

# St. Francis de Sales Parish



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

December 10, 2023  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday to Friday: 9:00am  
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

## RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm  
Saturday & Sunday by appointment only

## Pastoral Staff

The Very Rev. William F. Sweeney, Pastor  
Rev. James K. Cunningham, Associate  
Monsignor John J. Bracken (Retired) Sunday Assistant  
Deacon Vincent LaGamba  
Deacon Armand D'Accordo  
Paul Zwolak - Pastoral Year Seminarian

## Parish Staff

Mrs. Dorothy Brenna, Parish Secretary  
Mrs. Anne Marie Greene, Director of Religious Education  
Mrs. Suzanne Blum, Assistant Administrator of Religious Education  
Mr. Michael Fontana, Music Director

## Parish Contact Information

Parish Office/Rectory Phone	718-634-6464
Religious Education Office Phone	718-945-6911
Parish Email Address	sfdsparish@aol.com

## ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH 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.

### 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.

### 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 2:00pm.

### 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 OFFERINGS

Available in the Parish Rectory during office hours.

Mass Stipend	\$15 per Mass
Bread & Wine for the week	\$50
Candles for the week	\$50
Flowers for the week	\$150

### Parish Trustees

Mrs. Kristin Franchock  
Mr. Michael Lee

### Parish Council

Mrs. Kristin Franchock, Chair  
Mr. Jamie Agoglia  
Mrs. Janice Ameruso  
Mrs. Noelle Hutton Burns  
Mrs. Claire Conti  
Mr. Joseph Courtney  
Mr. Sean Fitzgerald  
Mrs. Meghan Flanagan  
Mrs. Lisa Hayden  
Mr. Timothy Henning  
Mrs. Chrystie Rasmussen  
Mrs. Kathy Roventini

### Parish Finance Council

Mr. Thomas Allison  
Mr. Gregory Bender  
Mrs. Rebecca Carey  
Mrs. Brynn Heegan  
Mr. Joseph Keenan  
Mr. Patrick Minson  
Mr. Dan Twomey

Parish Website:

<https://sfdsparish.org/>

Parish Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/sfdschurch>

### St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy

219 Beach 129 Street  
Belle Harbor, NY 11694  
(718) 634-2775  
[www.stfrancisacademybh.org](http://www.stfrancisacademybh.org)



Dr. Christopher Scharbach, Principal  
Mrs. Maureen Hayes, Assistant Principal  
Mrs. Cathy Kenny, School Secretary  
Ms. Helen Endall, School Secretary



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF  
DECEMBER 10-17, 2023**

**Sunday**

8:00 AM Thomas Gavigan  
10:00 AM Bernice Olsen  
John Jordan  
Michael Lyons 12th A  
Mike Accettulli Jr. 1st A  
Theresa Mure  
Thomas J. Coleman  
12:00 PM Christopher Sugrue 5<sup>th</sup> (A)  
Mackenzie Sugrue (B)

**Monday**

9:00 AM Bill Clark

**Tuesday**

9:00 AM The Jones and Scanlon Families

**Wednesday**

9:00 AM John and Donald Bradley

**Thursday**

9:00 AM Arlene McGlone  
Catherine Moore  
Fr. Patrick G. Burns (5th A)  
James Ray (B)

**Friday**

9:00 AM Bridget Casey  
Christopher Murtagh  
Colleen Madden (B)

**Saturday**

9:00 AM Marge Carney  
4:30 PM Denise Nopper (2nd A)  
John Boyle  
Marie, Jim and Larry McCrory and  
Helen and William Gruner  
Martin A. McDermott (B)  
Peggy, Walter and John Moran  
William C. O'Brien

**Sunday**

8:00 AM Patsy O'Brien  
10:00 AM Bernadette Burns (B)  
Desi O'Leary  
Eileen Coogan  
Harry and Bessie Santoro  
Mary Tomassetti  
12:00 PM Sister Margaret Murphy CSJ

**REST IN PEACE**

Please remember our parishioners who have recently gone to eternal rest. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of Christ rest in peace

**SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

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

**WEEKLY REMEMBRANCE:**



The Bread and Wine to be offered this week is in memory of:  
Father Patrick G. Burns

**PARISH 500 CLUB:**

Congratulations to this week's winners:

- o \$100 #043 Robert & Patricia Gibson
- o \$50 #334 Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Smith
- o \$25 #131 Stephen Daly

**POINSETTIA PLANTS**

If you would like to donate one of the Poinsettia Plants that will decorate our altar this Christmas, the donation is \$20.00 a plant. Plants can be donated in memory of your loved ones. Thank you.



