# St. Francis de Sales Church

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## *We Invite You to Celebrate*

***Eucharist:***

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| Saturday (Vigil): | 5:00 PM |
| Sunday | 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM |

***Morning Mass:***

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| Monday through Friday | 8:30 AM |
| Saturday (Memorial Mass) | 8:30 AM |
| In addition during **Lent** | 7:00 AM |
| (M, Tu, Th, & F - no 7AM on Weds) | |

***Holy Days :*** 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 7:30 PM

***Reconciliation During Lent:***

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| Monday | 7:00 - 8:30 PM |
| Saturday | 4:00 - 4:45 PM |

***Stations of the Cross:***

Friday after the 8:30 AM Mass & 7:00 PM

***Adoration*** **:**

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| First Friday | 9:00AM - 9:00PM |
| Subsequent Fridays | 9:00AM - 12:00PM |

***Served By:***

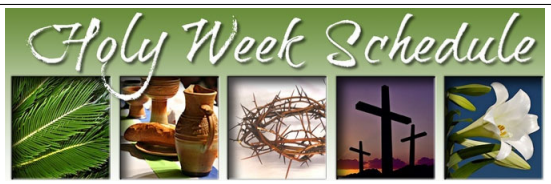
**Rev. Brian P. Quinn, Pastor**
**Deacon Dennis Gil**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**
**March 20, 2016**

The Lord God is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced.
— Isaiah 50:7a

**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.




March 20: **PALM (PASSION) SUNDAY** Masses- Sat.5:00 PM, Sunday- 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12 Noon.
Palms will be distributed at all Masses.

March 24: **HOLY THURSDAY: 8:00 PM-** Mass of the Lord's Supper; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00-Midnight.

March 25: **GOOD FRIDAY** : **3:00 PM** Living Stations of the Cross; **8:00 PM** Liturgy of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Communion.

March 26- **HOLY SATURDAY: 10:30 AM** Blessing of Easter Food; **8:00 PM** Easter Candlelight Vigil Liturgy

March 27- **EASTER SUNDAY**: Masses 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12 Noon.

## Mass Intentions

***19- Saturday***
8:30 AM Saturday Memorial Mass
5:00 PM Christopher Supino req by The Supino Family

***20- Sunday***
8:00 AM Elias Wezowicz req by Jeremy & Brie
10:00 AM Kelly Hanson req by The Van Houten Family
12:00 PM Anna Pavlo req by The Grib Family

***21- Monday***
7:00 AM People of the Parish
8:30 AM People of the Parish

***22- Tuesday***
7:00 AM People of the Parish
8:30 AM Robert DeLeo req by The Carney Family

***23- Wednesday***
8:30 AM Howard Dearing req by Joanne & Ed Connell

***24 -Holy Thursday - No Morning Mass***
8:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

***25- Good Friday - No Morning Mass***
3:00 PM - Living Stations
8:00 PM - Good Friday Services

***26- Holy Saturday - No Morning Mass***
8:00 PM Easter Vigil

***27- Easter Sunday***
8:00 AM Catherine Matthews req by The Family
10:00 AM Karen Van Herwarde req by Friends of St. Francis
12:00 PM Jennifer Kirchmer Young req by The Family

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday: | Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11 |
| Tuesday: | Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38 |
| Wednesday: | Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25 |
| Thursday: | Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21<br>Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15 |
| Friday: | Is 52:13 - 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 - 19:42 |
| Saturday: | a) Gn 1:1 - 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 - 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12 |
| Sunday: | Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35 |

**March 24, 2016, 8:00 PM**
**Holy Thursday**

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|---|---|---|---|
| B1 | Debbie Gonzalez | 1 – Barbara Andreski | Brittany Gaule |
| C1 | Deacon Dennis | 2 – Hal Avery | Luca Ondris |
| B2 | Father James | | |
| C2 | Laura Scovell | | |
| C3 | Janice Gaughan | | |
| C4 | Kathy Brady | | |
| B3 | Sergio Gonzalez | | |
| XC | Gail Englert | | |

