

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Some are last
who will be first,
and some are first
who will be last.”
- Lk 13:30

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD, ©LPI

Saint Francis De Sales Parish

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

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 24, 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	\$20 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. Dan Twomey

Parish Council

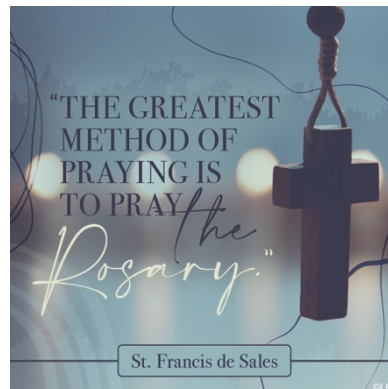
Mrs. Meghan Flanagan, Co-Chair
Mr. Timothy Henning, Co-Chair
Mrs. Janice Ameruso
Mrs. Noelle Hutton Burns
Mrs. Claire Conti
Mr. Mike Coughlin
Mr. Joseph Courtney
Mrs. Sarah Dwyer
Mr. Joseph Featherston
Mrs. Kristin Franchock
Mr. Sean Fitzgerald
Mrs. Chrystie Rasmussen

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy

219 Beach 129 Street
Belle Harbor, NY 11694
(718) 634-2775

www.stfrancisacademybh.org

Dr. Christopher Scharbach, Principal
Mrs. Maureen Hayes, Assistant Principal
Mrs. Danielle Farragher, Assistant Principal
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 August 24-31, 2025

Sunday

8:00 AM Charles Meier
Daniel Murphy
10:00 AM Barbara Friedman
Catherine Conroy
Mary and Frank Monaco (A)
Patricia McFadden
12:00 PM Aldona and Kamil Bobek (B)
Dorothy Scacalossi (B)
Regina Anne Ferris (A)

Monday

9:00 AM Kay Mcdermott
Tommy and Dennis Nelson

Tuesday

9:00 AM Dorothy Scacalossi (1st A)
Frank Ottomanelli
Hugh and Maureen Cavanaugh
Joan F. Byrne (1st Birthday in Heaven)

Wednesday

9:00 AM Patrick Dooley

Thursday

9:00 AM Eileen Brady (B)
Emily Hutton (Anniversary)

Friday

9:00 AM Carole Stonitsch
Lucy M. McDonough (B)
Michael Savino 1st Anniversary

Saturday

9:00 AM Joe Kenel
4:30 PM Barbara Friedman
Bridie & Mark Carroll & Mary Martin
John Leonard

Sunday

8:00 AM Anne and Patrick Dolan
Mary O'Hagan
Peggy and Walter Moran
9:00 AM Dr. Thomas Nicosia (Beach Mass)
James J. Mullen and Buddy O'Brien
Emily Hutton (Anniversary)
10:00 AM Charles Ansaldi (A)
Donald Bradley
Jean Kenny
Teresa Morales
12:00 PM Lena McManus



WEEKLY REMEMBRANCES:

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

Catherine Conroy

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. **Virginia Clark**

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Kindly remember in your prayers:

Megan Boyle **Janine Cerrone**
Mary O'Melia **Bill Henning**
Michael O'Shaughnessy

PARISH 500 CLUB WINNERS:

Congratulations to our winners this week:

\$100 #065 **Mary Whelan**
\$50 #204 **Tom & Pat McVeigh**
\$25 #317 **Ann Dougherty**

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 8/24/25

Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz
Tuesday:
Wednesday: St. Monica
Thursday: St. Augustine
Friday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Saturday:
Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS – 8/24/25

First Reading: I know their works and their thoughts, and I come to gather nations of every language; they shall come and see my glory. (Is 66:18)

Psalm: Go out to all the world and tell the Good News. (Ps 117)

Second Reading: So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed. (Heb 12:12-13)



Gospel: For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” (Lk 13:30)

LIVE THE LITURGY WEEKLY INSPIRATION:

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate," Jesus tells us. "Many will attempt... but will not be strong enough." So let us never be so foolish that we rely on our own strength. Narrow does not mean unpassable — not if we ask for help. © LPI

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: As of July 1st, announced masses are now \$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.

