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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.



No one has greater love than this,
 to lay down one's life for one's friends.

John 15:13

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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:

7:00AM
8:30AM
12:00 PM
7:30PM

Reconciliation:

Saturday	4:00 - 4:45 PM
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Adoration :

First Friday	9:00AM - 12:00 Noon
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Served By:

Rev. Brian P. Quinn, Pastor
 Deacon Dennis Gil

St. Francis de Sales Church



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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter
 May 6, 2018

It was not you who chose me, but I who
 chose you and appointed you to go and
 bear fruit. — John 15:16



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**05 - Saturday**

8:30 AM Saturday Memorial Mass
5:00 PM Marie Grieco req by The Annunziata Family

06 - Sunday

8:00 AM Audrey Gunn req by Pamela Tilli
10:00 AM Leonard Talerico req by The Talerico Family
12:00 PM Anthony Fusco req by The Family

07 - Monday

8:30 AM Intentions of Sean Connell req by Joanne and Ed Connell

08 - Tuesday

8:30 AM Barry Simmons Stuber req by The Delhauer Family

09 - Wednesday

8:30 AM Salvatore Buttaci req by The Jahnke Family

10 - Thursday

7:00 AM People of the Parish
8:30 AM Irene DePace req by Kathy McGarvin
12:00PM Evelyn Ryan req The McGranahan Family
7:30 PM People of the Parish

11 - Friday

8:30 AM Betsy Vandenberg req by Friends at St. Francis

12 - Saturday

8:30 AM Saturday Memorial Mass
5:00 PM Marie Grieco req by The Genneken Family

Baptismal Prep Classes - The next class will be Thursday, May 17th, 2018 in the Family Life Center at 7:30 PM.

Do you have a Sponsor/Godparent form that needs to be signed?

See Father Brian after Mass.

Gluten-Free Communion Hosts

Are you or a family member allergic to gluten?

To receive gluten-free Communion :

- Arrive 10-15 minutes before Mass and speak to an usher.
- You must receive communion from the priest.
- When it is your turn to receive; remind the priest that you require a gluten-free host.

**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 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20 (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 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19; or, for Ascension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20

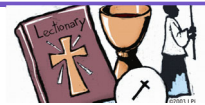
To live in the hearts of others is never to die.

SATURDAY MEMORIAL MASS

The 8:30AM Saturday Mass during the month of April will be offered for the souls of : Frank Curran, Catherine & Edward DeYoung, Stephen Fava, Linda Jahren, Barry Simmons- Stuber, Jeri Wagner, Albert & Marion Sinforosa, Jennifer Kirchmer Young

Liturgical Schedule

May 12- 13, 2018



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

LECTORS

ALTAR SERVERS

SAT., 5PM May 12th 2018

E1 Ann Leavitt	Barbara Andreski	Colin Geisen
E2 Barbara Thomas	Amita Romer	Andrew Geisen
E3 Rick Braun		
C1 Deacon Dennis		
C2 Diane McNulty		
C3 Chuck McGill		
C4 Kelly Leavitt		

SUN., 8AM May 13th, 2018

E1 Janice Gaughan	Hal Avery	Mike Kubik
E2 Marc Kolonoski	Janet Kubik	Matt Kubik
E3 Mike Molloy		
C1 Janice Tanguay		
C2 Kathy Zayatz		
C3 Denis Tanguay		
C4 Val DeBuck		

10AM

E1 Debbie Gonzalez	Rich Sorce	Owen Baez
E2 Cindy Ferrazano	Jeannie Diemer	Joanne Baez
E3 Ed Ferrazano		
C1 Serge Gonzalez		
C2 Heather Baez		
C3 Joan Stellingwerf		
C4 Carolyn Kelly		
XC Janet Redyke		

12PM

E1 Ed DeYoung	Ami Byra	Alexandra Pisapia
E2 Maureen Carr	Caitlin Piccirillo	Jamie LeFort
E3 Roger Gengaro		
C1 Joan Gengaro		
C2 John Oroho		
C3 Michelle Oroho		
C4 Bob Springer		

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 see Fr. Brian. 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:

