

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



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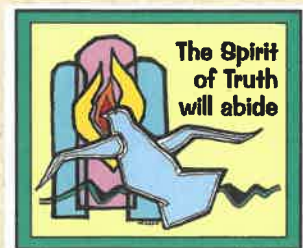
As a parish family of St. Francis de Sales Church, we are committed to stewardship as our way of life. We place God first in all things. Centered in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, we devote ourselves to proclaim the Gospel. We are dedicated to grow as a faith community to holiness through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

Sixth Sunday of Easter


May 17, 2020

**"I will ask the Father, and he will give you . . .
the Spirit of truth."**

— John 14:16-17



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- Mass Intentions** 
- 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
 - 18 - Monday
8:30 AM People of the Parish
 - 19 - Tuesday
8:30 AM Larry Tilli req by Pamela Tilli
 - 20- Wednesday
8:30 AM Irene Nocera req by Mike Gubner
 - 21 - Thursday
8:30 AM Lillian Molosh req by Chuck & Pat McGill
 - 22 - Friday
8:30 AM Terry Matthews req by Friends in the Parish
 - 23 - Saturday
8:30 AM **Saturday Memorial Mass**
5:00 PM Tina Flynn req by Liz & Scott Rockwell
 - 24- Sunday
8:00 AM Sheila Harris req by Peg Whitson
10:00 AM Henry Joseph Zarzycki req by St. Francis Choir
12:00 PM Domenico & Antonia Fusco req by Family



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

PATRIOTISM

Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, and your government when it deserves it. - Mark Twain

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
- Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20



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.



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

THE REASON FOR OUR HOPE

“What is the reason for your hope?” Imagine somebody coming up to you and asking you that question. Not “What are you hoping for?” or “What are you hoping to do?” No, this isn’t about our desires for possessions or aspirations for life, it’s “Why do you hope?” Peter today tells us that we ought to be ready to give an answer to this question. Truth be told, few of us spend much time thinking about why we hope. Luckily, the scriptures today give us our answers. We hope because Christ suffered for us, in order that we might come to God. We hope because we know that, in the Spirit, God grants us another Advocate through Christ to remain with us always. No matter what we might hope for, whatever we might hope to do, we must always first know and proclaim the reason for our hope: the presence of God in Christ, with us through the power of the Spirit. -Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LIGHT OF BELIEF

Every believer in this world must become a spark of light.
—Pope Saint John XXIII

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE

Sunday Collection – **May 3, 2020** Total \$12,478.00
(This includes drop-offs, mail-ins, bank bill-pay and OSV Online giving received for the period 4/29/20 thru 5/5/20.)

Same Sunday last year \$13,227.00

Food Pantry Donations (for above period) \$1,445.00

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

Diocesan Assessment Collection – **May 3, 2020** \$70.00
(This includes drop-offs, mail-ins, and OSV Online giving received for the period 4/29/20 thru 5/5/20)

Diocesan Assessment Collection fiscal YTD \$21,993.00

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

Amount owed to Diocesan Assessment for FY19-20 \$71,420.00

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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 RITA OF CASCIA (1381-1457)**May 22**

If you're ever in Philadelphia on May 22, forget parking anywhere near Saint Rita's shrine. Cars line streets and fill medians as throngs pack a candlelight vigil and six Masses, honoring this patroness of lost causes, hopeless situations, and—as her statue in countless churches built by twentieth-century immigrants testifies—difficult marriages, troubled homes, and alienated children. Wise people warn, be careful what you pray for. "Divine Savior," Rita prayed, "let me suffer like you!" Obedient to parents who refused her wish to become a nun, Rita married a man who returned her devotion with twenty years of abuse. When enemies murdered him, Rita's two sons swore revenge. Paintings depict her pointing the angry boys toward Christ crucified, whom she begged to restrain them. Within the year, both sons died. Alone now, Rita went to the convent but was refused. The nuns feared violence, since one of them was related to the murderer. Rita arranged peace between the families, made vows, and became much sought after as a counselor and intercessor for forty years on earth—and ever since in heaven. —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

As Jesus prepared the apostles for the time when he would no longer be with them physically, and knowing that they would face hardship, trials, and persecution in the future, he promised them an Advocate, the Holy Spirit. Through baptism that same Spirit dwells within us, always with us to guide us in the truth of God's love and strengthen us so that we may know Christ and live as Christ's people. Now, as in every time, God knows it is not always easy to live as a Christian. With the assurance of the Holy Spirit's presence, we find the grace to love Jesus and to keep the Lord's commandments.

Strengthened to Live as Christ's Own

We might look at the world around us and conclude that this is the most challenging time in history during which to live as a person of faith. Yet we know this is not so. Throughout the ages, people of faith have faced mockery, persecution, and even death as a result of their commitment to Christ. Still, it is important for us to acknowledge the challenge of living as a Christian today, when faith is viewed with ambivalence at best, and often with antagonism. Some do not understand how faith and reason can sit side by side, even though many of the world's greatest scientific discoveries have been made by people of faith. Others see the failures of the Church or its leaders and discount faith as a result. We rely on the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit to be with us when we are mocked or simply misunderstood on account of our faith in Jesus Christ. Through the Holy Spirit, we will find the grace to live with conviction as Christian people.

The Reason for Our Hope

Saint Peter admonishes us, "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope." One of the greatest gifts of faith in our lives is our hope in Christ Jesus. Through Christ, we keep our eyes on the wider view of life here on earth and everlasting life with God. We know that the trials and challenges of today do not have the final word, and do not have power over us. With the presence of the Advocate, we have the help we need to live as God directs and desires, so that the world might come to know Christ through the witness of our lives. This is a hope-filled, meaningful way of life. When so much of our surrounding culture speaks of impermanence and momentary distractions, we have the hope of meaning and purpose today and the promise of eternal life to come.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTRATION FOR 2020-2021

Look in your MAIL- Forms were mailed out this week.

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.

**Please return your Registrations Forms and Payments. 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

10 month 1/2 day sessions
 Faith-based school readiness
 M/W/F - 4 year olds
 T/TH - 3 year olds
 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 food 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! 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.



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.



New Mailbox

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

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION Program

Spiritual Adoption Development update: **5 months:**

I am 5 months old now. I'm 22 inches long and I weigh about one pound. I'm really getting big and mommy can now feel me kick and move around! Hey! Someday maybe I'll play soccer! 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

349 "My Mother is in Our Heart"

Thank you for Praying for Me

"I am fearfully 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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Sacrament of the Sick: Those who are sick, homebound, or in the hospital are a vital part of our parish family. Please call the parish office to arrange for the reception of the Eucharist and Anointing of the Sick.

Sacrament of Baptism: Parents must be registered members of the parish and attend a preparation class before arranging for the baptism of their child. Please call the parish office.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples planning to marry at St. Francis de Sales should contact the pastor at least one year in advance and before making any other arrangements. You must be registered in the parish for at least six months prior to setting a date. The couple is expected to worship with the community and commit themselves to the Marriage Preparation program.

New Parishioners: Our parish invites everyone to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. To become a member of our community, we invite you to a welcome meeting. Please call the parish office to find out the next meeting date.

MINISTRY ADVISORY BOARD (MAB)

This board exists for the purpose of assessing the needs and goals of our parish community and to assist the pastor in accomplishing the goals set forth in the Parish Mission Statement. It is comprised of representatives from each ministry as well as parishioners-at-large. The Board meets on the first Monday of the month. Anyone who wishes to express an idea, concern, or question is encouraged to contact the appropriate ministry facilitator. Items of a general nature should be referred to the parishioner-at-large representatives. Your input is welcome.