



Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

**“Do everything calmly and peacefully.
Do as much as you can
as well as you can.
Strive to see God in all things
without exception,
and consent to His will joyously.”**

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2026

As August begins to give way to September, there is often a feeling that something is changing. The days are still warm, vacations are not quite over, and summer has not disappeared—but the rhythm of life is beginning to shift. Schools reopen, schedules fill up, parish programs begin again, and suddenly the slower pace of summer seems very far away.

We usually associate resolutions with January 1. But perhaps the end of summer is an even better time for a spiritual resolution.

Summer gives us a chance to step outside our ordinary routines. September invites us to decide which routines are worth returning to—and which ones might need to change. That can be true of our spiritual lives as well.

Maybe the resolution is very simple: returning to Sunday Mass more regularly. Setting aside a few quiet minutes each morning for prayer. Reading the Sunday Gospel before coming to church. Becoming involved in one parish ministry or activity. Introducing yourself to someone you see every Sunday but have never met. Making time for confession. Reconnecting with someone from whom you have grown distant.

None of these needs to become another item on an already crowded “to-do” list. The Christian life is not primarily about doing more. It is about becoming more attentive to the presence of God in the life we are already living.

And that is also what parish life is meant to help us do. A parish is more than a place where we attend Mass. It is a community in which we pray, grow, serve, learn, celebrate, struggle and walk with one another.

So enjoy these last days of summer. Take the walk. Sit outside. Spend time with family and friends. Rest a little.

And somewhere in these final summer days, ask yourself one quiet question:

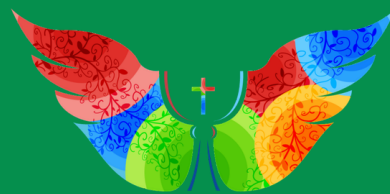
As a new season begins, where might God be inviting me to begin again?

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PRAY WITH US



MASS~LA MISA

SUNDAYS:

9:00am, 11:00am,
12:30pm Spanish

MONDAY, TUESDAY,
THURSDAY FRIDAY:
8:30am

THE ROSARY

prayed
after the 8:30 AM Mass
during the week.
All are welcome to pray with us.

VISITS TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

(Praying in Church)
WEEKDAYS 9am - 4pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Aug 30, 2026

9:00am--Robinson Barranda, Sr. (D)

11am-Ramona Gonzalez (D)

12:30pm-Para la parroquia de San Francisco de Sales

Monday, Aug 31, 2026

8:30AM--Roman & Vasiliy Nikiporenok (D)

Tuesday, Sept 1, 2026

8:30am-Douglas De Jean (D)

Thursday, Sept 3, 2026

8:30am-

Friday, Sept 4, 2026

8:30am-Edward MaCaulay (D)

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Peter Ney
Kathleen Schultheis

for our loved ones,
for those in hospitals
and nursing homes
for those who have no one
to pray for them

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Robert Petitto, Sr.
Miguel Cruz
Jose Crews



SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM OF INFANTS

The Baptism of a Child is an important event in the life of a family and the life of the Church.

We encourage registered active members of the parish to contact us to begin preparation.

We ask that this begins two months before the intended Baptism date.

Baptisms are celebrated at Sunday Mass once a month.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you love is unable to attend Mass due to serious illness or limited mobility, and are homebound, our parish ministers are ready to bring Holy Communion to them with prayer and care.

PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION (Confession)

If you would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, our priests are available before and after Mass or by appointment for a quiet, prayerful, and personal encounter with God's mercy.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office



STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY GIVING

August 18th-August 24th

\$4,546.34 online debit giving

\$1,480.00 Sunday collection basket, mailed in Checks

TOTAL \$6,026.34



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ONLINE GIVING



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PARISH MEETINGS AND MINISTRIES

THE ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed
after the 8:30 AM Mass during the week.
All are welcome to pray with us.

FAITH TALKS

Those interested in becoming Catholic ,
seeking Confirmation
or anyone with questions
Mondays at 7:00 PM in the Church Office

PARISH CHOIRS

11:00 Mass Choir rehearses
Sunday at 10:00 AM
El coro de la misa de 12:30
contact Travis Bloom
at travisbloom@sfdsnyc.org

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration is open
Onsite Registration is August 27 and
September 13

BOOK CLUB

Monday, September 14
"Go Tell It on the Mountain" James Baldwin
Contact Mary Braza at
brazamary@gmail.com

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

Contact Pat Latona at
latonapal@gmail.com

YOUNG ADULT GROUP -20 and 30 year olds

Monthly Mass for Young Adults
at St. Patrick Cathedral
Wednesday, September 2, 7:30 PM

HOPE WALK

resumes in September

GRUPO DE JOVENES ADULTOS

1 de septiembre de 7:00 PM
en la salón parroquial

Misa para jóvenes adultos en
la Catedral de San Patricio,
2 de septiembre a las 7:30

NEW LITURGICAL MINISTERS

For more information
contact Joe Long
joelong@sfdsnycorg

THE ASSOCIATION (Daughters) OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Next Meeting
Sunday, September 13, 2026
1:45 PM in the Church Office

USING THE RESTROOMS

Because the safety and well-being of our children are important to us, we remind parents and guardians to accompany young children to and from the restroom.

This helps us maintain a safe and welcoming environment for everyone and follows the Archdiocese of New York's

Safe Environment Guidelines.