Alexander, Kevin Braun, Susan Cacciato-
re, Lori Caffrey, Van Chmara, Sean Con-
nell, William Connington, Bill Delaney,
Barbara Delaney, Evie Dixon, Robert A.
Drogo, Lisa Ernst, Jerry Franklin, Perry Franklin,
Sandy Fredricks, Kim Gaughan, Greg Geary, Glenn
Hammett, Bill Healey, Joanne Healey, Richard
Horn, Robert Horn, Jane Hulnik, Jane, John Kernusz,
Joseph Kolibas, Anne Kolibas, Ryan Lambert,
Hayden Marshall, Carol McDonald, James
McDonald, Eleanor & Robert McLean, Marianne
Meehan, Mark Martucci, Joseph Mastogiovanni,
Marie Mendez, Omar Mendez, Lisa Merck, Michael,
Henry Milkewicz, Kenneth Muller, Nat, Alan Newell,
Jimmy Pier, Michael Regan, Harold Rowan, Steve
Sabyan, Douglas Sammak, Gary Sisco, Lisa Smith,
Roberto Soto, Denis Tanguay, Norman Trass, Todd,
Fr. Fred Walters, Patricia Wetterlind, Brenna Whitson,
Walter Winkler, Emma Marie Wyman, "Skippy" Zac-
caro, Nick Zayatz

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE

Stewardship offering for April 29, 2018	\$10,717.00
Online Giving for April 29, 2018	2,172.00
Total for April 29, 2018	\$12,889.00

Same Sunday last year	\$13,200.00
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For our parishioners who contribute electronically, the next
upcoming special collection is:

May 10th Ascension Thursday

May 27th Holy Father Peter's Pence

Thank you to our envelope and online giving users.

Diocesan Assessment Collection April 29, 2018	\$287.00
<i>(Envelopes \$87.00 & Online Giving \$200.00)</i>	

Diocesan Assessment (July 2017 - 2018)	\$66,138.00
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Diocesan Assessment Collection fiscal YTD	\$23,828.00
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St. Francis payments to the Diocese fiscal YTD	\$57,870.75
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ONLINE GIVING OPTION

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.

**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

May 12th 10:00AM	First Communion
June 10th 2:00 PM	Parish Picnic-Super Raffle
June 14th All Day	Parish Golf Outing

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

05 - Saturday	8:30 AM Jesus Day 9:00 AM Emmaus (CCF) 11 - 12 AA (SCB)
06 - Sunday	Sunday Masses
07 - Monday	6:30 PM Circle of Friends (109 - 110) 7:00 PM Youth Music Ministry 7:00 PM MAB Mtg. (SCB)
08 - Tuesday	9:00 AM Circle of Friends (109 - 110) 9:30 AM Symbolon - Know your Story 9:30 AM Rosary Makers and Prayer Shawl (103) 7:30 PM Symbolon Know your Story
09 - Wednesday	9:00 AM Food Pantry
10 - Thursday	9:00 AM Vietnam Vets 6:30 PM Ruth's Ministry 7:00 PM Yoga 7:30 PM Choir
11 - Friday	7 - 8 PM AA (SCB)
12 - Saturday	9:00 AM Emmaus (CCF) 10:00 AM First Holy Communion
13 - Sunday	Mother's Day 10:00 AM Rel. Ed. May Crowning

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

In the Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter we are
met with an extraordinary challenge: Jesus commands us
to "love one another as I love you" (John 15:12). The let-
ter from John echoes this command. Of course, we are to
love those in our family, those we work with, those we
like. But the scriptures make clear that we are also to love
those we never notice, those we purposely avoid, and
even those we are tempted to despise.

In this Sunday's selection from the Acts of the Apos-
tles Peter shows us how far God's love extends, and how
far our love should extend in response. Peter realizes that
God no longer "shows partiality" to the Jews, sharing di-
vine love exclusively with them. Christ has revealed that
God's love extends to all people, and so should ours.

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Prayers for the Sick and Dying

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is one of the best means of as-
sisting 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 re-
quest for a loved one who is sick and/or dy-
ing, you may call Bea Harrigan, Cheryl Avery
at (973) 702-1342, or Denise Drogo at (973)
875-6863.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In ancient Rome, the beautiful month of May was dedicated to the goddess Flora, the patroness of flowers and new life. May 1 was considered the beginning of abundant growth, and a day for public festivals aimed at expelling winter. Even after Christianity took hold, the customs of the pagan feast lingered behind. Long ago, there was a thirty-day devotion to Mary, sometimes called "Lady Month," which began on August 15. By the eighteenth century, the custom of assigning devotions to months of the year was developing. June, for example, was the month of the Sacred Heart, and October was for the Holy Rosary. Beginning with the Jesuit Order in Rome and spreading throughout the world, May has been celebrated as the month of Mary, the Blessed Mother, for more than two hundred years. That was a welcome remedy to some enduring pagan practices, such as maypole dancing and the crowning of the May Queen. Some historians say that in ancient times the May Queen was actually a human sacrifice. Devoting May to Mary is undoubtedly a better thing to do.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Join us during the 10:00 AM Mass



St. Francis Annual Golf Outing

Thursday, June 14, 2018



Join us at a great course with fun company!

