

St. Francis de Sales Parish



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

JANUARY 14, 2024
SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

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

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

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Belle Harbor, NY 11694
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Dr. Christopher Scharbach, Principal
Mrs. Maureen Hayes, Assistant Principal
Mrs. Cathy Kenny, School Secretary
Ms. Helen Endall, School Secretary

St. Francis de Sales Pray for Us



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
January 14-21**

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 Hector Ruiz Jr. and Daria Ruiz
James Scanlon
Lorraine Cimino

Monday

9:00 AM David O'Brien Jr. (B)
Marie C. Marrone (B)
Peggy Moerler

Tuesday

9:00 AM Nancy Vitale

Wednesday

9:00 AM Msgr. Martin T. Geraghty

Thursday

9:00 AM Johannah O'Connor

Friday

9:00 AM Robert W. Rose Sr. (B)

Saturday

9:00 AM Christine McNulty 2nd A in heaven
Eileen Divilly (A)
Fr. Coleman Costello (1st A)
4:30 PM Angelo Arpaia
John Boyle

Sunday

8:00 AM Eileen Brady (A)
Fr. Coleman Costello (1st A)
Mary A. Meade (B) in heaven
10:00 AM Anne Judge
Nancy O'Connor
The McGovern Family
Anne, Joseph and Kathy Courtney
Virginia Nuszer
Michael B. Murphy (60th A)
12:00 PM Julia Flanagan (1st A)
Thomas Coleman

REST IN PEACE

Please remember our parishioners who have recently gone to eternal rest. **Mary Ann Kinzie.** 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:

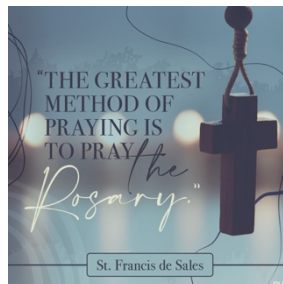
The Bread and Wine to be offered this week is in memory of:
Marie C. Marrone

PARISH 500 CLUB:

Congratulations to this week's winners:
\$100 #310 Maureen Maiocco
\$50 #266 Mary Beth Kearney
\$25 #153 Michael Nestor

**Observances for the week of January 14, 2024
Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Monday: Martin Luther King Day
Tuesday:
Wednesday: St. Anthony, Abbot
Thursday: January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Friday:
Saturday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr;
St. Sebastian, Martyr
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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!

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS:

- ✦ Sunday, January 28
The Parish Hospitality Ministry will be hosting a fellowship after the 12:00PM Mass to celebrate the feast of St. Francis de Sales.
- ✦ Sunday, February 4
10:00AM Family Mass
- ✦ Saturday, February 10
Radio Bingo Returns! SFDS Parish will be holding a Radio Bingo in the SFDS Gymnasium. Guests aged 18 and over are invited for a night of music and fun. Ticket information will be announced next week. Follow the SFDS Facebook page for more information.
- ✦ 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

Altar Server — TRAINING —

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!

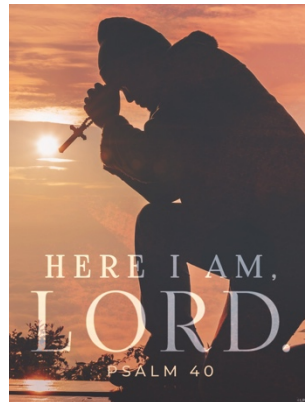
BEREAVEMENT Ministry

The St. Francis de Sales Parish Grief Share Support Group will have their first gathering of 2024 on Tuesday, January 16th from 7-8:30PM in the SFDS Parish House (Previously the Convent) at 216 Beach 130th Street. Anyone over the age of 18 grieving the loss of a loved one is welcome. Please call the Rectory at 718-634-6464 and leave your information and someone from the bereavement ministry will contact you.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

The LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Sm 3:10)



Psalm:

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)

Second Reading:

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. (1 Cor 6:15, 17)

Gospel:

So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. (Jn 1:39)

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

January is Sanctity of Human Life month.

Next weekend, January 20th and 21st, we will be collecting diapers, baby formula, baby wipes, etc. The items will go to the Bridge of Life who help young women

who choose to keep their babies. There will be a cradle on the front side of the altar by the Holy



Family for the donations. This will be the only weekend for the collection. Please support these women and their babies.

NURSES NEEDED

Stella Maris Convent has immediate openings for compassionate, NYS licensed Registered Nurses, all shifts, part-time or full-time. If interested call Stella Maris at (718)634-1886 or (718)945-0521

**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
- ✝ Pvt. Matthew Sweeny

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
- ✝ Lt. Eamonn Gavigan

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!

JANUARY FAMILY MASS & PASTA NIGHT

Thank you to everyone that helped plan, participate and join us for our Family Mass and Pasta Night Dinner Mass night. Special thanks to Mrs. Chystie Rasmussen and Mrs. Lisa Hayden for organizing the dinner as well as all of our volunteers. A wonderful time was had by all! We are extremely appreciative of our event sponsors! Please check out the parish Facebook page for more photos

St. Francis de Sales Parish Council Presents:

Family Pasta Night!

Thank You to our Sponsors
for their generous donations:

Pasta: Michael's of Brooklyn
Appetizers: Delmar Pizzeria
Salad: La Sorrentina
Bread: A&S at the Harbor
Cookies: Fortunato Brothers Bakery
Soda: Pizza D'Amore



UPCOMING DIOCESAN EVENTS:

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

**Liturgical
Ministers** 

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!

PUZZLE

Circle the picture in each group that has more. Then color all the pictures.



MISSION

I will tell others about how God has been good to me.

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

