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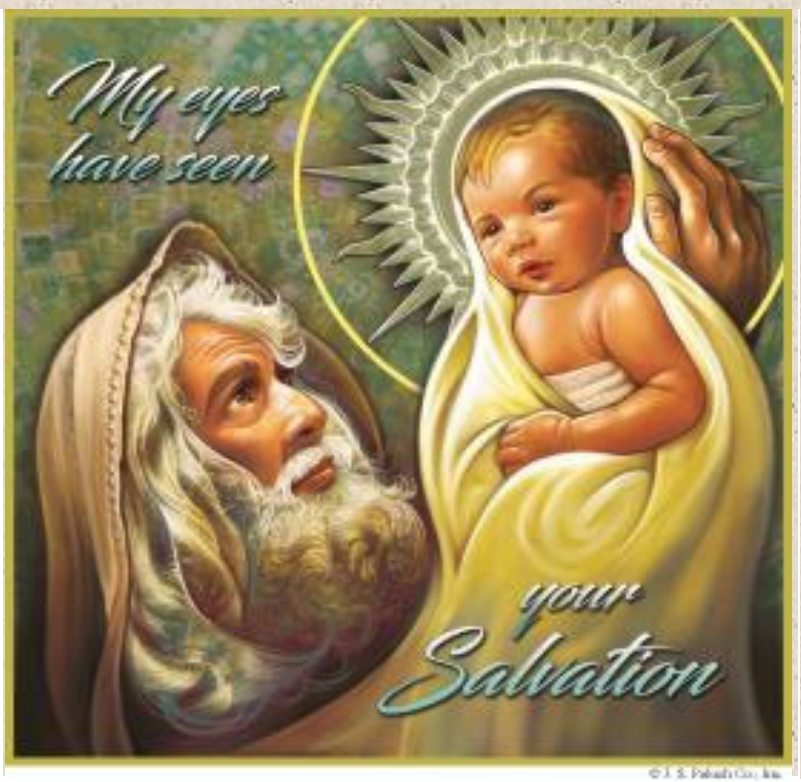
St. Francis de Sales Church

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.



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

Reconciliation:

Saturday	4:00 - 4:45 PM

Adoration **:**

First Friday	9:00AM - 12:00 Noon

Served By:
Rev. Chris Barkhausen, Pastor
Deacon Dennis Gil
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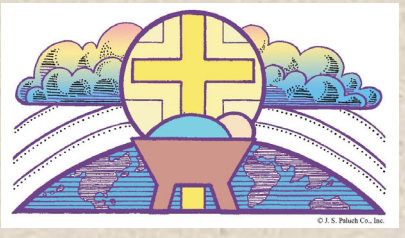
Pastor Emeritus Rev. John Boland

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.

The Presentation of the Lord
February 2, 2020
He had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way.
— Hebrews 2:17a



Mass Intentions

01 - Saturday
- 8:30 AM Saturday Memorial Mass
- 5:00 PM Elizabeth Benford req by Terry Matthews Family

02 - Sunday
- 8:00 AM Marion & Dan Comforti req by The Geerlof Family
- 10:00 AM Edward P. Farrell req by The Delhauer Family
- 12:00 PM Linda Geary req by The Campbell Family

03 - Monday
- 8:30 AM Dolores Perrelli req by The Stengel Family

04 - Tuesday
- 8:30 AM Intentions of Frank & Gail Mertz req by Terry Matthews

05 - Wednesday
- 8:30 AM Richard Behrens req by The McLeod Family

06 - Thursday
- 8:30 AM Julio Martinez req by The Carney Family

07 - Friday
- 8:30 AM Alexander Truong req by Barrett Family

08 - Saturday
- 8:30 AM Saturday Memorial Mass
- 5:00 PM Diana Brideau req by Bill & Dawn Trodden

09 - Sunday
- 8:00 AM Joseph & Catherine Boland req by Family
- 10:00 AM Miriam Ballinger req by Mokray Family
- 12:00 PM Antonia & Dominico Fusco req by Family
- 6:30 PM Students of Religious Education

Baptismal Prep Classes

Next class will be on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 7:30 PM.
Call Cathy in the office to sign up (973)827-3248 x 300.

