

St. Francis de Sales Parish



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

JANUARY 28, 2024
FOURTH 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 at 3:30PM
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 Receptionist
Mrs. Anne Marie Greene, Director of Religious Education
Mrs. Suzanne Blum, Religious Education Assistant / Bookkeeper
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

Mrs. Kristin Franchock
Mr. Michael Lee

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Mr. Gregory Bender
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Mr. Patrick Minson
Mr. Dan Twomey

Parish Council

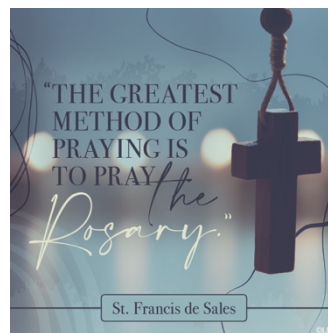
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St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy

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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



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!

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



MASS INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK January 28 – February 4, 2024

Sunday

8:00 AM Joseph McDade
Robert McCandless
Yvette Conroy

10:00 AM Anne Rafferty
Eizabeth Radday and Helen
Mastandrea
Patricia A. Brackley (A)
Sarah Cominos
The Shea and McCarthy Family
Virginia and Joseph Featherson

12:00 PM Judith Tosi

Monday

9:00 AM Donald Bradley
Kevin O'Donnell
Maryann Schiro Nesdill
Pam Collins (A)

Tuesday

9:00 AM Ray Martin Sr. (30th A)
Vito O. Marrone (A)

Wednesday

9:00 AM Janet Sweeny

Thursday

9:00 AM Kevin O'Donnell

Friday

9:00 AM Tom Jones

Saturday

9:00 AM John Caulfield
4:30 PM Blanche and Tom Ryan
and TFR the Third

Sunday

8:00 AM Dominick P. Sweeney (2nd A)
Robert Cullen

10:00 AM Anne, Helen, Mary, John
and Jim Egan
Brigid Hankin
Charlie O'Donnell
Jo O'Connor
Kyle Mullen

12:00 PM Anne Kenny



WEEKLY REMEMBRANCE:

The Bread and Wine to be offered this week is in memory of:
Thomas and Johannah O'Connor

REST IN PEACE

Please remember our parishioners who have recently gone to eternal rest. **Margaret Culhane.**

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 and Gavin Merrill.

PARISH 500 CLUB:

Congratulations to this week's winners:

\$100 #131 Stephen Daly
\$50 #335 Mr. & Mrs. Brian Duffy
\$25 #128 Elizabeth Hila

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 1/28/24

Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:
Tuesday:
Wednesday: St. John Bosco, Priest
Thursday:
Friday: The Presentation of the Lord
World Day for Consecrated Life
Saturday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr
St. Ansgar, Bishop

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: "I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him."
(Dt 18:18)



Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading: An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. (1 Cor 7:34)

Gospel: The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. (Mk 1:22)



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.

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

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS:

- ✦ Sunday, January 28
The Parish Hospitality Ministry will be hosting a fellowship after all Masses this weekend to celebrate the feast of St. Francis de Sales.
- ✦ Sunday, February 4
10:00AM Family Mass
- ✦ Saturday, February 10
Radio Bingo Returns! Tickets Now on sale. Please see flyer on this page.
- ✦ Sunday, March 17th
Emmet Cahill – Live in Concert. Tickets now on sale. Please see flyer on this page.

“SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY”

As we enjoy the Big Game, let’s also remember our neighbors in need by bringing soup to church on “Souper Bowl Sunday”, February 11th.

If each family brings just ONE can, together, we can score BIG for those in need. Food bins will be located in the back vestibules of the Church.

You can also send soup through Amazon and other online retailers directly to the following parishes:



St Mary’s Star of the Sea
1920 New Haven Ave
Far Rockaway NY 11691

St Camillus
99-15 Rockaway beach Blvd
Rockaway Beach NY 11694

St Rose of Lima
130 Beach 84th Street
Rockaway Beach NY 11693

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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

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 NOW available
at: EmmetCahill.com
and in the SFDS Rectory

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

- ✦ **BEGINS THIS THURSDAY, FEB 1st - 7:30PM**
- ✦ 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

- ✦ Major Thomas Boggiano
- ✦ Pvt. 1st Class Edward Conti*
- ✦ Cadet Molly Murtaugh, USMA, West Point
- ✦ Sergeant First Class Patrick O'Leary
- ✦ 2nd Lt. Aidan Smith
- ✦ CW4 Rafael Solis

United States Marine Corps

- ✦ Second Lieutenant Jack Bambury
- ✦ Colonel Michaela Coughlin*
- ✦ Colonel J.P. Kearns
- ✦ Sergeant Matt McDade
- ✦ Lieutenant-Colonel Elizabeth McKeon
- ✦ Major James McKeon
- ✦ Corporal Frankie McVeigh
- ✦ PFC Jake Morales
- ✦ Colonel Brian Mulvihill
- ✦ First Lieutenant Terrence Stackpole*
- ✦ Pvt. Matthew Sweeny
- ✦ LNCPL Charles Watson

United States Navy

- ✦ Midshipman Connor Bradwisch, USNA, Annapolis
- ✦ Lieutenant Commander Sean Casey
- ✦ Petty Officer Evan Felvey
- ✦ Lt. Eamonn Gavigan
- ✦ Lieutenant Briana R. Gorman
- ✦ Petty Officer Thomas Pulkowski
- ✦ Lieutenant Junior Grade John Scaccia*
- ✦ Midshipman Michael Strehle, USNA Annapolis
- ✦ Ensign Kevin Strehle

United States Air Force

- ✦ Staff Sergeant John Glynn
- ✦ First Lieutenant Thomas Glynn
- ✦ Sergeant Stephen Pulkowski

**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!

BULLETIN CHANGES

We hope you are enjoying our new bulletin design. As we continue to expand on the news and information in our bulletin, we will be rotating some sections each month beginning in February.

Specifically:

- The list of parishioners actively serving in our military will now appear the first week of each month or on the weekend in the month that most coincides with a major U.S. holiday or military observance.
- The list of upcoming diocesan events will appear the second week of each month.
- The list of parish ministries and ways that you can get involved will appear on the third week of each month.

Thank you for your understanding. We look forward to bringing you updated and new information each week.



Additional info?

Call: 646-642-7463

Email: jimmy.bernice.acevedo@wwme.org

Visit: wwme.org

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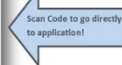
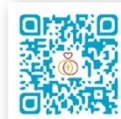
Thursday evenings 7:00 PM*(EST)

February 8, 15, 22, 29, and

March 7, 14, and 21

Via Zoom

*Each Session lasts @ 2–2.5 hours



Please, pray for Vocations!

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

 **PUZZLE**

Unscramble words from today's gospel

quiet	spirit	shook
teaching	Jesus	shout
amazed	Holy One	obey

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 **MISSION**

Make a new label for your family's stain pretreatment bottle. Trace around the bottle, write Mark 1:21-28 in big letters, and decorate your label with a picture of Jesus. Tape your new label to the bottle so you and your parents remember how strong Jesus is.

 **COLOR**

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

