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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.*



Your reward will be great in heaven

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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. Chris Barkhausen
Deacon Dennis Gil



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 in Ordinary Time

February 17, 2019

*"Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.
Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied."*

— Luke 6:20-21a





- 16 - Saturday
8:30 AM Saturday Memorial Mass
5:00 PM Rose Martis req by The Matthes Family
- 17 - Sunday
8:00 AM Denis Tanguay req by Terry & Van Tamagnini
10:00 AM Rose Martis req by The St. Francis Choir
12:00 PM Teresa Wentzell req by The Lagana/Rockwell Family
- 18 - Monday
8:30 AM Edward W. Connell req by Ed & Joanne Connell
- 19 - Tuesday
8:30 AM People of the Parish
- 20 - Wednesday
8:30 AM Nestor Bautista req by The Furrey Family
- 21 - Thursday
8:30 AM Len DenBleyker req by The Family
- 22 - Friday
8:30 AM People of the Parish
- 23 - Saturday
8:30 AM Saturday Memorial Mass
5:00 PM Alfred Noel Contoness req by Deacon Dennis & Madeline Gil
- 24 - Sunday
8:00 AM Denis Tanguay req by George & Barbara Zydel
10:00 AM Phil Capobianco req by Terry Matthews
12:00 PM Meg Cleary Angrick req by Pam & Paul Contreri
6:30 PM Dennis Florian req by Dennis & Patricia Quinn

INSEPARABLE

Faith and works are like the light and heat to a candle;
they cannot be separated. —Anonymous

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: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-26; Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
- Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
- Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
- Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
- Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

**SATURDAY MEMORIAL MASS**

The 8:30AM Saturday Mass during the month of February will be offered for the souls of :
Joseph Borst, Vincent Borst, Andrew Burghoffer, Frank Curran, Catherine & Edward DeYoung, Edward P. Farrell, Stephen Fava, Tom McGranahan, Katherine O'Rourke, Albert & Marion Sinforosa, Jennifer Kirchmer Young

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

Liturgical Schedule

Feb. 9-10, 2019

**Eucharistic Ministers****Lectors****Altar Servers****SAT 5PM Feb 23, 2019**

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| E1 Barbara Thomas | Marie Snow | Elise Giroux |
| E2 Frank McNulty | Mike Randazzo | Kaitlin Tompkins |
| E3 Bob Snow | | |
| C1 Laura Scovell | | |
| C2 Steven DeBuck | | |
| C3 Cathy Randazzo | | |
| C4 Rick Braun | | |

SUN 8AM Feb 24, 2019

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| E1 Maureen Carr | Hal Avery | Owen McGill |
| E2 Father Chris | Denise Drogo | Adie McGill |
| E3 Cheryl Avery | | |
| C1 Laura Reilly | | |
| C2 Marc Kolonoski | | |
| C3 Kathy Zayatz | | |
| C4 Janice Gaughan | | |

10AM

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| E1 Ken Mahouchick | Jeannie Diemer | Matt McCann |
| E2 Pam McCann | Jill Marchesani | Alex McCann |
| E3 Joan Stellingwerf | | |
| C1 Deacon Dennis | | |
| C2 Janet Redyke | | |
| C3 Carolyn Kelly | | |
| C4 Barbara Reed | | |
| XC Jen Remington | | |

12PM

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| E1 Ginger Wynne | Laura Curcione | Tyler Wynne |
| E2 Gen Miller | Isabel Lazo | Chris Wynne |
| E3 Bob Springer | | |
| C1 Joe Kearns | | |
| C2 Luann Lambert | | |
| C3 Ed DeYoung | | |
| C4 Sheila Reitter | | |

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. Chris. 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., Shirley Baldwin, Michael Balinski, Scott Bartlett, Jacob Bonebreak, Barbara Boniface,

