



## 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“There is need  
of only one thing.”  
- Lk 10:42

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# *Saint Francis De Sales Parish*

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

16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JULY 20, 2025

### 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 (Retired)  
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

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

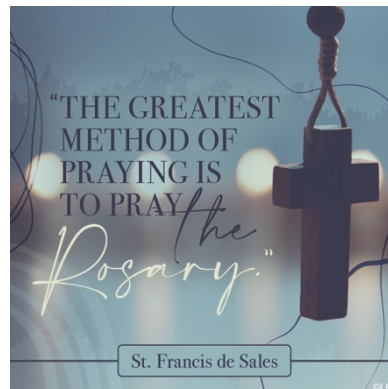
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Mr. Timothy Henning, Co-Chair  
Mrs. Janice Ameruso  
Mrs. Noelle Hutton Burns  
Mrs. Claire Conti  
Mr. Mike Coughlin  
Mr. Joseph Courtney  
Mrs. Sarah Dwyer  
Mr. Joseph Featherston  
Mrs. Kristin Franchock  
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Mrs. Chrystie Rasmussen

### 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.

Join us!



# MASS INTENTIONS

## SFDS PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

For the week of July 20-27, 2025

### Sunday

8:00 AM Joseph Kenel  
Kathleen Healy

10:00 AM Christine and Margie McNulty  
Christine Schiavone & Lena Gagliardi  
Joe Kenel  
Maureen Henning, Tom Koppinger  
and James Egan  
The Brennan and Boyle Families  
Thomas Kelliher

12:00 PM Bob and Eileen Shaw  
Joe Kenel  
John J. Scacalossi (16<sup>th</sup> A)

### Monday

9:00 AM Deborah McKissick

### Tuesday

9:00 AM Barbara Lachner  
Frances M. Sinon 1st A  
Mary E. McDermott & Elizabeth F. Donlon  
Rosalie and Jack Smith  
Sister Sean William O'Brien (6<sup>th</sup> A)

### Wednesday

9:00 AM Claire Boyle (B)  
Francis L. Gallagher Sr. (23<sup>rd</sup> A)  
John J. Scacalossi (16<sup>th</sup> A)  
Merrit Levenberg (A)

### Thursday

9:00 AM Liam Forde  
Raymond J. Riley  
The Agresto Family

### Friday

9:00 AM Ann Kirby

### Saturday

9:00 AM Anna and Anthony Wolanin and family  
Betty, Marty Craven and John and  
Mike Rooney

4:30 PM Frank Ottomanelli  
John A. Judge (80<sup>th</sup> A)  
Sean O'Hagan (38<sup>th</sup> A)

### Sunday

8:00 AM Charles Meier  
George England  
Winifred Gilmartin

10:00 AM Barbara Friedman  
Elaine Gunn  
John Connelly  
Pasquale Nuzzo (60<sup>th</sup> A)  
Rodolfo Punsal

12:00 PM Elaine Gunn



### WEEKLY REMEMBRANCES:

The Bread and Wine to be offered this week is in loving memory of: **Frank Ottomanelli & Kay and Frank Gallagher Sr.**

### 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.  
**Barbara Herbert and Kevin Kushner.**

### SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Kindly remember in your prayers:

**Megan Boyle**                      **Eileen McCool**  
**Janine Cerrone**                **Mary O'Melia**  
**Margaret Ann Kulish**

### PARISH 500 CLUB WINNERS:

Congratulations to our winners this week:

\$100 #142 **John Scaccia**  
\$50 #016 **Valerie Quinlan**  
\$25 #248 **Janice Allen**

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 7/20/25

Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi  
Tuesday: St. Mary Magdalene  
Wednesday: St. Bridget, Religious  
Thursday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf  
Friday: St. James, Apostle  
Saturday: Sts. Joachim and Anne  
Next Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

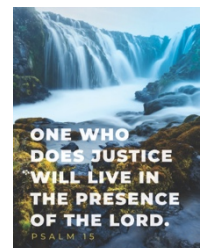
### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS – 7/20/25

**First Reading:** They asked Abraham, "Where is your wife Sarah?" He replied, "There in the tent." One of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah will then have a son." (Gn 18:10)

**Psalm:** He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. (Ps 15)

**Second Reading:** It is Christ in you, the hope for glory. It is he whom we proclaim. (Col 1:27-28)

**Gospel:** The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." (Lk 10:42)



## LIVE THE LITURGY WEEKLY INSPIRATION:

*In life, there are so many "Marthas" — people and situations that distract us from God. But if we imitate Mary and sit calmly at the feet of Jesus, his Word will guard our hearts from the anxiety of the world. © LPI*

### WELCOME BACK FATHER GABRIEL!

We are very happy to have Father Gabriel back with us again at St. Francis de Sales Parish this summer. Father Gabriel will be here through July and August. Please make sure to give him a big hello and warm welcome when you see him!.

