

St. Francis de Sales Parish



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

December 31, 2023
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



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 9:00AM 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

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



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

HAVE A BLESSED

new year

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
DECEMBER 31 – JANUARY 7, 2023**

December 31 – New Year's Eve

New Year's Eve

8:00 AM Thomas Gavigan

10:00 AM Andrew Cahalan

Dorothy Allen 5th A

Eileen McLoughlin

Madeline DeMato Wolf

Frank Tammara Sr.

12:00 PM Helen (Nellie) Sweeny

***New Year's Day
is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.***

Monday – New Year's Day

9:00 AM Patricia Ray

Tuesday

9:00 AM John Powers

Wednesday

9:00 AM Kevin Kearney (9th A)

Thomas Hannan

Thursday

9:00 AM Anne Dempsey

Anne Lyons (A)

Friday

9:00 AM John Killion

Saturday

9:00 AM Catherine, Sr. Jeanne CSJ. John,

Thomas and Thomas Jr. (12th A)

Walter Brady (A)

4:30 PM Judith Tosi

Catherine and Michael Murphy and

August and Rose Ambrosecchio

Sunday

8:00 AM Bill Fraser (2nd A)

10:00 AM Anne Rafferty

John C. Powers

John Peter Moroney and Deceased

members of the Moroney Family

Katherine and Sunny McNelis

12:00PM Steve Corso (2nd A)

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:
Eileen McLoughlin

PARISH 500 CLUB:

Congratulations to this week's winners:

\$100 #249 Mr. Andrew Rohman

\$50 #324 Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Smith

\$25 #282 Judith Torpey

**Observances for the week of
December 31, 2023**

Sunday: The Holy Family; New Year's Eve

Monday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God

New Year's Day, World Day of Peace

Tuesday: Sts. Basil the Great and

Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and
Doctors of the Church

Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Thursday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Friday: St. John Neumann, Bishop

Saturday: St. André Bessette, Religious

Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord



UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS:

- W Saturday, January 6th at 4:30PM
Parish Family Mass. Followed by Family Pasta Night in the gymnasium. \$10 Per Person includes Salad, Bread, Pasta, Soda and Dessert. (BYOB) All are invited. Tickets are available in the rectory or online via the SFDS Facebook page or by scanning the QR Code on the flyer within the bulletin.
- W Sunday, March 17th
Back by Popular Demand. World Acclaimed Irish Tenor, Emmet Cahill, will return to our parish for a live concert. Save the date for a beautiful afternoon of Irish, Religious and Traditional Ballads. More details to come.

St. Francis de Sales Parish Council Presents:

Family Pasta Night!

Saturday, January 6, 2024
following the 4:30PM Family Mass

\$10 Per Person
Includes Salad, Bread, Pasta,
Soda & Dessert. BYOB

All Darishoners are invited!

TICKETS NOW ON SALE
AVAILABLE VIA SFDS FACEBOOK PAGE OR SCAN THIS QR CODE
YOU CAN ALSO PURCHASE TICKETS AT THE RECTORY.
GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY! WE ANTICIPATE THIS EVENT WILL SELL OUT.
NO WALK-INS WILL BE ACCEPTED.



Food Provided By:
Michael's of Brooklyn
and
As & S at the Harbor

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!

THE HOLY FAMILY – DECEMBER 31, 2023 SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: "Your own issue shall be your heir." The Lord took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." (Gn 3:4-5)

Psalm: The Lord remembers his covenant forever. (Ps 105)

Second Reading: By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age and Sarah herself was sterile. (Heb 11:11)

Gospel: The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. (Lk 2:40)

PARISH THANKS

Special thanks to JoJo O'Grady who was honored at one of the championship basketball games last weekend and is stepping back after running the Parish CYO Basketball program for the last ten years. We appreciate JoJo's many years of service to the parish and the thousands of youth that have gone through the basketball program under his leadership.

