 AM Pat Smith (2nd Anniv.) req by The Smith Family
 - 28 - Tuesday
 - 8:30 AM People of the Parish
 - 29- Wednesday
 - 8:30 AM Rose Martis req by The Gil Family
 - 30 - Thursday
 - 8:30 AM Gavin Deahl req by The Carney Family
 - 01 - Friday
 - 8:30 AM Anthony Borino Sr. req by Thomas & Donna Harder
 - 02 - Saturday
 - 8:30 AM Saturday Memorial Mass
 - 5:00 PM Frank G. Calandriello req by Leonard & Varorie DeBuck
 - 03 - Sunday
 - 8:00 AM Audrey Gunn req by Pam Tilli
 - 10:00 AM James McCoy & Ronald Roland req by The O'Shea Family
 - 12:00 PM William McCormick req by Friends of the Family



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 Sinfiorosa, Paul Smitko, Joan Stellingwerf, Jennifer Kirchner 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.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
- Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59, or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
- Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
- Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

THINK BOX: When this pandemic is over, how will you feel about your time spent at home? Have you reached any goals? Prayed more? Re-Connected with family, via technology? Checked on your neighbors, or elderly?

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 Contreri, Jeffrey DeGroat, Jeanie Diemer, Marianne Di-Martino, 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 Rourke, Baby James Ryan Simpkins, Vito Siblano, John S. Sidebottom, Glenn Sloves, George Stewart, Elaine Stroppel, 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

STAY WITH US, LORD

Walk with us, Lord,
 along the road of resurrection!
 Explain for us, so slow to believe,
 the things that Scripture says of you.
 Break the bread of the Eucharist with us
 whenever we share our lives
 with our brothers and sisters.
 Stay with us
 each time night approaches
 and the daylight fades in our hearts!

—From *Come, Lord Jesus* by Lucien Deiss, CSSP, copyright © 1976, 1981, Lucien Deiss. Published by World Library Publications p 168

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE

Sunday Collections – March 29 and April 5, 2020 Total **\$22,740.00**
 (This includes drop-offs, mail-ins, bank bill-pay and OSV Online giving received for the period 3/23/20 thru 4/6/20)

Total for same Sundays last year **\$25,286.00**

Food Pantry Donations (for above period) **\$880**

Sunday Collection – April 12, 2020 (Easter) Total **\$15,663.00**
 (This includes drop-offs, mail-ins, bank bill-pay and OSV Online giving received for the period 4/7/20 thru 4/14/20)

Same Sunday last year **\$25,749.00**

Food Pantry Donations (for above period) **\$2,790**

Diocesan Assessment Collection – thru April 12, 2020 **\$545.00**
 (This includes drop-offs, mail-ins, and OSV Online giving received for the period 3/23/20 thru 4/14/20)

Diocesan Assessment Collection fiscal YTD **\$20,615.00**

What we have paid to Diocese fiscal YTD **\$54,038.00**

Diocesan Assessment for FY19-20 **\$71,420.00**

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<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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SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA (1347-1380)

April 29

Imagine the pope receiving a young woman still in her twenties who addresses him as “my sweet Christ on earth,” then orders: “Get back to Rome where you belong!” Amazingly, Gregory XI complied! Yet this was but one astonishing incident in the extraordinary life of Catherine of Siena, a truly unique medieval woman. Youngest of twenty-five children, Catherine refused marriage and became a Dominican Tertiary at sixteen, cloistering herself at home in contemplative prayer, austere penances, and mystical experiences, culminating in “spiritual espousal” to Christ. Then, incarnating the Dominican ideal of “passing on to others the fruits of contemplation,” Catherine left her solitude to care for the poor, nurse the sick, comfort the dying, and bury the dead. Increasingly renowned for converting souls and healing bodies, she was sought after to broker peace during civil wars and Church schisms. All this, and like Jesus, whom she called “my Divine Spouse,” she died at thirty-three! Four hundred letters and her spiritual classic *The Dialogue* inspired Paul VI to name her, together with Teresa of Ávila, the first women Doctors of the Church.

