



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2016



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The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, God is with us" (Matthew 1:18-24).

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 & Wednesday
9:00 am—8:00 pm

Tuesday 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), Catholic Asian
Family and Friends Association
2nd Sunday At Noon, 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 Dec 17, 2016

5:00PM For the Parish of St. Francis de Sales

Sunday, Dec 18, 2016

9:00AM For the Parish of St. Francis de Sales

11:00AM Theresa & Carlos Augustine (D)

12:30PM Por la Parroquia de San Francisco de Sales

5:00PM For the Parish of St. Francis de Sales

Monday, Dec 19, 2016

8:30AM Francis Clark (D)

Tuesday, Dec 20, 2016

8:30AM

Wednesday, Dec 21, 2016

8:30AM

Thursday, Dec 22 2016

8:30AM

Friday, Dec 23, 2016

8:30AM

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 18—DEC 24

Sunday, Dec 18

10:00am-Religious Education
12:00pm-Brunch Conversation

Monday, Dec 19

8:30 Mass
4:00pm-Religious Education
7:00pm-RCIA

Tuesday, Dec 20

8:30AM Mass

Wednesday, Dec 21

8:30AM Mass
2:30PM- Legion of Mary
6:30PM-AA

Thursday, Dec 22

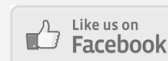
8:30am-Mass
10:00am-Lectio Divina

Friday, Dec 23

8:30am-Mass

Saturday, Dec 24

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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Today's The Day--You're Invited!

Today at noon (after the 11:00 Mass...) we are all invited to come down to the parish hall for a great pot luck brunch and some equally outstanding conversation. Many of us felt –is it fair to say- marginalized-after the elections were over. We are thinking that we need to start talking and listening to each other a bit more intentionally. So, please join us in the hall for what we hope will be a spirit filled (yes, pun intended) afternoon. Our thanks to the LGBTQS group for sponsoring this event.

A Second Christmas Reminder or Two...

Many of you will be traveling over the Christmas holidays: The Caribbean or Europe (nah, I'm not jealous much!!) If you read the article [Easter Gifts to Parish](#) you'll understand why we are asking you to think and pray ahead of time and remember St Francis de Sales with a special Christmas gift before you take off for your awesome trips!

To make this easier for you, there are special envelopes in church that are specifically for **YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT to your parish**. Of course you can always make this donation on Parish Pay as well. Please don't confuse this with the other envelopes that are to be used to make your donation for **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** (those poinsettias didn't grow on trees you know...oh wait, they did...well, more like shrubs...anyway, we digress...!!) All these distinct collections are so important to the financial well being of the parish and we appreciate your constant generosity. OK, back to celebrating Advent....

Lectio Divina

We continue with our new hour of prayer on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am. Please feel free to join us if your schedule permits. We read together the scripture for the upcoming Sunday and share our thoughts and reflections with one another. It is truly becoming a treasured opportunity for prayer and community building. All are welcome to join us, come once or come often.

Schedule of Masses for Christmas

Christmas Eve

5pm Mass

10:00pm Mass

Christmas Day

11am Mass

12:30pm Mass (Español)

New Year's Eve

5:00pm Mass (vigil)

New Year's Day

9:00am Mass

11:00am Mass

12:30pm Mass (Español)

5:00pm Mass

Reconciliation Monday

As is our custom, we set aside one day right before Christmas to allow parishioners the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will do this again on Monday, December 19 from 4-8 pm. In addition, we are planning a [Prayer Service at 6:30](#) that night to give those of us who can be here at that time, a chance to pray together before receiving the sacrament. Please join us if your schedule allows.

Jesse Tree

We hope you have taken a moment to learn a bit more about Jesus' family tree this Advent. Today we add our last ornaments to the Jesse tree: Mary, Joseph and Jesus. We think you know who they are. Take a minute today to admire the artwork of our young parishioners. Happy Fourth Week of Advent.

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.



Stewardship *IS* a Way of Life

"Where your heart is...there too is your treasure."

Data Collection includes:

Cash, envelopes, and Parishpay

Dec 11	\$ 6,042.39
Dec 4	\$ 6300.14
Nov 27	\$ 5,629.18
Nov 20	\$5,632.76
Nov 13	\$6,252.75

Parishpay

Enrollments

	198
	195
	195
	195
	195

Weekday Collection

Total: \$ 215.00

To sign up for parishpay please go to: www.paritypay.com
Second Collection for Retired Religious-\$ 2,412.00

Welcome-Bienvenidos!

If you would like to become members of our parish, please fill out the following information. You may place it in the collection basket, mail it or bring it to the rectory. You may also register online.

Date/Fecha: _____

Telephone/Telefono: _____

Name/Nombre: _____

Address/Direccion: _____

City/Cuidad: _____ State/Estado: _____

Zip code/Codigo Postal: _____

Email: _____

- New to the Parish/Nuevo en la Parroquia
- New Address/Nueva Direccion.
- I will use/Usare www.paritypay.com
- I would like to receive contribution envelopes/
Quisiera recibir sobres de la colecta.

Su Boletín en Español

Pensando En Su regalo de Pascua a la Parroquia

Queridos amigos,

Pensaste que había un error de impresión, ¿no? Por favor, siga leyendo!

