



# ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A PARISH OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK

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**Rev. Mr. Sonny Ungco**, Deacon  
**Ms. Jayne Porcelli**, Pastoral Associate, DRE,  
Adult Faith Formation  
**Mary Walle**, Pastoral Associate, Ministry to  
Millennials; Peace & Justice  
**Sr. Lynne Jacoby, RSHM**, Pastoral Associate  
**James Stayton**, Music Director  
**Kathleen Calderon**, Office Manager  
**Alberto Pena**, Plant Manager

## Weekend Associates

Msgr. Robert Stern  
Rev. Anthony Ciorra

## MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays

9am, 11am, 12:30pm\*, 5pm

Saturdays

5:00pm\*\*

Weekdays

8:30am

\*Misa en Español

\*\*Vigil- Sunday Mass Celebrated

First Friday Devotions: after 8:30 am Mass

First Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2017



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*Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights. (Matthew 4:1-11)*

## PARISH INFORMATION

Contact any staff or clergy through our website or by calling the church rectory and leaving a message.  
(212) 289-0425

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday, Wednesday  
9:00 am—8:00 pm

Thursday & Friday—  
9:00am– 5:00pm

## CHURCH HOURS

Weekdays: 8:00 am—4:00 pm  
Weekends: 8:30 am—4:00 pm

## CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 4:30 pm—5:00 pm  
and by Appointment

## GROUPS & PROGRAMS

20/30's Young Adults  
RCIA-Sunday, 11 Mon 7PM  
Religious Education-Sunday  
10AM Mon 4PM, Catholic  
Sports, Gay Straight Catholic  
Alliance (4th Wednesday of the  
Month 7:00PM), Social Media  
Team

## MINISTRIES

Adult Choir, Hospitality Ministry,  
Eucharistic Ministry, Ministry  
of Lector, Altar Servers/  
Acolytes, Coro Para Adultos en  
Español

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday Mar 4, 2017

5:00PM— Lorna Garcia (L)

### Sunday, Mar 5, 2017

9:00AM—

11:00AM - For the Parish of St. Francis de Sales

12:30PM— En Honor a Santa Anna

5:00PM— Bernice Cavallo (D)

### Monday, Mar 6, 2017

8:30AM— All Souls in Purgatory

### Tuesday, Mar 7, 2017

8:30AM—

### Wednesday, March 8, 2017

7:00AM

### Thursday, March 9, 2017

8:30AM—

### Friday, March 10, 2017

8:30AM—

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 5–MARCH 11

### Sunday, March 5

2 & 4PM– SCC



### Monday, March 6

8:30 Mass

4pm-Religious Ed

7pm– RCIA

8:00PM-Book Club

### Tuesday, March 7

8:30AM Mass

7pm– Choir Rehearsal

### Wednesday, March 8

8:30am –Mass

2:30PM– Legion of Mary

4:45pm-Altar Servers Meeting

6:30PM-AA

7pm-Small Christian Communities

### Thursday, Mar 9

8:30am-Mass

10:00am– Prayer-Lectio Divina

6pm-Small Christian Communities

7pm Catechist Mtg

### Friday, Mar 10

8:30am-Mass

7pm-Small Christian Communities

### Saturday, Mar 11

5:00pm-Mass

## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

### BAPTISM

We celebrate the baptism of infants & young children on the third Sunday of the month during the 11:00AM mass. Baptism class is held the first Wednesday of the month. Bautizos en Espanol son celebrados el tercer Domingo del mes a las 12:30PM. Come to the office to talk to a staff person to register for baptism Please bring Birth Certificate when you come in to register. Call us or visit our website for more information.

### FIRST COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION AND CONFIRMATION

Two year preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Classes meet on Sunday Mornings and Monday afternoons. All families invited to participate. ADULTS INTERESTED IN SACRAMENTS PLEASE CONTACT JAYNE PORCELLI FOR MORE INFORMATION.

### MARRIAGE

Please call to make an appointment at least 6 months in advance of possible date.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK- Please call and let us know if a family member is sick and would like to be anointed.

### Email Addresses

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## Around The Parish

I'm the type of person who works very well with the idea of rewards...so if I have to do housework, I promise myself a treat afterwards. In terms of my spiritual life, if I have to 'do' Lent for the next 40 days, at least I should be able to laugh for Mardi Gras!

Our Mardi Gras Comedy Night for Operation Rice Bowl was a great night! Many laughs, many new faces, lots of \$\$ for CRS over \$325 raised—all in all a total success! How blessed are we to be a part of a parish that so actively looks for ways to include those folks who don't necessarily feel comfortable in Church, but want to be a part of something good and holy? I'm proud to be a part of St Francis de Sales.

I'm looking forward to our celebration of First Reconciliation and Family Mass this Saturday. I always love the opportunity to introduce our little ones to our practice of asking for forgiveness. It's a chance too, to help parents learn that we can do this is a new and better way and take away those bad memories and fears. Please keep our young members in your prayers as they prepare for First Holy Communion in May.

