

*St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community*

# *Easter Sunday*

**I AM THE RESURRECTION  
AND THE LIFE.**

**MASSES**

**Saturday: 5:00 pm**

**Sunday: 9:00 am & 10:30 am**

**Daily: 8:00 am (Monday – Thursday)**

**Holy Day of Obligation: Eve: 5:00 pm**

**Holy Day: 8:00 am and 7:00 pm**

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*He who believes in me  
will live...*

**MARCH 27, 2016**

*John 11:25*

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# Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the lord

“Christ our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed; let us then feast with joy in the Lord.” John 20:1-9

## Mass Intentions

### Week of March 26th – March 31st

- Sat 3/26 7:00p † Gerard & Elizabeth Morrongiello req. by their children
- Sun 3/27 9:00a † Erwin Burkhart by Greg Desann
- Sun 3/27 10:30a † Brian Bloodgood req. by Linnie & Jamie
- Mon 3/28 8:00a † Lena & Charles Timpanelli req. by Timpanelli Family
- Tue 3/29 8:00a Mass of Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Gerard for Tony & Tessa Morelli req. by Helen Morelli
- Wed 3/30 8:00a Open Intention
- Thur 3/31 8:00a Open Intention

### Weekend of April 2nd – April 3rd

- Sat 4/02 5:00p † Diane O'Donnell req. by Ed & Nancy Zorn
- Sun 4/03 9:00a Open Intention
- Sun 4/03 10:30a † Robert DiPasqua req. by Lillian DiPasqua

### Weekend Lectors

- Sat 3/26 7:00pm P & M Ruane, Brown, Hubbell
- Sun 3/27 9:00am Judy Pavone
- Sun 3/27 10:30am Elizabeth Quinn



### Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

- Sat 3/26 7:00pm Bender, Zorn, Paultre
- Sun 3/27 9:00am Shimer, Nilsen, Wolfrom
- Sun 3/27 10:30am Bloodgood, Ullmann, DiPasqua



### Weekend Ushers

Frank Rauchut   Ron Pawlowski   Jerry Baltz  
 Andy Nappi   John Sansone  
 Ed Zorn   Bruce Wallace

### Readings for the Week of March 28, 2016

**Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15  
**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18  
**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35  
**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48  
**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14

March 20, 2016 Regular Collection, the Fuel and Easter Collections will be reported next week  
**Thank you for your generosity.**

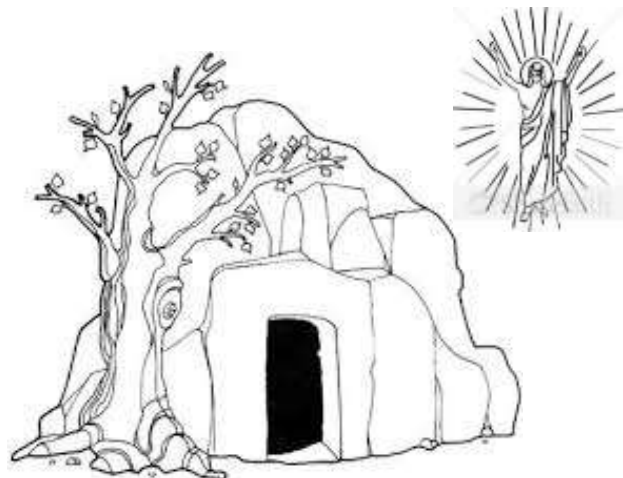
## Scripture Reflection

### "John saw the empty tomb and believed"

What was it like for the disciple who had stood at the cross of Jesus and then laid him in a tomb on Good Friday, to come back three days later and discover that the sealed tomb was now empty? Like Mary Magdalene and the other disciples, John was not ready to see an empty tomb and to hear the angel's message, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" What did John see in the tomb that led him to believe in the resurrection of Jesus? It was certainly not a dead body. The dead body of Jesus would have disproven the resurrection and made his death a tragic conclusion to a glorious career as a great teacher and miracle worker. When John saw the empty tomb he must have recalled Jesus' prophecy that he would rise again after three days. Through the gift of faith John realized that no tomb on earth could contain the Lord and giver of life. John saw and believed.