Rev. Eugene Boland, Brian Braun, Kevin Braun, Carol Carmody, S. Chmara, Sean Connell, Jeanie Diemer, Evie Dixon, Robert A. Drogo, Sr. Mary Emmanuel, Mary Fahy, Bill Fredericks, Sandy Fredericks, Linda Geary, Jerry Granato, Barbara Greco, Bob Haley, Teresa Hayward, Rob Izbicki, Laurie, Janiece, Ray Kacyon, Anne Kolibas, Joseph Kolibas, Ryan Mahoney, Alberta Mahouchick, Hayden Marshall, Lisa Merck, Michael, FM, Kenneth Muller, Alan Newell, Janice Peak, Jimmy Pier, Kathleen Plaisance, Michael Regan, Dick & Marlene Reighter, Baby James Ryan Simpkins, Vito Sibiano, George Stewart, Elaine Stoppel, Fr. Fred Walters, Patricia Wetterlind, Brenna Whitson, Bill Wolverton, Michael & Irene Ruth Yachnik, Skippy Zaccaro.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday during 10:00 AM Mass



Baptismal Prep Classes

Next class will be on

Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 7:30 PM.

Call Joanne in the office to sign up
(973)827-3248 x 324.

Do you have a Sponsor/Godparent form that needs to be signed? See Father Chris after Mass.

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE

Stewardship offering for Feb. 10, 2019	\$ 9,605.00
Online Giving Feb. 10, 2019	\$ 2,345.00
Total For Feb. 10, 2019	\$ 11,950.00
Same Sunday Last Year	\$ 11,744.00

For our parishioners who contribute electronically, the next upcoming special collection is:

February 17 - Diocesan Assessment

March 6 - Ash Wednesday

Thank you to our envelope and online giving users.

Diocesan Assessment Collection Feb. 10, 2019 \$ 50.00
(Envelopes \$35.00 & Online Giving \$ 15.00)

Diocesan Assessment (July 2018 - 2019) \$75,397.00
Diocesan Assessment Collection fiscal YTD **\$17,497.00**
St. Francis payments YTD \$47,123.11

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.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE



16 - Saturday	9 - 10:45 AM Religious Ed. Classes 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM AA (SCB)
17 - Sunday	Hospitality Blood Pressure Screening Welcome Meeting after the 10:00 Mass 11:00 Ruth's Ministry (210)
18 - Monday	President's Day Parish Offices are closed! 6:30 PM Circle of Friends (109-110) 7:00 PM Youth Music Ministry (YR)
19 - Tuesday	9:00 AM Circle of Friends (109-110) 9:30 AM Rosary Makers & Prayer Shawl (103) 4:30 - 5:45 PM Religious Ed. Classes
20 - Wednesday	7:30 PM Bible Study (210) 7:30 PM Baptismal Prep (206) 7:30 PM R.C.I.A. (CCR)
21 - Thursday	9:00 AM Vietnam Vets 4:30 PM Peers at Play (YR) 7:00 PM Yoga 7:30 PM Choir 7:30 PM Boy Scouts (106-108)
22 - Friday	No events
23 - Saturday	9 :00 AM-10:45 AM Religious Ed. Classes 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM AA (SCB)

BLESSED

When we think of the word "Beatitude" we think of today's discourse from Luke's Gospel, or the more familiar one from Matthew which begins "Blessed are the poor in spirit . . .". Actually, beatitudes occur throughout the prophets and Gospels. Today in Jeremiah we hear, "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord" (Jeremiah 17:7). Following his resurrection in John's Gospel, Christ proclaims, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" (John 20:29). The evangelists placed these sayings throughout the Gospels as short reminders about the characteristics that one will find in a follower of Christ, characteristics that will help spread the Good News in this life and lead to eternal blessings in the next. In Latin, the saints are called the *Beati*, the "Blessed," for they are the ones who lived the "blessed" life as described by Jesus throughout the Gospels. How blest are we, when we also strive to make our own days a living beatitude! Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Congratulations! Welcome to the Kingdom! Rejoice and leap for joy! Sounds a little like Easter, doesn't it? Well, in a very real way, it is. This Sunday, the scriptures remind us that we are blessed and beloved, especially when we have difficulties and don't feel especially blessed. Jesus reminds us that God blesses us in our trials, so we should trust in the saving power of God. We are "raised from the dead," as it were, each time we arise from our hardships. The ultimate proof of all of this is our new life in Christ, who died so that we could be free of sin, and was raised from the dead so that we might all have new life. Wouldn't that be something? A new life, in which poverty is riches and sadness is transformed into lightness of spirit? It's a topsy-turvy world, isn't it? Do you feel blessed today?

