

*St. Francis de Sales Parish
Sunday, November 26, 2023*



**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

“Come, you who are blessed by my Father.
Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the
foundation of the world.” - Mt 25:34

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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

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Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

Masses for the week of November 26 – 3, 2023

Sunday

8:00 AM Anne Rafferty
10:00 AM Bernice Olsen
John and Margaret Mullins
Marion Santo
Michael and Lucille Ambrosecchio
Theodore Prakope
12:00 PM Danny Onorato
Thomas and Mary Hartnett

Monday

9:00 AM Felix J. Mullen
James Gildea
Sister Patricia Walsh (Birthday)

Tuesday

9:00 AM Alice Cooney 3rd A
Frank McCarthy

Wednesday

9:00 AM Nancy O'Connor

Thursday

9:00 AM Mary Haggerty 9th A
The Jones and Scanlon Families

Friday

9:00 AM Catherine E. Gallagher 21st A
Marie O'Grady
Peggy and George Droesch (A)

Saturday

9:00 AM Phyllis D'Accordo (B)
Sarah Cominos
4:30 PM Bridie O'Donoghue
Eugene D. Farina 1st Anniversary
Mary and Bernie Woods

Sunday

8:00 AM Msgr. Martin T. Geraghty
10:00 AM Joseph (Joe) Farrell
Nancy Argiro
T. J. Curley and Kay Schmedlein
William and Diane Erhard
William P. Edwards
12:00 PM Karolina Bobek (A)
Kathleen Denver



Bread and Wine to be offered at the Masses for this week Kay and Frank Gallagher.

Winners for the week are: 500 Club: Congratulations: for 2023-2024
\$100 #248 Brian J. Keenan
50 #325 John and Patricia Gray
25 #136 Devin Parchment

SICK AND HOMEBOUND - Kindly remember in your prayers Jimmy O'Neill, Lynn Soren, Tess Kuhlmann, Janine Cerrone, Carol Conroy, Jim Bunyan Chris Gallagher, Maria Barry, Rita Hayden and Gavin Merrill.

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 Johanna O'Connor and John Powers.



The Boy Scouts will be selling Christmas Wreaths after all the Masses on this weekend.

SAVE-THE-DATES



**Sunday, December 3rd - 10:00AM Family Mass
~ Cookies With Santa fellowship to follow in the gym.**



**Tuesday, December 12th, - 6:00 PM Tree Lighting in the Prayer Garden.
~ Hot Chocolate and cookies will be provided**



Pasta Dinner

**Saturday, January 6th, - 4:30 Family Mass
~ Family Pasta Night in gym to follow.**



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.



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Dear Friend in Christ,

With Christmas rapidly approaching, one of the ways that we, as a parish family, have shared the joy of the Christmas season has been through the Christmas Tree Garden of Lights and Angels. This year I invite you to join us once again as we light up St. Francis de Sales.

Please consider helping us let the Light of Christ shine brightly once again.

I invite you to participate in this community celebration by sponsoring a Christmas tree or angel. Your donation in the name of your family, business or in memory of a loved one, will be deeply appreciated. Multiple families may join together in sponsoring a tree or angel. We only have 25 angels available. If interested, please fill out the sponsorship form below. Tree Sponsorship is \$300 Angel Sponsorship is \$500

If you would like to help with the trees and angels, or if you have any questions, please call Fr. Jim in the rectory at 718-634-6464.

I look forward to sharing in this blessed time of the year with you and remind you that amid the presents, decorations and parties, Jesus is our light and the true reason for the season!

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. William F. Sweeney



SPONSORSHIP FORM (For additional information please call the rectory at 718-634-6464. Thank You!)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

_____ Tree (s) @ \$300

_____ Angel (s) @ \$500

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please indicate below how you would like the sponsorship sign that will be placed on the tree or angel to read.

Please make all checks payable to St. Francis de Sales Parish. Please return this form as soon as possible to the rectory or within the collection basket marked "Tree Lighting" so the committee can prepare everything. Thank You!

OKTOBERFEST UPDATE

On behalf of St. Francis de Sales Parish, we would like to thank all those who participated in our recent 50/50 Oktoberfest Raffle. 3073 tickets were sold and the winning ticket amounted to \$153,600! The winner of the raffle 'Regina', could hardly contain herself when she learned of the amazing news that she won the raffle. She and her family are happy beyond words and grateful too! Hearty congratulations to Claire Conte who sold the winning ticket.

There are so many people we should acknowledge but the list would be too long. We give thanks to all the volunteers who spent many hours selling tickets. Thank you to the Finance Committee, Parish Council and Parish Staff for their outreach. Thank you to all the other 'sellers' of our extremely successful fundraiser. The proceeds of our Oktoberfest Raffle help our Parish to continue with the important ministries of the Church.

A special thanks to Mike Lee for organizing the distribution and collection of the tickets. And most importantly to YOU, your family members, friends, colleagues and others that became involved this year, we send a great big thank you!

God Bless, Fr. Bill, Fr. Jim & and Suzanne Blum



**FOR ANYONE OVER THE AGE OF 18 GRIEVING THE LOSS
OF A LOVED ONE**

**THE ST. FRANCIS de SALES
GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP
IS SPONSORING A SEMINAR**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023 at 7:00 PM

THE SMALL HALL - (Refreshments will be served)

For further information please call the rectory - 718-634-6464



**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL THE
PEOPLE WHO MADE DONATIONS FOR THANKSGIVING TURKEYS.**



"Blessed are the peacemakers," the Lord taught us in The Sermon on the Mount, "for they will be called children of God." And so, seeking to grow in faithfulness to the Lord, we set about making peace, working for it's fruition in every dark corner of the world. And as in all our work for the Kingdom, we begin with prayer, praying that God's peace may touch all places where violence seek a foothold, and if it be His will, may our hands have a part.