

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



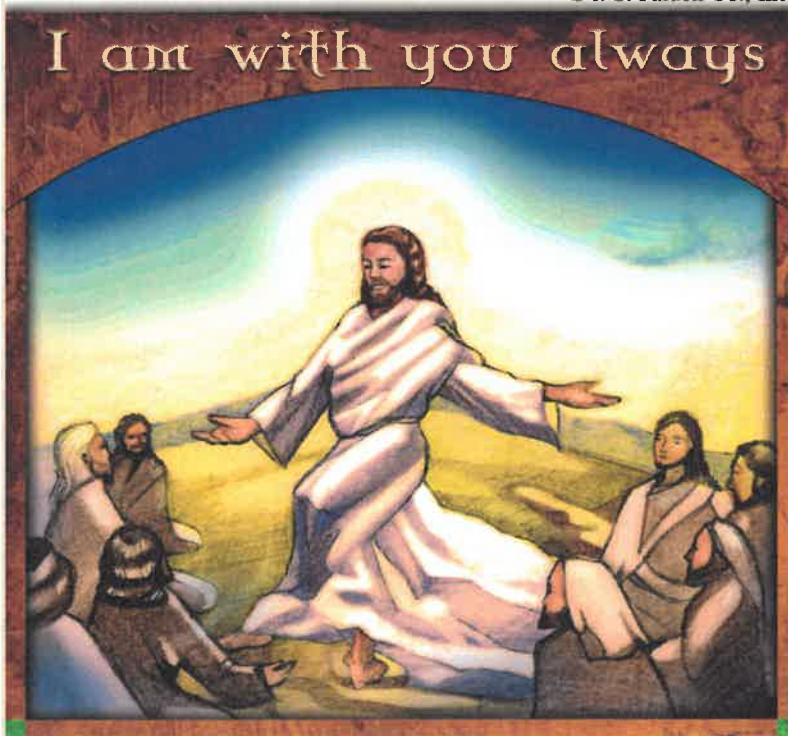
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St. Francis de Sales Church

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
 notices on our Facebook
 page and our website
www.stfrancisvernon.org***

Served By:

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

Pastor Emeritus Rev. John Boland



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.

*The Ascension of the Lord
 May 24, 2020
 He was lifted up,
 and a cloud took him from their sight.
 — Acts 1:9*



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- Mass Intentions**
- 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
 - 25 - Monday
 - 8:30 AM Terrence Sweeney req by Matthews Family
 - 26 - Tuesday
 - 8:30 AM Marissa Jankow req by Grieco Family
 - 27 - Wednesday
 - 8:30 AM People of the Parish
 - 28 - Thursday
 - 8:30 AM Len DenBleyker req by Family
 - 29 - Friday
 - 8:30 AM Kevin Crowley req by Joanne Connell
 - 30 - Saturday
 - 8:30 AM Saturday Memorial Mass
 - 5:00 PM Paul Smitko req by The Hill Family
 - 31 - Sunday
 - 8:00 AM Raphael Dellatore & Luis Santiago req by Bryan & Noralisa Dellatore
 - 10:00 AM Larry Scoloveno req by Joanne & Ed Connell
 - 12:00 PM Ann Flynn req by Liz & Scott Rockwell




THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
- Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
- Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

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, 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

HEAVEN

*The world is only peopled to people heaven.
—St. Francis de Sales*

“PUSHED” OUT ON MISSION

There is a delightful character in the original Dr. Dolittle Tales called the “Pushmi-Pullyu.” It is a beast with two identical halves, with a head at each end. No matter which direction the beast walks, one end is the “push me” and the other is the “pull you.” Today’s feast is a bit like that in the life of the church. In the book of the Acts of the Apostles, it is the ascension of Christ that calls for the Holy Spirit, which consequently sends or “pushes” the church out on its mission. This is the message that we hear from the angels today as they tell the friends of Jesus not to look up into the clouds, but to get busy. It is the message of Jesus himself in Matthew’s Gospel, as he sends them out to baptize. He also tells them, “I am with you always, until the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20). And it is this message, confident in faith that Jesus has ascended to shouts of joy, that “pulls” us along to our final destiny. The life of the faithful disciple, sent into the world on mission, will one day know the same risen, ascended glory. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE

Sunday Collection - 5/10/20 Total \$11,102.
(This includes drop-offs, mail-ins, bank bill-pay and OSV Online giving received for the period 5/6/20 thru 5/12/20)

Same Sunday last year \$11,350.