**March 25, 2016, 8:00 PM**
**Good Friday**

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| B1 | Gail Englert | Rich Sorce | Colin Geisen |
| B2 | Father James | Frank Garrity | Sara Mazzella |
| B3 | Deacon Dennis | | |

**March 26, 2016, 8:00 PM**
**Easter Vigil**

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|---|---|---|---|
| B1 | Marion Geerlof | Russ Wyborski | Mia Annunziata |
| C1 | Deacon Dennis | Comm & Epistle | Evan Amato |
| B2 | Father James | 1-Laura Curcione | Mike Kubik |
| C2 | Steven De Buck | 2-Diane Wyborski | Matt Kubik |
| C3 | Cheryl Avery | 3-Janet Kubik | |
| C4 | Cindy Ferrazano | | |
| B3 | Ed Ferrazano | | |
| XC | Chuck McGill | | |

**Easter Sunday, 8:00 AM**
**March 27, 2016**

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| B1 | Leila Kirchmer | Hal Avery | Kyle McCurry |
| C1 | Deacon Dennis | Maryellen Anderson | Patrick McCurry |
| B2 | Janice Gaughan | | |
| C2 | Bob Kirchmer | | |
| C3 | Claire Schmidt | | |
| C4 | Janice Tanguay | | |
| B3 | Denis Tanguay | | |

**10:00 AM**

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| B1 | Bea Harrigan | Ami Byra | Tonianne Vitale |
| C1 | Mike Molloy | Jill Marchesani | Anthony Vitale |
| B2 | Sergio Gonzalez | | |
| C2 | Janet Redyke | | |
| C3 | Laura Scovell | | |
| C4 | Joan Stellingwerf | | |
| B3 | Debbie Gonzalez | | |
| XC | Chris Gaule | | |
| SHB | Barbara Reed | | |
| SHC | Kevin Reed | | |
| CB | Barbara Thomas | | |
| CC | Carolyn Kelly | | |

**12:00 Noon**

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| B1 | Natalie Callahan | Bob Kusma | Faith Pisapia |
| C1 | Maureen Carr | Arleen Hill | Alexandra Pisapia |
| B2 | Allie McLaughlin | | |
| C2 | Luann Lambert | | |
| C3 | Bob Springer | | |
| C4 | | | |
| B3 | | | |

Christ is Risen!

**Please Pray for those who are sick, especially:** Michael Accetta, Anna Aikens, Alexander, Paul Antola Sr., Eddie Becker, Kathy Boehm, Donald Borst, Melinda Borst, Shirley Borst, Brian Braun, Kevin Braun, Marilyn Burnham, Lillian Brunetti, Baby Solly Chait, Kris Chmara, Stanley Chmara, Meg Cleary, Sean Connell, Janiece Contreri, Kelly Cusack, Laure Di Domenico, Fred Di Martino, Raymond Diemer, Baby Evie Dixon, Robert A. Drogo, Lisa Merck Edwing, Edward P. Farrell, Peter Ganzer, Joe Garcia, Margaret Guiton, Bob Haley, Gerhard Hartung, Bill Healey, Joanne Healey, Jeanne Heinke, Greg Holowach, Ruth Hubmaster, Andy Jacko, Gary Kolalowski, Anne Kolibas, Joseph Kolibas, Lorraine Kuhl, Joe Kunz, Ryan Lambert, Janet Macaluso, Carol McDonald, James Mc Donald, Maureen McDonald, Kim McGovern, Charles McGillick, Marianne Meehan, Marie Mendez, Mary Meyers, Marlene Monforte, Michael, Devon Parrish, Nadine Porter, Bernice Regan, Harold Rowan, Dominique Scerbak, Judy Scheidel, Stephen Smith, Sara Snyder, Alison Walters Soderberg, Denis Tanguay, Sr., Adrienne Teel, Madeline Thall, Todd, Norman Trass, Brian Walters, Fr. Fred Walters, Patricia Wetterlind, Brenna Whitson, Walter Winkler, Emma Marie Wyman

## PASSION

The word "passion" connotes deep, focused engagement. It also relates to passivity, interestingly. The deeply passionate person in the Gospel narrative from Luke is Jesus. He appears passive, but he is not. He is wholly self-possessed and wholly present for the one day that begins on Thursday evening at his last meal with his apostles and ends with his burial before sunset the next day. Then follows the long Sabbath silence.

