

# St. Francis de Sales Parish



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

December 17, 2023  
THIRD 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.

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### 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 9:00AM 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

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### 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. Mike Coughlin  
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 17-24**

**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

**Monday**

9:00 AM Christopher O'Connell (B)  
F. F. Christopher Bopp  
Margaret and William Roche  
Rev. James M. Dunne (9th A)

**Tuesday**

9:00 AM Dr. John Meringolo

**Wednesday**

9:00 AM Christine and Margie McNulty (B)  
The Deceased Members  
of the Ryan Family  
Helen Moses  
Mildred and August Vitale

**Thursday**

9:00 AM Joseph Spellman (B)  
Kathleen Moriarty  
The Deceased Members of the  
McHale and Greaney Families

**Friday**

9:00 AM Diane Erhard  
Joseph O'Grady and Keough  
Families  
The Aiken's Family

**Saturday**

9:00 AM Tom Jones  
4:30 PM Emily Fitzpatrick  
John Summa Sr. & John Summa Jr.  
William O'Brien 41st Anniversary

**Sunday**

8:00 AM Richie O'Connor  
10:00 AM Anthony DiCarlo  
Joseph Vincent Caruana  
Rev. Michael Walsh 15thA  
The Devaney and Weiss Families  
Thomas F. Brady 40th A  
and Jack Pulaski 72nd A

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no 12:00PM Mass  
on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>/ Christmas Eve

**REST IN PEACE**

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

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**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.

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**WEEKLY REMEMBRANCE:**



The Bread and Wine to be offered this  
week is in memory of:  
John Howley

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**PARISH 500 CLUB:**

Congratulations to this week's winners:

- o \$100 #246 Catherine P. Boyle
- o \$50 #123 James & Kim Mullen
- o \$25 #236 Della Boyle

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**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 17, 2023**

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent  
Monday:  
Tuesday:  
Wednesday:  
Thursday: St. Peter Canisius  
Priest and Doctor of the Church  
Friday:

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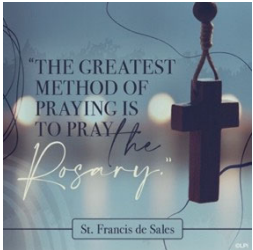
## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS:

W **TONIGHT:** 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.

W 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: I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul. (Is 61:10)

Psalm: My soul rejoices in my God. (Is 61:10b)

Second Reading: May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thes 5:23)

Gospel: "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." (Jn 1:23)



## CHRISTMAS TREES AND ANGELS

Thank you to everyone that joined us for our parish tree and angel lighting this past Tuesday night. 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

Stay tuned for photos from the event in next week's bulletin.

## PARISH GIVING TREE

Individuals that purchased an item for the giving tree are asked to place their unwrapped gifts under the giving tree by the Altar this weekend. Thank you for your kindness.

## PLEASE JOIN US TONIGHT:

*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.

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



**United States Army**

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

**United States Marine Corps**

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

**United States Navy**

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

**United States Air Force**

- U Sergeant Stephen Pulkowski
- U First Lieutenant Thomas Glynn
- U 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!**

# St. Francis de Sales - Christmas Mass Times

Sunday, December 24, 2023

## Christmas Eve Mass Times

**3:00PM - Church - Children's Choir**

4:30PM - Adult Choir

6:00PM - Folk Group

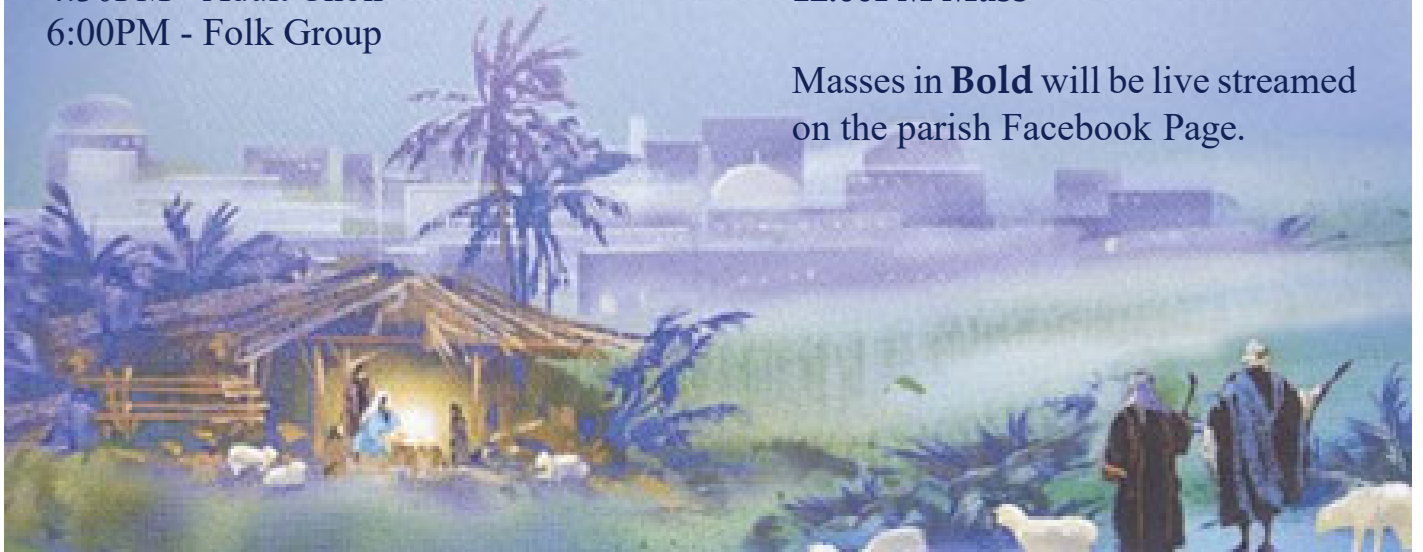
Monday, December 25, 2023

## Christmas Day Mass Times

8:00AM Mass

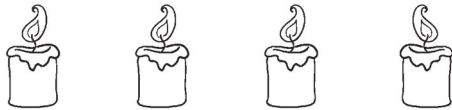
**12:00PM Mass**

Masses in **Bold** will be live streamed on the parish Facebook Page.



## PUZZLE

Circle the picture that is facing the **wrong** way.  
Then color in all the pictures.



## MISSION

I will forgive others and ask them to forgive me when I hurt them.

## GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE B

## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



