

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

Pastoral Staff

The Very Rev. William F. Sweeney, Pastor
Rev. James K. Cunningham, Associate
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Deacon Armand D'Accordo

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Mr. Michael Fontana – Music Director

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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.

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 from 3:30-4:15pm - Seasonal Penance Services during Advent and Lent

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 9:00AM Mass.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm Evening— by appointment Saturday—by appointment Sunday—only. On Friday's office closes at 4:00 PM.

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 WEBSITE:

sfdsparish.org

PARISH TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office/Rectory	718-634-6464
Parish Office/Rectory Fax	718-634-0716
Parish Email	sfdsparish@aol.com
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Saint Francis de Sales School	718-634-2775
Saint Francis de Sales School Fax	718-634-6673

*Third Sunday of Lent
March 12, 2023*

Masses for the week of March 12 – 19, 2023

Sunday

8:00 AM Richard Roberts
10:00 AM Dec. Members of the Herity and
Watters Families
Dennis Fulton
Emily Hutton
Hugh Cavanaugh
12:00 PM Andrew T. Hickey (Birthday)
Leatha Mae Lynch

Monday

9:00 AM Billy Flaherty 15th A
Christopher McHale
Tommy Nichtern

Tuesday

9:00 AM Beatrice Cullinane
Lucy M. McDonough 1st A

Wednesday

9:00 AM Drury J. Gallagher Jr. (B)
George H. Grunig (A)
Jayne Gallagher

Thursday

9:00 AM James P. Moriarty Sr.
John Knox 3rd A
Maureen Pastina

Friday

9:00 AM Thomas and Kathleen Coleman
Thomas Hannan

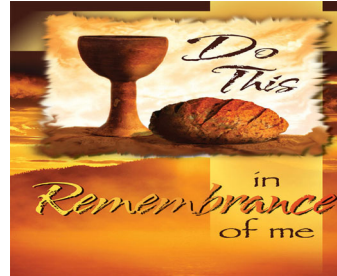
Saturday

9:00 AM Thomas J. Keenan (Birthday)
4:30 PM Brian George
Kathy Mackey
Marie, Jim, Larry McCrory, Helen,
William Gruner, Alice Lynch
Ray Marten

Sunday

8:00 AM Feast of St. Joseph's
10:00 AM Dineen Van Note (B)
Edward P. Haddican
Joseph Vincent Caruana
Margaret Panico
Mary and Raymond Hannon
Patricia Pagan (B)
12:00 PM Arthur Schupbach
Michael Hughes (B) and Michael
Clermont

Mass Book opened for 2023.. Please reserve your Mass for 2023. Masses - \$15.00, Bread and Wine \$25.00, Candles \$50 and Flowers \$150.00 Thank you.



***Bread and Wine to be offered at the Masses for this week
James P. Moriarty Sr.***

Winners for the week are: 500 Club:

Congratulations:

\$100 #366 Ed and Isabella Conti

50 #143 Martin Tubridy

25 #270 Janet Fox

If you have not joined the 500 Club for 2023-2024

You still have time.. Thank you in advance

for your generosity to St. Francis de Sales..

YOU HAVE TO BE IN TO WIN IT...

S ***ICK AND HOMEBOUND - Kindly remember in your prayers Carol Conroy, Katie Pierce, Gavin Merrill and Jimmy O'Neill.***

R ***EST IN PEACE - In our charity, please remember the parishioners who have died recently. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of Christ rest in peace Ann Kelly.***

The next meeting of the Sea Breeze Golden Age Club is on Wednesday, March 15th from 12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM at SFDS GYM.