The narrative of the Passion is read whole and without pause on the Palm Sunday of the Passion. This story, found in each of the Gospels, is unchanging. We are the ones who change. Each year, we bring ourselves with another year's history to hear and heed the story we so badly need. Life has its way with us, and we look again to the Passion narratives to learn to follow. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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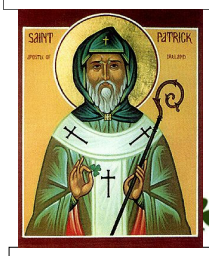
## STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE

**Thank you to our many envelope users last weekend.**
For our parishioners who contribute electronically, the next upcoming special collections are:

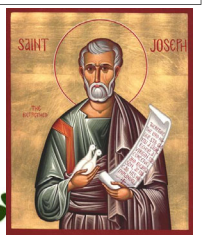
March 24- Holy Thursday
March 25- Holy Land Good Friday
April 25th- Camp for Human Development

*What shall I return to the Lord for all He has given?"*
*-Psalm 116:12*




St. Patrick
March 17th

St. Joseph
March 19th




## " NEW" ONLINE GIVING OPTION

We are pleased to announce that our parish website has the ability to accept donations online. With online giving you can set up a monthly gift or just a one-time donation because you are traveling or cannot make it to Mass because the weather has prohibited your attendance. The added benefit of course is that if you are using your credit card you can save up the much-needed points to escape this cold weather. To make a gift online go to www.stfrancisvernon.org, under the home tab you will find the link for online giving. As always, we thank you for your support of our parish.

Dear Parishioners,
I am happy to report that our parish recently received a check from our Diocese for $30,364.25. This represents the third rebate returned to us as part of the Partners in Faith campaign. With these funds, we have done the following: *Upgraded the lighting in the Church, atrium, and original office area; replaced 4 A/C units and replaced the siding on the Church.*

These parish funds are only available because of those parishioners who are making ongoing payments on their Partners in Faith pledges. I am so grateful to all who are consistent in paying their pledge, and ask any who may have fallen behind to recommit to their pledge if possible. It is important to the work of the Diocese and to our parish. May God bless you for your generosity. - Father Brian

**Why do Catholics do that ?**

## *Why do Catholics distribute palms on Palm Sunday?*

To the ancient Jews, palms were a symbol of triumph often used in victory celebrations. So when Jesus made His triumphant entry into Jerusalem before His passion and death, the crowds "took palm branches and went out to meet Him and cried out: "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, (even) the king of Israel" (John 12:13). Today we are given palms as part of the Passion (or Palm) Sunday liturgy to commemorate that last trip to Jerusalem.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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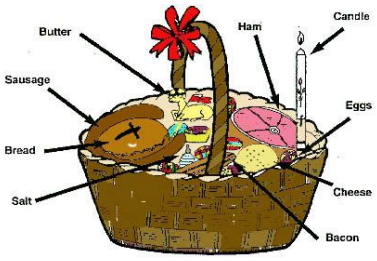
|---|---|
| 19- Saturday | 9:00- 10:15 AM Religious Education<br>11:00 AM - 12PM AA (SCB) |
| 20 - Sunday | PALM SUNDAY<br>No Children's Liturgy<br>MEN's Retreat Weekend |
| 21- Monday | 6:30 PM Circle of Friends |
| 22- Tuesday | 9:30 AM Rosary Makers and Prayer Shawl (103)<br>4:30 - 5:45 PM Religious Education<br>7:00 PM Consoling the Heart of Jesus |
| 24 - Thursday | Holy Thursday<br>9:00 AM Vietnam Vets<br>8:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper<br>9:00-Midnight Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| 25 - Friday | Good Friday<br>3:00 PM Living Stations of the Cross<br>7-8 PM AA (SCB)<br>8:00 PM Liturgy of the Passion & Veneration of the Cross |
| 26- Saturday | 10:30 AM Blessing of Food<br>11:00 AM - 12PM AA (SCB)<br>8:00 PM Easter Candlelight Vigil Liturgy |
| 27 - Sunday | EASTER SUNDAY<br>No Children's Liturgy |

## BLESSING OF THE EASTER FOOD

This is a Polish and Slavic tradition that goes back many centuries. It is a family blessing that there be love, unity and strong faith in every family and they have God's blessing as they celebrate this greatest of Christian feasts.

