



LIFTING UP HIS EYES TO HEAVEN, JESUS PRAYED.

— JOHN 17:1 —

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

MAY 12, 2024
SEVENTH 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/sfdchurch>

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

Parish Trustees

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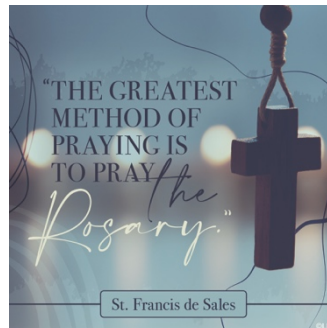
St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy

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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!



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
May 12 – 19, 2024**

Sunday

8:00 AM Richie O'Connor (B)
Thomas Gavigan
10:00 AM Catherine E. Gallagher
Cecilia Punsal
Guy Mainieri 15th 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

Monday

9:00 AM John P. McGonigal Jr.

Tuesday

9:00 AM John A. Ryan
Margaret Panico

Wednesday

9:00 AM Peggy Moerler

Thursday

9:00 AM Frank Ottomanelli
Deacon Armand D'Accordo (26th A)

Friday

9:00 AM Marid, Millie and Mario Miscione
Rosemary Comerford (B)

Saturday

9:00 AM Kay and Frank Gallagher (89th WA)
4:30 PM Anna Conlan (Birthday)
Julia and Patrick McInerney
Kristine and Helen Orr and
TFR the Third (1st A)
Marie, Jim and Larry McCrory
Helen and William Gruner and
Alice and Jack Lynch

Sunday

8:00 AM Deacon Vincent LaGamba 17th A
Edna and Jim Sullivan and
Kevin Dittmar
Phil McManus
10:00 AM Anne and Helen Egan
Anne Rafferty (B)
Augustine Ameruso
Frank Monaco (B)
Kristine Caruso (2nd A)
Mary and Dino Tomassetti
12:00 PM Gerald Atwood
Gregory Rydzyk



WEEKLY REMEMBRANCE:

The Bread and Wine to be offered this week is in memory of: **Diane and Bill Erhard**

Flowers on the Altar this week are in Memory of **Mary & Dino Tomassetti and Augustine Ameruso.**

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: **Rita Hayden**

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

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

PARISH 500 CLUB:

Congratulations to our winners this week:
\$100 #264 Meg Flaherty
\$ 50 #218 Tara Stackpole
\$ 25 #064 Frances Locurcio

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK – May 12, 2024

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord
7th Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day

Monday: Our Lady of Fatima

Tuesday: St. Matthias, Apostle

Wednesday: St. Isidore

Thursday:

Friday:
Saturday: St. John I, Pope and Martyr
Armed Forces Day

Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: "Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection." (Acts 1:21-22)

Psalm: The Lord has set his throne in heaven. (Ps 103)

Second Reading: God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him. (1 Jn 4:16)

Gospel: "Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one." (Jn 17:11)



UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS:

- Sat. May 11th – Parish First Communions
- Sat. June 8th - Academy Alumni Open House

UPCOMING FAMILY MASSES

- Sun. June 2nd – 10:00AM Mass

TENTATIVE SUMMER BEACH MASSES (9:00AM)

- Sun. June 16th – Father's Day
- Sun. July 7th
- Sun. August 4th – Back to College
- Sun. September 1st – 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

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



Training will be held for those children in Grade 4 and older on Tuesdays, from May 16th through June 6th from 4:00 – 5:00PM in the Church. Interested children should complete the form in the back of the church or speak with Father Jim.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK – May 12, 2024

In his prayer to the Father, Jesus says it aloud to remind us, always and forever: if we belong to Him, we belong to the truth. Lord, may those words ring in our ears as we go into the world as Christ taught us. We are consecrated to the truth. ©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 1st – 43 Years a Priest</i>
<i>Deacon Armand</i>	<i>May 16th – 26 Years a Deacon</i>
<i>Deacon Vincent</i>	<i>May 19th – 17 Years a Deacon</i>
<i>Father Jim</i>	<i>May 20th – 29 Years a Priest</i>
<i>Monsignor Bracken</i>	<i>May 27th – 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 19th at 12:30PM at Holy Trinity R.C. Church at 14-41 143rd 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.