Finally, on Ash Wednesday our small Christian communities began meeting for the first time this Lent. I hope and pray all who decided to add this practice of prayer and scripture reflection to their Lenten observance may be richly blessed. In a special way I ask you all to keep the group leaders in your prayers as they offer themselves in this most important ministry. May God be with them each week as they lead their groups in prayer.

So, as we move into our Lent, we remember the three pillars of a good Lent: prayer, almsgiving and fasting. What will your Lenten practice be? Are you 'giving up' or 'adding in' something to your spiritual life? Whatever you decide, may we all, together, have a good and holy Lent. Let us keep each other in prayer.

*Jayne*

## 20/30s Ministry

Our Spring calendar is in the works! Look for the full flyer in the back of the Church soon. Have an idea for the ministry? Want to connect? Email Mary at [maryewalle@sfdsnyc.org](mailto:maryewalle@sfdsnyc.org)

## St. Francis Spring Softball Team Registrations

Our softball team is accepting new players. We play in the Saints and Sinners League Spring league which runs from April 1 through June, every Saturday afternoon in Central Park. No experience is necessary though it is preferred. Spots are filling up quickly, so if you are interested don't delay in getting in touch with Diana, team manager, at [sports@sfdsnyc.org](mailto:sports@sfdsnyc.org). Requirements: Modest registration fee; 18 years+; bring own softball glove or outfield baseball glove.

St. Francis has been a part of this league for the past 3 years. Saints and Sinners League is a not-for-profit Catholic organization whose mission is to create a spirit of Catholic fellowship that welcomes young adults of all faiths, gender, and background for community, good sportsmanship, prayer and charity.

### A Parish Welcome

**We extend a special welcome** to those who are single, married, divorced widowed, gay, confused, filthy rich comfortable, or dirt poor.

**We extend a special welcome** to wailing babies and excited toddlers.

**We welcome you** whether you can sing Pavarotti or just growl quietly to yourself. You're welcome here if you're just browsing, just woken up or just got out of prison. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Archbishop of NY, or haven't been to church since Christmas ten years ago.

**We extend a special welcome** to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome keep-fit mums, football dads, staving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems, are down in the dumps or don't like organized religion.

**We offer a welcome** to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or are here because granny is visiting and wanted to come to church.

**We Welcome those** who are linked, pierced. Both or neither. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throat as kids or got lost in the city centre and wound up here by mistake. We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters...and you!

### Altar Servers

Monthly meeting for all altar servers with Mike and Ray on Wed Mar 8 at 4:45 pm. We will be reviewing schedules and services for Lent, so parents please come with availability for Holy Week and Easter. New servers are always welcome to join in! We are always looking for youngsters to serve at our 5pm Sat and Sun night Masses as well as the 9 and 12:30 on Sundays!



**Stewardship IS a Way of Life**  
*"Where your heart is...there too is your treasure."*

**Data Collection includes: Cash, Envelopes, Weekday Collections**

December		January		February	
Dec 31/Jan 1	\$3,566.00	Dec 31/Jan 1	\$ 3,122.00	Feb 5	\$2,570.00
Dec 11	\$ 2,697.08	Jan 8	\$ 4,844.00	Feb 12	\$ 3, 665.00
Dec 18	\$ 4,517.00	Jan 15	\$ 4,778.60	Feb 19	\$ 3,384.00
Dec 24/25 (Christmas) -\$19,438.08		Jan 22	\$ 3,406.00	Feb 26	\$ 2591.00
		Jan 29	\$ 3,178.00		
(201) Parish Pay Total: \$ 10, 873.26		(202) Parish Pay Total: \$ \$ 16,520.01		(214) Parish Pay Total: \$ 11,798.59	
Totals: \$ 41,091.42		Totals: \$ 35,848.61		Totals: \$ 24,008.59	

**Second Collection – Catholic Relief Service (March 26, 2017)**

*Su Boletín en Español*

**Retiro Cuaresmal**

Estamos muy contentos de presentarles a una ex feligrés de San Francisco de Sales, la Hermana Verónica Méndez, RCD, que nos guiará en un Retiro Cuaresmal para nuestros feligreses de habla hispana el Domingo 12 de Marzo de 2 a 5 pm. Marque ahora sus calendarios y planee pasar la tarde orando juntos y aprenda más sobre cómo podemos servir mejor a nuestra parroquia usando nuestras habilidades para el bien de los demás. ¡Este evento se realizará en español!

Sor Veronica Mendez, RCD nació en Puerto Rico y se crió en El Barrio de Nueva York. Estudió en la escuela de San Francisco de Sales hasta el cuarto grado. Allí recibió su primera comunión y su confirmación. Después se mudó y asistió a las escuela de Santa Cecilia de donde se graduó. La hermana ha sido una religiosa por 55 años. En ese tiempo ella ha sido educadora de religión, directora de campamento, directora de vocaciones, ha trabajado en la formación de sacerdotes, en la formación de líderes para las pequeñas comunidades de fe,

y fue directora del Centro de Fe & Vida en Marydell. Hoy día la hermana es la líder de su comunidad religiosa, las Hermanas de Nuestra Señora de la Doctrina Cristiana.

