

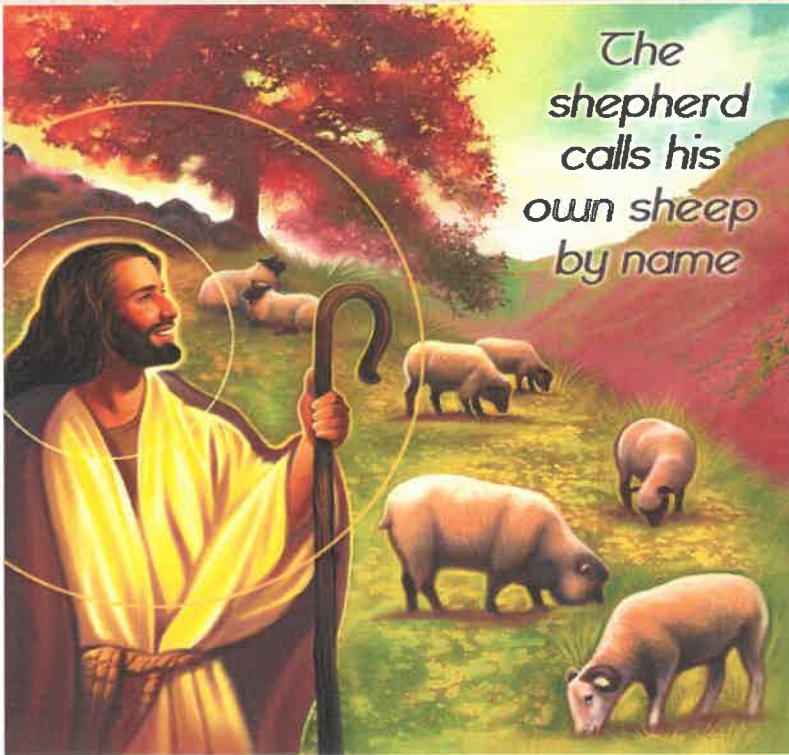
All Weekday and Sunday Masses are currently suspended, due to the COVID19, until further notice per Bishop Serratelli. The sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the sick are available as needed. Please call Fr. Chris at ext. 431. Sunday Mass will be Live on Facebook- Sunday at 10 AM- Father Chris



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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.



The  
shepherd  
calls his  
own sheep  
by name

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.

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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.

## Fourth Sunday of Easter


May 3, 2020

He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross,  
so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.

— 1 Peter 2:24a



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<b>Mass Intentions</b> 	
02 - Saturday	Saturday Memorial Mass
8:30 AM	Frank G. Calandriello req by Leonard & Valorie DeBuck
5:00 PM	
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
04 - Monday	
8:30 AM	Those suffering from Coronavirus
05 - Tuesday	
8:30 AM	Those who have died from Coronavirus
06 - Wednesday	
8:30 AM	Intentions of all Medical Field Personnel
07 - Thursday	
8:30 AM	Intentions of all Essential Workers
08 - Friday	
8:30 AM	Evelyn Ryan req by Maureen & George Chintala
09 - Saturday	
8:30 AM	Saturday Memorial Mass
5:00 PM	Intentions of our Confirmandi
10 - Sunday	
8:00 AM	Loretta Biagini req by Josephine Prisco
10:00 AM	Miriam Ballinger req by Susan & Art Mokray
12:00 PM	Anthony Fusco req Fusco Family



**SATURDAY MEMORIAL MASS**

The 8:30AM Saturday Mass during the month of May will be offered for the souls of: Frank Curran, Edward & Catherine DeYoung, Stephen Fava, Marissa Jankow, Albert & Marion Sinforosa, Paul Smitko, 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.



**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

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

**MUCH-NEEDED LOVE**

No one needs love more than someone who doesn't deserve it.

—Anonymous

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6,8; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday:	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

**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 DiMartino, 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

**COUNTING SHEEP**

When at night you cannot sleep,  
talk to the Shepherd and stop counting sheep.  
—Anonymous

**IN NEED OF A SHEPHERD**

For a while it was very fashionable to own pigs as pets. The publicity surrounding these creatures informed us that they were—contrary to their popular image—very clean animals, and also quite smart. Sad to say, sheep will most likely never enjoy this sort of domestic vogue. They are neither clean nor smart and are largely defenseless when left on their own, even in large numbers. The biblical image of us as the flock of sheep is not a particularly flattering one. Sheep without a shepherd are truly sad, because they most likely will perish either from their inability to fend for themselves or from their lack of defenses against predators. Placing ourselves in the heart of this unflattering image can reinforce our faith. Until we come to a profound realization of how much we need a shepherd, we cannot appreciate how deeply blessed we are to have been given a Shepherd, one who laid down his life for us and was raised to life eternal in the Spirit, so he might guide us and we might follow him in faith forever.