Do you have a Sponsor/Godparent form that needs to be signed? Contact the Parish office. M-F

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:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday:	Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

SATURDAY MEMORIAL MASS

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

Liturgical Schedule

Feb 09, 2020

Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers
SAT., 5 PM Feb. 8th, 2020		
E1 Frank McNulty	Marie Snow	Brenna Sopov
E2 Steven DeBuck	Jim Berls	Maddie MacPherson
E3 Mike Molloy		
C1 Chuck McGill		
C2 Bob Snow		
C3 Ann Leavitt		
C4 Kelly Leavitt		
SUN., 8 AM Feb. 9th, 2020		
E1 Janice Gaughan	Hal Avery	Bella DeJager
E2 PRESIDER	Bob Kusma	Otto DeJager
E3 Marc Kolonoski		
C1 Cheryl Avery		
C2 Kathy Zayatz		
C3 Laura Reilly		
C4 Sheila Reitter		
10 AM		
E1 Ginger Wynne	Frank Garrity	Eliana Chmielowiec
E2 Barbara Reed	Isabel Lazo	Grace Dobrzynski
E3 Joan Stellingwerf		
C1 Heather Baez		
C2 Marion Castro		
C3 Pam McCann		
C4 Carolyn Kelly		
XC Bea Harrigan		
12 PM		
E1 Joan Gengaro	Mike Randazzo	Ana Soto
E2 Luann Lambert	Erin Daly	Gianna Kimkowski
E3 Bob Springer		
C1 Cathy Randazzo		
C2 John Oroho		
C3 Gen Miller		
C4 Roger Gengaro		
6:30 PM		Mark Catania
		Paul Brandt

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:

Prayer Request

Mike Annunziata, Sr., Baby K., Shirley Baldwin, Michael Balinski, Scott Bartlett, Susan Broers, Jacob Bonebreak, Barbara Boniface, Rev. Eugene Boland, Brian Braun, Kevin Braun, Carol Carmody, John Caylor, S. Chmara, Dick Clampitt, Sean Connell, Paul Contreri, Jeffrey DeGroat, Jeanie Diemer, Evie Dixon, Robert A. Drogo, Sr., Mary Emmanuel, Mary Fahy, Bill Fredericks, Sandy Fredericks, Patricia Goggin, Jerry Granato, Barbara Greco, Bob Haley, Teresa Hayward, Maria Hermann, Rob Izbicki, Laurie, Janiece, Ray Kacyon, Mike Kirchmer, Anne Kolibas, Joseph Kolibas, Debbie Lechowicz, Ellen Lockwood, Ryan Mahoney, Hayden Marshall, Scott Maxson, Debbie Melanson, Lisa Merck, Ken Meredith, Alvan Monzo, Maureen Munn, Michael, FM, Alan Newell, Janice Peak, Jimmy Pier, Kathleen Plaisance, Anthony Paradiso, Jack Reeth, Michael Regan, Dick & Marlene Reighter, Gene & Alice Rourke, Baby James Ryan Simpkins, Vito Siblano, John S. Sidebottom, Glenn Sloves, George Stewart, Elaine Stroppel, Frank Trstensky, Fr. Fred Walters, Patricia Wetterlind, Brenna Whitson, Linda Wilson, Bill Wolverton, Michael & Irene Ruth Yachnik, Skippy Zaccaro

Children's Liturgy of the Word
During the Sunday 10:00 AM Mass
Open to ages: 4yrs.Old to 3rd graders
Children will hear the Gospel at their level.

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE

Stewardship offering for Jan 26, 2020	$ 10,871.00
Same Sunday last year:	$ 13,521.00

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

Feb 9th Eastern Europe
Feb 16th Diocesan Assessment
Feb 26th Ash Wednesday

Diocesan Assessment Collection Jan. 26, 2020	**$ 687.00**
Diocesan Assessment (July 2019 - 2020)	$71,420.00
Diocesan Assessment Collection fiscal YTD	**$16,816.00**
St. Francis payments to the Diocese YTD	$36,658.00

Notes from the Bookkeeper : Statements were mailed the last week in January. If you contributed $100.00 or more in their envelopes or on-line giving during 2019. If you have any questions, or have not received it, please call Janet Kubik on Monday, Wednesday, or Fridays. (973) 827-3248 ext. 325

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

01- Saturday	Pre-Cana - All day 9-10:30 AM Rel. Education Classes 9:00 AM Emmaus (CCR) 11-12 AA (SCB)
02 - Sunday	KOC PANCAKE BREAKFAST (After 8 & 10 AM) 10:00 AM Children's Liturgy
03 - Monday	6:30 PM Circle of Friends 7:00 PM MAB (SCB)
04 - Tuesday	9:00 AM Circle of Friends (109-110) 9:30 AM & 7:00 PM Screwtape Letters 9:30 AM Rosary Makers/Prayer Shawl (103) 4:30 - 5:45 PM Rel. Education
05 - Wednesday	7:30 PM RICA (CCR)
06 - Thursday	9:00 AM Vietnam Veterans 4:30 PM Peers at Play (CSH) 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM KOC (SCB)
07 - Friday	No Events
08- Saturday	9-10:30 AM Rel. Education Classes 9:00 AM Emmaus (CCR) 11-12 AA (SCB)
09 - Sunday	10:00 AM Children's Liturgy Columbiettes 6:30 PM Mass & HS Program

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION Program

Pray for an unborn baby

Last weekend, we asked you to commit to daily prayer for the next nine months for an unborn baby. **You can still sign-up, contact the parish office.**

Not all newly conceived babies are allowed to be born. In fact, more than 4,000 babies lose their lives to abortion each day. It is these babies you are being asked to "adopt". You may "adopt" a child individually or as a family.

