



# PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to his disciples: “When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me.”  
- Jn 15:26

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

**MAY 19, 2024**  
**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

## 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

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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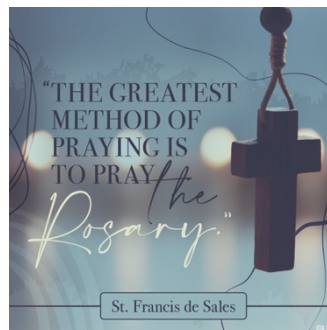
### St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy

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 19-26, 2024**

**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 in Heaven  
Mary and Dino Tomassetti

12:00 PM Gerald Atwood  
Gregory Rydzyk

**Monday**

9:00 AM Christine and Margie McNulty  
Father James Cunningham 29th A  
Nicholas S. Savino 5th A

**Tuesday**

9:00 AM Faye Amodeo  
John J. Walsh  
Thomas and Kathleen Coleman

**Wednesday**

9:00 AM Joseph Cosgrove  
Sr Jeanne Curley 27th A

**Thursday**

9:00 AM Dr. John Stathis 10A  
Lillian O'Connor  
Virginia Donohue 3rd A in Heaven  
William and Marilyn Timothy

**Friday**

9:00 AM Bernie and Mary Woods  
Ray Marten Jr.

**Saturday**

9:00 AM Ray Mattison  
4:30 PM Bridget, Michael and Fr. Paul Murphy  
Christopher Ginnety  
John Boyle

**Sunday**

8:00 AM Dominick L. Sweeney  
10:00 AM Antoinette Ansaldi (A)  
Beatrice M. Kelly 20th A  
Dominick Prianti  
Frank Ottomanelli  
12:00 PM Charles B. Richardson III  
Father Patrick Hennessy



**WEEKLY REMEMBRANCE:**

The Bread and Wine to be offered this week  
is in memory of: **John J. Walsh.**

**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: **Michael Steakin and  
Msgr. Richard Ahlemeyer.**

**SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

Kindly remember in your prayers: Eileen McCool,  
Mary Duane, Jean Madden, Gavin Merrill, Ann Marie  
Plant, Jim Benson, Janice Vaughn and Marie Leo  
Donnelly.

**PARISH 500 CLUB:**

Congratulations to our winners this week:

\$100 #114 Carol Tracy

\$50 #133 Laura Kelly

\$25 #262 Eileen Van Note

**OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK – May 19, 2024**

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday  
Monday: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the  
Church  
Tuesday: St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest,  
and Companions, Martyrs  
Wednesday: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious  
Thursday:  
Friday:  
Saturday: St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and  
Doctor of the Church;  
St. Gregory VII, Pope;  
St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin  
Next Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading:** And they were all filled with the Holy  
Spirit and began to speak in different tongues,  
as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. (Acts 2:4)

**Psalms:** Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the  
face of the earth. (Ps 104)

**Second Reading:** In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit  
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,  
faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. (Gal 5:22-23)

**Gospel:** "But when he comes, the  
Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all  
truth." (Jn 16:13)



### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS:

- Sat. June 8<sup>th</sup> - Academy Alumni Open House

### UPCOMING FAMILY MASS

- 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



### NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Training will be held for those children in Grade 4 and older on Thursdays, from May 16<sup>th</sup> through June 6<sup>th</sup> 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 or Seminarian Paul.

Additionally, all current altar servers are asked to attend as well for re-training.

### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK – May 12, 2024

*Like a stool that cannot stand on two legs alone, we need the Holy Spirit. The third Person of the Trinity is the puzzle piece whose testimony completes the beautiful picture of salvation. Let us never fail to say: come, Holy Spirit! ©LPi*

### Sea Breeze Golden Age Club

The Sea Breeze Golden Age Club is having a 50/50 raffle. They will be selling chances before and after the weekend Masses. Raffle tickets are \$10 for one ticket and \$20 for three tickets. Their next meeting is Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 3:00 PM in the gymnasium at SFDS Catholic Academy.



### 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 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Saturday, September 28, 2024

St. Thomas Aquinas, Brooklyn

The Wedding Anniversary Mass will begin promptly at 11:30AM. All couples married in the Catholic Church are invited to attend with their families. Special recognition will be given to couples who are celebrating their 25th, 50th, and 75th Anniversary.

All registered couples will receive a personalized certificate and those couples in attendance will have their picture taken with the Bishop. The fee is \$35 per couple. Please call the rectory at 718-634-6464 to register. All couples must register by Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>.

### 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**  
*Including The Opportunity to Pass Through The Holy Doors of the Basilica of St. Peter in Vatican City & the Other Three Major Basilicas*



HOSTED BY:

**FR. JAMES CUNNINGHAM &**  
ST. FRANCIS DESALES PARISH

**FR. KEVIN ABELS**  
OUR LADY OF ANGELS PARISH

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For More Information, Please Contact Fr. Cunningham

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Email: jim1950@aol.com

**DON'T MISS OUT! SIGN UP TODAY!**



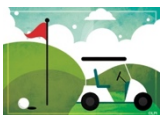
## Home Bound?