Stations of the cross every Monday after the Novena following the 9:00 AM Mass and every Wednesday in Lent at 7:00 PM. Please join us.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE – 2023



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD’S PASSION – April 2nd

**MASSES: Saturday evening 4:30 P.M.
Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00 Noon**

**MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
Lenten Mass schedule: 9:00 AM**

**Reconciliation – Monday, April 3rd – Confessions after the 9:00 AM Mass
and from 2:00 -5:00 and 7:00 to 9:00 PM**



HOLY THURSDAY, April 6th

**9:00 A.M. – Morning Prayer
7:30 PM: Mass of the Lord’s Supper; Adoration until 10:00 PM**



GOOD FRIDAY, April 7th

**9:00 A.M. – Morning Prayer
Noon: Stations of Cross on Boardwalk at Beach 126th Street
3:00 P.M. Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord
7:00 P.M.: Stations of the Cross - Prayer Garden**

**HOLY SATURDAY, April 8th
9:00 A.M. – Morning Prayer**

8:00 P.M.: Easter Vigil



EASTER SUNDAY, April 9th

Masses: Sunrise Mass 6:00 AM 8:00, 10:00 and 12:00 Noon



We would like to wish all our Irish Friends
a Happy St. Patrick's Day

Dispensation for Saint Patrick's Day



Saint Patrick's Day is a day of celebration for many of the faithful in the Diocese of Brooklyn. To honor Saint Patrick is to honor the missionary spirit by which he brought the Faith to Ireland and which so many Irish immigrants brought to this Diocese.

The Memorial of Saint Patrick on March 17, 2023, falls, this year, on a Friday during the Penitential Season of Lent. Because of the importance of the celebration, I am happy to grant a dispensation from the obligation to abstain from eating meat on that day. This dispensation may be enjoyed by all the Faithful whether residing in the Diocese or who find themselves present in the Diocese.

Because of the great importance of the penitential character of the Season of Lent, the Faithful who do make use of the dispensation are asked to substitute abstinence on that day with another penitential act or work of charity.

**Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan
Bishop of Brooklyn**



We would like to wish all our Italian Friends
a Happy St. Joseph's Day

The feast of St Joseph commemorates Joseph, the husband of the virgin Mary and stepfather of Jesus. Joseph married Mary and later discovered that she was pregnant. Knowing that this child was not his own but not wanting any harm to come to her, he sent her away. Joseph only brought her back when an angel came to him in a dream explaining that the child Mary carried inside of her was conceived from the Holy Spirit. It is believed that Joseph died before Jesus began his public life as an adult as there is no mention of Joseph in the bible after Jesus' childhood. The feast of St. Joseph is celebrated annually on March 19th.



St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy Card Party 2023 TUITION RAFFLE

GRAND PRIZE: ONE YEAR 2023-2024 TUITION*

*AMOUNT TO BE AWARDED WILL BE BASED ON THE 2023/2024 CATHOLIC-AFFILIATED TUITION RATE THAT WILL BE CHARGED FOR ONE CHILD IN KINDERGARTEN-GRADE 8. ESTIMATED VALUE IS \$5,700. PAYMENT OF THAT PRIZE WILL BE MADE DIRECTLY TO ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC ACADEMY FOR A CHILD REGISTERED TO ATTEND FOR THE 2023/2024 SCHOOL YEAR. (NO CASH SUBSTITUTIONS.)

CHANCES: \$10 EACH OR 3 FOR \$20

PLEASE COMPLETE REQUIRED INFORMATION BELOW
AND RETURN CHANCES ALONG WITH CASH OR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO:
ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC ACADEMY

DRAWING AT CARD PARTY: MARCH 25, 2023



2023 SFDFSCA CARD PARTY - Tuition Raffle
\$10 ea or 3 for \$20

Purchaser Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please choose one:

____ Prize should be applied to:
_____ Family

____ Prize should be applied to a family in
need at the discretion of the SFDFSCA
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LENT

Real Presence: Real Love

REGULATIONS CONCERNING FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

- **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of mandatory fasting and abstinence from meat.**
- **All Fridays during Lent are days of mandatory abstinence from meat.**
- **The obligation to fast applies to those ages 18-59.**
- **The obligation to abstain from meat applies to those aged 14 and older.**
- **Those fasting may eat only one normal-sized meal. Two smaller meals may be eaten, if needed for strength. These smaller meals together should not equal a normal-sized meal. No food may be eaten between meals.**
- **The bishops of the United States recommend voluntary fasting on the other weekdays of Lent. It is a praise-worthy tradition to fast on Holy Saturday, until the Easter Vigil.**
- **It is worth remembering that every Friday of the year is a day of penance, unless a solemnity falls on a Friday. In the United States, on Fridays, outside of Lent, one may choose either to abstain from eating meat or to perform some other act of penance.**