

St. Francis de Sales Parish



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

JANUARY 21, 2024
THIRD 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	\$50

Parish Website: <https://sfdsparish.org/>

Parish Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/sfdschurch>

Parish Trustees

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Mr. Patrick Minson
Mr. Dan Twomey

Parish Council

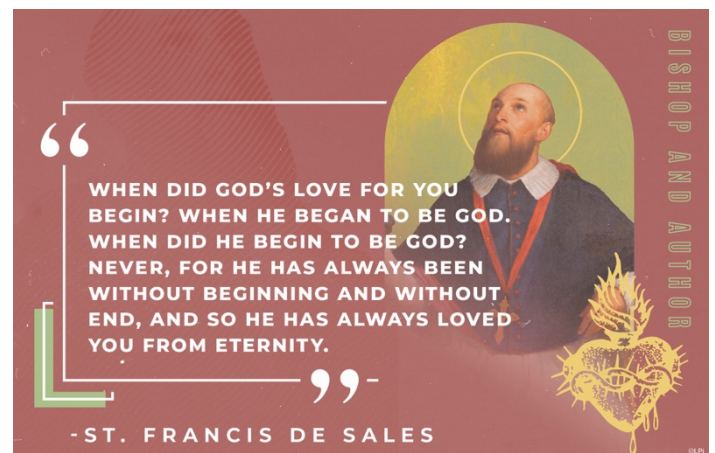
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St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy

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Belle Harbor, NY 11694
(718) 634-2775
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Dr. Christopher Scharbach, Principal
Mrs. Maureen Hayes, Assistant Principal
Mrs. Cathy Kenny, School Secretary
Ms. Helen Endall, School Secretary



"Never miss an opportunity to do good." - St. Francis de Sales



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
January 21-28, 2023

Sunday

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

Monday

- 9:00 AM James B. Walsh (A)
Michael J. Riley
Thomas Chet McNulty (71st B)

Tuesday

- 9:00 AM Bill Conrad (B)
John P. Ryan

Wednesday

- 9:00 AM Maryanne Kinzie

Thursday

- 9:00 AM Eileen McLoughlin (A)
Nancy Vitale
Nora T. Keenan (B)

Friday

- 9:00 AM John Powers

Saturday

- 9:00 AM Margaret O'Brien (A)
Regina Clark
- 4:30 PM Maryann Schiro Nesdiel
Patrick Bonner

Sunday

- 8:00 AM Sarah Cominos
Joseph McDade
Robert McCandless
- 10:00 AM Anne Rafferty
Elizabeth Radday and Helen
Mastandrea
Patricia A. Brackley (A)
The Shea and McCarthy Family
Virginia and Joseph Featherson
- 12:00 PM Judith Tosi

REST IN PEACE Please remember our parishioners who have recently gone to eternal rest. **Ellen Hergen, Frank Ottomanelli and Ray Mattison.** 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, Maria Barry, Rita Hayden, Thomas Carroll, Vince Murphy, Lucille Sorba and Gavin Merrill



WEEKLY REMEMBRANCE:

The Bread and Wine to be offered this week is in memory of: **Bill Fraser**

PARISH 500 CLUB:

Congratulations to this week's winners:
\$100 #221 Maryellen and Peter Galvin
\$50 #176 Anne Moroney
\$25 #062 Annette Nichitta

Observances for the week of January 21, 2024

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Tuesday: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr
St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
Wednesday: **St. Francis de Sales**
Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Friday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
Saturday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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. St. Francis de Sales said "The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary." Please join us!

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS:

- ✦ Sunday, January 28
The Parish Hospitality Ministry will be hosting a fellowship after all Masses 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 great music, dancing and fun. Tickets are \$40 each and now available in the rectory or online.
- ✦ 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. Tickets go on sale in the rectory in February or you can order yours today at EmmetCahill.com

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND
WORLD ACCLAIMED IRISH TENOR

EMMET CAHILL

LIVE IN CONCERT



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH
129-16 ROCKAWAY BEACH BOULEVARD
BELLE HARBOR, NY 11694

**SUNDAY
MARCH 17, 2024**

DOORS OPEN AT 2:00PM
CONCERT STARTS
AT 3:00PM

All Tickets: \$60
Includes Meet & Greet with Emmet
& Post Reception with light fare

Tickets available online NOW
at: EmmetCahill.com

Tickets will be sold
in the SFDS Rectory
and after Masses in February.

St. Francis de Sales Parish
PRESENTS:

RADIO BINGO!

with DJ's @ Work

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024

6:30 - 10:30PM
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM
FIRST GAME STARTS AT 7:15PM
21& OVER

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES GYMNASIUM
219 BEACH 129TH STREET - BELLE HARBOR, NY 11694

**\$40 PER PERSON
\$400 PER TABLE OF TEN**
TICKET ORDERS DUE BY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

**INCLUDES: RADIO BINGO W/ PRIZES,
SNACKS, COFFEE/TEA, DESSERT,
DJ, & GREAT TIMES!**

TICKETS AVAILABLE
IN THE RECTORY
OR ONLINE VIA THIS QR CODE
OR THE SFDS FACEBOOK PAGE



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.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out. (Jon 3:10)

Psalm: Teach me your ways, O Lord. (Ps 25)

Second Reading: For the world in its present form is passing away. (1 Cor 7:31)

Gospel: Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mk 1:14-15)

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

January is Sanctity of Human Life month.

