

St. Francis de Sales Parish



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

FEBRUARY 4, 2024
FIFTH 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/sfidschurch>

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

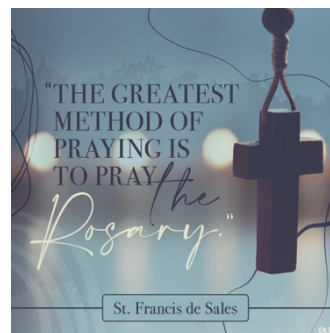
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St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy

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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 February 4 – 11, 2024

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
Robert Schmitt and Mike Clark

Monday

- 9:00 AM Mary Harris Byrne (A)

Tuesday

- 9:00 AM Anthony and Anna Wolanin
James M. Trainor Jr.
Mary and Oliver Rooney

Wednesday

- 9:00 AM Johannah O'Connor
Molly Roberts 1st A

Thursday

- 9:00 AM Anna Moriarty (B)

Friday

- 9:00 AM William Edwards

Saturday

- 9:00 AM Denise Sullivan
Maryellen Quinn
- 4:30 PM Betty, Edward, Chris
and Mike Andrews
Kenny and Jeanette Ryan Leonard

Sunday

- 8:00 AM Patricia Sweeney
Richard O'Connor
Roseann Hearn
- 10:00 AM Anne Rafferty
Frank LaBoccecca
John Tobin Jr.
- 12:00 PM Jane Scanlon



WEEKLY REMEMBRANCE:

The Bread and Wine to be offered this week is in memory of:
Anna Moriarity

REST IN PEACE

Please remember our parishioners who have recently gone to eternal rest. 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 #151 Eileen Van Note
\$50 #162 Elizabeth M. Donohue
\$25 #312 John Pannone

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 2/4/24

Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Tuesday: St. Paul Miki and
Companions, Martyrs
Wednesday:
Thursday: St. Jerome Emiliani
St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
Friday:
Saturday: St. Scholastica, Virgin

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

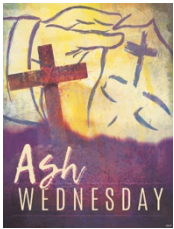
First Reading:
I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. (Jb 7:4)

Psalm: (Ps 147)
Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.



Second Reading:
If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it! (1 Cor 9:16)

Gospel: He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons. (Mk 1:34)



ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

February 14, 2024

- 9:00AM Mass
- 12:00PM Mass
- 4:00PM Prayer Service
- 7:00PM Mass

Ashes will be distributed at each mass and the prayer service.

We all need to continually rediscover the love of God. The Gospel invites every person in every stage of life to encounter and imitate Jesus here and now. The forty days of Lent are the perfect time to assess our own awareness of these realities.

Please join us on Ash Wednesday and consider inviting a friend or neighbor.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS:

- ✦ Saturday, February 10
Radio Bingo Returns! Tickets Now on sale. Please see flyer on this page.
- ✦ Wednesday, February 14th
Ash Wednesday
- ✦ 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 next week, 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**

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!



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

BULLETIN CHANGES

As we continue to expand on the news and information in our bulletin, we will be rotating some sections each month.

- 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.

SFDS CYO NEWS

Thank you to all who came out to support the SFDS 8th Grade boys basketball team this past weekend. The gym was filled with spirit and loud cheers. Special thanks to Seminarian Paul, JoJo O'Grady, Coaches Danny & Shane & our cheerleaders for a fun filled evening.

Good Luck to all of our SFDS Basketball teams with their upcoming playoff games!



SFDS FEAST DAY FELLOWSHIP

Thank you to everyone that came out to the fellowship following last weekend's Sunday masses to celebrate the feast of our patron, Saint Francis de Sales. Special thanks to the Hospitality Committee for organizing wonderful celebrations all weekend.



NEW SIGNAGE

We hope you have noticed the new signage throughout our Parish property, including signs for the Church, Rectory and Parish House.



ACADEMY REGISTRATION

The application period for the St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy academic year starting in 2024 will open THIS WEEK on February 9th, 2024. Prospective students will be able to access the necessary forms and information to begin the application process via the Academy website (<https://stfrancisacademybh.org/>). We do anticipate waiting lists in many if not all grade levels. All applications are due no later than March 1st 2024.

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy Belle Harbor

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A Faith-Filled Future Anchored in Christ! Providing an exceptional Catholic education for grades PK3 to 8 since 1913.

The St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy family is committed to academic excellence, Christian service to others, and providing a Christ-centered, safe, and engaging environment where students can grow spiritually and academically towards a faith-filled future.

At St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy, we work hard to deliver the tangible elements of an exceptional educational experience, but what makes our school unique is intangible. Parents and students tell us that they feel a particular kind of energy when they walk through our doors: an openness and warmth reflecting our Catholic values and culture. We invite you to discover what makes Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Academy so extraordinary: our curriculum; our faith-based community; and above all, our mission: to shape the minds and the hearts of the future of our catholic church.

Tuition starts at \$5,800.
See school/website for sibling discounts and aid.

"A FAITH-FILLED FUTURE"

Anchored in Christ

SERVING THE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES OF BELLE HARBOR AND BREEZY POINT FOR OVER 110 YEARS!

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC ACADEMY

NURSERY - 8TH GRADE
For more information, call 718-634-2775
or visit our website at www.stfrancisacademybh.org

 **PUZZLE**

Which Piece of the puzzle is missing?



 **MISSION**

When you get home, choose a special quiet place where you can talk to God every morning. Tell your family about your special place. They may want to join you in spending quiet time to pray.

 **COLOR**

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