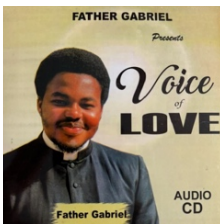
✠ Bread & Wine for the week	\$50
✠ Candles for the week	\$50
✠ Flowers for the week	\$150
✠ Annual Shrine Candles	\$350 (NEW)

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.

SEA BREEZE GOLDEN AGE CLUB hold its first meeting of the season on Wednesday, September 17th from 12 PM to 3 PM at the SFDS Catholic Academy.

FATHER GABRIEL'S NEW CD



Father Gabriel's new CD is on sale. Suggested donation is \$20! All donations will help support his Music Ministry program for children in Nigeria! If interested, please stop by the rectory to pick up your own copy.

Dear Parishioners,

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of you for your generosity in supporting the Youth Trip to Dorney Park for our altar servers and children's choir. From the beverage sales during Summer Classics, to the bake sale, and the many kind donations given as parishioners were leaving church, your support has made this special day possible. The altar servers and choir members work so faithfully throughout the year, and this trip is a wonderful way to celebrate them. Your kindness and generosity are truly appreciated by our parish family.

In Christ,
Father Jim

LADIES AOH SCHOLARSHIP

The Ladies of the Ancient Order of Hibernians has announced its 2025-2026 National History Contest for Grades 6-12 Scholarship Opportunity. This year's topic is **The Irish and American Revolution**. How the Irish affected the outcome of the American Revolution. For more information, visit ladiesaoh.com/contest

BACKPACK & SCHOOL SUPPLY FUNDRAISER

The Graybeards, in conjunction with SFDS Parish, is having a backpack and school supplies fundraiser for this upcoming school year to support the parishes of Saint Mary Star of the Sea, St. Rose, and other groups in the Rockaway community. We are asking for new backpacks and/or school supplies donations for grammar school or high school aged children.

Donations may be made as follows:

- New backpacks and school supplies (e.g., pens, pencils, crayons, glue, notebooks, etc.) to be dropped off at the front porch of SFDS Rectory (a container is available on the porch).
- Checks made payable to 'The Graybeards' dropped off at the Graybeards office at 129-04 Newport Avenue. Please add in the memo section of the check 'School Backpack donation'. Recommended check donations of \$25 and above.

Any funds collected and not used for backpacks or school supplies will be used by the Graybeards to re-stock Saint Mary's food pantry.

The deadline to drop off a backpack, school supplies or check is August 25. Please call Tom L with any questions at 646-740-1964

Thank you for your continued support!

SFDS CHILDREN AT PLAY



Ages 3 and Under. Come and make friends and be a part of this great parish! Registration will take place on

Tuesday, September 9 from 9:00 – 10:30AM in the SFDS Gymnasium. Classes are held on Tuesdays, beginning September 23rd from 9:00 – 10:30AM. Seats are limited. Register in person to fill out the application form and sign up for your “day” to volunteer to bring a craft or snack. The fee is \$160 for one child and \$75 for each additional child. For more information, please contact Mrs. Anne Marie Greene at: annemarie@sfdsparish.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

- The Confirmation Class will have a retreat at Thomas Perry Retreat House in Jamaica, Queens on Monday, October 6th, 2025. All Confirmandi are expected to attend. Excusal letters will be given for the Public School Students. We will leave St. Francis de Sales at 8:30 am and return back by 2:15 pm. Permission slips will go home in September.
- Registration is still ongoing for September Classes. Please don't wait until the last minute to register your children. Forms can be found on our website, you can stop by the Parish House – 216 Beach 130th Street or you can contact Mrs. Greene at: annemarie@sfdsparish.org or Suzanne at: sblum@sfdsparish.org.



SFDS ACADEMY UPDATE



Dear St. Francis de Sales Parish,

As we enter the final weeks of summer, our school community is filled with excitement for the start of another academic year at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy. On Wednesday, September 3rd, we will open our doors to welcome over 635 students from Nursery through Grade 8 for the 2025–2026 school year, a year rooted in faith, academic excellence, and the joy of community life.

