



26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Abraham replied, ‘My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.’”

- Lk 16:25

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Saint Francis De Sales Parish

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

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 28, 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
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Parish Council

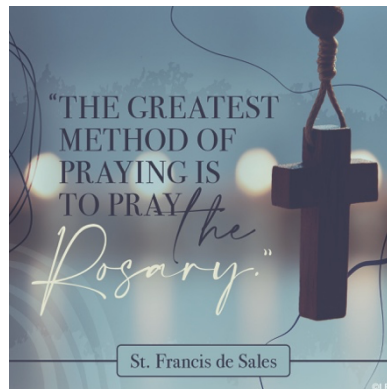
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Dr. Christopher Scharbach, Principal
Mrs. Maureen Hayes, Assistant Principal
Mrs. Danielle Farragher, Assistant Principal
Ms. Helen Endall, School Secretary



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!



SFDS PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

For the week of September 28 – October 5, 2025

Sunday

8:00 AM Charlie Meier
 10:00 AM Catherine Kennedy
 Daniel Shaughnessy
 Foley, Edwards, Burns & Brennan Family
 John Leonard
 Thomas Byrne
 12:00 PM Bob Tyne
 Gregory and Jamie Kolodziejczyk (B)
 Megan Boyle
 Phil McManus
 Salvatore Moscatt

Monday

9:00 AM Tom Dill

Tuesday

9:00 AM Teresa Rossiello (B)

Wednesday

9:00 AM Hugh Conroy (B)
 Michael Burke
 Pamela O'Grady (7th A)
 Theresa McHale (10th A)

Thursday

9:00 AM Sister Jeanne Curley & Dorothy McGrath
 Vincent Siebel (B)

Friday

9:00 AM Diane Erhard (4th A)
 Hugh and Mary McSweeney
 James Leo Murray (24th A)
 John Tracy (A)
 Kathleen and John Cahill and Family

Saturday

9:00 AM Dan Gallagher
 The Proce Family
 4:30 PM Dec. Mem. of DeNatale & Teahan Family
 Michael & Clara Occhiogrosso 100th
 Birthday and 75th Wedding Anniversary
 Michael Walsh (B)
 Tom and Mary Cotter

Sunday

8:00 AM Charlie Meier
 10:00 AM Anna Conlan (6th A)
 Anthony Borrello (B)
 Barbara Friedman (B)
 The Radday & Walsh Families
 Eileen McCool
 The Devaney and Weiss Family
 12:00 PM Eileen and Bill Lavin
 Frankiszek Pyrek 14(14th A)



WEEKLY REMEMBRANCES:

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



In Loving Memory

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. **Mary O'Brien, Charlie Kirk and Jim Kelly**

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Kindly remember in your prayers:

Janine Cerrone **Mary O'Melia**
Bill Henning **Jerry Onorato**

PARISH 500 CLUB WINNERS:

Congratulations to our winners this week:

\$100 #138 **Meg Flaherty**
 \$50 #065 **Mary Whelan**
 \$25 #043 **Brendan M. Murphy**

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 9/28/25

Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Priesthood Sunday
 Monday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael,
 Tuesday: St. Jerome
 Wednesday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
 Thursday: The Holy Guardian Angels
 Friday:
 Saturday: St. Francis of Assisi
 Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
 Respect Life Sunday

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS – 9/28/25

First Reading: Therefore, now they shall be the first to go into exile, and their wanton revelry shall be done away with. (Am 6:7)

Psalms: Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146) Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading: But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. (1 Tm 6:11)

Gospel: Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.' (Lk 16:31)



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!



*Father
Bill*

70!

September 27, 2025

God Bless You!



LIVE THE LITURGY WEEKLY INSPIRATION:

The rich man had a chance, every day of his life, to choose righteousness. But righteousness wasn't convenient for him. He discovered too late that the only time we have to follow God is now. Here. This moment. Will we take our chance? © LPI

MASS BOOK/MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCES

The Mass Book is now open for 2026. 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.

