

St. Francis de Sales Parish
Sunday, November 5, 2023
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



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"As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant." - Mt 23:8-11

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Belle Harbor, New York

Saint Francis de Sales Parish
129-16 Rockaway Beach Blvd.
Belle Harbor, NY 11694

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MISSION STATEMENT

St. Francis de Sales, a parish steeped in tradition, rich in natural beauty and bountifully blessed with a community devoted in love to serve God and our neighbor. We seek to live actively the Word of God through the example of our patron saint, a life devoted to energetic, generous and constant fidelity to the will of God. Empowered by the Holy Spirit we will grow in our faith through continuous education, formation, communication, and out-reach, while passing these values on to our future generations. We endeavor to be a most vibrant community of faith which will effectively utilize the talents, resources, and treasures of our parish for the good of all God's people.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday to Friday: 9:00 am Saturday: 9:00 am and 4:30pm (Vigil)

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

8:00 am; 10:00 am and 12:00 Noon

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

Holy Day at 9:00am.

CONFESSION/SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays from 3:30-4:15pm - Seasonal Penance Services during Advent and Lent

CARE OF THE SICK

If there is an elderly, sick or infirm parishioner who wishes to receive Holy Communion or the Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Communal Celebrations of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will take place the first Saturday of each Month at the 9:00 AM Mass.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm Evening— by appointment Saturday—by appointment Sunday only.

BAPTISM

Parents are asked to contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment with a priest or deacon to complete the Baptismal Registration Form. Parents are required to attend a Baptismal Instruction at 7:00pm on the First Thursday of the month. Baptisms are celebrated on the Second Sunday of the month at 2:00 pm.

MARRIAGE

Preparations for the Sacrament of Marriage are very important and take time. Couples planning to be married at Saint Francis De Sales are asked to contact the Parish Office no less than eight months prior to the wedding date. Please do not schedule the catering hall prior to making arrangements at the parish. Couples are required to attend the Pre-Cana Program of the Parish at least six months prior to the wedding.

PARISH WEBSITE:

sfdsparish.org

PARISH TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office/Rectory	718-634-6464
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Masses for the week of November 5 – 12, 2023

Sunday

8:00 AM Constant Denni
Todd Koehler
10:00 AM Bernice Olsen
Mary Higgins 1st A
Mary Jane Murray (B)
Noell Botting
Theresa Mure
12:00 PM Msgr. James Spengler

Monday

9:00 AM Mary Gildea
Matthew and Barbara Fasone

Tuesday

9:00 AM Christopher Hearn
Dominick P. Sweeney
Kevin Coleman (A)
Mae Newell

Wednesday

9:00 AM Margaret E. Walsh (A)

Thursday

9:00 AM John Jordan
Kathleen Moriarty
Tom Jones

Friday

9:00 AM Alice O'Donnell 29A and Sr. Mary
Monica CSJ
Mike Accettulli Jr.
Rosemary and Bill Comerford and
Edward V. Smythe (Anniversaries)

Saturday

9:00 AM Denis Buckley
Peg Keating 111th B
4:30 PM Elizabeth (Betty) McLaughlin

Sunday

8:00 AM Richard Roberts
10:00 AM Buddy O'Brien and Felix, Ellen and
James J. Mullen
Joseph (Joe) Farrell
The McGovern Family
Theodore Prakope
10:00 AM For all the people who died on
November 12th
12:00 PM Helen McNicholas
Jack Hutton and Sean P. Keenan



*Bread and Wine to be offered at the Masses
for this week Mary C. and Thomas J.
Harnett.*

*Winners for the week are: 500 Club:
Congratulations: for 2023-2024
\$100 #196 Catherine Boyle
50 #335 Mr. and Mrs. Brian Duffy
25 #158 Dennis V. Keenan*

MASS BOOK IS OPENED FOR 2024..
Masses are \$15.00 per Mass and Bread and
Wine is \$25.00, Candles are \$50.00 and
Flowers are \$150.00. We appreciate if you
make out your list of Masses and any other
requests like Bread and Wine, etc., and
drop it off at the rectory. Our Masses as
follows: 9:00 AM Mass, Monday through
Saturday: Masses for weekend are 4:30 PM
on Saturday evening, Sunday, 8:00 AM,
10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon Thank you.

**SICK AND HOMEBOUND - Kindly
remember in your prayers Tess Kuhlmann,
Jim Bunyan, Jimmy O'Neill, Chris Gallagher,
Jeanne Cerrone, Lynn Soren, Maria Barry, Carol
Conroy, Johanna O'Connor, Rita Hayden,
Margaret Hannan, Maureen McGee and Bella
Corbin.**

**REST IN PEACE - In our charity, please
remember the parishioners who have died
recently. May their souls and the souls of
all the faithful departed through the mercy
of Christ rest in peace Desi O'Leary and
Joan Kenna.**