You will be asked to name the child for whom you will be praying, thereby giving the baby the humanity he or she deserves. You will be asked to pray for your unborn child and for all unborn children, for the power of prayer is great. There are millions of unborn babies desperately in need of your prayers. Won't you please "spiritually adopt" one and share the love for life that God has given you?

Can you make time to pray everyday for a child's life?

Please Help !

Please make sure the exterior doors are actually fully closed when leaving the building. Over time, the doors are not always fully latching, when closing.

We need you to make sure, the building is actually secured. There are many meeting throughout the day and evenings. Please turn back and push the door, so that it is fully closed. Thank you!

Family Promise®

We are hosting guests for 2 weeks :
Feb 4th through Feb 18th

and help is needed in the following areas:

Openers: Unlock the suite each night at 5pm and stay with guests until overnight host arrives at 8pm.

Dinners: Deliver a hot meal to the suite between 5:30 and 6pm for our guests.

Overnight Hosts: Volunteers arrive at 8pm each night and leave the following morning by 7am, at which time a van arrives to take our guests to Newton. We provide a queen air mattress and yes, you can sleep!

Weekend Hosts: Need adult volunteers to cover a 3–3 ½ hour time slot on Saturday/Sunday 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 the company! High school students – opportunity to earn service hours (must be accompanied by parent).

We are grateful to the many people who have volunteered over the years and make this ministry a success! God bless you.

Contact Facilitators : Nancy Altomare 973-600-4263
Cathy Kenny 973-764-5842

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.

YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY

CALLING ALL -High School Students !

Interested in Music? Do you like to Sing? Do you play an instrument?

Please contact Evelyn Ilaw to join our Youth Music Ministry 973-827-3248 x 336
Evelyn@stfrancisvernon.org

The Parish Gift Shop

The Month of February

In honor of WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, the featured item of the month will be any devotional item for prayer. Prayer Cards, prayer books, and all rosaries will be discounted 10%.

OPEN AFTER ALL MASSES

Ash Wednesday is Feb 26th. Our Lenten items include Prayer Palm Crosses.

A CHRISTMAS REPRISE

The Church's celebration three weeks ago of the Baptism of the Lord signaled the "official" end of the Christmas season. Today's feast of the Presentation of the Lord seems to extend the Incarnation celebration a bit longer. In fact, some have called this feast a "second Epiphany."

The first reading recalls the anticipation of Advent, as Malachi writes, "Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me." The reading from Hebrews reminds us of the Incarnation, proclaiming that Jesus had a "share" in our own "blood and flesh." The Gospel finds the infant Jesus on his first visit to Jerusalem and his human parents once again surprised and in awe over the events surrounding his birth.

In the simplicity of the manger, in the grandeur of the temple, in the domesticity of Nazareth, Jesus comes. May we come to know him and so be filled with "wisdom" and the "favor of God."

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Feast of St. Blaise is Feb 3rd.

Blessing of the Throat will be after all weekend Masses Feb 1st & 2nd

A physician and bishop in Armenia, St. Blaise is traditionally believed to intercede in cases of throat illnesses. His feast day is commemorated with a blessing of throats because legend says he cured a young boy choking on a fish bone. He is also the patron saint of English Wool Combers.

PRAY - SHARE - SERVE - LOVE

DID YOU KNOW... Candlemas is a Christian holiday celebrated annually on **February 2.** It celebrates three occasions according to Christian belief: the presentation of the child Jesus; Jesus' first entry into the temple; and it celebrates the Virgin Mary's purification. The term Candlemas" (meaning Candle Mass) refers to the practice of the blessing of candles by the priest during a church service ("mass") for use during the year in church and in the homes of the faithful.

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

Mandatory Second Grade Parent Meeting
Communion Meeting 7:00 PM

Wednesday, February 12th, 2020

Snow date: Weds 2/19/20

DID YOU KNOW??

St. Francis has a **6:30 PM Mass** on weekends that the HS Program meets for class. It is open to everyone.

February 9th & 23rd
March 8th & 22nd
April 26th

You are welcome to join us!

YOUTH MINISTRY

2020 Meeting Dates
Sunday Nights 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

- February 16th,
- March 1st, 15th, & 29th
- April 5th, & 19th
- May 3rd, & 17th
- June 14th & 28th

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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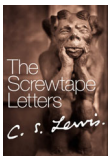
ADULT FAITH FORMATION
***"The Screwtape Letters"* by C.S. Lewis**

Tuesday MORNING at 9:30 AM or
Tuesday EVENING at 7:00 PM session.
FEBRUARY 4th, & 11th



The Class will be extended to the next week at the end, depending on weather cancellations.