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

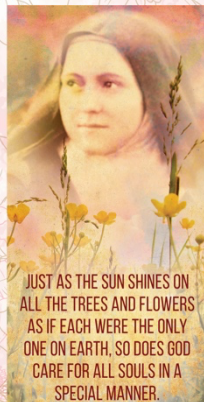
weekly on Tuesday nights through November 18, 2025 from 7:00 – 8:30pm in the second floor meeting room of the SFDS Parish House. Please contact the Rectory for more information at 718-634-6464

SAVE THE DATE: GRAYBEARDS BLOOD DRIVE

St. Francis de Sales Gym
Sunday, October 5th
7:30 am to 1:30 PM
ID is required.



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*The Feast of
Saint Theresese of Lisieux*
Wednesday, October 1, 2025

Please join us at the
9:00AM Mass.
Father Devlin will be the guest celebrant.

Join us as we celebrate
"The Little Flower of Jesus"



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*The Feast of
St. Francis of Assisi*

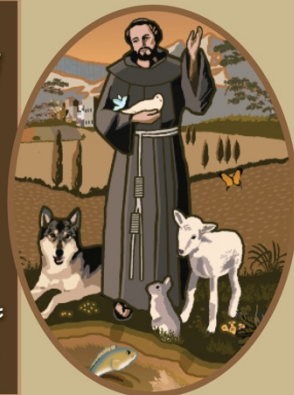
Saturday, October 4, 2025

Blessing of the Animals
10:00 am

In the Prayer Garden

Rockaway Beach Boulevard & Beach 129th Street

Bring your pets for a special blessing!



 **Priesthood
SUNDAY**

On this Priesthood Sunday, we take a moment to express our deep gratitude for Father Bill, Father Jim, Monsignor Bracken, and all priests who dedicate their lives to serving God's people. Their guidance, compassion, and faithful witness strengthen our parish family and bring us closer to Christ. Today, we thank them for their tireless ministry and pray in a special way for vocations, that God may continue to call men to the priesthood and bless His Church with shepherds who lead with love and devotion.

St. Francis de Sales Parish

PRESENTS:

SHROUD OF TURIN

PRESENTATION

WITH MR. SEAN FITZGERALD

Saturday, October 4, 2025 at 6:00PM

Monsignor Reddy Small Hall

Sean Fitzgerald, of Highland NY, an expert on the shroud of Turin, will give a presentation on this fascinating relic. Discover the mysteries of the shroud including its traditions, history, and the science behind it, and learn how the burial cloth of Jesus is a reflection of the Gospels.

Please join us!



THE SHROUD OF TURIN PRESENTATION

Biography of the Presenter:

Sean became interested in the Shroud of Turin after seeing a presentation in high school in 1983. He has earned a Master's Degree in Religious Studies, and a Master's Degree in Theology (both from St Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, NY.) He also has a Post-Graduate Certificate in Shroud Studies from the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum in Rome. Sean works full-time as **Director of Ministry Consulting** at the **Augustine Institute**, and lives in Highland, NY. He has 5 children and he and his wife, Dawn, have been married for 34 years.

Scope and Content of Presentation:

- Title: "The Shroud of Turin - The Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus."
- This slide presentation and lecture is a Catholic-focused discussion using scripture, tradition, history, and science, with an emphasis on how the Shroud is a reflection of the Gospels.
- The presentation takes about 90 minutes, and then questions are welcomed.

PLEASE JOIN US! BRING A FRIEND!

SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC ACADEMY UPDATE



Dear St. Francis de Sales Parishioners,

As we gather on this Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, we continue to be challenged to live out our faith with humility, generosity, and a willingness to serve others. This theme is beautifully reflected in the life of St. Vincent de Paul, whose feast day we celebrated on Saturday, September 27. St. Vincent dedicated his life to works of mercy, educating young people, tending to the poor, and reminding the Church that charity is not simply a feeling but an action rooted in love for Christ. His example invites us to look for ways, big and small, to bring Christ's compassion to those around us.