Thank You to Michael Fontana and the Parish Choir and Orchestra for the beautiful performance of Gloria by Antonio Vivaldi on December 17th. If you were unable to attend, we encourage you to go to the parish website and search for the video. Thank you also to the Hospitality Committee and the Ushers for their help that evening.

Thank you to the parish staff and all of the volunteers who helped prepare our church to look beautiful for Christmas.

A thought for the week that I found and thought you would enjoy – Love, Father Bill

"Moring is God's way of saying one more time, go make a difference, touch a heart, encourage a mind, inspire a soul and enjoy the day."

**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. Thank You!

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 1st and 3rd Wednesday from September to June in the SFDS Gymnasium from 12:00 – 3:00PM. For more information call Ellen Mendonca 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!

THE HOLY FAMILY



UPCOMING DIOCESAN EVENTS:

NEW MINISTERS

If anyone is interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or a Lector, the Diocese will be holding two upcoming training workshops:

- Saturday, March 9, 2024 at The Mary Louis Academy from 9:00AM – 3:30PM
- Saturday, May 18, 2024 at St. Francis Prep High School from 9:00AM – 3:30PM

We encourage anyone with any interest, to please speak with Father Bill or Father Jim. Thank You!

MARCH FOR LIFE

January 19th, 2024

Respect Life Office will be providing round trip bus transportation to Washington, D.C.

Bus is leaving from the Diocesan Office at 310 Prospect Park West Brooklyn NY 11215
6:00 AM
Cost: \$40

2024 March For Life Brooklyn Diocese Bus Registration Form

To reserve your seat, please scan the QR code or visit forms.office.com/r/sT0ykvJ2kR

Any questions please email: pilgrimage@diobrook.org



Holy Hour
for LIFE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18TH, 2024

8:00 - 9:00 PM

The Cathedral Basilica of St. James

250 Cathedral Place, Brooklyn, NY 11201



Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn

Pro Vita Mass

Sponsored by the Long Island Chapter Knights of Columbus

Join the Diocese of Brooklyn and the Knights of Columbus of Kings and Queens Counties as we celebrate the gift of life and pray for a respect for life at all stages.

Sunday, January 21, 2024, 11:00am Mass
St. James Cathedral-Basilica, Brooklyn

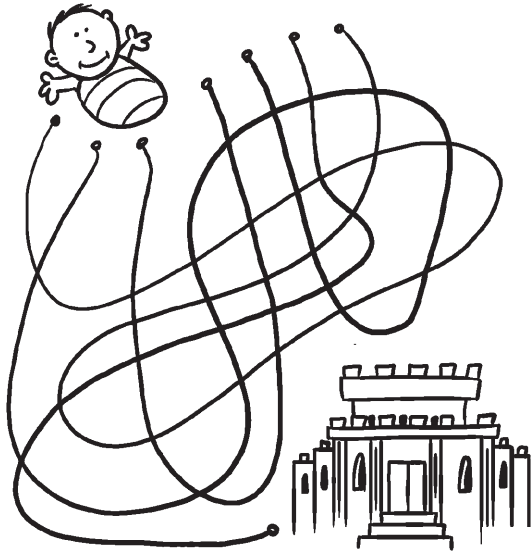
Honoring
FATHER FULGENCIO GUTIÉRREZ with the Blessed Michael J. McGivney Medal for Life
CHARLES SHELLEY, Bishop Thomas V. Daily Pro Vita Award
JOE MORA, Bishop Thomas V. Daily Pro Vita Award

Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan, Bishop of Brooklyn
S.K. Fr. Michael L. Gelfant, Associate New York State Chaplain
S.K. William Kul, Chairman, Long Island Chapter

For More Information: 718.634.6357 [f /KofCBklynQns](https://www.facebook.com/KofCBklynQns)

PUZZLE

Find the path to bring Jesus to the temple.



MISSION

I will offer everything I do for you,
Lord, Jesus Christ.

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

