

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.



Resting
in a
mother's
arms

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
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Pastor Emeritus Rev. John Boland

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.


**Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2020**

**"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the
Father except through me."**

— John 14:6



Mass Intentions	
09 - Saturday	Saturday Memorial Mass
8:30 AM	Intentions of our Confirmandi
5:00 PM	
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
11 - Monday	
8:30 AM	Betsy Vandenberg req by Friends at St. Francis
12 - Tuesday	
8:30 AM	Those who have died from Coronavirus
13 - Wednesday	
8:30 AM	Marie Hazen req by The Carney Family
14 - Thursday	
8:30 AM	Alice Rourke req by The Kelly Family
15 - Friday	
8:30 AM	Barry Simmons-Stuber req by The Delhauer Family
16 - Saturday	
8:30 AM	Saturday Memorial Mass
5:00 PM	Frank Calandriello req by Vicki & Geno Santos
17 - Sunday	
8:00 AM	Violet Pulvino req by Anna Marie & Evan Duerr
10:00 AM	Elaine Lanza req by The Hertlein Family
12:00 PM	Jennifer Williamson req by The Rockwell 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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

HUGS
A mom's hug lasts long after she lets go.
—Anonymous

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday:	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a

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.



Baptismal Prep Classes

Next class is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, 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

VOCATION

Roman Catholics in the United States spend a good deal of time speaking of “vocation” and the manner in which each of us discerns our vocation for life. In today’s apostolic letter, however, Peter gives us the “cornerstone” of our vocation, the description of what each of us is called to first and foremost by our baptism. He describes our vocation as “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of [God’s] own, so that you may announce the praises” of Christ, who called us out of darkness into light (1 Peter 2:9). All of us, no matter what path our life’s vocation may take us down, have been chosen by God, made holy, and anointed as priests in the high priesthood of Christ through baptism. All of this, so that we may announce the praises of Christ. Vocation is given for proclamation at home, in the workplace— wherever life takes us—in service, in word, and in sacrament.

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STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE

Sunday Collection – April 26, 2020 Total \$10,043.
(This includes drop-offs, mail-ins, bank bill-pay and OSV Online giving received for the period 4/22/20 thru 4/28/20.

Same Sunday last year \$10,556.

Food Pantry Donations (for above period) \$975.

Diocesan Assessment Collection – April 26, 2020 \$715.
(This includes drop-offs, mail-ins, and OSV Online giving received for the period 4/22/20 thru 4/28/20)

Diocesan Assessment Collection fiscal YTD \$21,923.

What we have paid to Diocese fiscal YTD \$54,038.

Diocesan Assessment for FY19-20 \$71,420.

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

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

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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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SAINT DAMIEN JOSEPH DE VEUSTER OF MOLOKA'I (1840-1889)

May 10

In the mid-1990s, a heavily bearded, bespectacled Robin Williams appeared on Late Night with David Letterman, whose host was clearly taken aback. Letterman inquired as to why the wild look. Uncharacteristically subdued, the usually manic comic responded that he was producing and starring in a movie about a most extraordinarily compassionate man, Damien, the Leper Priest of Moloka'i.

Some saints transcend religious and ethnic boundaries to touch the heart that beats in each human being: Francis of Assisi; Mother Teresa; and, though Williams' film was never completed, his admiration speaks, as does Damien's statue outside the capitol in Honolulu, of this newest saint's universal appeal. Far from his native Flanders' idyllic beauty and rich culture, Damien volunteered to bear Christ's light into Moloka'i's bleak leper colony, building decent homes, opening schools, establishing clinics, planting farms, sharing the sufferings—and the social stigma—of those with whom he delighted to identify: "We lepers," he would proudly say when finally he contracted leprosy. Saint Damien challenges us to identify the lepers of our own day, to examine our compassion for and our identification with them.

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Throughout the Easter season, we hear the story of the earliest Christian communities in readings from the Acts of the Apostles. We hear how the people grappled with what it meant to place their faith and trust in the Lord, understanding that doing so called them to live differently—to follow Jesus' way of love. This is more than a history lesson for us. As we hear how the people were drawn to Christ and learned to follow Jesus, we are invited to ask ourselves how fully we are taking the gospel to heart. Is Jesus our way, truth, and life? Do our daily actions announce the praises of the Lord?

