St. Francis de Sales Church

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We Invite You to Celebrate

Eucharist:

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

Morning Mass:

Monday through Friday	8:30 AM
Saturday (Memorial Mass)	8:30 AM

Holy Days :

	7:00 AM
	8:30 AM
	7:30 PM

Reconciliation :

Saturday	4:00 - 4:45 PM

***Adoration* :**

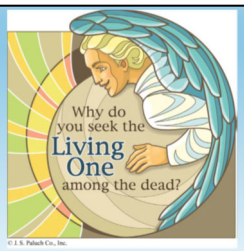
First Friday	9:00AM - 9:00PM
Subsequent Fridays	9:00AM - 12:00PM

Served By:

Rev. Brian P. Quinn, Pastor
Deacon Dennis Gil

Easter Sunday
March 27, 2016

To him all the prophets bear witness,
that everyone who believes in him
will receive forgiveness of sins



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.

DRAWN INTO THE STORY

"We are witnesses!" The scripture readings for Easter Sunday concentrate on details reported by eye-witnesses. Listen carefully and you will be drawn into the stories yourself. Peter reports the good works Jesus did, his death on the cross, and his resurrection. The passage from John's Gospel has us running to the empty tomb with Peter and John and peering inside to see the cloths used to cover Jesus' body. Psalm 118 sums up our response: "It is wonderful in our eyes!"

What resurrection details do we see in our lives today? How have we died to our old lives and been raised up again with Jesus? Let us pay attention to the new life around us. It is wonderful in our eyes.

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Mass Intentions

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

28- Monday
8:30 AM People of the Parish

29- Tuesday
8:30 AM Margaret Matthews req by The Family

30- Wednesday
8:30 AM Louise Garcia req by Pam & Paul Contreri

31 -Thursday
8:30 AM George M. Chintala, Sr. req by Maureen & George Chintala Jr.

01- *Friday*
8:30 AM Ellen Hollar req by Mary Ann & John Madonna

02- Saturday
8:30 AM Saturday Memorial Mass
5:00 PM Ellen Hollar req by Pam & Paul Contreri

03- *Sunday*
8:00 AM Catherine Vanderbeek req by The Family
10:00 AM Charles Troxel req by Debbie Zweier
12:00 PM Rev. Michael Mickelson req by The Mazzella Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

SATURDAY MEMORIAL MASS

The 8:30AM Saturday Mass during the month of March will be offered for the souls of : Nestor Bautista, Patricia Braun, Howard Dearing, Catherine & Edward DeYoung, Stephen Fava, Marion & Albert Sinforosa, Barbara Spence, Artie Straube, Jennifer Young

Liturgical Schedule

April 2 - 3, 2016 Divine Mercy Sunday

Sat., April 2, 2016, 5:00

B1	Anne Leavitt	Marie Snow	Paul Brandt
C1	Chuck McGill	Frank Garrity	Victoria Brandt
B2	Cheryl Avery		
C2	Kelly Leavitt		
C3	Mike Molloy		
C4	Diane McNulty		
B3	Frank McNulty		

Sunday, April 3, 8:00 AM

B1	Janice Tanguay	Tom Geerlof	Thomas O'Toole
C1	Denis Tanguay	Janet Tussey	Sam Lorentzen
B2	Allie McLaughlin		
C2	Marion Geerlof		
C3	Claire Schmidt		
C4	Valorie DeBuck		
B3	Janice Gaughan		

10:00 AM

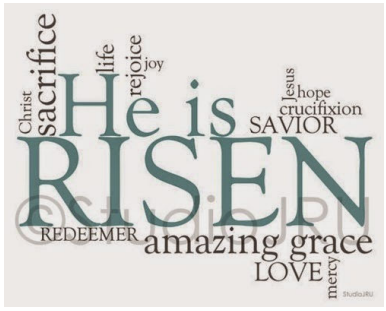
B1	Joan Stellingwerf	Barbara Andreski	Alexander McCann
C1	Deacon Dennis	Rich Sorce	Danielle Bruce
B2	Debbie Gonzalez		
C2	Rick Braun		
C3	Ken Mahouchick		
C4	Cindy Ferrazano		
B3	Ed Ferrazano		
XC	Carolyn Kelly		