NONSENSE

A little nonsense, now and then, is relished by the wisest among us.

—Anonymous

The Prayer of Tears

Lord, beloved God,
since all communion with You is prayer
may even my tears be psalms of petition
and canticles of praise to You.

This is a prayer that you value greatly:
The prayer of my tears;
it is a prayer that You will hear
for You are a compassionate and kind God.
and, Lord, I know You understand
that when I am overcome by my tears -
unable to speak or form a prayer -
that these very tears voice volumes of verse.

All truly great prayer
rises from deep inside
and springs spontaneously to the surface.
It would then seem
that from among the many beautiful prayers
the sacred songs and canticles of praise,
my tears may be the best worship of all.

Help me not to be ashamed of them;
show me how I let go of control
and let this prayer of my heart, my tears,
flow naturally and freely to You,
my Blessed Lord and Divine Lover.
In times of joy or sorrow,
blessed be my tears,
the holy prayers of my heart.
Amen.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent years, there has been remarkable progress in drawing persons with disabilities into full celebration. Now it is generally accepted that worship places need accommodations such as ramps or elevators, large-print materials for those who are sight-impaired, and perhaps even an assisted hearing system or signing in American Sign Language.

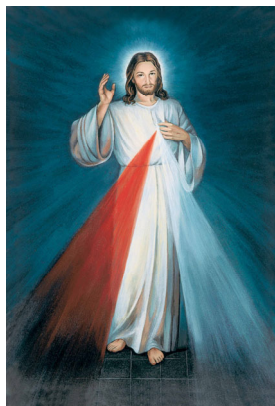
American Sign Language is not merely English translated into movement, but a distinct language with its own grammar, syntax (word order), and vocabulary. For this reason, the American Catholic bishops have approved American Sign Language (ASL) as an official language of the liturgy.

Celebrating liturgy in our own language (the vernacular) means that liturgy must be accessible to all languages and cultures. The fact that Mass is celebrated this weekend in some places in total silence, but with the full participation of deaf people praising God in the movements of their hands, and sometimes even with a priest who is deaf, is nothing less than the Church being faithful to the image of Jesus, who made the deaf hear and the mute speak. Remember too that deafness is an invisible disability, and that there may well be people in your parish who are quietly yearning for Mass to be signed for them in ASL.

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

LOVE IN OUR WORKS

Our Lord does not care so much for the importance of our works as for the love with which they are done.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Service Hour Opportunities

Remember to check the service board located outside of the Religious Education office for Service Opportunities for 7th, 8th and High School Students.

7-8th Grades: 10 hours per year.
Check the bulletin board.

9-10th Grades Confirmation: 40 hours over 2 year program. Check the service table on Sunday nights, as well as the bulletin board during the week

College Care Packages

Do you have a college student?

Would you like them to get a package from our parish filled with goodies and good wishes?



Be sure to sign them up after
Masses on the weekend of
February 16-17, 2019
Or
February 23-24, 2019

Anyone can donate - some goodies!

Packages will be mailed approximately
March 8, 2019

(we are asking for \$7.00 per student to cover some of the postage) Return donation items by the weekend of March 2-3, 2019

Packages will be assembled on March 4th.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

FORMED

Your faith connection Online!

PARISH CODE: [RX7GDK](#) www.FORMED.org

Make time to explore your faith!

Emmaus (Men's Group)

Emmaus invites all men to join us

"SIGNPOSTS"

Saturday Mornings 9AM - 10:30AM

A series of small group discussion topics on Catholic Living. Each topic is independent, so no long term commitment is necessary. Come when you like and come as you are!

Questions: Mike Randazzo (248) 495-0995

Seeking a deeper prayer life?