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Third Sunday of Easter

Emmaus might as well be Brigadoon. We hear of it in this one story—and it’s only in Luke—and then it disappears. The journey to Emmaus is one of the most beloved stories about Jesus, and yet the town is probably “mythical” in the truest sense. Like so much of life, this story is about the journey, not the destination. Running away from Jerusalem and their fears, probably going home in disillusionment, two of Jesus’ disciples encounter a stranger on the road who, like a rabbi, is able to help them understand their experiences using his deep knowledge of scripture. Later, sharing a meal with him, they recognized the stranger as Jesus, and they return to Jerusalem to tell the others. How like our Mass—we hear the scriptures and an explanation of them, we share a meal, and then we go out to tell the good news.

THE STRANGER

Imagine meeting a stranger, a fellow traveler, who butts into the conversation you’re having with your friend. The two disciples in today’s Gospel are heading to Emmaus, seven miles away from Jerusalem, heartbroken and disillusioned. It’s the day of Jesus’ resurrection, but no one knew it when these two set out on their journey, maybe going home to resume their pre-Jesus lives because it seemed as if everything was over.

In the middle of trying to make sense of the tragedy, some eavesdropping guy asks them about their troubles. After telling their story, the disciples are amazed to find this stranger able to piece together the fragments of the broken image of their master using scripture as the glue. Then it happens—at dinner they recognize Jesus in the breaking of bread, just before he vanishes. With their hearts burning with love and inspiration, they run back to Jerusalem—at night—to tell the others their new story.

THE STRANGER/SHEPHERD

The stranger in this story who turns out to be Jesus is reminiscent of the Gospel images of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. He seeks out his “lost sheep” who have strayed from the faith community, and the experience of the risen Lord transforms them into perhaps the very first evangelists, sharing their Good News with their friends back in Jerusalem.

Are we transformed by the time we leave Mass? We should be! Our hearts should be burning within us from our experience of Jesus in word and sacrament. Yet how often life breaks our heart and clouds our mind! We stumble toward our own Emmaus, unaware that Jesus is with us. We are privileged to experience Jesus in every Eucharist through the breaking open of scripture and by the breaking of the bread. Like the disciples of the story, that transforming experience can compel us to go forth and tell everyone the Good News.

Today’s Readings: Acts 2:14, 22–33; Ps 16:1–2, 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17–21; Lk 24:13–35

**Let's look forward and
SAVE THE DATE !
St. Francis de Sales
Celebrates 40 YEARS
Saturday, June 20th**

**5PM Mass with all our previous
Parish Priests & Pastors
followed by
Beefsteak Dinner
by Nightingales**



Where: Boland Hall
More info to follow!

GOD'S PLAN

Saint Peter speaks to us twice today. In the first reading, we hear an excerpt from his sermon on Pentecost; in the second, part of his first letter. Once a frightened, uneducated fisherman who often said just the wrong thing, now Peter is speaking what he knows to be true. Everything Jesus had said now makes sense. His death and rising were all part of God's plan, and our faith and hope can be centered on God.

Today's Gospel tells the story of Jesus' walk to Emmaus with two of the disciples. Frightened, sad, and confused, the two of them don't recognize Jesus, who tells them what we heard Peter say above: All this had to happen as part of God's plan. In the end, these disciples recognize Jesus as we are to recognize him—in the breaking of the bread.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTRATION FOR 2020-2021



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.

Please note:

- Any unpaid balances must be paid first.
- If your child is **NEW to the Program**: Please bring in their Baptism certificate, unless baptized here, when you come into register.
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**Registration
to be announced.**



Looking for Adult Volunteers. Please contact Petrina G. ASAP! 973-827-3248 x 327 petrina@stfrancisvernon.org

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. Due to bears and wild life- only leave donations while the Shopping cart is out!



Thank you for sharing what God has given you!

The need is greater than ever!

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.



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, forms, etc... for the office.



This locked mailbox has been installed to the left of the front door, under an overhang.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION Program

Spiritual Adoption Development update:

I can suck my thumb!

Hi! I am about 7 inches long and weigh about 7 ounces now. I can swallow and even suck my thumb. Fine hair has begun to grow on my head, eyebrows and eyelashes.

Please 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

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Life is Fragile, Handle with Prayer

Thank you for Praying for Me

"...I am joyfully and wonderfully made." Psalm 139:14

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

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).



Please save them at home, until we can meet again. Then the Columbiettes will take care of the rest. Thank you for participating.!



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