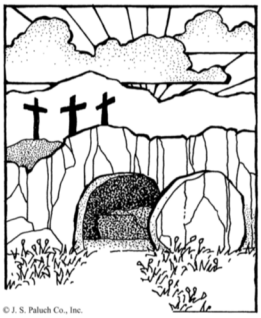
12:00 Noon

B1	John Oroho	Jeannie Diemer	Hayley Oroho
C1	Maureen Carr	Bob Griffin	Lyndsay Oroho
B2	Joe Kearns		
C2	Bob Springer		
C3	Luann Lambert		
C4	Joan Gengaro		
B3	Roger Gengaro		

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

PRAY ~ SHARE ~ SERVE ~ LOVE





STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE

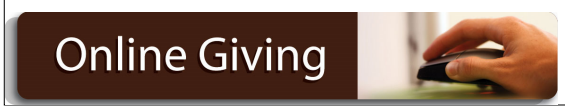
Thank you to our many envelope users last weekend.
For our parishioners who contribute electronically, the next upcoming special collections are:

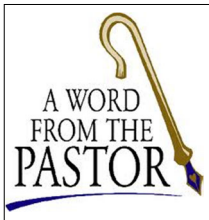
April 25th- Camp for Human Development

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

" 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.





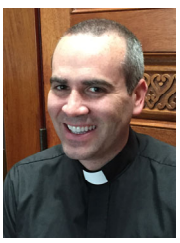
Happy Easter Everyone,

A few weeks back at an ecumenical service, I preached at Vernon United Methodist Church. I spent a few minutes talking about how when we think of the season of Lent, there are no songs that we can truly attribute to Lent. As we prepare for Christmas there were those songs that were played throughout the months leading up to Christmas, but for Easter there is nothing that really resonates with me as a Lenten song.

Yet on Easter morning we will most likely be hearing some of the classics, "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" and others. All great songs, but I wish there was more or maybe something that truly proclaims the joy of the season. If you think about it from Ash Wednesday onward there is a slow progression adding to the monumental build up of these songs being sung joyfully throughout the church. We go from nothing to SOMETHING pretty quickly. We sing that ALLELUIA as the Gospel Acclamation again. It is truly a joyous occasion.

The songs should be resounding in our hearts, minds and souls. Yet once we walk out those doors, we do not walk away humming them. It's not like Christmas when we have those ear bugs in our heads that we can't get rid of as we leave. The songs which are sung with such great enthusiasm fade as we leave the premises and focus on the rest of the day.

Today is a day in which we celebrate so great a sacrifice and gift that Jesus gave for us. This is why we gather today, with our family and friends. The celebration of the Eucharist this Easter should echo in your hearts not only on this day but everyday as well. We leave knowing He is RISEN, but we also know His sacrifice was for each of us. We need to remember this each and every day. Do not let today fade from your mind as you leave here today. Rejoice in the Resurrection. Celebrate that gift given to us in the Eucharist each and every single day of your lives whether it is here or at another church. Keep the glory of Easter all year long.

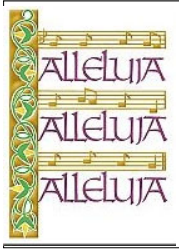


God Bless and Happy Easter!

Fr. Brian

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

26- Saturday	HOLY SATURDAY: 10:30 AM Blessing of Food 11:00 AM - 12PM AA (SCB) 8:00 PM Easter Candlelight Vigiil Liturgy
27- Sunday	EASTER SUNDAY No Children's Liturgy
28- Monday	Parish Offices Closed 6:30 PM Circle of Friends
29- Tuesday	9:30 AM Rosary Makers and Prayer Shawl (103) No Religious Education 7:00 PM Consoling the Heart of Jesus
31 - Thursday	9:00 AM Vietnam Vets 4:30PM Peers at Play 6:30 PM Circle of Friends 7:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Confirmation Rehearsal
01 - Friday	7-8 PM AA (SCB)
02- Saturday	11:00 AM Confirmation 11:00 AM - 12PM AA (SCB)
03 - Sunday	Divine Mercy Sunday 10:00 AM Children's Liturgy