This weekend, we are 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.

SFDS PARISH BIBLE STUDY



We are happy to announce our parish Bible study is back. In 2022 the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops kicked off a three-year Eucharistic revival. The goal is to reaffirm and revive the Catholic belief

in transubstantiation and the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Taking our cue from the Bishops this Bible study will explore the real presence of Christ in this sacrament as found in Sacred Scripture. We will investigate how the Holy Eucharist is prefigured in the Old Testament and how it is fulfilled in the New Testament. We will also explore how the early church viewed the Sacrament and what our Sacred Tradition has handed down to us throughout our 2000+ year history. If you are interested in joining us for this Bible study, please reach out beforehand so we have an idea of how many people to expect. Unfortunately, space is limited to around 20 people. For the people who feel this does not appeal to them, you are the exact people we are trying to reach! Please reach out and join us and be an active participant in your salvation.

Pax Christi

- ✦ When: Thursdays at 7:30 PM (Begins Feb 1st)
- ✦ Location: SFDS Parish House, 216 B 130th
- ✦ Contact: Tim Wilson
- ✦ Email: Timw84@aol.com
- ✦ Subject Line: SFDS Bible Study

ACADEMY REGISTRATION

The New Student Application for the 2024-2025 school year opens on Friday, February 9th, 2024.

You can find the application on the Academy's main website and at

<https://stfrancisacademybh.org/admissions-policy>



All applications are due by Friday, March 1st, 2024. In March, prospective families and students in Grades 2-8 will have an interview with the administration. For a Virtual Tour, please contact us at admin@stfrancisschoolbh.net. After the interview, applications will be reviewed, and families will be notified of their status by March 28th, following the Priority for Admission

If your child is accepted, a \$200 Registration Fee and one-month tuition will be required. Please note that all fees and tuition are non-refundable. If your child is placed on a waiting list due to space capacity, you'll be notified by Thursday, March 28th. To be considered for the priority of admission, submit your application by Friday, March 1st, 2024. Applications after March 1st are accepted only if space is available in that grade

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



United States Army

- ✦ Cadet Molly Murtaugh, USMA, West Point
- ✦ 2nd Lt. Aidan Smith
- ✦ 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 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

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

Bereavement: Grief Share Support group for anyone over 18 grieving the loss of a loved one. For more information please contact the rectory.

Please consider getting involved! Thank You!

UPCOMING DIOCESAN EVENTS:

Liturgical 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!

FRATERNITAS: a group for middle school – high school aged boys dedicated to instilling Christian values in young men with the goal of fostering true Catholic gentlemen.

Fraternity of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati
Upcoming Schedule of Monthly Encounters

- ✦ Saturday, February 10, 2024
- ✦ Saturday, March 16, 2024
- ✦ Saturday, April 27, 2024
- ✦ Saturday, May 18, 2024
- ✦ Saturday, June 8, 2024

Sign in begins at 1:00 p.m. Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m. Dismissal at 5:00 p.m. The afternoon will include prayer, catechesis, sports, pizza lunch, and Sunday Vigil Mass. To register, please email the Vocation Office vocations@diobrook.org or call 718-827-2454.

VOCATIONS RETREAT:

Bishop Brennan will be hosting his annual vocations retreat in the coming weeks at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception.

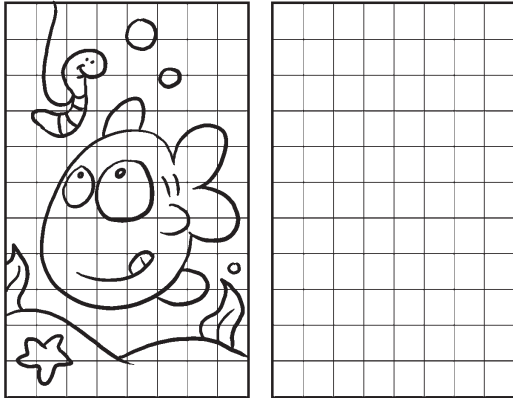
- ✦ February 16-18, Open to those ages 16-22
- ✦ March 8-0 – Open to Post College Grads

Advance registration is required. Please email the Vocation Office vocations@diobrook.org or call 718-827-2454.

If you feel that God may be calling you, please feel free to speak with Father Bill, Father Jim or Monsignor Bracken or visit the Brooklyn Diocese Vocation Website: www.brooklynpriests.org

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MISSION

Jesus wants you to come to his home in heaven. Make a party invitation from Jesus to you. Use this invitation as a bookmark in your Bible.

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

