



Saint Francis De Sales Parish

129-16 Rockaway Beach Blvd.
Belle Harbor, NY 11694

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024
26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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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Parish Council

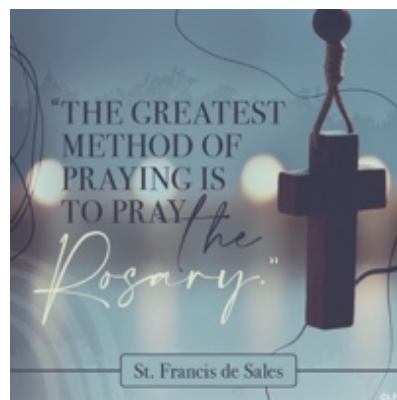
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St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy

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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." Join us!



SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH

Mass Intentions for the week of September 29 – October 6

Sunday

8:00 AM Phil McManus
Salvatore Moscatt

10:00 AM Beatrice M. Kelly
Charles Ansaldi (B)
Eileen Byrnes
Jean Marie Kenny
Phyllis D'Accordo

12:00 PM Dorothy Rossi
Gregory, Jamie Kolodziejczyk (B)

Monday

9:00 AM James and Margaret Land
and James Lane
MaryLu Plunkett (7th A)

Tuesday

9:00 AM Hugh Conroy
Michael Burke
Pamela O'Grady

Wednesday

9:00 AM Sr. Jeanne Curley
Dorothy McGrath
Vincent Siebel (B)

Thursday

9:00 AM Diane Erhard 3rd A
Hugh and Mary McSweeney
James Leo Murray (22nd A)
Kathleen and John Cahill

Friday

9:00 AM Brother Hubert Traynor O.S.F.
Daniel Gallagher
Michael Walsh (B)

Saturday

9:00 AM Lillian Quigg
The Devaney and Weiss Families

4:30 PM Frank Ottomanelli
Roy Richter
Steven Richter
Tom and Mary Cotter

Sunday

8:00 AM Catherine Sweeney
Joseph Toal
Molly and Catherine Gray
Tracie McManus

10:00 AM Anita McLoughlin
Anna Conlan 5th Anniversary
Graceann and Walter Blum (68th A)
Rita Hayden
Rose Glancy

12:00 PM Deceased Members of the Radday
and Walsh Families
Franciszek Pyrek (13th A)

WEEKLY REMEMBRANCES:

The Bread and Wine to be offered this week is in loving memory of:

John & Mary Moroney



Candles on the altar this week are in loving memory of: **James Van Slyuk**

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Kindly remember in your prayers:

Alexis Baroudos	Guy Savino
Jean Madden	Lydia Onorato
Thomas Mulvihill	Gavin Merrill
Gloria McDonnell	Eileen McCool
Kathy Somerville	

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. **Joseph Mingino**

PARISH 500 CLUB:

Congratulations to our winners this week:

\$100	#205	Mr. & Mrs. Edward Johnson Jr.
\$50	#184	Mary Armstrong
\$25	#314	Brian J. Keenan

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK – 9/22/24

Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Priesthood Sunday

Monday: St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin
and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: The Holy Guardian Angels

Thursday:

Friday: St. Francis of Assisi

Saturday: Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin
Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Respect Life Sunday

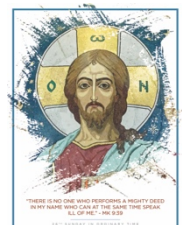
THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS – 9/29/24

First Reading: “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!” (Nm 11:29)

Psalm: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart. (Ps 19)

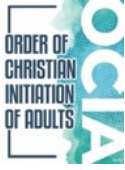
Second Reading: Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted away. (Jas 5:1-2)

Gospel: “There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us.” (Mk 9:39-40)



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK – September 29, 2024

“If your foot causes you to sin, cut it off,” Jesus says. It’s easy to gasp in horror at the thought of going through life deprived of a limb. But our horror should be even greater at the thought of going through life deprived of God’s grace. ©LPi



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

OF ADULTS The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A.) is a process by which a person prepares to become a member of the Roman Catholic Church. The process is one of inquiry,

evangelization, prayer, study and conversion, leading to one’s entrance into the church through Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. OCIA welcomes the unbaptized as well as those baptized in other Christian traditions. OCIA also welcomes those who have been baptized Catholic but who have not completed their sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation. Anyone who is interested in participating in this program is asked to call the Rectory now and speak to Father Jim.