*The rectory office will be closed on Friday,
for Veterans Day. Enjoy the day.*

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**SEMINARIAN
PAUL ZWOLAK
TO BE INSTALLED
AS AN ACOLYTE**

**Bishop James Massa will install
Seminarian Paul Zwolak
as an Acolyte at the 12pm Noon
Mass on Sunday, November 5th.**

**All are invited to join us in
support of Paul as he continues
on his journey towards the
Priesthood.**

**Reception to follow in Msgr.
Reddy Hall**

Today, at the noon Mass, I will be installed as an acolyte by Bishop James Massa, an auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn. The term is rarely heard, and many questions have arisen about what the term acolyte means. The term acolyte refers to the ministries the Church gives to those preparing for the priesthood. In the past, the term was called "minor orders" and referred to the reception of these "minor orders" that needed to be received to be ordained a priest. The acolyte would have a variety of duties, such as lighting the candles on the altar, carrying the candles in procession, and assisting the priest at Mass. In 1973, Pope Paul VI replaced "minor orders" with "ministry" but they still maintain the same purpose. The acolyte's duty is to aid the deacon and to minister to the priest. Those studying for the priesthood always receive the ministry of acolyte. While the Catholic Church defines acolytes in this official capacity, the term is commonly used today when referring to altar servers, specifically altar servers who carry the candles at Mass. The Church has maintained the ministry of acolyte as a step for those studying for the priesthood. I hope that this brief explanation of acolyte is beneficial. Please continue to pray for an increase in vocations as I prepare for my reception of the ministry of acolyte. In Christ, Seminarian Paul Zwolak

Volunteers are needed to assist with Live Streaming on Weekdays and Sundays. We live Stream Masses on Sunday- Wednesdays and also funerals as requested. The technology is easy to work. If you are willing to help with this important ministry, please contact Father Jim at the rectory 718-634-6464 or via email at Jim1950@aol.com

The Rosary is prayed every morning at 8:40 AM before the 9:00 AM Mass and every Monday night at 7:00 PM in the church.

Faith & Family

A 4 WEEK PROGRAM TO PROVIDE PARENTS WITH THE TOOLS, RESOURCES, & EXPERIENCES TO ENABLE YOUR FAMILIES TO GROW TOGETHER SPIRITUALLY

Topics that will be covered

- Church Precepts
- Faith
- Scripture
- Prayer
- Tour & History of SFDS

Weekly on Mondays
October 16 - November 6
7:00 to 8:15 PM
Monsignor Reddy Hall

To join, call 718-945-6911 or email annemarie@sfdsparish.org by 10/9

Food Drive – On Saturday, Nov. 11th “The Graybeards” in partnership with “The RIBS’ will once again be sponsoring a FOOD RIVE to help stock the various food pantries throughout the Rockaways. Blue collection bags are being distributed throughout the Rockaways. Blue collection bags are being distributed throughout the neighborhood this weekend. If you did not receive a blue bag in your mailbox there are extra bags in the back of the church. Collection of the food will be next Saturday Nov. 11th. Just leave your blue bag outside your front door before 9 AM next Saturday and someone will be by to pick it up. If for some reason your donation does not get picked up on Saturday you can drop it off at the rectory. Please consider giving generously.



QUEENS COUNTY ST. PATRICKS DAY PARADE AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER

St. Camillus in Springman Hall, Beach 110th Street on Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023

Music – The Celtic Justice Band

from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM

**CORNED BEEF SANDWICHES/BYOB, DRAFT BEER, COFFEE, TEA AND SODA
COME AND SUPPORT OUR 49TH PARADE GREET OUR HONOREES**

COST: \$65 EACH-TABLE OF TEN \$600.00

OUR 49TH CELEBRATION PARADE

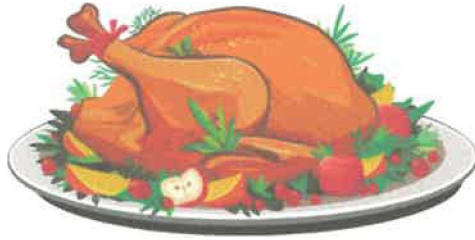
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TICKETS: AT ROGERS PUB, PARADE COMMITTEE: 718—318-3474



St. Francis de Sales Parish

Thanksgiving Turkey Collection



Each year our parish receives hundreds of requests *to* assist families *and* individuals in need at Thanksgiving. *We* again are asking *our Parishioners* to *consider* donating money to *purchase* Thanksgiving Turkeys for local families *in need*.

The suggested donation is \$25 per Turkey.

Our goal is to collect enough funds to distribute 500 turkeys this Thanksgiving.

Please *put* your donation in an envelope *marked* "Turkeys" with tear-off *below* and place it in *the* collection basket or *drop off* at *the rectory*.

For more information contact Father Jim at Jim1950@aol.com or call the rectory at: 718-634-6464



Thank you in advance for your generosity

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ **Telephone:** _____

Enclosed is my donation for _____ Turkey(s)

Please put donation in an envelope with tear-off found above and place it in *the collection basket or drop off at the rectory*. *Thank you!*

VETERAN'S DAY
NOVEMBER 11, 2023



God of peace, we pray that you bless all those who have served their country through service in the armed forces. Grant healing to those veterans who have been wounded, be it in body, mind or soul. We pray especially for those young men and women who come home to lives of suffering and loneliness.