THE ROAD TO GOD

There is but one road to lead us to God—humility; all other ways would only lead astray, even were they fenced in with all virtues. —Nicolas Boileau-Despreaux

A Saint's Story

.SAINT AGATHA (died 251)
February 5

"Of noble birth and great beauty," so the ancient accounts describe Saint Agatha, martyred during an early persecution for refusing a powerful Roman's offer of marriage, since she had consecrated her virginity to Christ. An early preacher, Saint Methodius, reflects instead on her name, noting that, in Greek, Agatha means "good," goodness being something we can all strive for, nobly born or common, blessed with beauty—or not! So brutal the tortures that violated her youthful innocence, Agatha, like Agnes and several other women martyrs, was honored from time immemorial by having her name inscribed in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I). Long invoked as protector against earthquakes—Mount Etna erupted as she was being tortured—recent attention has focused on the particularly cruel torture decreed for Agatha, the cutting off of her breasts. This has inspired cancer survivors to promote Saint Agatha as patron and intercessor for women courageously facing breast cancer, for their families and the multitude of supporters who participate in fund-raising marches and races, and, of course, for the dedicated researchers who seek a cure.
—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.
- Philippians 4:13

The Prayer to St. Michael has been added to the end of each of our Masses. Here it is for your reference.

Prayer to Saint Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the wickedness and
snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen

St. Francis Food Pantry

Do you feel the chill in the air, winter is here! Please consider making donations to the Food Pantry. We gratefully accept all non-perishable goods. Soups- boxed and canned, stews, cold cereal, tuna, beans, snacks, vegetables, peanut butter and jelly, pasta, personal toiletries

Donations may be dropped in the Church Social Hall.

Thank you for sharing what God has given you!

Evolution and Faith: What is at stake?

Sat. Feb 8, 10 AM - 11:30 AM

Dr. J. Haught, Professor of Theology at Georgetown will discuss Darwin's Theory of Evolution.

St. Paul's Inside the Walls 205 Madison Ave., (973) 377-1004 Madison, NJ 07940

OUR GIVING TREE - A THANK YOU NOTE

Dec 21, 2019

Merry Christmas St. Francis de Sales,

Words cannot express just how grateful I am for your assistance not only during the holidays, but throughout the year as well. Due to your help with gifts and food, my kids can look forward to an amazing Christmas! Although, I work full time for a healthcare company, my salary is not enough to support my twins and I. Asking for help is very difficult for me, as I dream constantly of being financially independent, but St. Francis de Sales has gone above and beyond for my twins and for that I an eternally grateful!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

A Blessed Mom

You do make a difference!

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Be the first to know...Stay connected to St. Francis Parish all week...

Our Parish Website is: stfrancisvernon.org

www.facebook.com/StfrancisVernon

Bulletin Articles are due by 3PM Tuesday (12 Days Prior to publication). Submitted bulletin contents is subject to approval. Christmas & Easter are even earlier due to the Printer's schedule.

Moving In? Moving Out? Please contact the office, to register or correct our records.

JOIN our YOUTH MINISTRY (9th -12th Grade) Facebook Page

LIKE US ON facebook

Email Linda your request to join to:

YouthMinistry@stfrancisvernon.org

www.facebook.com/St Francis de Sales Youth Ministry

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday
FEBRUARY
2nd

Following the 8 AM And 10 AM Masses.

Knights of Columbus #5563

BACON, EGGS & SAUSAGE TOO!

Adults $8., Seniors $7., Kids (12 & under) $5.

Attention: 7th & 8th Grade: Service Hours Opportunity!!

Contact– Kevin Grice 216-644-5315

Make Checks Payable to:
Knights of Columbus # 5563

THIS WEEKEND!

LOOK on the back of the bulletin!

We are able to provide the bulletin each week without cost to the parish because of the advertisers. Please patronize our Advertisers!

Are you using cans with POP TOP TABS?? (Soda, Soups, Pet food)

The Columbiettes are collecting them for RONALD MC DONALD HOUSE (Central & Northern NJ).

There is a container in the Church Social Hall for all you have collected. Just drop them in and the Columbiettes will take care of the rest! Thank you for your support!

Knights of Columbus Pot Luck Dinner

Come one, come all to the Knights of Columbus Council 5563 Pot Luck dinner

When: Saturday, February 15, 2020

Time: 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Where: St. Francis' Boland Hall

Bring: Covered Dish to Share

Everyone is welcome!

The Knights will be hosting, There is no charge, just your Covered Dish to share. So, please join us and bring your family, friends, etc.

Questions?: Contact: Kevin Grice 216-644-5315