At St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy, we strive each day to follow that same call. Catholic education is more than just excellent academics; it is a mission that shapes the whole person, mind, body, and spirit. In our classrooms, on the playground, and through parish service, our students learn that faith and knowledge go hand in hand. They are encouraged not only to master their studies but also to grow as disciples, developing habits of prayer, gratitude, and generosity. This mission is made possible by the strong partnership between parish and school, and we are so thankful for the support, prayers, and encouragement of our broader community.

We are also filled with excitement as we prepare for a milestone event in the life of our Academy: the first-ever Alumni & Friends Dinner Dance, taking place on Thursday, November 6th. With over 340 tickets already sold, this evening promises to be a joyful celebration of the past, present, and future of Catholic education here in Rockaway. It will be a chance to reconnect with friends, honor the generations who have built our school, and invest in its continued success. If you have not yet purchased your ticket, we invite you to do so by visiting our website or stopping by the Academy office.

May St. Vincent de Paul's witness remind us that every act of kindness, every lesson taught, and every gift offered to strengthen Catholic education is a step toward building the Kingdom of God in our midst. Have a great week!

St. Francis de Sales- Pray for Us!

Christopher Scharbach, Ed.D.

Principal

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy

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



To Parents of Young Children

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress those wiggles in God's house.

Consider sitting toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on.

Quietly explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastor, musicians, and other leaders.

Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn by mimicking your participation.

Make use of the Sermon Notes handout to keep your kids engaged in the worship service.

If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me."

To All Members and Visitors

Children are God's gift to our church. They remind us that He is growing His body while raising up the next generation of His people.

Remember, the way we welcome children here directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know they are valued members of our church family.

Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

St. Francis de Sales Parish

Oktoberfest Raffle

\$100 PER RAFFLE TICKET

ONE GRAND PRIZE - 50/50

**Winner to be drawn live At SFDS
& on the SFDS Facebook Page**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025

**GRAND PRIZE EXPECTED TO BE OVER
\$150,000**

**Tickets available in the
SFDS Rectory & Parish House
as well as before & after Sunday Masses
Cash & Checks Accepted**

**WINNER WILL BE SUBJECT TO ALL REQUIRED
FEDERAL AND STATE TAX WITHHOLDINGS & REPORTING**

**All Proceeds Will Support
St. Francis de Sales Parish**

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

STAMPS FOR SISTERS



Over the next few months Father Jim will be collecting rolls, sheets and books of stamps to distribute to retired Sisters that have served in the Diocese of Brooklyn over the

years. If anyone would like to help with this effort they can drop the stamps off in the Sunday collection basket or to Father Jim at the rectory office. Thank You!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The Diocese is offering a Liturgical Minister Training on October 11th for anyone interested in becoming a Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or Lector. If you are interested please speak with Father Bill, Father Jim or Mrs. Anne Marie Greene.

"...IN THIS WORLD I CANNOT SEE THE MOST HIGH SON OF GOD WITH MY OWN EYES, EXCEPT FOR HIS MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD."

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



"What kind of pasta did the chef add to the menu for September?"



"Angel Hair!"



On September 29, we remember the archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael — heavenly messengers who share God's insight with us.

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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
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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 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. Help is needed. You will be trained.

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
- ✝ Cadet Megan Youngberg, USMA, West Point

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

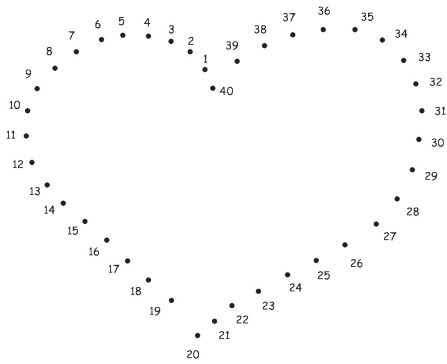
- ✝ Seaman Pat Ayrovainen
- ✝ 3rd Class Boatswain, Billy McDonnell
- ✝ Seaman Recruit Ryan Wodzanowski

“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!

 **PUZZLE**

Connect the dots.



 **MISSION**

I will take boxed rice and a can of green peas to the hungry.

 **COLOR**

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