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 are meeting weekly on Tuesday nights Sept. 10, 2024 through Nov. 19, 2024 from 7:00 – 8:30pm in the second floor meeting room of the SFDS parish house. Please contact the rectory for more information at 718-634-6464.



FEAST OF ST. THERESE OF LISEUX

On Tuesday, October 1st we happy to welcome Father Jim Devlin to our parish. Father Devlin will begin the day with offering Confessions starting at 8:00 A.M. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 A.M. with the Veneration of the Relic of The Little Flower and the Blessing of Roses. All are welcome for this special celebration.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY –

We are looking for volunteers to drive a retired priest to the Stella Maris convent to offer Mass to the Sister’s at the convent. If you are interested, please email Regina Carey at fivekidscare@aol.com

SEA BREEZE GOLDEN AGE CLUB – The next meeting is THIS Wednesday, October 2nd from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM in the school academy.

GRAYBEARDS BLOOD DRIVE:

Will be held next Sunday Oct. 6th from 7:30 AM to 1:30 PM in the Academy gymnasium.



CHURCH RESTORATION UPDATE/REQUESTS

Although the contractors have a few small items to finish, we are happy to be able to return to mass in the church.

We ask that no fliers or religious items be left in the back of the church without the explicit permission from one of the priests.

We respectfully ask that you do not leave old religious magazines or other items as well.

Since the church has just been restored we ask that no one use tape of any kind on the pews or the walls, including in the vestibules of the church. We are grateful for your cooperation.

Live Stream Update - We are working on restoring the Live Stream and we apologize for the delay. This week Father Jim and Mrs. Greene met with the technicians and are working on how the new live stream will be set up after the church restoration. We hope to have the system up and running in the next few weeks.

Thank you for your understanding & cooperation.

Please stay tuned for information regarding a Mass to Bless the restored church.

We extend a tremendous amount of gratitude to all of the volunteer members of our buildings committee for their efforts, as well as to our contractors for their beautiful work.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS –

The feast of St. Francis of Assisi is this Friday, Oct. 4th. We will bless the animals in the Prayer Garden at 4:00 PM. All animals are invited – even non Catholic ones! ☺

A CATCH A CURE - is having a Family 5K Walk/Run on Sunday, October 6th at 9:00 AM. The Start will be on the boardwalk at Beach 116th Street. Pre-register in person on Thursday, Oct. 3rd at the Belle Harbor Yacht Club from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

MASS OF HOPE AND HEALING

Thursday October 24, 2024 at 7pm at St. Pancras Church 72-22 68th Street, Glendale. All those affected by the trauma of abuse are invited on this evening to pray for healing and peace.



Dear St. Francis de Sales Parish Family,

As we prepare to celebrate the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael on September 29th, I am reminded of the powerful role that angels play in our spiritual lives. These heavenly beings are not just protectors; they are messengers of God, guiding us with their wisdom and strength. Michael, the defender of good, Gabriel, the bearer of news, and Raphael, the healer, exemplify virtues we strive to embody in our daily lives.

In St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy, we look to these saints as inspirations for our character development. Just as St. Michael stands firm in the face of adversity, we encourage our students to be courageous in standing up for what is right. Gabriel's role as a messenger reminds us of the importance of clear communication and openness to new ideas. Finally, St. Raphael's healing touch serves as a reminder of the compassion and kindness we should extend to one another.

As we gather to honor these archangels, let us reflect on how we can incorporate their virtues into our school environment. Through acts of kindness, respectful dialogue, and a commitment to supporting each other, we can truly embody the spirit of these saints. I invite you all to join us in celebrating this special feast day with prayers of these celestial protectors.

Have a great week!

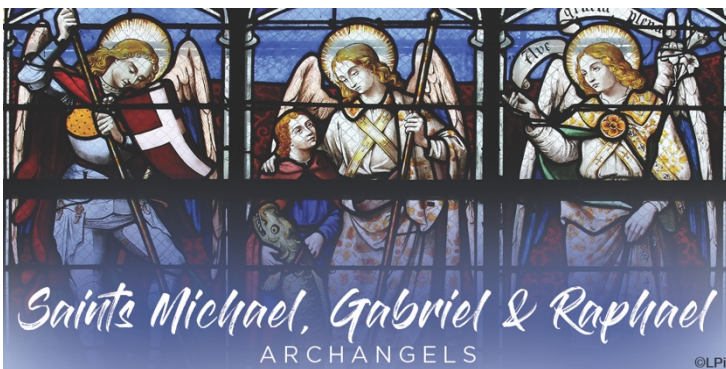
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ENROLL TODAY IN

OCIA

The Order of Christian Initiation
of Adults at
St. Francis De Sales Church
in Belle Harbor.