The reality of the resurrection is the central fact of the Christian faith. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Lord gives us "eyes of faith" to know him and the power of his resurrection. The greatest joy we can have is to encounter the living Christ and to know him personally as our Lord and Savior. Do you accept the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection with skeptical doubt and disbelief or with trusting faith and joyful wonderment?

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## PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Novena to Our Lady of La Salette:** Monday, March 28th following the 8:00 am Mass, we pray the 4th day of the Novena. "Our Lady of La Salette, Reconciler of Sinners, pray without ceasing for us, who have recourse to you."

### **Children's Faith Formation:**

Classes are held after the 9:00 am Mass. The April classes are April 3rd, April 10th and April 17th. Please pray for our students & their families. FMI, please call Faith Formation Coord., Gerri Nilsen at 687-9769.



**If the Mass Intention is for a friend or a loved one, please advise the ushers if you will be bringing up the gifts. If not, the ushers will choose someone from the congregation to present the gifts.**

**Parish Council:** The next Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday, March 29 at 7:00 pm in the rectory. All are welcome to attend.



**Divine Mercy Sunday at Parish:** Fr. Raphael has announced a parish event for Divine Mercy Sunday to be observed April 3rd. The Exposition & Adoration of the Holy Eucharist will take place from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Church. This is a wonderful time for prayerful meditation after our Easter observance. At 3:00 pm, parishioners can participate in the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Divine Mercy is also a time for reconciliation. Father will be available to hear confessions during the Exposition and Adoration hour (up to 3:00 pm). All are welcome to attend.

**Adult Faith Formation:** Please join Sr. Catherine Gormley for the next adult faith formation class with lively discussions of faith and scripture. Class is in the rectory after the 9:00 am Mass, Sunday, April 24, 2016. Topic: "On the Way to new faith in the risen Christ." What do the first generation Christians mean by the Risen Christ? How do they think about the resurrection? What happened to make the disciples believe in something so amazing about Jesus? What

caused such a radical turnaround? What happened to them now since his death? Today we will explore these questions and delve deeper into this keystone of our faith. Come and be with us, a "community of faith," growing in our knowledge and love of Jesus. Enjoy the company of members of St. Francis de Sales community as well as coffee and Danish.

### **Collection for Archdiocese for the Military**

**Services, USA:** Pope St. John Paul II established the Military Archdiocese in 1985 to provide pastoral care for Catholics serving in the armed forces. This annual collection (scheduled weekend of April 9 & 10) provides needed revenue for Catholic chaplains for the U.S. military and Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers. Pastoral services in the military reach 1.8 million Catholics. Thank you for your generosity.

### **A Moveable Feast**

Some strategic changes are in the works, thanks to the many gifts and versatility of the members of our church community. First, Laurie Brown is stepping up as Chair of the Parish Hall Committee. We are thrilled with Laurie's YES, after years of training under the master, Dad Jerry Bender. She has big shoes to fill, and we expect that she is up to the task! Laurie's phone number is now listed in the bulletin and on the website as the contact person for reserving the Hall.

Meanwhile, Anne Shea is shifting her ministry to fill in some gaps and expand our program offerings. She will be helping to plan special events (like the St. Joseph's Feast Day celebration on March 19 and Divine Mercy Sunday on April 3), organizing some adult faith formation opportunities, and working on the Fund-raising Committee with Faye Storms. Both Laurie and Anne are multi-talented and serve in multiple ministries. We are grateful for their many ministries, and wish them well as they take on new responsibilities.

