

St. Francis de Sales Parish



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

FEBRUARY 25, 2024
SECOND 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.

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
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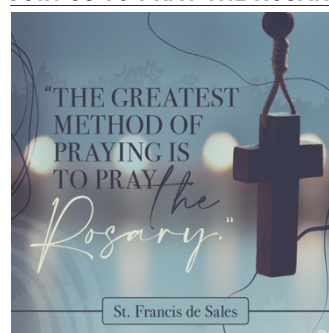
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Dr. Christopher Scharbach, Principal
Mrs. Maureen Hayes, Assistant Principal
Mrs. Cathy Kenny, School Secretary
Ms. Helen Endall, School Secretary

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 FOR THE WEEK
February 25 – March 3

Sunday

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

Monday

9:00 AM Firefighter Richie Allen

Tuesday

9:00 AM Frank Ottomanelli

Wednesday

9:00 AM Daniel T. Murphy (10th A)
Ray Marten Sr.
The Shea and McCarthy Family

Thursday

9:00 AM Martin S. McDermott (B)
Michael Deering 16th A

Friday

9:00 AM Tony Nunziata (B)

Saturday

9:00 AM Alexander and Julie Flanagan
4:30 PM Daniel T. Murphy (10th A)
Mary Tomassetti (21st A)

Sunday

8:00 AM Peter Modica
10:00 AM Ann and Joseph Courtney
Mary and Fred Rouge
Cecilia Punsal
Dr. Angela Loftus
Philip Stefanelli (B)
The Agoglia & McNelis Families
12:00 PM Margaret M. Culhane
Sallustro Marrone



WEEKLY REMEMBRANCE:

The Bread and Wine to be offered this week is in memory of:
Anthony Fitzpatrick.

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.

Robert Tyne, Carol Conroy

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

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

PARISH 500 CLUB:

Congratulations to this week's winners:
\$100 #200 Marcela Flanagan
\$ 50 #018 Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Ambrosecchio
\$ 25 #216 Mary Ann Markle

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 2/25/24

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent
Monday:
Tuesday: St. Gregory of Narek
Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday:
Thursday:
Friday:
Saturday:
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

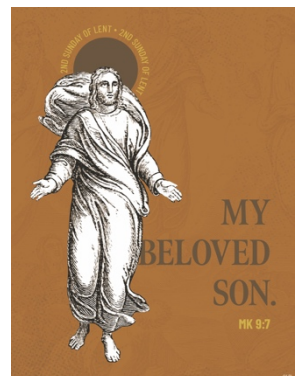
THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: "I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." (Gn 22:12)

Psalm: I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. (Ps 116)

Second Reading: He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? (Rom 8:32)

Gospel: Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." (Mk 9:7)



UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS:

- **Sunday, March 17th**
Emmet Cahill, Live at SFDS. Details below.
- **Monday, March 25th**
Reconciliation Monday. See Details below.

UPCOMING FAMILY MASSES

- March 24th -12:00PM Mass
 - Parish Easter Egg Hunt to follow
- April 7th – 10:00AM Mass
- May 5th – 10:00AM Mass
- June 2nd – 10:00AM Mass

Altar Server TRAINING ©LPI

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.

QUEENS COUNTY ST. PATRICKS' DAY PARADE MASS – PLEASE JOIN US

We invite all parishioners and friends to join us next Saturday, March 2nd at 9:00AM for a Mass for Peace and Justice prior to the Rockaway Parade. Bishop Robert Brennan, is being honored as the Gael of the Year. All are welcome.

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC ACADEMY REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The application for new students for the 2024-2025 School Year is now open. For more information about

Admissions please click below.

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

All Applications are due THIS FRIDAY (3/1/24)

LIVE THE LITURGY LENTE INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The Transfiguration left the disciples with more questions than answers. What had they just seen? What had they just heard? They were confused, but they trusted Jesus. Let's follow in their example, trusting in God's care as we journey deeper into Lent.

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

AT ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH

All are welcome!

MONDAYS AFTER THE 9:00 AM MASS

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 7:00 PM.

Please Join Us!



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VOTIVE CANDLES

We hope you like the new votive candles that have been placed throughout the church. If you are interested in memorializing a loved one via one of the new votive candle stands the requested offering is \$2,500. There are only a few available. Please speak with Father Jim if interested.



RECONCILIATION MONDAY

On Monday, March 25, 2024, our Diocese will join both the Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Rockville Centre in celebrating Reconciliation Monday. On this special day, all the parishes of our dioceses will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, in preparation for the holy days of the Paschal Triduum.

LENTE REMINDER FROM THE BISHOP

The Most Reverend Robert Brennan wishes to draw attention to the following:

- **Abstinence:** All the faithful who have reached 14 years of age are required to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- **Fasting:** All the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday. Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal and avoiding food between meals.

PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING MORE INVOLVED IN YOUR PARISH THIS LENT: 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 SOON.**



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.

SECOND WEEK OF LENT



YouTube

Additional info?

Call: 646-642-7463
Email: jimmy.bernice.acevedo@wwme.org
Visit: wwme.org



Scan Code to go directly to application!

This LENT

**do something special!
Enrich your marriage!!!**

For 2024
Live your best life in love!
Attend a

WWME Virtual Experience

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


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!

 **DIocese OF BROOKLYN**
SERVING BROOKLYN AND QUEENS



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

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

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND
WORLD ACCLAIMED IRISH TENOR**

EMMET CAHILL

LIVE IN CONCERT



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH

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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**

 **PUZZLE**

Find the matching shadows:



 **MISSION**

I will tell my family and friends about God's love and forgiveness.

 **COLOR**

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

