



# 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

“It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.”  
- Jn 15:16-17

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

**MAY 5, 2024**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

## 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  
Ms. 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>

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

### **Parish Trustees**

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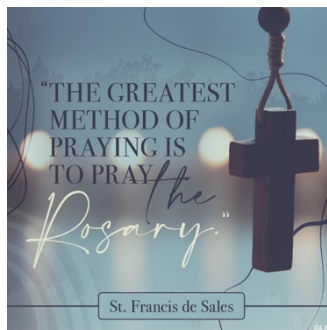
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### **St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy**

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!



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**  
**May 5 – 12, 2024**

**Sunday**

8:00 AM Frank Tamaro Sr.  
John and Kathleen Cahill

10:00 AM Anthony DiCarlo  
Brian Cerrone (5<sup>th</sup> A)  
Carol Conroy  
Evelyn Mary Corsello  
Kathleen and Thomas Nevins  
Margaret Culhane

12:00 PM Manuel and Yolanda Tabangin  
Mary Maroney  
Rosemary McManus

**Tuesday**

9:00 AM Peter Ansaldi (B)

**Wednesday**

9:00 AM Dorothy Baines  
Sheila Murphy

**Thursday**

9:00 AM Michael Kulish (3<sup>rd</sup> A) and  
William Madden (4<sup>th</sup> A)  
Robert Jahnes

**Friday**

9:00 AM Mercedes Caicedo (B)  
Frank Ottomanelli

**Saturday**

9:00 AM Clare Droesch (6<sup>th</sup> A)  
4:30 PM Genevieve Brennan  
Kathleen Coleman

**Sunday**

8:00 AM Richie O'Connor (B)  
Thomas Gavigan

10:00 AM Catherine E. Gallagher  
Cecilia Punsal  
Guy Mainieri (15<sup>th</sup> A)  
Julia Darcy  
Nana & Thomas Jones  
Peter and Nellie McNelis  
Raymond "Poppi" Agoglia (B)

12:00 PM Barbara Fasone, Margaret Wagner  
and Ruth Boggiano  
Mercedes Caicedo



**WEEKLY REMEMBRANCE:**

The Bread and Wine to be offered this week is in memory of: **Clare Droesch**

**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: **John Towey**

**SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

Kindly remember in your prayers: Rita Hayden, Baby Rocco, Mary Duane, Quinn Iolin, Jean Madden, Gavin Merrill, Peggy McCann, Ann Marie Plant and Hazel Hanson.

**PARISH 500 CLUB:**

Congratulations to our winners this week:  
\$100 #201 Brian and Karen Sullivan  
\$ 50 #123 Kevin and Bridget Driscoll  
\$ 25 #025 Maureen Sullivan

**OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK – May 5, 2024**

Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter  
Monday:  
Tuesday:  
Wednesday:  
Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord  
Friday: St. John of Avila,  
Priest & Doctor of the Church  
St. Damien de Veuster, Priest  
Saturday:  
Next Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord  
7th Sunday of Easter  
Mother's Day

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading:** The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. (Acts 10:45-46)

**Psalm:** The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (Ps 98)

**Second Reading:** Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. (1 Jn 4:8)

**Gospel:** "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (Jn 15:13)



### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS:

- TODAY - Sun. May 5<sup>th</sup> – Parish Blood Drive
- Sat. May 11<sup>th</sup> – Parish First Communions
- Sat. June 8<sup>th</sup> - Academy Alumni Open House

### UPCOMING FAMILY MASSES

- Sun. June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 10:00AM Mass

### TENTATIVE SUMMER BEACH MASSES (9:00AM)

- Sun. June 16<sup>th</sup> – Father's Day
- Sun. July 7<sup>th</sup>
- Sun. August 4<sup>th</sup> – Back to College
- Sun. September 1<sup>st</sup> – CYO Mass

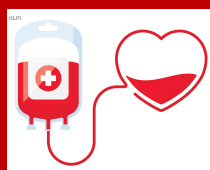
### SFDS GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP



For anyone over the age of 18 grieving the loss of a loved one, the SFDS grief share support group will meet

weekly on Tuesday nights through June 25, 2024 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the second floor meeting room of the SFDS parish house. Please contact the rectory for more information at 718-634-6464

### THIS WEEKEND: PARISH BLOOD DRIVE



In conjunction with the NY Blood Center, the Annual St. Francis de Sales Blood Drive in memory of Walter Blum will take place on Sunday, May 5th from

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM in the School Gym.