### **Calling All Gardeners!**

As we get ready to welcome the return of our spring flowers, the gardens around the grotto and rectory need some attention and love. Bring your favorite tools, clippers, etc. and join our garden "party" on Sunday, April 17, following the 9 am Mass. We'll plan a 2 hour work session. Many hands will make the work light. Please join us!



## Special Occasions & Celebrations

**April Celebrations:** May God bless all our parishioners who have special birthdays, anniversaries and celebrations this month!



**“Happy Birthday”** to Marge Tiso (4/2). *May you always be aware of God's presence in your life. May you always open your heart for him to come there and stay with you. Have a glorious and memorable Birthday! Happy Birthday!*

Share your good news with the parish; drop info in the collection basket, email [sfdchurch@hvc.rr.com](mailto:sfdchurch@hvc.rr.com) or call Judy at 688-9912 or email her at [jap120@hvc.rr.com](mailto:jap120@hvc.rr.com)

## Pope Francis is Three Years Old!

Well, actually, it's been three years since he was elected pope—on **March 13, 2013**. In three short years, Pope Francis has captured the hearts of the world. His ready smile, his warmth and friendliness, and his embracing of all people have created a great interest in this humble man. He has encouraged the Church to throw open its doors and welcome all in need. We associate words with him such as joy, family, mercy, and love. *Source: EWTN*

## Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for April 2016

**Universal:** That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God.

**Evangelization:** That persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church. *Source: EWTN*

**Divine Mercy Conference:** The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Divine Mercy Conference will be held **Saturday, April 16th** at Cardinal Spellman H.S. in the Bronx. The all-day event features speakers, sacred music, Adoration, Confession and Mass. Cost: \$60. Co-sponsored by the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception and the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. See flyer on bulletin board for details/registration or visit [www.thedivinemercy.org](http://www.thedivinemercy.org). If there is any interest or have any questions, please call Judy at 688-9912.

**Easter Mass Televised:** The Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) provides full coverage of **Pope Francis celebrating the Solemn Mass of Easter from Rome Sunday, March 27 at 7:00 pm**. Check Time Warner Cable and other satellite TV guides for channel listings. Earlier at **12:00 noon Easter Sunday**, EWTN presents Mass from Basilica of



the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

### Mother Teresa's Poem

“People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway.

If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway.

For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.”

– *Mother Teresa (adaptation from Paradoxical Commandments by Dr. Kent M. Keith)*



Russell Abbrecht, Luisa Armani, Laureen Aversa, Jerry Baltz, Jim Barden, Rick Bicanovsky, Kathleen Biondo, Sheila Madera-Brown, Ellen Burmeister, Liam Casey, Ben Cole, Cathy Connell, Ed Dannen, Lillian DiPasqua, Betty Djerf, Robyn Daugherty, Iris D'Agostino, Honey Fecci, Ernest Fudge, Sr., Rose Fudge, David Gerdes, Dorothy Gorman, Jan Goyer, Chris Hall, Victoria Hall, Catherine Hand, Etta Hanigan, Dolores Harvey, Fr. George Hommel, Laurie Hoy, Fr. Raphael Iannone, Arleen Kachadoorian, Jimmy Kinns, Justin Kolb, Josephine Kloufas, Michelle Louis, Amada Lumbaca, Nina Marino, Irene May, Mary McCloskey, Josie McIsaac, Ed McCoy, Helen Morelli, Diana Munch, Gerry Nilsen, Janet Oakes, Florence Palmer, Sylvia Persons, Franca Ravetier, Maryellen Reh, John Rossett, Jon Rowe, Catherine Ryan, Michael Ryder, Zoila Santa, Martha Santicola, Bert Shafer, Peter Spiegler; Marie Stutman, Dorothy Sylak, Fr. Phil Tran, Angie Valentino, Stephanie Vesely, Bob Walsh, Ellen Watson, Catherine Whitelaw. *Pray for our men and women in military service.*

We're always eager to hear that someone is doing better **and that our prayers are being answered. Please call Father Raphael** to add or remove a loved one's name so that our list is up-to-date. Thank you. Call 688-5617.