### NOTE: SUMMER RECTORY HOURS:

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

### MASS BOOK/MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCES

**NEW: Starting July 1st, announced masses are \$20.00 per Mass.** Our Masses are as follows: 9:00 AM Mass Monday through Saturday: Masses for weekend are 4:30 PM on Saturday evening, Sunday, 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon. Thank you.

Just a reminder that St. Francis de Sales Parish has the following memorials available in the rectory to remember a loved one or friend.

✠ Bread & Wine for the week	\$50
✠ Candles for the week	\$50
✠ Flowers for the week	\$150
✠ Annual Shrine Candles	\$350 (NEW)

The Annual Shrine Candles are located in the shrines on each side of the church. The annual donation includes a personalized plate with the name(s) of your loved one, that will be placed in the shrines for one year.

Please write separate checks for Masses and a separate for Bread and Wine, Flowers and Candles. We appreciate if you make out your list of Masses and any other request like Bread and Wine, etc., and drop it off at the rectory.

### Knights of Columbus Raffle:

The Knights of Columbus, Msgr. Burke Council #2672 Rockaway Beach will be selling C & B chance books on July 26 and 27th weekend at all SFDS Masses

### 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*

## SUMMER PARKING REMINDER & REQUEST



Please keep in mind that street parking is technically not allowed on the weekends in the summer. While the precinct has been very accommodating, this cannot be guaranteed all summer.

When parking in the parking lot, please use your best efforts to park as reasonably close to the next vehicle, so that we can accommodate as many cars in the parking lot as possible. Additionally, please use your best efforts to keep the parking lines straight and please do not park in a spot that will block access to additional spots behind you. Thank you for your understanding.

We have received numerous complaints from parishioners. We would greatly appreciate everyone's cooperation.

As a reminder, there are two large bike racks available in front of Monsignor Reddy Hall. We are happy to announce that we have new bicycle racks available for your use located at the side door of the church on the Beach 130th Side of the church, located at the end of the rectory driveway. Please feel free to use the bike racks when attending mass and other parish events.



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## Annual Candle Memorials

### Now Available



St. Francis de Sales Parish is happy to announce the availability of the new Memorial Candles in our Shrine areas.

For an annual donation of \$350, a vigil candle can be memorialized for your loved one.

The donation includes a personalized name plate that will be placed in the Shrine area for one year.

To purchase one of the new Memorial Candles, please call the Rectory at 718-634-6464



### RELIGIOUS ED UPDATE:

Please be advised that our Kindergarten Class is at capacity and we can no longer accept new registrants. Thank you for your understanding.

### GRAYBEARDS FAMILY RUN

The 22nd annual Graybeards Family Run will return this year on Friday August 8. The evening will begin with children's races of varying lengths along Rockaway Beach Blvd. at 6:30. An inspirational run by Rockaway's Special Athletes will follow at 6:45. The 1 Mile Run is next at 7:00 and then the marquee 5k Run at 7:15. Post race festivities will be in St. Francis de Sales Fr. Grogan Memorial Schoolyard, and includes food, beverages, children's activities, awards, raffles, and live music. In person registration is available at St. Francis on August 2, 10-12, August 3 10-1, August 7 6-8, and on the day of the race, August 8 4-6. Please contact office@thegraybeards.com for more information

### SFDS ACADEMY UPDATE

Dear Parishioners of St. Francis de Sales Parish,

On Thursday, November 6, 2025, we are thrilled to invite you to a special evening at El Caribe as we celebrate the St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy Alumni & Friends Dinner Dance and honor our inaugural Hall of Fame Class.

This new tradition recognizes those whose faith, service, and dedication have left a lasting mark on our Academy. We proudly honor:

- **Mr. Martin McManus**, Class of 1958 – dedicated alumnus and community leader
- **Rev. Peter Purpura**, Class of 1995 – priest and faith-filled role model
- **Mrs. Rita Hayden** (Posthumously) – beloved parent, volunteer, and advocate for Catholic education

The evening begins with a cocktail hour at 6:00 PM, followed by dinner, dancing, awards, and raffles from 7:00 to 10:00 PM. Tickets are \$200 per person or \$2,000 for a table of ten. An early bird discount is available through Sunday, August 17: \$175 per person or \$1,750 for a table of ten.