Come meet with us at St. Francis de Sales Church in the Daily Chapel for reflection and then into the library for discussion. Wednesday, [February 20th at 11:30 AM](#), and learn from the Carmelite Saints and what is

"Carmelite Spirituality in the Terisian Tradition".

Detail: John Schnackenberg (973) 764-6424

Email: johns125@ptd.net

We have many opportunities for Adult Faith Formation....

- Did you know we have CDs in the Atrium on multiple topics. You can listen and learn while commuting to work, driving to pick up your children... Cost: \$4.00 each.
- Bible Study groups meet at many different days and times... Why not join a group!
- Day to Day Scripture readings, and Advent daily reflections and Novena books are available at the Gift Shop.

The Emmaus Ministry of St. Francis de Sales invites all men to join us for a weekend with **Rev. Msgr. James O'Rourke**,

"Building a Brotherhood" ~ The Emmaus Men's Retreat

March 8-10, 2019 at the Sacred Heart Spirituality Center in Newton, NJ

For more information contact:

Mike Randazzo (845) 544-7175

Rich Franco (973) 222-9250

• Dennis Hemmerich (973) 332-4928

• Hal Avery (973) 702-1342

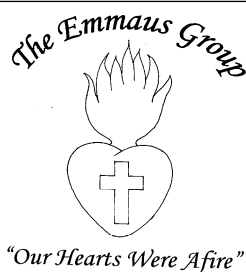
• Rich Santangelo (973) 764-8165

• Bob Kusma (973) 702-1949

To register complete the form below and return it with full payment to the parish office by February 28th.

St. Francis de Sales, PO Box 785, McAfee, NJ 07428 Attn: **Joanne Matthes**

Please plan to arrive at the Sacred Heart Center between 5 and 7 pm the evening of Friday, March 8th..



Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____

Fees: \$210. (Full)

\$160. (Commuter)

\$15 discount for registrations received by Feb. 17th

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**THE VERNON TOWNSHIP WOMEN'S CLUB
IS COLLECTING SEWING MACHINES**

In conjunction with an international organization "Pedals for Progress Sewing Peace" the Women's Club is collecting sewing machines. The machines will be sent to third world countries to help people learn how to use the them. Through this training they can develop their own business which will provide them with income to support their families.

To donate or for more information, please call Joan Danaher @ 973-827-0804.

*Joan will happily pick up the
machines from you!*



Friendships

There's nothing like someone who just "gets" you, who is wired the same way you are and shares the same world view.

- Matthew Kelly



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**Monday, February 18, 2019
Parish Offices are Closed**

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**OPEN HOUSE**

If you are in the process of researching pre-school programs for your child ages 3 or 4 for next year, we invite you to come visit the **Little Angels Learning Center at St. Francis de Sales Church** for our

HEALTH FAIR

Wednesday, Feb 20 at 1:00 PM

There will be interactive centers, presentations, crafts and puppet shows about healthy habits. A healthy snack will be provided. Come and join us! If you are interested in attending, please contact:

littleangels@stfrancisvernon.org

**Paint Night with Arlene**

**Next Class
Tues.
Feb 26th
\$30.00 pp. Bring
your own snack or
beverage.**

**Reserve your spot:
Call or Email: ARLENE
201-230-8770 or
Arlene@ptd.net**

**Where: St. Francis de Sales
614 Rte 517, Vernon, NJ
Room 109. Park in rear lower lot.**

"Dragonfly Pond"

**SACRED HEART****SPIRITUALITY CENTER**

*20 Old Swartswood Road
Newton, NJ 07860*

First Thursday at Sacred Heart Center

Come join us for our monthly First Thursday Retreats at Sacred Heart Spirituality Center. Our theme for this year is "Holiness is for Everyone!" The day begins at 9 AM with 'coffee and,' and includes an opening prayer, a short talk, Eucharistic Adoration, the opportunity for Confession, Mass at 12:00 Noon, and a light lunch. The day concludes at about 1:30pm. Fifteen dollars is the suggested offering. There is no need to pre-register – all are welcome.

For further information, visit our web site:

www.sacredheartspiritualitycenter.org

Or email us at shretreatcenter@gmail.com

Or call: (973) 383-2620