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**STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE**

<b>Sunday Collection – April 19, 2020 Total</b>	<b>\$13,448.</b>
<i>(This includes drop-offs, mail-ins, bank bill-pay and OSV Online giving received for the period 4/15/20 thru 4/21/20. This total includes \$1,949 received for Easter donations)</i>	
<b>Same Sunday last year</b>	<b>\$13,104.</b>
<b>Food Pantry Donations (for above period)</b>	<b>\$890.</b>
<b>Diocesan Assessment Collection-April 19, 020</b>	<b>\$593.</b>
<i>(This includes drop-offs, mail-ins, and OSV Online giving received for the period 4/15/20 thru 4/21/20)</i>	
<b>Diocesan Assessment Collection fiscal YTD</b>	<b>\$21,208.</b>
<b>What we have paid to Diocese fiscal YTD</b>	<b>\$54,038.</b>
<b>Diocesan Assessment for FY19-20</b>	<b>\$71,420.</b>

For those that us online giving, the following are upcoming collections:

- May 19, 2020 Diocesan Assessment*
- May 26, 2020 Holy Father Peter Pence*
- May 30, 2020 Ascension*

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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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**SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES****May 3**

Call Philip the gospel's "Answer Man." "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Nathaniel asked Philip, who had proclaimed Jesus "the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets" (John 1:45). Jesus asked Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" (John 6:5). Greeks brought Philip their request: "We would like to see Jesus" (John 12:21). Philip's answer to each question: bring people to Jesus! At the Last Supper, finally, Philip had a request of his own: "Show us the Father!" (John 14:8). Jesus had three last questions for Philip: "You still don't know me? How can you ask that? Don't you believe?" And an answer: "I am in the Father and the Father is in me" (John 14:10). Today's James is not John's brother, Zebedee's son, but, tradition says, author of the New Testament Letter of James, who died praying for his murderers in Jesus' words: "Forgive them, for they know not what they do." Few historical details for either saint, but lessons aplenty: Bring every question we have and everybody we meet to Jesus; be, as James' letter challenges, "doers of the word and not hearers only" (James 1:22). —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Today's readings invite us to recognize our need for one who ensures our safety, nourishes us, and leads us to peace and security, like sheep who rest in the care of a good shepherd. Such a shepherd will protect and save the sheep, even from the most deadly of predators. Today, we ponder the incredible news that Jesus accepted death on the cross in order to open the gates of eternal life with God for us. Through his resurrection, Jesus protects and saves us from the power of sin and death. We need only accept his love and live as God's people in this life, relying on the Lord who is the door to new life for us and for all.

**Good News!**

When Peter faced the crowds on Pentecost, he was emboldened by the Holy Spirit and proclaimed the truth of Jesus Christ passionately to those who gathered to hear him. There was likely part of him that was not quite sure what to expect, knowing that a few weeks prior, crowds of people had chanted "Crucify him!" as Jesus was sentenced to a cruel and unjust death. The people who heard Peter were moved by his witness, compelled to acknowledge their sinfulness and to accept the news of salvation through Jesus Christ as good news, the gospel that changes everything.

**Jesus Saves**

Be honest with yourself. Have you ever gone astray? Have you ever given in to temptation or weakness? Do you sometimes feel that you need someone to help you get your life on back on track? Most people could answer yes to any of these questions. As people of faith, we know that Jesus understands the struggles we face and gave his life to save us from our human frailty. The Lord knows that we need help in order to live as God's people in the world. There are people and powers that seek to mislead us, who offer a way that may for a time be appealing, even though it does not lead to the true way of life, love, and peace. We can be readily dissuaded and distracted from the ways of holiness. We easily lose our way, lured by the trappings of material possessions, wealth, or social status. Jesus is our only real way, the door that leads to meaning and peace in this earthly time, and to life everlasting.



Our Parish's 40th Anniversary celebration will be rescheduled to a future date. When it is safe to gather.

*Lord, in this time of uncertainty, we pray for your wisdom and peace. We pray for those who are sick, that they would be healed. We pray for health care workers, that they would have the strength and energy to care for the sick.*

# Father

When I am *tired*,  
You give me the *strength* to go on.  
When I am *discouraged*,  
You give me *hope*.  
When I am *afraid*,  
You give me *peace*.  
When I am feeling *alone*,  
You bring me *comfort*  
And You fill my *spirit* and *soul*  
with *peace*.  
Thank you Lord.

## 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.
- \$25.00 minimum payment per child must be paid to hold their spot.
- Payment plans are available.
- Children in Sacramental Year- requires an additional fee. To be paid by separate check by September.
  - \$50.00 First Communion (2nd Grade)
  - \$35.00 1st Year Confirmation (7th Grade)
  - \$50.00 Confirmation (8,9,10th Grade)

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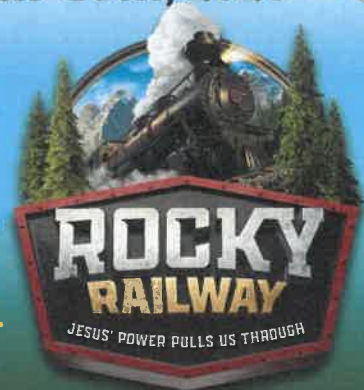
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## All Aboard for VBS !! July 6th -10th, 2020

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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](mailto: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! Mon - Fri 9AM -4 PM



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.



### 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*

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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YOUTH MINISTRY page: [www.facebook.com/St.Francis de Sales Youth Ministry](http://www.facebook.com/St.Francis de Sales Youth Ministry)

### Looks What's New ... A Mailbox!

Since the church is locked for the foreseeable future,

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New Mailbox

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