This event will also launch our Lighthouse Fund: "Where Every Gift Lights the Way Forward." Like a lighthouse guiding ships through storms, SFDSCA lights the path for over 630 students each day, forming minds in truth, hearts in love, and lives of purpose. Your support helps provide tuition assistance, enhance academics and Catholic identity, invest in safety and technology, and support our dedicated faculty.

To further support the evening, we invite you to place a digital ad in our Dinner Dance Journal. Ads (PDF or JPG) can be submitted or designed by our team.

To purchase tickets and/or purchase a sponsorship ad for our digital journal, please use the QR Code below or go to our website: [www.https://stfrancisacademybh.org/](http://www.https://stfrancisacademybh.org/)

We hope you'll join us in honoring our past and lighting the way forward.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Christopher Scharbach, Ed.D.  
Principal, St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy



Tickets and Sponsorships

## SAVE THE DATE

# St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy

## ALUMNI AND FRIENDS DINNER DANCE

Past Memories & Fresh Encounters

Honoring the Inaugural Hall of Fame Class

- Mr. Martin McManus- Class of 1958
- Rev. Peter Purpura- Class of 1995
- Mrs. Rita Hayden (Posthumously)- P'89, P'91, P'92, P'94, P'95

**Thursday, November 6th 2025**  
6pm-10pm  
@The El Caribe  
Brooklyn NY 11234

**Tickets and Sponsorships on Sale Now**  
Early Bird Special: \$150 per person  
Save \$25 per ticket if purchased before Sunday, August 17th!

For More Information  
[www.stfrancisacademybh.org](http://www.stfrancisacademybh.org)






## SFDS BROADWAY TRIP TO MAMMA MIA!



Father Jim Cunningham will be organizing a group bus trip to see Mamma Mia on Broadway. MAMMA MIA! is returning to Broadway for a limited 6-month engagement. The story-telling magic of ABBA's timeless songs propels this enchanting tale of love, laughter and friendship, creating an unforgettable show. A large cast, non-stop laughs and explosive dance numbers combine to make Mamma Mia! a smash hit! A mother. A daughter. Three possible dads. And a trip down the aisle you'll never forget!

**Date: Sunday, September 28, 2025  
6:00PM Show**

The Bus will depart SFDS at 3:30PM. The total price for tickets and coach bus will be \$225 per person. Tickets cannot be sold without the bus. A fun excursion for the Fall. Please stop by or call the rectory at 718-634-6464 to reserve your spot. Make your reservations today!

## **ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE**

*(As of 7/7/25)*

**Parish Goal: \$153,414**

**Total Amount of Pledges Currently: \$47,624.49**

**Total Pledges Paid To Date: \$39,726.45**

**Total Number of Pledges Currently: 108**

**Thank you in advance for your generosity!  
Please see the inserts in this week's bulletin for more information and ways that you can give.**

## STOP PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE IN NY

Brooklyn's Bishop Robert Brennan and all Catholic Bishops in New York State are asking the faithful to contact Governor Kathy Hochul's office now, urging her to veto Bill A136. This Bill, which would legalize physician-assisted suicide in New York State, has already passed the Senate and Assembly. The final decision lies with Governor Hochul. Assisted suicide is contrary to Catholic teachings about the sacredness of all human life from conception to natural death. Please see the flyer from the NYS Catholic Conference for more information. Please see the flyer in the bulletin for more details.

## GOD BLESS JACKIE GALLAGHER

Best wishes and prayers to SFDS parishioner, Jacqueline Gallagher, as she prepares to make her First Profession of Vows with the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia in Nashville, Tennessee! This is a moment of deep spiritual significance, not only for Jackie and her family, but also for our entire parish community.

The Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia, often referred to as the "Nashville Dominicans," are known for their commitment to prayer, community life, and Catholic education. By making her First Profession of Vows, Jackie will be formally dedicating her life to Christ and the Church through this beautiful and time-honored religious community.

We give thanks to God for calling one of our own to such a sacred vocation. Let us continue to lift Jackie up in our prayers as she takes this profound and courageous step in her journey of faith. May she be strengthened by the grace of the Holy Spirit and surrounded by the loving support of her religious sisters and our parish family.