We are Easter people and Alleluia is our song!
- St. Augustine

Faith is the beginning and the end is love. —St. Ambrose

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Fifty years or so ago, it was popular to teach that every Sunday is a "Little Easter." Today, after several decades of intense liturgical reform, it is more proper to think of today as a "Big Sunday." On every Sunday of the year, the Church is obliged to assemble, keeping the day holy. In most places, we hardly attain the goal of gathering all who are in Christ by baptism. Look around today and see what a Big Sunday looks like!

Our tradition speaks of remembering, *anamnesis*, as the antidote to "amnesia," the tragic forgetting of who God is and who we are as God's most beloved creation. On this Easter day, we are at our very best. We remember who God is, and we remember who we are in God's eyes: beloved sons and daughters, reborn to eternal life in baptismal waters. We rekindle our candles and reclaim our baptismal promises. As a "Big Sunday," today also reflects the character of festivity and leisure that should mark every Lord's Day. We wear "Sunday best" today, and we may take some time, especially in the northern states, to stroll through a budding garden. It is truly a "Big Sunday," and how different our lives would be if we took its values and traditions forward into all the Sundays of our lives.

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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.

You are welcome to join us in community or from home.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Second Grade - Sacramental Preparation

"Together With Jesus"

April 23, 2016 - Jesus Day (Parents too!)
May 7, 2016 - First Holy Communion
9:30 AM & 12:00 PM

God Bless our Confirmandi

Saturday, April 3, 2016
11:00 AM

Come join us for a night of fun and help us raise some much needed money to keep building the Northern NJ VETERANS CEMTERY!

CASINO NIGHT APRIL 30, 2016

Where: St. Francis de Sales
Time: Doors Open 5:30, Gaming 6-9PM, Tricky Tray 9:30pm
Tickets: $45.00 (includes $50 in Play Money*, Dinner & Dessert)

Contact: Michelle DeVenezia 201-919-2458 micheele1870@aol.com
*buy additional play money at a discount prior to the event:
$50 pm for $40, $100pm for $80. $200pm for $150

2016 UPCOMING DATES

April 2: Confirmation
April 3: Divine Mercy Sunday
April 23: Jesus Day
May 7: First Communion
June 4-5th: Book Fair
June 12: Parish Picnic
June 16: (Thursday) Golf Outing

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 !

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SPRING BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, April 24th
8 am - 2 pm
Boland Hall

To schedule an appointment: ww.tinyurl.com/StFrancisBloodDrivesVernon

New Jersey Blood Services
A Division of New York Blood Center

1-800-933-2566 Walk ins Welcome!

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, JUNE 12, 2016
Time: 1-4 PM
Cost: $5.00 pp. or
Family Max: $20.00

If you are interested in helping out or being on the committee, contact Debbie Zweier 973-229-7996

HAVE YOU TAKEN A RICE BOWL?

Many thanks to all who are participating in Operation Rice Bowl this year. Please bring your RICE BOWL or an envelope marked with your RICE BOWL donation and give it to an usher or drop it at the Parish office.

YOU and YOUR FAMILY - DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Please return your RICE BOWL during Mass or to the Parish office.

Thank you for donating!