Welcome!

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





ITALY PILGRIMAGE
11 DAYS: NOVEMBER 10 - 20, 2025

VISITING: VENICE * FLORENCE * ASSISI * ROME
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DON'T MISS OUT! SIGN UP TODAY!




FOOD DRIVE – NEXT WEEKEND



On Saturday, May 18th 'The Graybeards' in partnership with 'The RIBS' will once again be sponsoring a FOOD DRIVE to help stock the various food pantries throughout the Rockaways. Blue collection bags are being distributed throughout the neighborhood this weekend. If you did not receive a blue bag in your mailbox there are extra bags in the back of the church. Collection of the food will be next Saturday, May 18th. Just leave your blue bag outside your front door before 9AM next Saturday and someone will be by to pick it up. If for some reason your donation does not get picked up on Saturday you can drop it off at the rectory. Please consider giving generously.



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 Please contact Mike Brenna with any questions, concerns or inquiries at 646-644-4513

BLOOD DRIVE APPRECIATION

We would like to thank the Rockaway community and St. Francis de Sales for another exceptional turnout for our Annual Blood Drive in memory of our father, Walter Blum. 120 pints of blood were collected which will help SAVE LIVES! There were approximately 12 donors who were unable to participate due to low iron counts and we thank you for giving it your all!

Special thanks to the following student volunteers for all of their assistance in making the day a success: Kevin O'Connell, Greg Bender, Teddy Ostrander, William Corning, Preston Howard and Shane Natali.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!
 - Suzanne & John Blum

ACADEMY FUN RUN – STREET CLOSURES

There will be street closures on the west bound side of Rockaway Beach Boulevard from Beach 128th Street to Beach 140th Street, as well as on Beach 129th Street from Newport Avenue to the Boulevard between 9:30AM -11:00AM next **Saturday, May 18th** due to the Academy's Annual Franny Fun Run. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your understanding.

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



Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Academy

SAVE THE DATE

ALUMNI OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, June 8, 2024

Join us as we celebrate Mass together at 4:30PM.

Tours of School and Refreshments to follow in the gymnasium.

5:30 - 7:00PM

Come one, come all!



More information to come!





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
Lenora Delaney
Sophia DiMaiolo
Eamonn Egan
Grace Egan
Riley Egan
Alexandra Elleo
Brendan Evangelista
Sienna Farrell
John Ferrante*

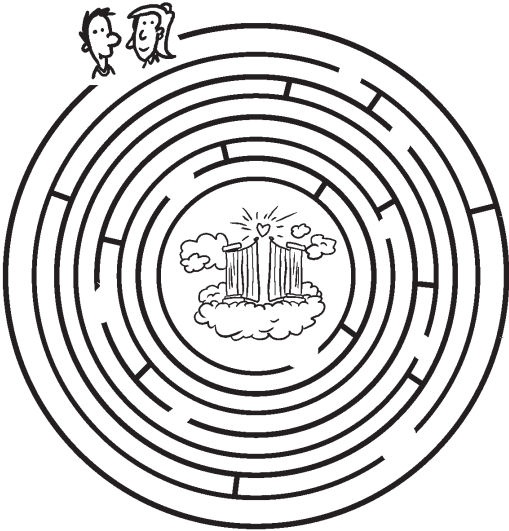
*Nolan Flanagan
Maximilien Font De Bon Echarte
Madison Friedman
Adriana Frustaci
Timothy Gahn
Cecilia Gallagher
Liam Gatto
Caroline Gaynor
Annie Gehrhardt
Shakir Giovanni
Avery Hellman
Nolan Hopkins
Christopher Hutton
Andrew James
Sebastian Kalish
Emma Keane
Brian Kelly
Grace Kimball
Ace Lipari
Christopher 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.

 **PUZZLE**

Find the path to Heaven.



 **MISSION**

Make a card for each of your teachers. Color a picture on the cover. Write a nice message on the inside. Thank your teachers for helping you learn, and sign your name. Then deliver your cards with a smile.

 **COLOR**

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