ARE YOU...

1. A BAPTIZED CATHOLIC
WHO NEVER RECEIVED THE
SACRAMENTS OF HOLY COMMUNION
OR CONFIRMATION?

OR...

2. NOT BAPTIZED OR BAPTIZED IN ANOTHER FAITH AND
WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT BEING CATHOLIC?

THEN OCIA IS FOR YOU!

This is your chance to learn what the Catholic Church teaches &
why Catholics believe what they believe!

Together with Catechists and Sponsors, Candidates explore elements of the
Catholic Faith & prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation.

HOW CAN YOU GET STARTED?

SPEAK TO FR. JIM CUNNINGHAM, SEND HIM AN EMAIL @ jjim1950@aol.com
OR CALL THE RECTORY AT 718-634-6464



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The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

BLESSING OF THE

ANIMALS



Friday, October 4, 2024

4:00 PM

In the Prayer Garden

Rockaway Beach Boulevard & Beach 129th Street

We welcome all animals, even non-Catholic ones!

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH – ANNUAL PARISH RAFFLE

\$100 PER TICKET - ONE GRAND PRIZE – 50/50

WINNER TO BE DRAWN ON OCTOBER 27, 2024 - WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM ALL PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS AND WILL BE SOLD AFTER MASSES




BROOKLYN & QUEENS CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY

SATURDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2024 9 AM - 4 PM

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish
1550 Hendrickson st. Brooklyn, NY 11234


SAVE THE DATE. FOR ALL YOUTH IN MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL.



CATHEDRAL PREP OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH - 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH - 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM
(MASS OFFERED AT 11:00 AM)
56-25 92ND STREET
ELMHURST, NY 11373-4985









EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION


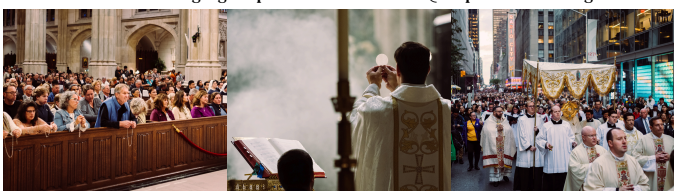
St. Patrick's Cathedral | New York, NY | Oct. 15, 2024

Join us at St. Patrick's Cathedral for a powerful spiritual experience!
This is a **free** event **open to all**. Seating is first come, first served. Register Today!

			
Most Rev. Joseph Espallat Holy Hour Reflection	Most Rev. Paul S. Coakley Celebrant	Msgr. James Shea Homilist	His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan Benediction

2:00 pm: Veneration of Blessed Carlo Acutis Relic
3:00 pm: Holy Hour, Confession, Rosary
4:00 pm: Holy Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral
4:45-5:45 pm: Eucharistic Procession Through Manhattan
5:50 pm: Benediction
6:15 pm: Event Concludes
6:15-8:30 pm: Veneration of Blessed Carlo Acutis Relic

Register Today
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PROJECT ANDREW

ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA

Evening of Discernment

SPECIAL GUEST



BISHOP NICHOLAS DIMARZIO

1920 New Haven Ave, Far Rockaway
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Rev. Chris Bethgo
Vocation Director

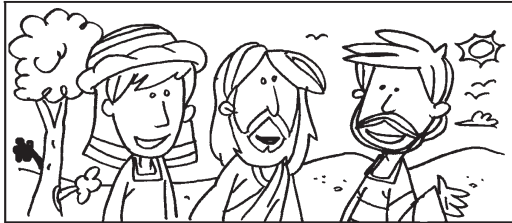
5 pm | Prayer, Dinner, and Conversation
An opportunity for young men to learn more about the priesthood.

vocationsdiobrook.org Ph: 718-827-2454
www.brooklynpriests.org



PUZZLE

Find 10 differences.



MISSION

Pray for missionaries around the world who teach others about Jesus.

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE B

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

