

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 Finance Council**

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

#### **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 Havden

Mr. Timothy Henning

Mrs. Chrystie Rasmussen

Mrs. Kathy Roventini

Parish Website:
Parish Facebook Page:

https://sfdsparish.org/

https://www.facebook.com/sfdschurch

# St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy

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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) Anne Rafferty 10:00 AM

John C. Powers

John Peter Moroney and deceased members of the Moroney Family. Katherine and Sunny McNelis

Steve Corso (2nd A) 12:00 PM

**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 Dennis Michael Fulton (A) 10:00 AM

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:

John Hearn

\$100 #163 Tara Stackpole \$50 #032 Frances Shannon \$25 #054

## **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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>
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.



#### **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!

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD January 7, 2024 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.



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

#### **United States Army**

- ⊕ Pvt. 1st Class Edward Conti\*
- ⊕ CW4 Rafael Solis

#### **United States Marine Corps**

- ⊕ Corporal Frankie McVeigh

- ⊕ First Lieutenant Terrence Stackpole\*

- ⊕ Colonel Brian Mulvihill

#### **United States Navy**

- ₱ Midshipman Connor Bradwisch, USNA, Annapolis
- ₱ Midshipman Michael Strehle, USNA Annapolis
- ⊕ Ensign Kevin Strehle

- ⊕ Lieutenant Junior Grade John Scaccia\*
- ☆ Lieutenant Briana R. Gorman
- Petty Officer Thomas Pulkowski

#### **United States Air Force**

#### \*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 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 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

<u>NEW:</u> 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!









#### **UPCOMING DIOCESAN EVENTS:**

#### **NEW MINISTERS**

If anyone is interested in becoming and 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!



THURSDAY, JANUARY 18TH, 2024

8:00-9:00PM

The Cathedral Basilica of St. James

250 Cathedral Place, Brooklyn, NY 11201



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



Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn

# Pro Vita Mass

Sponsored by the Long Island Chapter Knights of Columbus

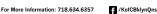
ounties as we celebrate the gift of life and pray for a respect for life at all stages.

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

ATHER 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 Chapla S.K. William Kuil, Chairman, Long Island Chapter







Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

WISE MEN MESSIAH GIFTS
STAR WORSHIP WARNED
HEROD EXCITED DREAM

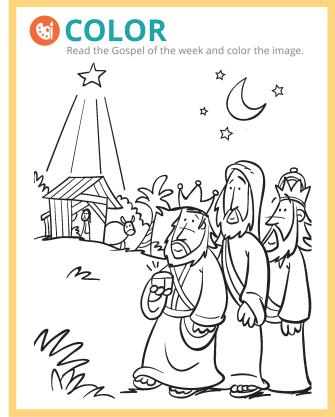
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Solve a puzzle together with your family. Work together like the wise men did.







Epiphany of the Lord • Matthew 2:1-12