Sabía usted que en un presupuesto parroquial hay "partidas individuales" para las colecciones dominicales y COLECCIONES DE NAVIDAD Y PASCUA? Por lo tanto, este año, cuando sólo tenemos una misa para Navidad / Domingo, estamos, en verdad, perdiendo una colección! En otros años habría una colección dominical y una colección especial de Navidad en la que podríamos contar en nuestro presupuesto.

Tómese un momento para pensar en sus propias finanzas ... ¿cómo se sentiría si de repente se dio cuenta de que estaria corto un cheque de pago este mes? ¿Cómo se pagarían sus facturas? Da Miedo, ¿verdad?

Así que, aquí está nuestro punto, necesitamos dos sobres: uno para el domingo, una para Navidad. Podemos simplemente preguntar, cuando usted haga sus cheques o llene sus sobres o, mejor aún, hagan esta contribución a la Parroquia para Navidad con **Parish pay** ... que consideres en oración cuáles serán tus regalos para el Domingo y Navidad para tu parroquia. Confiamos en que serás tan generoso como siempre ... NUESTRA PARROQUIA cuenta con tu apoyo este año de una manera muy real. Gracias.

Jayne

Evaluación de la Parroquia

Reverend Monsignor Edward Weber
The Office of Priest Personnel
Archdiocese of New York
1011 First Avenue
New York, New York 10022

Las cartas deben recibirse a más tardar el 31 de diciembre de 2016.

Cualquier correspondencia recibida después del 31 de diciembre no será incluida en el proceso de evaluación.

PARA PEDIR POSADAS

¿Eres tú José? ¿Tu esposa es María?

Entren, peregrinos; no los conocía.

Entren santos peregrinos, peregrinos;
reciban esta mansión.

Aunque es pobre la morada, la morada,
se la doy de corazón.

--Tradicional



Fr. Neil Connolly

For those of you who have inquired, Fr Neil is doing well at the Archdiocesan retirement center for priests. His address is: John J. O'Connor Residence, 5655 Arlington Avenue, Bronx, NY 10471. We're sure he'd love to hear from you!

Social Justice Ministry

How does our Catholic faith inform the ways we act in the world? If that question resonates stay tuned for our upcoming inaugural Social Justice Ministry meeting in January. Email Mary to jump in with questions, comments, ideas at maryewalle@sfdsnyc.org.

20/30s Ministry

We're planning out events for 2017 - have an idea? or want to see how you might connect with the Ministry or Parish community? Email Mary at maryewalle@sfdsnyc.org!

Everyone is welcome at the Manger!

When we think about the image of Jesus in the manger, traditionally we see the ox and donkey, the shepherds and kings, the drummer boy and Mary and Joseph. If you're a parent, a grandparent, or a beloved aunt, uncle or godparent... what else does a baby need in his or her crib? We would like to make our Christmas crèche a bit more inclusive this year at our Christmas Eve Family Mass. We are encouraging your little ones to bring a stuffed animal or special toy to bring to Jesus at the manger. (nothing valuable please, and just for decorative purposes! We would want you to take it home with you that night, or the following week) We think it would be fun to see what treasured items we want to share with the baby Jesus. Every baby needs a teddy bear right? So, if you are coming to 5pm Christmas Eve Mass, feel free to bring something to leave at the crèche. And make sure to stop and take a look at the crèche before you leave church!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
Wednesday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter Solstice
Friday: St. John of Kanty
Saturday: The Vigil of Christmas

Thinking About Your Easter Gift to the Parish...

Dear Friends,
**You thought the there was a misprint above didn't you?
Please read on!**

It has been my absolute delight to be in ministry and service to the parish of St Francis de Sales these last two and a half years. Now as I type this I realize it sounds like I'm about to say I'm leaving....I'm not going anywhere -- I just wanted to take a minute to share with you something I've been thinking about as we get ready to celebrate Christmas.

My experience of being part of the pastoral staff here has already taught me so much more than I could have imagined. With the universal church growing and changing the way it is under the guidance of Pope Francis I find myself challenged every day to be the best leader I can be. Being a pastoral leader means thinking about the awesome, powerful things like: liturgy and service and music and people's faith and relationship to God. It is also being aware of the really mundane stuff like why is there a puddle next to that radiator after we just had the plumber in?

It also means being aware of parish finances...

Did you know that in a parish budget there are "line items" for Sunday Collections AND **CHRISTMAS AND EASTER COLLECTIONS??** So, this year when we only have **one mass for Christmas/Sunday** we are, in truth, losing a collection....! In other years there would be a Sunday collection and a special Christmas collection that we could count on in our budget.

Take a moment to think about your own finances...how would you feel if you suddenly realized you would be short one pay check this month? How would your bills get paid? Scary, right?

So, here's our point, we need two envelopes: one for Sunday, One Christmas. May we simply ask, when you make out your checks or fill your envelopes or, even better, make that Parish Pay contribution for Christmas... that you **prayerfully consider** what your Sunday and Christmas gifts to your parish will be. We trust you will be as generous as you always are...OUR PARISH is counting on your support this year in a very real way. Thank you.



Pray For Our Sick and Departed Sisters and Brothers:

Sick: Fr. Peter Smith, Daniel Lynch, Annalise McKnight, John Keck, Patricia Laney, Tom Chestaro, Katie Cummings,

Deceased: Miguelina Medina, Maria Bruno, Vincent Fico, Vladimir Brezina

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

---COVER SHEET

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