

St. Francis de Sales Parish



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

FEBRUARY 11, 2024
SIXTH 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
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
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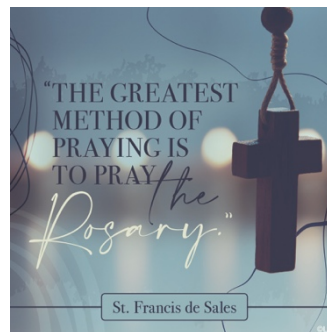
St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy

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Dr. Christopher Scharbach, Principal
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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 FOR THE WEEK
February 11-18, 2024**

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

Monday

9:00 AM George G. Grunig (B)

Tuesday

9:00 AM Barbara Morpurgo (5th A)
Bill Comerford (B)
Dolores B. Doheny (A)
Drury J. Gallagher Jr. (43rd A)

Wednesday

9:00 AM Jacqueline A. Fitzpatrick

Thursday

9:00 AM Catherine Moore
Frank Tammara (3rd A)
Peggy Moerler

Friday

9:00 AM Christine Roberts (71st B)
Jackson Rametta (Birthday)

Saturday

9:00 AM Thomas Fitzgerald
4:30 PM Chris, Ed and Betty Andrews
John Boyle

Sunday

8:00 AM Moya Whelan 2nd A
Nancy O'Connor
Hugh Cavanaugh
10:00 AM Anne Rafferty
Desi O'Leary
Mary and Fred Rouge and
Gavin Bisogno
Michael Moran
Peter Ansaldi (15th A)
12:00 PM Joseph Albano



WEEKLY REMEMBRANCE:

The Bread and Wine to be offered this week is in memory of:
Richie Allen Sr. and Myriah McGuire

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 #304 Laura Johnson
\$50 #201 Mary Hickey
\$25 #158 Denise V. Keenan

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 2/11/24

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Marriage Day
Monday:
Tuesday:
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Valentine's Day
Thursday:
Friday:
Saturday: The Seven Holy Founders
of the Servite Order
Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: "As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp." (Lv 13:8)

Psalm: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation. (Ps 32)

Second Reading: Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. (1Cor 10:31)

Gospel: Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. (Mk 1:41-42)



UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS:

- THIS Saturday, February 10
Radio Bingo Returns!
- Wednesday, February 14th
Ash Wednesday
Happy Valentine's Day!
- Sunday, March 17th
Emmet Cahill – Live in Concert. Tickets now on sale. Please see flyer on the next page.



NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Training for any student in grade 4-12 interested in becoming an altar server will begin this month. Please see the form in the back of the church if

interested.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY

The Parish Bible study group continues to meet weekly on Thursday evenings at 7:30PM in the Parish House. Anyone interested in attending is asked to email Tim Wilson at Timw84@aol.com with the subject line: SFDS Bible Study

“SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY” – It's not too late!!!

Thank you to everyone that brought soup this weekend for “Souper Bowl Sunday.” Our local food pantries are always in need, especially during these colder months. If you are still interested in assisting,

you can 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 for your generosity.



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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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Wednesday in Lent
at 7:00PM

Every Monday after the Novena
following the 9:00AM Mass.



SEA BREEZE GOLDEN AGE CLUB

will have their meeting at the Knights of Columbus, Wednesday, Feb. 21st from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. There will be a 50/50 and Bingo. They will also begin collecting for the Saint Patrick's Luncheon.

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.

ACADEMY REGISTRATION



The New Student Application for the 2024-2025 school year is now open. 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



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**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**

FEBRUARY FAMILY MASS

Thank you to all of the children that helped make our February Family Mass so special last weekend. Special thanks to Michael Fontana and the children's choir as well as Meghan Flanagan, Christine Parchment, Janet Donohue and Tim Henning for organizing the liturgy and fellowship. We invite and encourage all families to join us for our Family Masses and encourage children interested in taking part in the liturgy to volunteer.



LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

If anyone is interested in becoming an 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, 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 vocations@diobrook.org or call 718-827-2454.



JOIN US FOR THE
2024
Diocesan
Lenten
Pilgrimage

February 14 to March 27

Visit 39 churches throughout Brooklyn and Queens for a celebration of the gift of the Holy Eucharist.

Journey to a different parish each day during Lent (except Sundays) and journey with hundreds of Catholics as we prepare for Easter.

Plan Your Pilgrimage Today!

For complete details and a list of designated station churches, visit:
dioceseofbrooklyn.org/Lent
or scan the QR code.



Keep the conversation on social media and share your pilgrimage journey using [#ChristisHere](#), [#RealPresence](#), [#ChristinNYC](#), [#Lent2024](#)

LENT FASTING RULES:

What Is Fasting?

In the Catholic Church, fasting is a practice in self-discipline with a penitential focus. In the context of Lent, it refers to reducing food intake and limiting how many meals we have.

What are the Lent fasting rules?

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, fasting rules allow Catholics to eat only one full meal and two smaller meals which, combined, would not equal a single normal meal. Additionally, Catholics may not eat meat on these two days—or on any Friday during Lent.

What are the Lent rules on abstinence?

In this context, abstinence refers to “abstaining” from meat on Fridays during Lent. Whereas Catholics fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday with just one large meal, Catholics must refrain from eating meat on other Fridays, though they can have three full meals.

At what age do you start fasting for Lent?

Those ages 18-59, in reasonable health, are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those 14 and older must abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent. Canon Law does mention that for young children not fasting, parents should still communicate the meaning and penance.

Who is exempt from fasting during Lent?

Children, adults with physical and mental illness, pregnant women and those nursing are all exempt. The USCCB stresses that “common sense should prevail” and that no one should jeopardize their health to fast.

When is fasting over?

Lent ends on Holy Thursday, but Lenten fasting (and personal commitments) usually continues until Easter. Papal document Paschalis Solemnitatis recommends this in order that we “with uplifted and welcoming heart be ready to celebrate the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection.”

Can you eat meat on Good Friday?

On the one hand, Good Friday is part of the Easter Triduum, which marks the end of Lent. However, since Good Friday itself is a day of abstinence, it's best to abstain from meat, as in the Fridays of Lent.

Do Sundays count for fasting?

It's been a custom for Catholics to give something up during Lent, in addition to the fastings and abstinence rules. Some keep their sacrifice continuously, but Sundays during Lent are not “prescribed days of fasting and abstinence.” Ultimately, it's a personal decision.

Are fish fries OK?

Since serves fish instead of meat, your local church fish fry is a fine option for Fridays during Lent. Because the Lent season is one rooted in penance, a modest meal at your parish is probably a better option than a lavish seafood feast at a fine restaurant.

 **PUZZLE**

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

LEPROSY
 JESUS
 POWER

WELL
 WARNED
 SHOW

GIFT
 HEALED
 WALKED

M O S Y T E D A G U R
 A (L E P R O S Y) E W A
 N I U O A L I U D O M
 S H O W F O E G I F T
 E Y I E I J A O U H I
 I W A R N E D I V E K
 T E O D Y S E B Y A O
 O L P A K U N A T L M
 H L U N I S O Y A E U
 U R E M W A L K E D W
 P A C I E N U H P I Y

 **MISSION**

Visit the sick. Make a card. Take a treat to share.
 Give them something to read. Pray for them before
 you leave. You will brighten their day.

 **COLOR**

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

