

St. Francis de Sales Parish



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

JANUARY 7, 2024
THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD



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. Susan Gavigan, 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. Mike Coughlin
Mr. Joseph Courtney
Mr. Sean Fitzgerald
Mrs. Meghan Flanagan
Mrs. Lisa Hayden
Mr. Timothy Henning
Mrs. Chrystie Rasmussen
Mrs. Kathy Roventini

Parish Website:

<https://sfdsparish.org/>

Parish Facebook Page:

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

Parish Finance Council

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

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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
January 7 – 14, 2024

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
12:00 PM Steve Corso (2nd A)

Monday

9:00 AM Susan Killian

Tuesday

9:00 AM John Smythe

Wednesday

9:00 AM Bernard Bopp
John C. Powers
William Hopkins

Thursday

9:00 AM Elizabeth Radday
George Ferguson (1st A)
Carolyn Bell (B)

Friday

9:00 AM James Leo Murray (B)

Saturday

9:00 AM Desiree McDonough and
William Cain
4:30 PM Msgr. John J. Brown

Sunday

8:00 AM James Flanagan 35th A
10:00 AM Dennis Michael Fulton (A)
Jerome Mangano
John Peter Moroney and deceased
members of the Moroney Family
Rosanna Martinelli
Thomas Kelliher
12:00 PM James Scanlon
Lorraine Cimino
Hector Ruiz Jr. and Daria Ruiz

MASS OFFERINGS are available in the Parish
Rectory during office hours. \$15 per Mass

REST IN PEACE

Please remember our parishioners who have
recently gone to eternal rest. **Dorothy Monte.**
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:
Lynn Soren, 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:
Katie Courtney

PARISH 500 CLUB:

Congratulations to this week's winners:
\$100 #163 Tara Stackpole
\$50 #032 Frances Shannon
\$25 #054 John Hearn

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF
January 7, 2024

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord
Monday: The Baptism of the Lord
Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday:
Friday:
Saturday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor
of the Church; BVM
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS:

- ✦ THIS WEEKEND – 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.
- ✦ 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 Parishoners 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
AsS 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!

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Training for any student in grade 4-12 interested in becoming an altar server will begin in February. Please see the form in the back of the church if interested. Thank You!

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Psalm: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

Second Reading: It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

Gospel: "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

NEW PARISH VOTIVE CANDLES

Our new parish votive candles were installed in the church prior to Christmas. Candles offerings are \$2.00 each.



We light candles before a statue or sacred image of our Lord or a saint. The light signifies our prayer, which is offered in faith, entering the light of God. It also shows reverence and our desire to remain present in prayer even as we continue on our day.

If you are interested in memorializing a loved one via one of the new votive candle stands, please call the Rectory or speak with Father Bill or Father Jim. The requested donation is \$2500.

"The Wise Still Seek Him"

**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. Thank You!

PARISH MINISTRIES:



Altar Servers: Training for new altar servers occurs each year for young girls and boys in the parish, grade 4 and older. **NEW TRAINING BEGINS IN FEBRUARY 2024.**

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!

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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!



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

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 Kuil, Chairman, Long Island Chapter



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

PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

WISE-MEN
STAR
HEROD

MESSIAH
WORSHIP
EXCITED

GIFTS
WARNED
DREAM

U W A R N E D E K O E
J I N E G A J W I N G
A S U T O F I O S A I
N E X C I T E D U D F
O M I Y U B A U W E T
H E R O D E N Y O G S
W N A H R T Y H R S F
S O Y I E O M A S T U
T I B V A H U D H Y M
A S U L M E S S I A H
R E W A Y I L E P O Y

MISSION

Solve a puzzle together with your family. Work together like the wise men did.

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Epiphany of the Lord • Matthew 2:1-12