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 First Communion, stop by. Orders take about a week and half to come in - so shop early! *The best place to shop is local. Stop by and see us.*

~Gift Shop is open after all Masses ~

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:

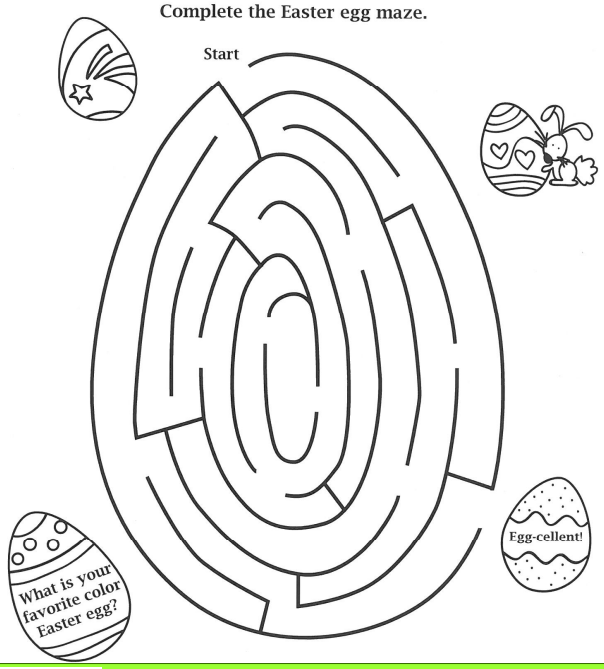
For more information: Call 973-290-4337

Flyers with Schedules are available in the Atrium.

To Register $35 by 3/31;$40 at door: www.cse.edu/convocation

Hoppy Easter!

Complete the Easter egg maze.



Pope Francis' Message- The Jubilee Year of Mercy

March 27, 2016
Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia! Easter is always, but especially in this Jubilee Year of Mercy, the victory of God's gentle but invincible mercy raising up Jesus, "faithful witness, the first-born of the dead" (Revelation 1:5), "first-born among many brothers [and sisters]" (Romans 8:29), conquering death in all its forms, in all of us in the human family. In Luke's Vigil Gospel, heavenly messengers send the women forth: "Remember what [Jesus] said to you" (Luke 24:6). In John's Gospel, the empty tomb likewise "sends forth" Mary Magdalene, Peter, and the Beloved Disciple, who believe though they do not fully understand. Finally, Luke's evening "Emmaus" Gospel sends us forth, as "missionaries of mercy," assuring us that we will encounter the Risen Lord, today and every day, in "the stranger" we meet along life's journey, in "the Word that makes our hearts burn within us," and "in the breaking of bread" (see Luke 24:32, 35).

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St. Paul Inside the Walls

Speaking of Faith: Fr. Manning will interview Mary Oswald about her physical challenges, her encounter with and response to God, and the integration of faith into work and life. **Madison, Weds, April 6 from 7:30-9:00 PM**

Women's Conference: Feminine, Faithful, Fearless : A conference for women, at any age and any stage of life, affirming who we are in Christ.. **Madison, Sat. April 9, 9 AM-1:30 PM**

Jewel of the Diocese: Come learn about the history of St. John the Baptist Cathedral from Msgr. Raymond Kupke, Diocesan Archivist. **Madison, Weds. April 13, 7:30-9:00 PM**

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY :

The Catholic Schools Office, Diocese of Paterson, is seeking applicants for the 2016-2017 school year for the following positions:

Principal, St. Patrick Elementary School, Chatham, NJ

Information and application materials can be found at http://www.patdioschools.org/administrative-openings.

St. Francis de Sales XYZ & Vernon Seniors

Upcoming Trips :

1.) **May 17th- Lancaster, PA** -Overnight *Seniortours Vacations* (Single $499, PPDO $399.) Leisure Club.

2.) **June 14 - "Juke Box Heroes"** - Hunterdon Hills Playhouse ($74.50 pp) XYZ

3.) **July 21 - "Million Dollar Quartet"-** Westchester Theatre ($73.00pp.) (Bus leaves Sr. Center) Leisure Club.

4.) **August 24- " Rock, Roll & Soul"** Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. ($76.50 pp.) XYZ.

5.) **Sept 5 - 11th- Smokey Mountain Combo Bus Trip -** includes-Dollywood, Biltmore Estate- *Seniortours Vacations* ($1517 Single, PPDO $1104.) Leisure Club

6.) Nov 4- **Radio City Christmas Show-** (open to children)

For additional Information or reservations on any of these trips

-Please call Jo Prisco 973-222-9369

Open to Adults Any Age