Bring your Family's food for the blessing
10:30 AM
HOLY SATURDAY
Boland Hall




## 2016 UPCOMING DATES

**March 24, 25, 26:** Triduum ~Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday
**March 27**: Easter
**April 2:** Confirmation
**April 3:** Divine Mercy Sunday
**April 23:** Jesus Day
**May 7:** Communion
**June 4-5th:** Book Fair
**June 12:** Parish Picnic
**June 16:** (Thursday) Golf Outing

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## TRIDUUM -THREE DAYS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

The liturgies from the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday through the evening of Easter Sunday are referred to as the "Triduum," meaning "three days." These are the days in which we are given the opportunity to share in the mystery and power of the Father's love as lived out in the suffering of Jesus, his Son. It is perhaps most helpful to think of these days, not as separate celebrations, but as one continuous remembrance in which we meet and follow Jesus.

### Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Last Supper 8PM

Lent ends at sundown today and the Paschal Triduum begins. The Gospel of John tells us that Jesus, while he was at supper, got up and washed the feet of the apostles. In the Middle East, where people's feet easily become dusty, this washing was an act of hospitality. Rich people usually had servants perform this service, so Peter was embarrassed and told Jesus not to do it. But Jesus warned Peter, "Unless I wash you, you can have no share with me." Then Jesus said, "I have given you an example. You should do for each other what I have done for you." During tonight's liturgy, we will have the opportunity to rededicate ourselves to ministerial service in a very meaningful and symbolic way. After celebrating Eucharist and sharing Communion, the consecrated elements will be carried out of church in a solemn procession; the nightwatch begins!

### Good Friday, Liturgy of the Passion 8PM

This day is part of something bigger than itself. The liturgies of Good Friday have no formal beginnings or endings, no greetings or dismissals. The services are all part of the single, three-day liturgy of the Triduum. The Eucharist is not celebrated. The Passion reading shows us how God's glory is seen in the suffering and death of Jesus. After the Passion reading, all are invited to venerate the Cross, and lastly, we receive Communion that was consecrated on Holy Thursday and held in repose for tonight's service.

### Holy Saturday, Easter Candlelight Vigil 8PM

At nightfall on Holy Saturday, the blessed Sabbath is over. The first day of the week begins. After the Sabbath, according to custom, the first work to be done is to make a fire and to kindle the evening lamp. That is what the Church does too. That is how the Easter Vigil begins. On this night, every member of the Church is asked to gather with the soon-to-be-baptized. We keep watch together. We settle down and re-tell our family stories. St. Augustine said that, on this night above all other nights, the Church keeps watch for the Lord and the Lord keeps watch over the Church!

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*Second Grade - Sacramental Preparation*

"Together With Jesus"

*April 23, 2016 - Jesus Day (Parents too!)*

***Ecumenical Lenten Services***
***Wednesday Evenings 8:00 PM***

| Date: | Host Church | Preacher |
|---|---|---|
| March 23 | Faith with Love Fellowship | Rev. Eunice Vega-Perez |
| March 25 | Good Friday | |
| | 12 Noon St. Thomas Chapel | Rev. Howard Whitaker |
| March 27 | Easter Sunday Sunrise Service | |
| | 6:30 AM Cemetery Field | |

## ON GOOD FRIDAY AT 3:00 PM

## YOU ARE INVITED TO WITNESS

# LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us for this powerful, live presentation of the Stations of the Cross. Presented by the students in our Confirmation and High School Programs, you owe it to yourself to experience Christ's Passion and Death as you prepare for Easter.

**Confirmation Students** Please Note: Your participation in the Living Stations of the Cross is optional but your presence is ***not.*** Fr. Brian expects ***all*** **Confirmation students** to attend

Are you a participating student in the Living Stations of the Cross?