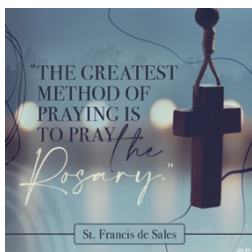
**Observances for the week of  
December 10, 2023**

Sunday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Monday: St. Damasus I, Pope  
Tuesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Wednesday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr  
Thursday: St. John of the Cross  
Priest and Doctor of the Church

Please Note: There will be no 12 Noon Weekday Mass on December 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank You

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS:

- ✦ **THIS Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM**  
Parish Tree Lighting to be held outside of the Parish Prayer Garden on Beach 129<sup>th</sup> Street and Rockaway Beach Boulevard. Carols begin at 6:30PM. Hot Chocolate and Cookies will be served. Please join us!
- ✦ **Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM**  
The St. Francis de Sales Choir and Orchestra will present Vivaldi's Gloria. Admission is free. Donations are gladly accepted.
- ✦ **Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:30PM**  
Parish Family Mass. Followed by Family Pasta Night in the gymnasium. More information to come



### JOIN US TO PRAY THE ROSARY

The rosary is prayed every morning at 8:40AM before the 9:00AM Mass and every Monday at 7:00PM in the church. Please join us!

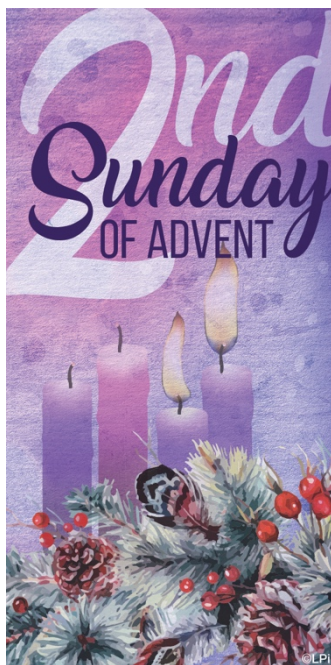
## **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

First Reading: A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! (Is 40:3)

Psalm: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

Second Reading: We await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (1 Pt 1:13)

Gospel: John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (Mk 16:4)



## CHRISTMAS TREES AND ANGELS

The annual blessing and lighting of the Memorial Angels and Christmas Trees is this Tuesday at 7:00PM. We hope you will join us.

We have a limited number of trees and angels still available. Please visit or call the rectory if interested.

- Tree Sponsorship is \$300
- Angel Sponsorship is \$500



## **Annual Blessing & Lighting of the Memorial Angels & Christmas Trees**

**Tuesday, December 12, 2023**

**6:30PM - Carols By the Prayer Garden  
7:00PM - Prayer Service & Lighting**

**Hot Chocolate & Cookies will be served.**

There are a limited number of  
memorial angels & trees still available.  
Please contact the rectory:  
@ 718-634-6464



## **PARISH GIVING TREE**

Ornaments are available on The Advent Giving Tree in the front of a church for you to choose to help those less fortunate this Christmas. Unwrapped gifts are due back on or before December 18th. Thank you for your kindness.

**PLEASE KEEP OUR BRAVE  
MEN AND WOMEN IN YOUR  
PRAYERS, ESPECIALLY:**



### **United States Army**

- ✝ Cadet Molly Murtaugh, USMA, West Point
- ✝ Cadet Aidan Smith, USMA, West Point
- ✝ Pvt. 1st Class Edward Conti\*
- ✝ CW4 Rafael Solis
- ✝ Sergeant First Class Patrick O'Leary

### **United States Marine Corps**

- ✝ Corporal Frankie McVeigh
- ✝ Sergeant Matt McDade
- ✝ Second Lieutenant Jack Bambury
- ✝ First Lieutenant Terrence Stackpole\*
- ✝ Major James McKeon
- ✝ Lieutenant Colonel Elizabeth McKeon
- ✝ Colonel Brian Mulvihill
- ✝ Colonel Michaela Coughlin\*
- ✝ LNCPL Charles Watson
- ✝ Colonel J.P. Kearns
- ✝ PFC Jake Morales

### **United States Navy**

- ✝ Midshipman Connor Bradwisch, USNA, Annapolis
- ✝ Midshipman Michael Strehle, USNA Annapolis
- ✝ Ensign Kevin Strehle
- ✝ Lieutenant Junior Grade Eamonn Gavigan
- ✝ Lieutenant Commander Sean Casey
- ✝ Lieutenant Junior Grade John Scaccia\*
- ✝ Lieutenant Briana R. Gorman
- ✝ Petty Officer Thomas Pulkowski

### **United States Air Force**

- ✝ Sergeant Stephen Pulkowski
- ✝ First Lieutenant Thomas Glynn
- ✝ Staff Sergeant John Glynn

*\*Deployed*

***“Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. Amen.”***

If you have a son or daughter, relative or friend in the military, whose name and service you would like included in our bulletin, please contact the rectory at 718-634-6464. Also, if your loved one's military service status or rank changes, please let us know.

## **PARISH MINISTRIES:**



**Altar Servers:** Training for new altar servers occurs each spring for young girls and boys in the parish, grade 4 and older.