We pray that her example may inspire others, especially our young people, to be open to the possibility of a religious vocation. May her life of service and prayer be a beacon of Christ's love to all she encounters.

Congratulations, Jackie! Your SFDS family is proud of you and praying for you. Please remember to keep Jackie in your prayers in the days ahead.



## *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.*





# St. Francis de Sales Parish

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## Summer 2025 Remaining Beach Masses

- August 17th - Celebrant: Bishop Brennan  
Lifeguard Appreciation  
& Back to College Mass
- August 31st - Labor Day Weekend Mass

All Beach Masses will be held at 9:00AM on Beach 129th Street.

Due to limited parking in the parish parking lot, we encourage those that are able to walk or ride your bikes.

Please bring a beach chair.

**HAVE A HAPPY & SAFE SUMMER!**



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC ACADEMY  
BELLE HARBOR, NY 11694

## WE'RE HIRING FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Discover exciting opportunities to serve and grow with us! Join our faith-filled community and be part of something extraordinary as we live out our mission to educate minds and nurture hearts in Christ.



### Open Positions:

- ✓ 4th Grade Teacher
- ✓ Foreign Language Teacher (Part Time)

Send resumes to the email address below

Email Address: [admin@stfrancisschoolbh.net](mailto:admin@stfrancisschoolbh.net)

Website: <https://stfranciscademybh.org/>

JOIN FATHER JIM CUNNINGHAM  
FOR A BROADWAY BUS TRIP TO SEE

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# SFDS PARISH MINISTRIES

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**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 masses as well as certain funerals and weddings. You will be trained and the job is easy.

**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!**

**PLEASE KEEP OUR BRAVE MEN AND  
WOMEN IN YOUR PRAYERS, ESPECIALLY:**

### United States Army

- ✝ Major Thomas Boggiano
- ✝ Major Casey Fay
- ✝ Capt. Alek Kauffman
- ✝ 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Molly Murtaugh, USMA, West Point
- ✝ Sergeant First Class Patrick O'Leary
- ✝ 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Aidan Smith
- ✝ CW4 Rafael Solis

### United States Marine Corps

- ✝ Second Lieutenant Jack Bambury
- ✝ Lt. 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, Connor Bradwisch
- ✝ Colonel J.P. Kearns
- ✝ PFC Randy Scott Koenig Jr.
- ✝ Corporal Frankie McVeigh
- ✝ LNCPL Joseph Milone
- ✝ PFC Jake Morales
- ✝ Colonel Brian Mulvihill
- ✝ Captain Terence J. Stackpole
- ✝ Pvt. Matthew Sweeny
- ✝ CPL Charles Watson

### United States Navy

- ✝ Midshipman Grace Bradwisch, *Univ. of Tampa*
- ✝ Lieutenant Commander Sean Casey
- ✝ Midshipman Sean Donohue, *USNA Annapolis*
- ✝ Midshipman Lauren Endall, *Virginia Tech*
- ✝ Senior Chief Petty Officer Evan Felvey
- ✝ Lieutenant Briana R. Gorman
- ✝ Chief Petty Officer Thomas Pulkowski
- ✝ Lieutenant Junior Grade John Scaccia
- ✝ Midshipman Michael Strehle, *USNA Annapolis*
- ✝ LT. JG Kevin Strehle

### United States Air Force

- ✝ Cadet Catherine Dean, *USAF, Colorado Springs*
- ✝ Staff Sergeant John Glynn
- ✝ Captain Thomas Glynn
- ✝ Sergeant Stephen Pulkowski

### United States Coast Guard

- ✝ Seaman Pat Ayrovainen
- ✝ 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Boatswain, Billy McDonnell
- ✝ Seaman Recruit Ryan Wodzanowski

*“Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. Amen.”*

**If you have a child, relative or friend in the military, whose name and service you would like included in our bulletin, please contact the rectory at 718-634-6464. Also, if your loved one's military service status or rank changes, please let us know. Thank You!**

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?**

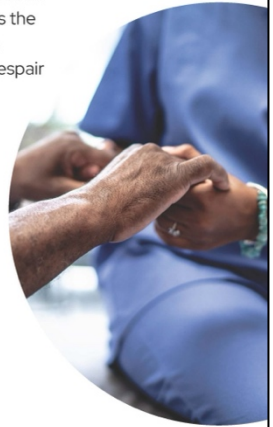
**SPEAK TO FR. JIM CUNNINGHAM, SEND HIM AN EMAIL @ jim1950@aol.com**