**Ministerio de Justicia Social**

Cómo nos informa nuestra fe Católica las formas en que actuamos en el mundo? Qué significa para nosotros los Católicos la justicia social? Hasta la fecha se han organizado cuatro reuniones de planificación y habrá otra el 5de Marzo a las 2pm. Nos interesa mucho saber cuáles temas afectan nuestro pueblo hispano-hablante dentro la parroquia. Únese para que juntos podamos crear cambio. Envíe sus preguntas y sugerencias a Mary [maryewalle@sfdsnyc.org](mailto:maryewalle@sfdsnyc.org)

**LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES**

Domingo: Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

Martes: Santas Perpetua y Felicitas

Miércoles: San Juan de Dios

Jueves: Santa Francisca de Roma

Viernes: Abstinencia

Sábado: Purim (conmemoración judía de la historia de Ester) comienza al atardecer

## Social Justice Ministry & Resources

We're meeting today March 5 at 2pm in the TV room of the rectory. Come down to the parish hall and follow the signs! Interested but haven't been able to make it? Email Mary to jump in with questions, comments, ideas at [maryewalle@sfdsnyc.org](mailto:maryewalle@sfdsnyc.org).

### **Social Justice: Our Faith in Action**

The SFDS Social Justice ministry is participating in Faith in New York -- a city wide inter-faith coalition. We will bring opportunities for our parish family to participate in events organized around key social justice issues.

The first opportunity for our community to support FINY is the upcoming Week of Action:

Tue 3/14, 10-11am, City Hall: join a press conference on the steps of City Hall to support the announcement of FINY's Week of Action

Wed 3/15, 11:30am-1:00pm, New York Hilton: join a demonstration for affordable housing

Thu 3/16, 6-8pm, Midtown: join a demonstration to protect immigrant rights

Fri 3/17: petition city council members to support the Right to Know Act,

Sat 3/18, time tbd, Gracie Mansion: participate in interfaith prayer marathon to close the Week of Action

Please save the dates above: we will share more details as they become available. Need more info? Contact: [maryewalle@sfdsnyc.org](mailto:maryewalle@sfdsnyc.org) and [rebeccathompson@sfdsnyc.org](mailto:rebeccathompson@sfdsnyc.org) or join us at our bi-weekly meetings Sundays at 2pm in the Parish Center (next meeting Sun 3/5).

### **Follow St. Francis on Twitter & Instagram!**

St. Francis is now on Twitter and Instagram @SFDS\_NYC (in addition to the Facebook page) - follow to keep up with everything going on at the Parish and see what's in Fr. Kelly, Jayne, and Mary's minds.

### **Get Your Heart Ready for Small Christian Communities...Time to Grow, Time to Pray!**

Small Christian Community groups begin this week on Ash Wednesday continue for the 5 weeks of lent. We look forward to praying together and growing stronger in our faith.

## SFDS Book Club

### ***The Cross and The Crescent: Understanding the Muslim Heart and Mind* by Phil Parshall**

In this warm and personal book the author looks at what Muslims believe and how this affects—and often doesn't affect—their behavior. Phil Parshall compares and contrasts Muslim and Christian views on the nature of God, sacred scriptures, worship, sin, and holiness.

8pm, Monday, March 6

St. Francis de Sales Church Rectory

Light Refreshments will be served

Please RSVP and email questions

to [sfdsbookclub@gmail.com](mailto:sfdsbookclub@gmail.com)



### **Pray For Our Sick and Departed Sisters and Brothers:**

**Sick:** Daniel Lynch, Annalise McKnight, Patricia Laney, Tom Chestaro, Katie Cummings, Jen Knauf, Jose Torres, Laura Schramm, Martin Vito-Cruz, Pat Dietz, Baldomero Valencia

**Deceased:** Vincent Fico, Vladimir Brezina, Jean Boucher, Mary Talboys, Jeanne Marie Javier

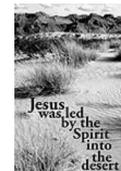
*(Please call the office to remove or add names to this list.)*

### **Ministry Emails**

Have you gotten involved in a liturgical ministry yet? Jorge Vargas and Moira McKenna coordinate our Lectors **email-[sfdselectors@gmail.com](mailto:sfdslectors@gmail.com)** Rebecca, our Eucharistic Ministers **email-[rebeccathompson@sfdsnyc.org](mailto:rebeccathompson@sfdsnyc.org)**, Jim Stayton our Musicians **email-[sfdsnymusicministry@gmail.com](mailto:sfdsnymusicministry@gmail.com)**, contact Moira Gallagher for acolytes training and schedules at: **[moira.gallagher@gmail.com](mailto:moira.gallagher@gmail.com)**, Our Justice and Peace Ministry contact Mary Walle: at **[maryewalle](mailto:maryewalle)**

### **RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**

If you have a question about the Catholic faith, how to prepare for sacraments as an adult, or why we do what we do as Catholics, feel free to join us on Monday evenings in the **parish house** at 7pm. We are always happy to welcome new folks into our conversation.



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