

# St. Francis de Sales Parish



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

FEBRUARY 18, 2024  
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

## 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.

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|---------------------------|---------------|
| Mass Stipend              | \$15 per Mass |
| Bread & Wine for the week | \$50          |
| Candles for the week      | \$50          |
| Flowers for the week      | \$150         |

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

**Parish Facebook Page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/sfdschurch>

### 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

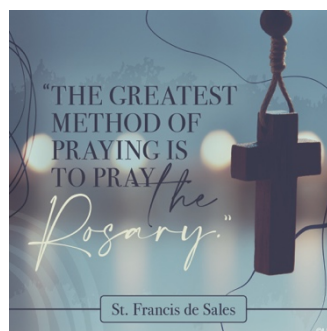
Mrs. Kristin Franchock, Chair  
Mr. Jamie Agoglia  
Mrs. Janice Ameruso  
Mrs. Noelle Hutton Burns  
Mrs. Claire Conti  
Mr. Mike Coughlin  
Mr. Joseph Courtney  
Mr. Sean Fitzgerald  
Mrs. Meghan Flanagan  
Mr. Timothy Henning  
Mrs. Chrystie Rasmussen

### St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy

219 Beach 129 Street  
Belle Harbor, NY 11694  
(718) 634-2775

[www.stfrancisacademybh.org](http://www.stfrancisacademybh.org)

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 FOR THE WEEK  
February 18-25, 2024**

**Sunday**

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

**Monday**

9:00 AM Catherine A. Gallagher (B) in  
Heaven  
Francesca DeSantis (60<sup>th</sup> A)  
George Cavooris

**Tuesday**

9:00 AM Christine and Margie McNulty  
Martin S. McDermott (A)

**Wednesday**

9:00 AM Coleen Gallagher Galdon

**Thursday**

9:00 AM Anthony DiCarlo 5th (A)  
James P. Moriarty Sr. (A)  
Msgr. John J. Brown (B)

**Friday**

9:00 AM Anthony Fitzpatrick  
Larry McCrory (3<sup>rd</sup> A) in Heaven  
Virginia Savino (20<sup>th</sup> A)

**Saturday**

9:00 AM David O'Brien (B)  
4:30 PM Charle Aloysius Boyle  
Louis A. Pastina  
Peter Modica

**Sunday**

8:00 AM Roseanne Hearn  
10:00 AM James Weibel  
Johannah O'Connor  
John Dunford  
Mary and Ray Hannon,  
Bernadette & Bernard Murray  
12:00 PM Coleen Gallagher Galdon  
Thomas J. Boland

**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. **Susan Mitchell**

**SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

Kindly remember in your prayers:  
Lynn Soren, Carol Conroy, Margaret Sugrue,  
Rita Hayden, Vince Murphy, Baby Rocco Rita,  
Barbara Renda, Mary Mongelli, Christopher Ledes.

**PARISH 500 CLUB:**

Congratulations to this week's winners:  
\$100 #174 Lorraine Stagnitta  
\$50 #261 Maggie Murray  
\$25 #312 John Pannone

**OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 2/18/24**

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent  
Monday: Presidents' Day (Rectory Closed)  
Tuesday:  
Wednesday: St. Peter Damian  
Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Thursday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle  
Friday: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr  
Saturday:  
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

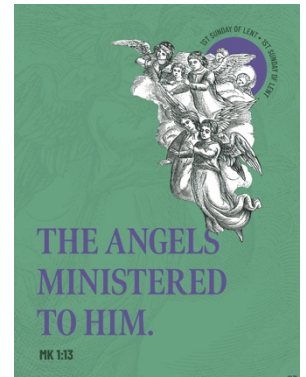
**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS**

First Reading: God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you." (Gn 9:8-10)

Psalm: Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant. (Ps 25)

Second Reading: It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. (1 Pt 3:21)

Gospel: He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. (Mk 1:13)

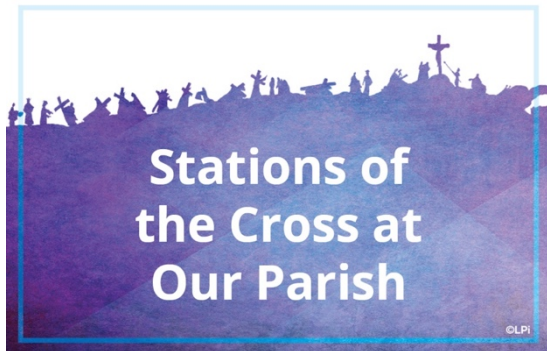


**WEEKLY REMEMBRANCE:**

The Bread and Wine to be offered this week is in memory of:  
**Mary & Raymond Hannon**

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS:

- **Monday, February 19th**  
The Rectory will be closed in observance of President's Day
- **Sunday, March 17th**  
Emmet Cahill – Live in Concert. Tickets now on sale. Please see flyer on the next page.



## LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

- ✝ Every Wednesday evening at 7:00PM.
- ✝ Every Monday after the Novena following the 9:00AM Mass

## 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.

## 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.

## QUEENS COUNTY ST. PATRICKS' DAY PARADE HONOREES

Congratulations to all of the honorees of this year's Rockaway Parade, especially Bishop Robert Brennan and parishioners LouAnn Mannino & Keith Sullivan. All were honored at the Installation Dance last weekend at Antun's.



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](http://EmmetCahill.com)  
and in the SFDS Rectory**

## 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](mailto: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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February 18, 2024

Dear Parishioners,

I am happy to provide another update on the Building our Legacy of Faith and Community Campaign.

To date we have raised \$2.86 million from over 450 families and gifts continue to be pledged. Thank you to everyone whose generous pledges of sacrifice have given us this incredible opportunity to renovate St. Francis de Sales parish.

When I last wrote, I mentioned we are working with Michael Mallia from DiProperzio & Mallia Architects. After many months of reviewing proposals and contracts with the Buildings and Grounds Committee, I am very excited to share the next phase of the campaign, the interior of the church.

We have hired Patrick Clark from Sunlites Stained Glass. Starting the month of February, scaffolding will be up for three weeks, as Patrick begins to restore the choir loft interior stained glass. Later in the Spring, as the weather gets warmer, he will work during the week to continue the cleaning, repair, and restoration of the stained glass windows and frames. Also, I am happy to let you know the windows will once again open for fresh air!

The exterior work of the church continues, repointing, waterproofing and cleaning of the brickwork. The new church doors will be installed this month and repair of the roof will begin in early Spring. In addition, we have new signage throughout our Parish property, including the Church, Rectory and Parish House.

Furthermore, we are in the process of finalizing the second phase of the interior of the church which includes: new lighting, upgrade of audio/visual equipment, restoration of the pews and decorative painting. I look forward to letting you know the timeline of the interior design projects.

While I said it above, I want to once again thank you for your generosity that has allowed us to undertake these projects and your patience as we execute them. If you were unable to participate last year, please kindly consider making a pledge that financially works for your family. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to connect with me after Mass or give me a call.

Blessings to all during your Lenten journey!

Sincerely,

*Father Bill*

Rev. William Sweeney  
Pastor

**SEA BREEZE GOLDEN AGE CLUB  
CELEBRATES VALENTINE'S DAY**



**PARISH RADIO BINGO**

Thank you to everyone that attended our Parish Radio Bingo event last weekend. Special thanks to Suzanne Blum, Anne Marie Greene, Noelle Hutton Burns and Tim Henning for organizing a great night and to the volunteers in the Hospitality Committee, Parish Council and CYO program that helped set-up. DJ's @ Work provided fun and laughs and had everyone up dancing. A great time was had by all!



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!**



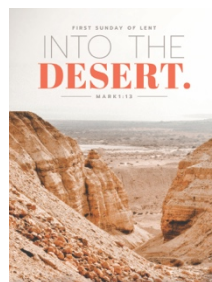
For complete details and a list of designated station churches, visit:

**[dioceseofbrooklyn.org/Lent](http://dioceseofbrooklyn.org/Lent)**

or scan the QR code.

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

**LIVE THE LITURGY  
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**



In the desert, Jesus endured forty days of hardship and temptation. But he did not endure it alone: "the angels ministered to him," the Gospel tells us. Remember that you do not face Lent alone. God is beside you in your journey to the desert. ©LPi

**LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF  
FASTING & ABSTINENCE**

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

 **PUZZLE**

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

- |        |        |         |
|--------|--------|---------|
| SPIRIT | FORTY  | ANIMALS |
| JESUS  | SATAN  | ANGELS  |
| DESERT | TESTED | BELIEVE |

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 R A N I M A L S J O R  
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 **MISSION**

Memorize Proverbs 1:3, "You will learn what is right and honest and fair." Practice writing it and saying it every day, until you know this verse by heart.

 **COLOR**

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