**Stop Physician-Assisted Suicide in New York**

**New York is on the brink of legalizing physician-assisted suicide.** Bill A136 has already passed the Senate and Assembly. **The only thing standing in its way is Governor Hochul's veto – and she needs to hear from you.**

This bill would allow doctors to prescribe lethal medication with the sole purpose of ending a patient's life. It puts the most vulnerable among us – the elderly, people with disabilities, and those facing emotional or financial despair – at even greater risk. **Suicide is not healthcare.**

**We must speak out to protect the dignity of every human life.** Assisted suicide is a dangerous and deadly path – one we must not go down.



**Take Action!**



Contact the Governor's office now to oppose this deadly practice! Visit [bit.ly/veto-pas](http://bit.ly/veto-pas) or use the QR code.

*The New York State Catholic Conference represents the Bishops of New York State in public policy matters.*  
www.nyscatholic.org • 518-434-6195 • info@nyscatholic.org

**ACA THEME & CASE COMPONENTS**  
ACA 2025

"The 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal theme

*Jubilee of Hope*  
*Renewal of Faith & Charity*

Is rooted in the spirit of the Jubilee Year, this theme invites us to deepen our faith, renew our commitment to living as disciples of Christ, and extend the gifts of hope and love to our neighbors in need. It is a call to action for our community to share our blessings generously and work together to build a brighter, more compassionate future."

**WAYS to GIVE**  
ACA 2025

**Ways to Donate to the ACA:**

**Pledge Your Gift and Make Monthly Payments** - A gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal may be fulfilled by making monthly payments through December 31st. If possible, please include your first month's payment when you make your pledge.



**Gifts by Check** - Checks should be made payable to the "Annual Catholic Appeal." Please mail your gift card in the envelope provided.

**Credit Card** - Take full advantage of the benefits offered by your card, such as bonus/reward points and airline miles. You can make a one-time gift or monthly pledge payments using your credit card. Simply provide your credit card information on your gift card/envelope. You may do this online, if you prefer, by going to [www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org](http://www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org) or text **DONATE** to 917-336-1255.



**Online Giving** - The Annual Catholic Appeal offers the opportunity to make your gift and pledge payments online using a credit card or electronic funds transfer from your checking or savings account. Please visit [www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org](http://www.AnnualCatholicAppeal.org) to make your contribution or text **DONATE** to 917-336-1255.

**Recurring Annual Gifts** - You may choose to become a "Sustainer" by making a pledge online to be charged to your account automatically year after year. Your recurring donation will support the work of the Church each year until you choose to cancel. Gift of Securities - Federal tax laws allow a charitable deduction for the full market value of appreciated securities on the date of your gift.

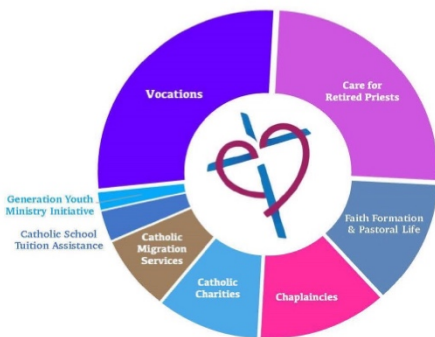


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# PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

journey  
village

woman  
Mary

listening  
serving

Martha  
anxious

chosen  
better

jnreyou

j o u r n e y

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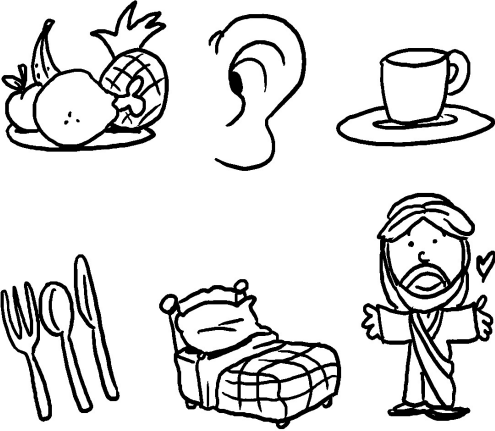


# MISSION

Ask your family to join you in reading the Bible or praying at meal time.

 **PUZZLE**

Circle the things Martha worried about.



 **MISSION**

I will sit on the front doorstep and talk with Jesus every morning.

 **COLOR**

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