Prizes: Longest Drive, Straightest Drive, Closest to Pin, Hole in One, Pot of Gold 50/50, 1st & 2nd Place Team, Low Gross, and Most Honest Team

To Register Contact
Joanne - Parish Office
973-827-3248 x 324

Cost: \$160.00 per player

Shotgun Start: 8:00 AM

Format: 4 Man Scramble

Schedule: 6:45 AM-7:45 AM Registration, Breakfast, followed by 18 holes of Golf, and luncheon in Owens Pavilion at the end of play. (Open bar - beer & wine only, door prizes, 50/50, raffles.)



SPRING CLASSIC AT BALLYOWEN
GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

GOLF CLUB BY THE GOLF COURSE WWW.CHSSTOCK.COM

St. Francis de Sales Parish Super Grand Raffle

Cost: \$10.00 per Ticket
(Books of 10 Tickets - \$100.)

Please help support OUR PARISH, by purchasing and selling tickets to family, friends, & co-workers!
Great Chances - 7 WINNERS !

THE MORE WE SELL...

THE BIGGER THE PRIZES!

Grand Prize - 30 % of total receipts
2nd Prize - 10% of total receipts
3rd Prize - 5 % of total receipts
(4) 4th Prizes - 1.25% of total receipts
CALL THE OFFICE FOR MORE TICKETS!

Drawing: Church Picnic
Sunday, June 10, 2018 4:00 PM

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" - John 15: 12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?



SPRING CLEAN

Sunday, May 6, 2018
Following 12 Noon Mass

Bring: Gloves, rakes, shears & most importantly your Family and Friends!
Great for Service Hours



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Service Hour Opportunities

There is a Bulletin Board outside of the Religious Education Offices. Look for the details to sign up.

Service opportunities for 7th, 8th and High School

REGISTRATION FOR 2018-2019

REVISED

IN PERSON

May 23, 2018

3:00 - 7:00 PM



Please mark your calendars to register, during this time. Space is limited first come, first served. Discount provided for all that pay in full at this time.

Please note:

- Any unpaid balances must be paid first.
- If your child is **NEW to the Program**: Please bring in their Baptism certificate, unless baptized here, when you come into register.
- \$25.00 minimum payment per child must be paid to hold their spot.
- Payment plans are available.
- Children in Sacramental Years require an additional fee, to be paid by separate check by September.

\$50.00 First Communion (2nd Grade)

\$35.00 1st Year Confirmation (9th Grade)

\$50.00 Confirmation (10th Grade)

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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PARISH CODE: RX7GDK www.FORMED.org

Make time to explore your faith!

Parish Wide Study

"SYMBOLON™ Everyone Should Know Their Story"

Family stories and traditions make you who you are. . . Do you know your Catholic Story, and who you are in God's family?

Come join us as we immerse ourselves in the richness of our Catholic Faith with Symbolon, a program comprised of beautiful and engaging state-of-the-art video presentations filmed in different locations including Rome, the Holy Land and Calcutta. Come and learn your Catholic Family Stories and Traditions too!

Please consider joining us on either Tuesday mornings at 9:30am – 11:00am OR Tuesday evenings from 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Avery at 973-670-8550.

All are welcome!



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (**RCIA**) journey begins soon. This is the journey through which the Roman Catholic Church welcomes, teaches, and invites new members into our faith community. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, or if you are a Catholic adult who wishes to prepare for the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation, or...if you are a Catholic adult who would like to refresh or enrich your knowledge of the Catholic faith, you are invited to join us. **We will begin our meetings for the season on Wednesday, May 30th at 7:30 pm.** This will be an orientation to the RCIA experience, a welcome to meet our team, and to answer any questions you may have. We will be meeting in the Church "Coffee" Room. Please come and learn about our special evenings of prayer, reflection and faith sharing. We look forward to meeting you! For more information about the RCIA journey, please contact Laura Curcione at **973-875-1703**.