Rehearsals will be:

Sunday 3/20 7:00 PM -9:00 PM

Friday 3/25 1:00 PM

**HAVE YOU TAKEN A RICE BOWL ?**

Prayerfully Fill IT with your loose change and dollars during Lent. Make a sacrifice- ie: No Coffee today and put that money in the rice bowl.

Explain your donations to your children. Your money will help those in need.

**YOU and YOUR FAMILY DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

## What is FORMED ?
## It's for you!

FORMED is an exciting new program that St. Francis de Sales has subscribed till next Fall. You will have access to the best CATHOLIC teaching videos, books and audio talks to deepen your relationship with Christ and his Church.
ALL IN ONE PLACE!

Go to www.FORMED.org. Scroll to " Does your Parish already have Formed?" and enter the **Parish Code : RX7GDK** and then sign in by creating your own login password. (Don't forget to write it down) Explore !

**Did you know St. Francis has a SENIOR CITIZEN Group?**

**The XYZ CLUB**

- **Open to both Men and Women**
- **Meets First Wednesday of the Month**
- **Meeting Time: 1:00 PM**
- **Bring your Lunch, arrive- 12:00 PM**
- **Where: St. Francis Church Hall**
- **Light refreshments served**
- **Trips - Contact Jo Prisco 973-222-9369**

## Gift Shop News

**Confirmation Gifts** and cards are now available. Communion items are soon to follow. If you need favors for either event, stop by. Orders take about a week and half to come in - so shop early! Need a hostess gift for Easter - we have them. *The best place to shop is local. Stop by and see us.* ~Gift Shop is open after all Masses ~

If you wish to donate memorial Easter flowers to decorate our sanctuary this year, an envelope has been provided with your packet. Envelopes are also available on the windowsill in the Atrium or ask an usher. Thank you.

## COLLECTING PALMS

You can still bring last years Palms in.
There is a box in the atrium.

## SPIRITUALITY CONVOCATION APRIL 9, 2016

Come explore the ways hope empowers us at the Spring Spirituality Convocation at the College of St. Elizabeth in the Annunciation Center.

***DISCOVER HOW TO RESPOND TO LIFE'S CHALLENGES BY SEEKING GOD'S PRESENCE IN THEM.***

Speakers: Fr. Anthony Ciorra, & Dr. Nancy Pineda-Madrid.
Select one of 4 workshops being offered:
For more information: Call 973-290-4337 also we have Flyers with Schedules available in the Atrium.
To Register $35 by 3/31;$40 at door: www.cse.edu/convocation

## Pope Francis' Message- The Jubilee Year of Mercy

March 13, 2016 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent

How fitting that the first Sunday Angelus of Pope Francis, who has made mercy his papacy's theme, took place the last time today's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the adulterous woman was proclaimed. "Jesus' attitude is striking," Francis declared. "We do not hear words of scorn or condemnation, only words of love, of mercy, an invitation to conversion: 'Neither do I condemn you' " (John 8:11). Francis continued: "God's face is the face of a merciful father who is always patient. Have you thought about God's patience, the patience [God] has with each one of us? That is [God's] mercy. [God] always has patience, patience with us . . . understands us . . . waits for us . . . does not tire of forgiving us" if we return 'with a contrite heart" (Pope Francis, Angelus address, March 17, 2013). Parishes preparing catechumens may proclaim Jesus' raising of Lazarus. Referring to Lazarus, and all those "raised" from the "death" of sin, Jesus defines the community's "mission of mercy"— "Untie him and let him go" (John 11:44).

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## Feast of Divine Mercy (Sunday, April 3)

On February 22, 1931, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ appeared to a simple nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Kracow, Poland. At **St. Faustina Kowalska's** canonization in the year 2000, Pope John Paul II declared the Feast of Divine Mercy to be a feast of the Universal Church to be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter.

Our Lord said "It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. . . I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fountain of My mercy."

**After the 12 o'clock Mass on April 3, Please join us for the recitation of**
**The Chaplet of Divine Mercy followed by Benediction.**

**NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY BEGINS 2:30PM ON GOOD FRIDAY IN THE CHURCH**
**You are welcome to join us in community or from home.**