Change of Mind and Heart from Now On

During Lent, we participated in penitential practices and focused on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in order to turn our lives more fully to the Lord. However, the fruit of our Lenten practices is not supposed to end on Good Friday or Easter Sunday. Lent is our annual time to embrace spiritual renewal, which is intended to last. The change of mind and heart that we embraced in the weeks preceding Easter are to be our spiritual foundation, shaping our lives now and into the future. Pause for a moment and ask yourself what difference Lent made for you this year. If you can point to some particular change of mind, heart, or behavior, promise yourself that you will continue to live in this new way in the months and years to come. If Lent did not have a special impact on your life this year, now is the time to invite the Lord to show you the way to more meaningful and faith-filled living in the future.

MARY OUR MOTHER

*What a joy to remember
that Mary is our Mother!
Since she loves us and
knows our weakness, what
have we to fear?*

—Saint Thérèse of Lisieux



*"Mothers hold their
children's hands for a
short while, but their
hearts forever."*

— Unknown

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTRATION FOR 2020-2021
will be mailed to each family currently enrolled, in the next two weeks.
If you have a new incoming student- Please call the office. 973-827-3248 x 324



Space is limited first come, first served.

Please note:

- Any unpaid balances must be paid first.
 - If your child is **NEW to the Program**: Please include a copy of their Baptism certificate, unless baptized here.
 - Please **VERIFY** all information, Phone & Email, best contacts etc.
 - \$25.00 minimum payment per child must be paid to hold their spot.
 - Payment plans are available. Contact the business office.
 - Children in Sacramental Year- requires an additional fee, which may be paid by separate check by September.
- \$50.00 First Communion (2nd Grade)
 \$35.00 1st Year Confirmation (7th Grade)
 \$70.00 8 & 9th (Eve of Reflection & Full day retreat)
 \$50.00 Confirmation (10th Grade-overnight)

Please do not hesitate to call the office, we check our messages and email from our homes.

**Registrations Forms and Payments may be return. You can mail them to:

St. Francis de Sales P.O. Box 785, McAfee, NJ 07428
 Or

Registrations and payment may also be placed in our new **Mailbox.** (To the left of the main Church entrance.)

There are many opportunities, listed on the back of your registration form to **Volunteer** in our program, which will provide a discount. Contact: Petrina Garrity petrina@stfrancisvernon.org or call 973-827-3248 x 327

Please call the business office to pay by Credit Card over the phone. 973-827-3248 x 325 or 324

Sacramental News for Students 2019/2020

Current 2nd Graders



Due to the pandemic- Jesus Day and First Holy Communion will take place this Fall. The date is to be determined.

2nd Year Confirmandi

(10th graders 2019/2020)



A date or dates will be determined within 60 days of when the restrictions are lifted.

Open Registration 2020-2021

Little Angels Learning Ctr

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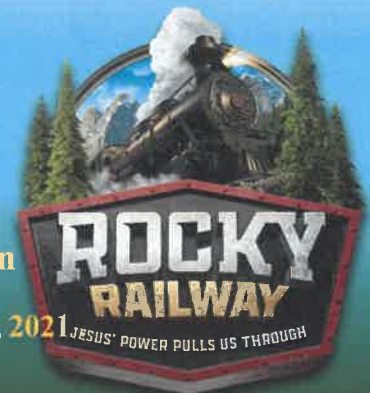
SPACE IS LIMITED

littleangels@stfrancisvernon.org

SAD NEWS- St. Francis will NOT have VBS this summer 2020, due to the pandemic.

See you NEXT Summer - 2021

Open to Children
 4 Years (Pre-K)
 -6th Grade



Registration
 Spring 2021
 for July 12th-16th, 2021

Looking for Adult Volunteers. Please contact Petrina G. 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! 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.



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.



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

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION Program

Spiritual Adoption Development update:

16 Weeks: 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

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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