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

May 26, 2020 Holy Father Peter Pence

May 30, 2020 Ascension

Diocesan Assessment Collection 5/10/20 \$300.
(This includes drop-offs, mail-ins, and OSV Online giving received for the period 5/6/20 thru 5/12/20)

Diocesan Assessment Collection fiscal YTD \$22,293.

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

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

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 PHILIP NERI (1515-1595)**May 26**

In a shop near the Vatican, a group of Americans laughed as the shopkeeper showed off his fluent English and latest souvenir, a key ring whose papal portrait, when pressed, activated a recorded blessing. Through the shop window, two clerics scowled disapproval. The shopkeeper grunted, "They're a very somber order who've left the Church. I recognize them." "By their long robes?" an American asked. "Many in Rome wear robes," replied the shopkeeper. "It's their long faces!" When Philip Neri arrived in sixteenth-century Rome, there was reason to be somber. Swiss Guards had been massacred on Saint Peter's steps defending the pope. Parts of Europe were abandoning the Church. But Philip resolved to be an "apostle of joy," drawing especially the young to Christ—and frequent confession and Communion—by his sincere interest in their problems, prayerful example, and gentle humor. His "Oratory," a movement as well as a place, provided recreation and devotion in a joyful atmosphere of companionship, service, and liturgy. Philip Neri challenges each of us to begin improving Church and world by changing ourselves with unflinching joy.

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

We know the desire to return to our parish, participate in the liturgy, and receive the Eucharist is incredibly strong, but we ask that everyone approach this reopening with a patient, loving and charitable mindset. The specific details of when the church will be open for private prayer or when public Mass will resume and how it will be celebrated are still being determined and there is no firm date or timeframe yet set. However we offer the following thoughts to help prepare us all for when we are able to return.

Five Things to Be Mindful of During the Return Process

- 1.** A general dispensation from the Sunday obligation will remain until further notice. The dispensation for the obligation to attend Mass will remain in effect. No one will be required to attend Mass when public celebrations resume. Hence, a live stream Mass for parishioners at home will continue.
- 2.** Attendance will be limited. We know restrictions will remain on holding large gatherings, so we are working to determine the best way to ensure safety. Communications will come from the parish so parishioners will know how many people can attend any given Mass. It is possible that all parishioners may not be able to attend Mass regularly at first.
- 3.** Social Distancing will be practiced. Expect that our parish will have pews/rows that are taped off, and that households, even of one individual, will be asked to keep six feet of separation from each other. No one will be admitted without a mask. Parishioners should take their temperature before coming to Mass. Anyone with any symptoms of sickness must stay home.
- 4.** Liturgical changes will be in place. Similar to protocols established when churches were closing, extra precautions will be taken. Temporary adjustments will be made to how we celebrate Mass and receive Communion.
- 5.** There still will be a risk for anyone who attends a public Mass. Even with best health practices and strict social distancing, anyone who enters a public space should recognize there is a risk of contracting the coronavirus. Improved cleaning will occur at our church, but no one should expect that they will be any safer from germs than in other public spaces.

Finally, we should recognize that this is a unique time and we need to continue to work together to make progress. There will be challenges and frustration. However, we believe these guidelines are a call to love our neighbors. Each of us is called to be faithful members of the Body of Christ as we implement the reopening of our church. We thank you for all you have done and continue to do in our parish community.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTRATION FOR 2020-2021

**Look in your MAIL-
Forms were mailed out.**

**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. It is listed on your form.

- \$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

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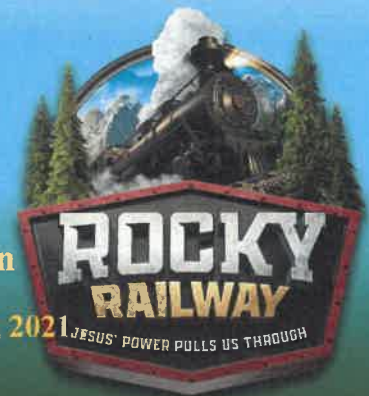
SPACE IS LIMITED

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 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 12 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

"My future is in *Your Hands*"

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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