Back-to-school season is more than just a change of schedule; it's a renewal of purpose. Guided by our mission, we look forward to forming students not only in mind, but also in heart and spirit. Our daily work is inspired by the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew: “Everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.” As we begin a new year, we strive to help each student build their life on the firm foundation of faith, compassion, and integrity.

We are also blessed to welcome new members of our faculty and staff who bring fresh energy and dedication to our community. Alongside our returning teachers, they will play a crucial role in helping each child reach their full potential.

In the coming weeks, the halls of our Academy will once again be filled with the sounds of learning, prayer, and laughter. Students will gather for morning prayer, participate in celebrating the sacraments, and engage in classroom activities that foster curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking. One of the highlights we look forward to most is returning to 9:00 a.m. Mass each day, a beautiful opportunity for our school community to be united in prayer and the Eucharist as we begin our day in God's presence.

We ask for your prayers as we begin this journey together. May our students approach each day with curiosity and kindness, our teachers with wisdom and patience, and our families with a deep sense of partnership in Catholic education.

On behalf of the entire faculty and staff, we would like to express our sincere gratitude for your continued support of our Academy and parish. Together, we will make 2025–2026 a year of growth, learning, and grace.

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



SFDS PARISH MINISTRIES

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 1st and 3rd 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
- ✝ 2nd Lt. Molly Murtaugh, USMA, West Point
- ✝ Sergeant First Class Patrick O'Leary
- ✝ 1st Lt. Aidan Smith
- ✝ CW4 Rafael Solis

United States Marine Corps

- ✝ Second Lieutenant Jack Bambury
- ✝ Lt. 2nd 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
- ✝ Chief Petty Officer Thomas Pulkowski
- ✝ Lieutenant John Scaccia
- ✝ Midshipman Michael Strehle, *USNA Annapolis*
- ✝ LT. JG Kevin Strehle
- ✝ Midshipman Finn Zam, *USNA Annapolis*

United States Air Force

- ✝ Cadet Catherine Dean, *USAFA, Colorado Springs*
- ✝ 2nd Lt. John Glynn
- ✝ Captain Thomas Glynn
- ✝ Sergeant Stephen Pulkowski

United States Coast Guard

- ✝ Seaman Pat Ayrovainen
- ✝ 3rd 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!

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 08/19/25)

Parish Goal: \$153,414
Total Amount of Pledges Currently: \$47,474.49
Total Pledges Paid To Date: \$41,057.79
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.

**JOIN FATHER JIM CUNNINGHAM
FOR A BROADWAY BUS TRIP TO SEE**

**MAMMA
MIA!**

**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.
Please stop by or call the rectory at
718-634-6464 to reserve your spot.**

NYS Catholic Conference 

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.**

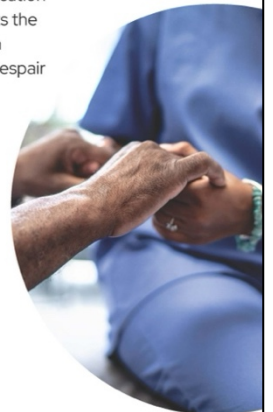
We must speak out to protect the dignity of every human life. Assisted suicide is a dangerous and deadly path – one we must not go down.

Take Action!



Contact the Governor's office now to oppose this deadly practice! Visit bit.ly/veto-pas 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





St. Francis de Sales Parish
129-16 ROCKAWAY BEACH BLVD - BELLE HARBOR, NY 11694

Please join us for our final Summer Beach Mass

Sunday, August 31st - Labor Day Weekend

The Mass 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!



FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK
FOR ALL SFDS NEWS & EVENTS
www.facebook.com/sfdschurch/



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
\$175 per person/\$1750 for a Table of
Ten



For More Information
www.stfrancisacademybh.org



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

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.

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.

As a reminder, there are two large bike racks available in front of Monsignor Reddy Hall as well as 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.

To the parents of our young children:

- Relax! God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel like you have to suppress it in God's house.
- Sit towards the front where it's easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on. They tire of seeing the backs of heads.
- Quietly explain the parts of the service.
- Sing, pray, and voice responses. Children learn by copying your involvement!
- If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but come back! As Jesus said, "let the little children come to me."
- Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home here.

To the members of our parish:

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and a reminder that our congregation is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents!



PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

JESUS
TAUGHT
SAVED

NARROW
LOCKS
KNOCK

DOOR
FEAST
KINGDOM

J U E S W A O N I H W
A K N O C K Y S O J E
R I U A L F E A S T M
H N E T N A U V G A H
T G P L A I T E H U T
W D O O R N S D A G N
I O V L R A L G E H S
S M E N O S O K D T H
H L O R W D C A R O E
N Y A F G O K I N G T
O B J E S U S E S A V

COURAGEOUS HEARTS
ROARING WITH HOPE

Presented by Mary of Nazareth Parish

A TRANSFORMATIVE CATHOLIC RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS
October 31 - November 2

INSPIRING TALKS, FUN GROUP ACTIVITIES, WORKSHOPS, AND MORE.
Lake Champion (Glen Spey, NY)

Discover the extraordinary life that awaits you
REGISTER NOW

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN
Vocation Office

2025 - 2026 Events

Jeremiah Project
High School - College Vocation Discernment
October 31 - November 2, 2025
January 16 - 18, 2026
May 1 - 3, 2026
Retreat weekend for young men. Located at St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers 5 p.m. Fri. through 1 p.m. Sun.

Fraternitas
Middle School students join us for prayer, catechesis, and sports.
Located at Cathedral Prep, Elmhurst
From 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
• October 4, 2025
• December 13, 2025
• February 7, 2026
• April 18, 2026
• June 6, 2026

Project Andrew
Mass, refreshments, and fraternal conversation for young men to learn more about the priesthood.
• Sunday, October 5, 2025 11:00 AM Transfiguration - St. Stanislaus Kostka, Maspeth
• Saturday, October 18, 2025 5:30 PM St. Paul and St. Agnes, Cobble Hill
• Saturday, November 22, 2025 5:00 PM Immaculate Conception, Astoria
• Sunday, December 14, 2025 12:30 PM St. Francis of Assisi - St. Blaise, Crown Heights
• Sunday, January 25, 2026 11:30 AM St. Bartholomew, Elmhurst
• Sunday, February 8, 2026 12:15 PM San Damiano Mission, Brooklyn
• Sunday, March 1, 2026 1:00 PM Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Jamaica
• Sunday, April 19, 2026 11:15 AM The Shrine Church of St. Bernadette, Dyker Heights
• Sunday, May 17, 2026 12:00 PM St. Margaret, Middle Village
• Sunday, June 14, 2026 9:00 AM All Saints - Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompeii, Williamsburg

FR. CHRIS BETHGE
Vocation Director

cdostediobrook.org [Vocations Brooklyn Diocese](https://www.vocationsbrooklyn.org)
718-827-2454 www.brooklynpriests.org [brooklynpriests](https://www.brooklynpriests.org)
Questions about upcoming events, please email cdostediobrook.org

BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE Immaculate Conception

Diocesan Pilgrimage
October 25th, 2025

We cordially invite you to join the Diocese of Brooklyn on an inspiring pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.
As Pilgrims of Hope, we will unite to seek spiritual renewal and foster a community.
This pilgrimage holds special significance as it coincides with the Jubilee Year 2025, during which the faithful may obtain the Jubilee Year indulgence.

If you have any questions please email pilgrimage@diobrook.org

Liturgy, Music, Art, and Architecture Commissions
Diocese of Brooklyn

DIOCESAN LITURGICAL MINISTERS TRAINING WORKSHOPS 2025 - 2026

OCT 11 **ST. FRANCIS PREP HS**
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Ministers of Hospitality

DEC 6 **ST. EDMUND PREP HS**
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ministers of Hospitality, and Altar Server Moderators

MAR 7 **THE MARY LOUIS ACADEMY**
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ministers of Hospitality, and Altar Server Moderators

MAY 2 **ST. EDMUND PREP HS**
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ministers of Hospitality, and Sacristans

9 AM - 3:30 PM

Save the Date

7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston, NY 11362
Tel: 718-281-9612 · E-mail: liturgy@diobrook.org

PUZZLE

Circle the picture that is **different**. Then color in all the pictures.



MISSION

I will choose to do the right thing, even if no one else does.

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