*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*



### **GRAYBEARDS / RIBS FOOD DRIVE**

Thank you to everyone that donated to the food drive this weekend. If you forgot to put your blue bag out yesterday for the Graybeards/RIBS Food Drive, you can drop off your donations on the rectory porch.



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



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## **ALUMNI OPEN HOUSE**

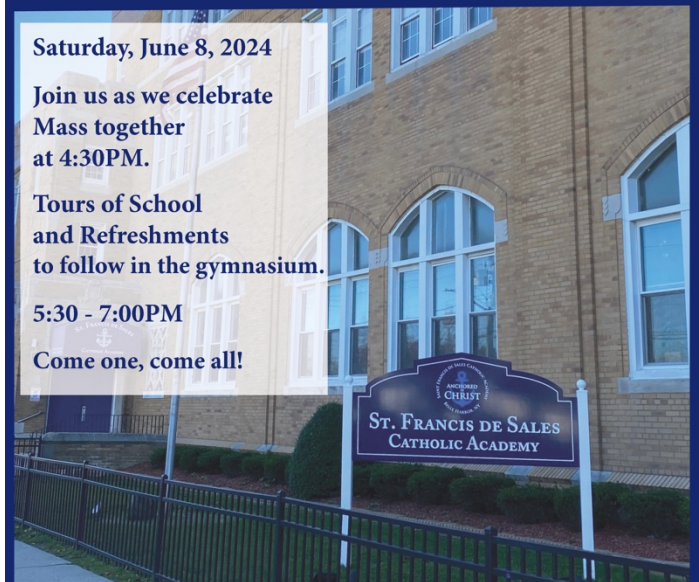
**Saturday, June 8, 2024**

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

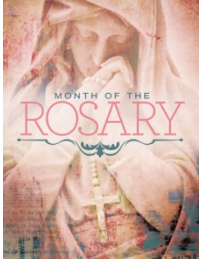
Tours of School and Refreshments to follow in the gymnasium.

5:30 - 7:00PM

Come one, come all!



**More information to come!**



### **GRATITUDE ROSARY**

As May winds down, the month of Our Lady, we would like to pay homage to her with a special Rosary to gratitude on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in SFDS church. We would like to acknowledge the many blessings received as individuals, as

families and as a collective church this year. We continue to pray to our Blessed Mother for all of our special intentions. All are encouraged and welcome to join us.

### **WALKING WITH MOMS**



Walking with Moms in Need is a nationwide, parish-based initiative to increase support for pregnancy and parenting mothers in need. It works to ensure that any woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant, or

parenting in difficult circumstances, can turn to her local Catholic Church and be connected with the resources she needs. Volunteers walk with moms throughout the motherhood journey, offering them authentic Christian friendship and ongoing support. We know there are Catholic women facing difficult pregnancies, and we know our parishioners know pregnant women needing help. We have the ability through our parishes to reach women in need, helping them choose life for their child and a happier, healthy future for themselves. Everyone in a given parish community should know where to refer a pregnant woman in need. Walking with Moms in Need hopes to help parishes do just that. If you are interested in volunteering to serve as a parish leader or team member, please call the Rectory or speak with Father Jim. Thank You

### **SFDS SCHOOL – CLASS OF 1969**

We are looking to see if our classmates from the class of 1969 would like to meet and greet one another for a 55th reunion. SFDSCA is planning an alumni reunion on Saturday, June 8, 2024.

They are planning to attend mass at 4:30pm, followed by a tour of the school and refreshments from 5-7:30pm. We are interested in attending the mass as a class and the tour then perhaps going to Jamesons for a more social event. If you are interested in a night down memory lane, please contact Anne Marie Blum Greene at 917.224.7936 or Linda Becker Ruggerio at 516.375.5613. Please reach out to all those classmates who no longer live in our parish and let's make this reunion happen!!!

## **PARISH MINISTRIES:**



**Altar Servers:** Training for new altar servers occurs each year for young girls and boys in the parish, grade 4 and older.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

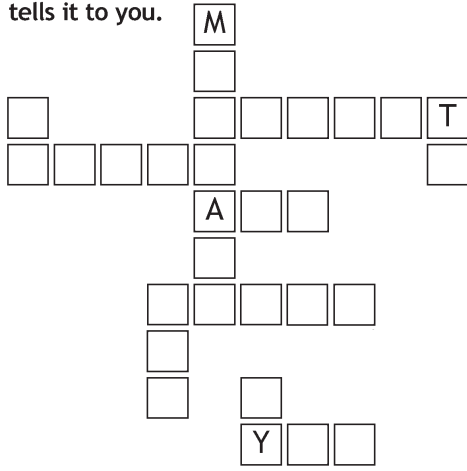
**Bereavement:** Grief Share Support group for anyone over 18 grieving the loss of a loved one. For more information please contact the rectory.

**Please consider getting involved! Thank You!**

 **PUZZLE**

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

The Spirit takes my message and tells it to you.



 **MISSION**

Before you sit down to read a Bible story, ask God to send his Spirit to help you. When you listen carefully to God's word, the Spirit can send you a special message from Jesus!

 **COLOR**

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