**Youth Faith Formation:** Designed for children aged 16 and younger that are baptized but did not make First Penance or First Holy Communion. Please speak with Mrs. Greene if interested.

**Lectors/Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:** If interested in serving, please speak with Father Jim.

**Adult and Children's Choir:** If interested please speak with Mr. Michael Fontana

**Right of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):** Designed for adults aged 16 in older interested in the Catholic Faith. Please speak with Father Jim if interested.

**Parish Council:** If interested in serving on the Parish Council, please speak with Father Bill.

**Sea Breeze Golden Age Club:** Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday from September to June in the SFDS Gymnasium from 12:00 – 3:00PM. For more information call Ellen Mondonca at 631-923-7866

**Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Sports:** For more information on the SFDS CYO Organization please visit:  
<https://sfdsparish.org/ministries/cyo>

**Live Streamers:** This is the group that helps live stream our weekday and Sunday masses as well as certain funerals and weddings. You will be trained and the job is easy. Speak with Father Jim

**NEW: Hospitality Ministry:** This committee will assist with planning fellowship opportunities around parish spiritual events and religious celebrations. If interested in joining please speak with Father Jim

**Please consider getting involved! Thank You!**

## PARISH MINISTERS ADVENT BREAKFAST RETREAT

A retreat, led by Father Carlos Velasquez, was held this past Saturday for all of our parish ministers. It was a wonderful way to begin Advent and say thank you to our parish ministers. We thank Father Carlos for his beautiful and inspiring talk and the hospitality committee for helping to coordinate the fellowship.



## ADVENT FAMILY MASS & COOKIES WITH SANTA

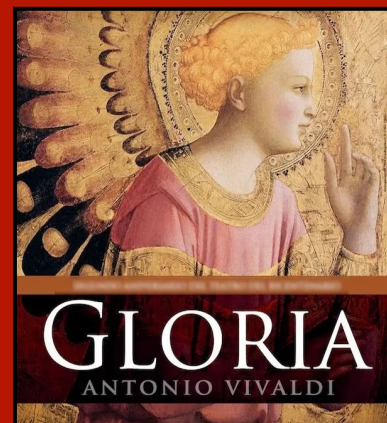
This past Sunday, the Parish Council helped organize our Advent Family Mass, followed by Cookies with Santa in the Gymnasium. Many children in our parish helped with the liturgy. Thank You to all of the members of the Parish Council and Mrs. Janet Donohue for helping coordinate last week.



To see more photos from our parish events, please visit our Parish Facebook page. Thank You!  
<https://www.facebook.com/sfdschurch>

*St. Francis de Sales  
Roman Catholic Church*

PRESENTS



ON

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 6:00PM  
129-16 ROCKAWAY BEACH BLVD, BELLE HARBOR, NY

FEATURING

THE ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

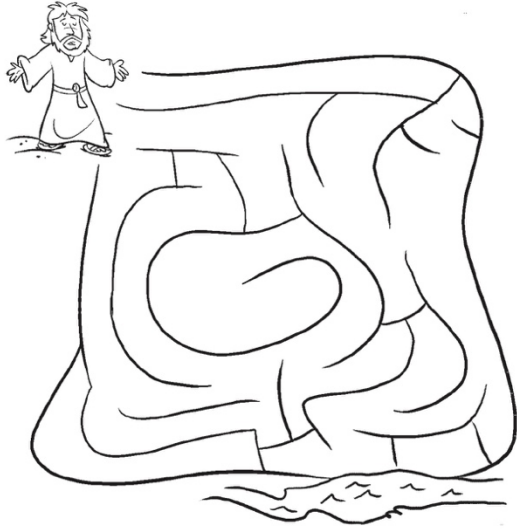
MICHAEL FONTANA, DIRECTOR

LAURI AGUIRRE, SOPRANO & BARBARA FUSCO, ALTO

ADMISSION IS FREE. DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED.

## PUZZLE

Help John the Baptist find his way to the Jordan River.

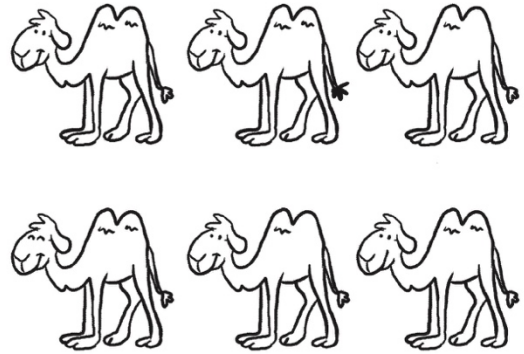


## MISSION

Every day I will tell God that I am sorry for my sins.

## PUZZLE

Find the 2 identical camels.



## MISSION

Ask your family if you have hurt their feelings.  
Ask them to forgive you.