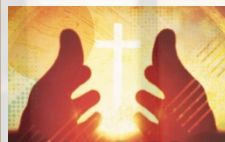
We cannot guarantee appointments, walk-ins are preferred. We look forward to seeing our past and new donors, bring a friend! Contact: Suzanne Blum 347-282-0018.

### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK – May 5, 2024

*Christ's love for us is radical — it changed the whole world. It will not be easy to love as Christ loved, but this is the mission for which we have been chosen by God. So let us love one another. Let us change the world.* ©LPi



*Mother's Day Cards are available in the back of church. Please remember your Mother, Daughter, Grandmother, Aunt, Godmother and Friend. Please take a card home and drop in the collection basket or at the rectory.*



### Anniversary Blessings

*This month we recognize the anniversaries of our Parish Priests and Deacons.*

<i>Father Bill</i>	<i>May 1<sup>st</sup> – 43 Years a Priest</i>
<i>Deacon Armand</i>	<i>May 16<sup>th</sup> – 26 Years a Deacon</i>
<i>Deacon Vincent</i>	<i>May 19<sup>th</sup> – 17 Years a Deacon</i>
<i>Father Jim</i>	<i>May 20<sup>th</sup> – 29 Years a Priest</i>
<i>Monsignor Bracken</i>	<i>May 27<sup>th</sup> – 57 Years a Priest</i>

*May God continue to bless them always.*

### CYO DIOCESAN MASS FOR YOUNG ATHLETES



Celebrating 2023-2024 Championships will be held on June 29, 2024 at 12:00PM at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs located at 110-06 Queens Boulevard, Forest Hills, NY 11375

### DIOCESAN SPECIAL NEEDS MASS

There will be a mass on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:30PM at Holy Trinity R.C. Church at 14-41 143<sup>rd</sup> Street, Whitestone, NY 11357. The mass is a loving and open environment of acceptance and understanding allowing special needs youth and their families the opportunity to attend mass together.



### LITURGICAL MINISTERS WORKSHOP

The next Diocesan liturgical ministers' workshop will take place on Saturday, May 18, 2024 at St. Francis Preparatory High School, Fresh Meadows from 9:00 AM to 3:30PM. The classes being offered are Lector, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Ministers of Hospitality (usher) classes. SFDS Parishioners interested in serving are asked to call the rectory at 718-634-6464 to register.

### THIS WEEKEND - LIFE SAVING SKILLS:

This weekend we will have volunteers from the Dominic Murray Foundation who will be offering demonstrations of Hands Only CPR and proper use of an AED. They will be in Msgr Reddy Hall following each mass with an additional session at 9:20am. All are welcome to come and learn basic lifesaving skills.



*Congratulations to the children of our parish receiving First Holy Communion! This sacrament marks a significant step in their journey of faith. As they receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time, may His love and grace guide them always. May this sacrament deepen their relationship with God and inspire them to live a life of love, kindness, and service to others.*

*Daniel Amoroso  
Robert Araya  
Amelia Barreto  
Alice Bishop  
Avery Boggiano  
Rowan Brennan  
Timothy Briggs  
Norah Brosh  
Vanessa Brullo  
Teagan Buonmano  
Taylor Burns  
Ryan Capasso  
Grace Carey  
Nora Carney  
Jackson Cassano  
Cameron Coates  
Julia Comer  
Gia Connors  
Thomas Costa  
Emmanuel Cruz  
Rory Daly  
Lenorah Delaney  
Sophia DiMaiolo  
Eamonn Egan  
Grace Egan  
Riley Egan  
Alexandra Elleo  
Brendan Evangelista  
Sienna Farrell  
John Ferrante*

*Nolan Flanagan  
Maximilien Font De Bon Echarte  
Madison Friedman  
Adriana Frustaci  
Timothy Gahn  
Cecilia Gallagher  
Liam Gatto  
Caroline Gaynor  
Annie Gehrhardt  
Shakir Giovanni  
Avery Hellman  
Nolan Hopkins  
Christopher Hutton  
Andrew James  
Sebastian Kalish  
Emma Keane  
Brian Kelly  
Grace Kimball  
Ace Lipari  
Christopher Luisi  
Jason Maguire  
Charlotte Malloy  
Lilianna Mattison  
Gerard McCaffrey  
Bonnie McCann  
Mickey McMahan  
Bryce McNair  
Peter Mosiello  
Andrew Mullen  
Owen Murphy*