## PARISH CALENDAR















<b>March 23</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Divine Mercy Novena recited on Wednesdays after the 8 am Mass.</b>
<b>March 29</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Parish Council Meeting at 7 pm in Rectory</b>
<b>April 3</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Youth Faith Formation at 9 am in Parish Hall</b>
<b>April 3</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Divine Mercy Sunday - Exposition &amp; Adoration of the Holy Eucharist. See bulletin details.</b>
<b>April 24</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Adult Faith Formation Class is in the rectory after the 9:00 am Mass,</b>

### *HE HAS RISEN... ALLELUIA!*

The Saint Francis de Sales Parish joyously celebrates the resurrection of Our Lord, and we hope this Easter Season marks a renewal of faith within us all. Through the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are redeemed in the eyes of God. Christ becomes the “one mediator between God and men” (1 Tim 2:5), and He invites us to follow Him and transform our lives by joining our own personal sufferings with His sacrifice on the cross. Through such a response, we share in the triumph of His resurrection, the source of our joy and “the foundation and kernel of the whole liturgical year” (CCC 1193). Christ says: “Behold I make all things new” (Rev. 21:5). Let us always strive to see the glory that awaits us throughout the struggles of life, so that we can remain an Easter people. - *Fr. Raphael*

**WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY EASTER AND THE BLESSINGS OF  
THE RISEN LORD ALWAYS IN YOUR LIFE!**

### SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS

<p>No eye has seen, nor ear heard, what God has prepared for those who love Him. (1 Cor. 2:9) -- The children of Ellie &amp; Larry Monachelli</p>	<p>Thank God for the blessings He has bestowed on our parish and may we continue to grow in faith and love. – The Gormley Family</p> 	<p>In Loving Memory of Barbara Caton. By son, William</p> 	<p>In Loving Memory of my dear husband, Tony, and beloved son, Anthony – Angie Valentino &amp; Family</p> 
 <p>Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with us. The Morelli Family</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of Jack and Virginia Fleming and John Fleming, Jr. by Veronica &amp; Jon Rowe</p> 	<p>In Loving Memory of my beloved wife, Harriet, our mom &amp; brother Frank, by Frank Rauchut, John, Veronica &amp; Joseph</p> 	<p>In Loving Memory of my beloved husband, Romeo, and son, Joseph by Honey</p> 
<p>In Loving Memory... James P. Hefferan and daughter Maureen Hefferan Swezey, by Iris &amp; the D’Agostino Family.</p> 	<p>In Loving Memory of Lawrence Monachelli and Eleanor Monachelli. - Mike &amp; Eileen O’Connor</p> 	<p>In Loving Memory of my daughter and our sister Janet by Enid Cervino, Paul, Diane, Cathy and Francesca</p> 	<p>In Loving Memory of Vic Cammardella by Helen &amp; Family “The measure of love is to love without measure.” - St. Francis de Sales</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of our Parents, Marian &amp; Howard and Grandparents, Callaghan and Umhey and all our Loved Ones. - The Howard Umhey Family</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of my beloved wife, Josie, our parents, and our siblings. – Dick Morra</p> 	<p>In Loving Memory of our beloved parents, John &amp; Frances Rauchut, Alfred &amp; Veronica Grace and our deceased brothers and sisters.</p> 	<p>“Oh Lord, how magnificent are the works of your hands!” <i>In Loving Memory of my wonderful Mom</i></p>
<p>If you remain in my word, you will truly be disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. (John 8:31-32)</p>	<p>In Memory of the Missionary Fathers of La Salette</p> 	<p>Prayer to the Miraculous Infant Jesus of Prague. The Wallace Family</p> 	<p>Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous...do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go. (Josh.1:9) – Sue Tiso</p>