JULY 9th - 13th
9:00 AM - 12 Noon

Open to Children
4yrs (Pre-K) - 6th Grade

\$30 for 1st Child
\$55 for 2 Children
\$65 for 3+ Children

Registration OPENS
May 23, 2018
3PM - 7 PM



Looking for Adult volunteers. Please contact Jane K. ASAP. (973) 827-3248 x 327 jane@stfrancisvernon.org

Parish Gift Shop

We're right around the corner...Just like

First Holy Communion
May 12



And

Mother's Day
May 13

Let us help you find that special gift!



Family Promise®

**Calling for
VOLUNTEERS!**

We are hosting guests from June 5th - 12th, 2018

Help is needed in the following areas:

Openers: Guests to arrive each week night at 5:00 PM. Volunteers are needed to unlock the suite and keep our guests company until the overnight host arrive at 8:00 PM. You are welcome to have dinner with our guests.

Dinners: Need meals for 7 nights to serve up to 14 guests. Meals are delivered hot to the suite between 5:30 PM & 6:00 PM

Overnight Hosts: Need adult volunteers to stay overnight. Sunday - Thursday you arrive by 8:00 PM and can leave the following morning at 7:00AM, at which time a van arrives to take our guest to Newton. Friday and Saturday, the hosts arrive by 8:00PM and stay until 9:00AM. We provide comfortable air mattresses and yes, you can sleep. While you are there, time is spent chatting with our guests, maybe watching TV, or playing with the children before their bedtimes.

Weekend Hosts: Need volunteers during the weekend to cover 3 - 3 1/2 hour time slot to keep our guests company during the day. We encourage you to bring your children as we often have children staying with us and they love company!

**Sign Ups in the Social Hall after all Masses on
May 12th & 13th, and May 19th & 20th**



**Make a
difference**

ST. FRANCIS FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry serves many families in our community in need of assistance. Your donations of food items - cereals, soups, tuna, PB & J, granola bars, pasta sauces, and toiletries (shampoos, soaps, toothpaste, deodorants, lotions etc.) **REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE ! Thank you!**

food pantry
needs your help
donate today!



WONDER

People go abroad to wonder at the height of mountains . . . and they pass by themselves without wondering.
—St. Augustine



Be the first to know...
Stay connected all week...

<https://www.facebook.com/StFrancisVernon>

Our Parish Website is: stfrancisvernon.org

Sixth Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel from John, Jesus speaks of his disciples as his friends. God's invitation to loving friendship is present in all of our readings. God offers a relationship of mutual knowledge and trust. As with our ordinary human friendships, a space is created where we can relax, rest, and be playful with each other. We can feel safe enough to reveal our inner selves to each other, and to heal divisions between us. Friendship with God is not burdensome or dutiful, as with slaves and masters, because it leads to a shared joy. Nor is the friendship shallow or sentimental, because it involves a mutual laying down of one's self. Friendship with God eventually means extending this shared love to others, and becoming a part of the wider circle of God's friends. God longs to be friends with us, and extends an invitation.

MULTIPLE CONVERSIONS

The story described in our first reading is a major turning point, both in the book of Acts and in the early Christian community. In Acts 10 and 11, we hear a story of multiple conversions: of Cornelius, of Peter, and of the church. Cornelius embraced the path of Jesus and received the gift of the Holy Spirit. Peter, through his earlier visions and the pouring out of the Spirit on Gentiles, began to understand how God was breaking through his pre-conceived ideas. The story concludes in the next scene with the meeting of the leaders in Jerusalem. As Peter described to them what happened to him and to Cornelius, the leaders were amazed at what God was doing. God was breaking down barriers and inviting everyone to God's table. The church realized that it had to rethink how it understands God and itself as church.

OUT AHEAD OF US

In the book of Acts, we learn that God is the primary active agent in the world. God is indeed active within the church. But here we learn that the Holy Spirit also is out ahead of us, working in the lives and communities of people who are different from us. God is busy within and among people who don't know God, or who understand God differently, or who struggle to understand God.

Like Peter and the early church, many of us somehow learned, often in childhood, whom to trust and who should be avoided. God, however, seems to be fond of crossing boundaries. The Spirit is stirring in our neighborhoods, workplaces, and public spaces. Many of us will need to learn to pay attention to this. The Spirit invites us to find God there and to join in God's work. Our parishes are invited to embrace our local communities. As we listen and learn from our neighbors and share God's love with them, we will deepen our understanding of being the church today. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.