*Noella Naccarato  
Alyssa Nicastro  
Sean O'Grady  
Emma Palmer  
Anthony Perrone  
Giuliana Petrone  
Lilianna Petrone  
Mila Pincay  
Anastasia Pokruss  
Owen Quinn  
Emily Redden  
Cordelia Rochford  
Giulietta Scialdoni  
Frank Scollo  
Giovanni Shakir  
Kenny Sirgiovanni  
Griffin Smyth  
Bernard-Konrad Stanislawski  
Kaizzer Tagala  
Lauviah Tagala  
Cerreta Ten-Eyck  
Amelia Tennyson  
Matthew Triglia  
Luca Weise  
Timothy Welsh  
Henry Werner  
Justin Wiederhold  
Ryan Williams  
Henry Wilson*

*May God bless them abundantly on this special day and always.*

## *A Parish Reminder: All are welcome!*

### To the parents of our young children:

- Relax! God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel like you have to suppress it in God's house.
- Sit towards the front where it's easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on. They tire of seeing the backs of heads.
- Quietly explain the parts of the service.
- Sing, pray, and voice responses. Children learn by copying your involvement!
- If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but come back! As Jesus said, "let the little children come to me."
- Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home here.



### To the members of our parish:

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and a reminder that our congregation is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents!

**We extend an extra warm welcome to those parishioners with special needs.**

**Saint Francis de Sales Parish is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for people who attend mass and participate in parish activities, including those who use assistance animals.**

### **HOME BOUND?**

**If anyone would like to receive the sacraments (Confession, Anointing of the Sick or Holy Communion) please call the rectory at 718-634-6464 to make an appointment. Thank You**



## *One Hail Mary*

Sometimes it's the simple things! A traditional practice that's making a comeback is helping kids pray for their future vocations by saying one Hail Mary each night: "Mother Mary, as you said yes to the angel Gabriel, help me say yes to God's call. Hail Mary, full of grace..."

Michael Corvini



**ST. FRANCIS DE SALES  
CATHOLIC ACADEMY  
PRESENTS:  
SHREK THE MUSICAL JR.**

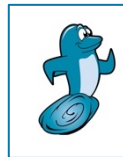
St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy presents Shrek the Musical Jr. Two shows are already sold out. Only a limited number of tickets remain for the Saturday afternoon performance. The production will be held in the SFDS Gymnasium. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased via the following website: <https://ticketstripe.com/Shrek-Jr> - or - scanning the QR Code:



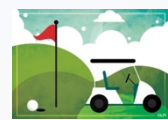
- Saturday May, 18th @3pm -
- Saturday May 18th @7pm - SOLD OUT
- Sunday May 19th @2pm - SOLD OUT

For more information, please call the Academy office at 718-634-2775.

### **ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC ACADEMY ANNUAL FRANNY FUN RUN**



The annual fun run which was rescheduled due to inclement weather in the fall will take place on the morning of **Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**. There will be street closures on the west bound side of Rockaway Beach Boulevard from Beach 128<sup>th</sup> Street to Beach 140<sup>th</sup> Street, as well as on Beach 129<sup>th</sup> Street from Newport Avenue to the Boulevard between 9:30AM -11:00AM. Additionally the SFDS Parking Lot will be closed that morning until 1:00PM. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your understanding.



### **MSGR. MARTIN T. GERAGHTY GOLF AND TENNIS OUTING**

Our Golf and Tennis Outing will be held on **Friday, May 31st 2024** at the Marine Park Golf Course (Golf) and Belle Harbor Yacht Club (Tennis). To be a part of the day please visit:

[https://ticketstripe.com/SFDSCA Golf Tennis Outing](https://ticketstripe.com/SFDSCA_Golf_Tennis_Outing)

Please also consider taking a sponsorship with your family name displayed or a special cause or business you may wish to advertise. A beautiful sign will be displayed on a given golf hole or two displaying your support for our great school. More details are in the link above, or by scanning this QR Code. There are various levels to choose from. Please contact Mike Brenna with any questions, concerns or inquiries at 646-644-4513



**PUZZLE**

Find the heart that matches.



**MISSION**

Read John 15:9-17 with your family. God loves you, and he wants you to be completely happy, but you need to let go of your selfishness. You can obey God and love others by sharing your time with them. You can show your love for God by sharing your money with others, too.

**COLOR**

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