Thank you for your patience,
understanding, and cooperation.

Summer

GIVING ONLINE

CONVENIENT

Give anytime,
anywhere.

SECURE

Your information
is always protected.

IMPACTFUL

Your gift makes a
difference.



When the saints
go marching in...

REGISTER

in the Parish!

You are part of our faith family.
Registering helps us know that you are here.



WHY IT MATTERS



STRONGER TOGETHER

Helps us build a vibrant parish
community and plan for the future.



SUPPORT OUR MISSION

Enables us to serve, minister,
and share God's love with others.



REPRESENTS OUR PARISH

The number of registered parishioners
helps the Archdiocese assess our
ministry needs and provide support.



STAY CONNECTED

Receive important updates,
invitations, and news about
parish life and opportunities.



LIVE YOUR FAITH

A visible sign of your commitment
and active participation in our
parish family.

Thank you

for being part of
St. Francis de Sales!

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH

FAITH FORMATION

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH



Time to Learn, Grow and Live Jesus



**Groups for those who are
5 years old through Middle School**
providing personal attention in a warm,
welcoming environment

Engaging Activities:

crafts, music, service project and prayer experiences

Sacramental Preparation:

first Penance, First Communion and Confirmation

Living Our Faith:

Helping participants to live Jesus in their daily lives



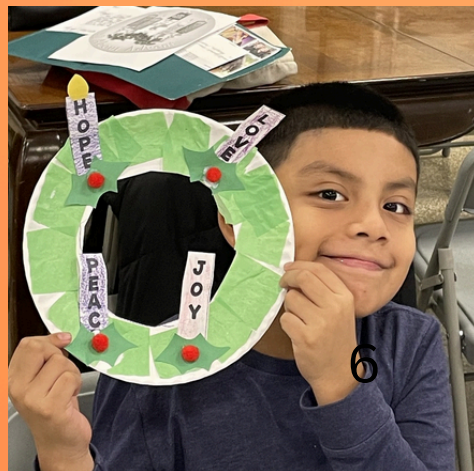
Time to
REGISTER

Sundays, August 27
and September 13
after all the Masses

or visit stfrancis96.org

More information: Joe Long joelong@sfdsnyc.org

call: 212-289-0425 or text: 910-354-9674



IGLESIA DE SAN FRANCISCO DE SALES FORMACIÓN DE FE PARA NIÑOS Y JÓVENES

Tiempo para Aprender, Crecer y Vivir a Jesús



**Grupos para aquellos que tienen
5 años hasta la escuela secundaria**

proporcionando atención personal
en un ambiente cálido y acogedor

Actividades Atractivas:

manualidades, música, proyectos de servicio
y experiencias de oración

Preparación Sacramental:

primera Penitencia, Primera Comunión y Confirmación

Viviendo Nuestra Fe:

Ayudando a los participantes a vivir a Jesús en su vida diaria

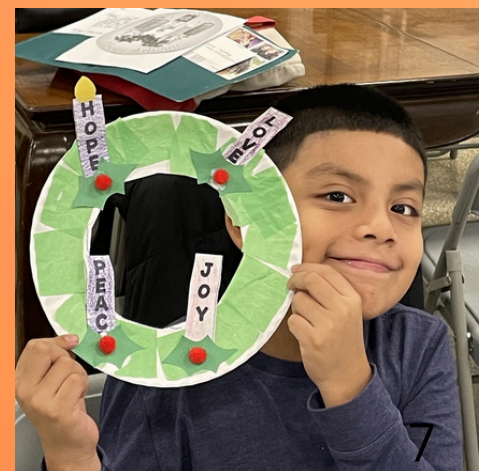


Tiempo para
REGISTRARSE

Domingos, 27 de agosto y
13 de septiembre
después
de todas las Misas

o visita stfrancis96.org

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WE NEED YOU!

BE AN ALTAR SERVER



**CONFIRMED TEENS
14 – 18 YEARS OLD**



**ADULTS
OF ANY AGE**



**TRAINING
PROVIDED**

- SERVE OUR PARISH.**
- MINISTER AT THE LORD'S TABLE.**
- SUPPORT OUR PRIESTS IN OFFERING OUR PRAYER.**

INTERESTED?

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Faith Talks

*A place for questions,
conversation, and discernment.*

WHO IS FAITH TALKS FOR?



People thinking about
becoming Catholic



Baptized Christians wondering
about the Catholic Church



Catholics who never completed
Confirmation or First Communion



Catholics returning
after being away



Parishioners wrestling
with questions of faith



Someone simply curious
and not ready to make
any commitment



**Come as
you are.
Leave with
more
understanding.**

Ask your questions.
Share your thoughts.
Listen to others.
Grow in faith together.



**MONDAY NIGHTS
7:00 PM**



**IN THE
CHURCH OFFICE**



ST. FRANCIS
DE SALES



LSA FAMILY
HEALTH SERVICE

YOUNG MINDS LAPTOP DRIVE

DONATE LAPTOPS FOR 6TH - 8TH GRADE EAST
HARLEM STUDENTS

NOW THROUGH SEPTEMBER!



SCAN TO DONATE!

QUESTIONS? WANT TO DONATE IN PERSON? CONTACT DEVELOPMENT@LSAFHS.ORG

OR CALL 646-672-5236 EXT. 236!

— ★ 9/11 ★ —
REMEMBRANCE

PRAYING

— THROUGH —

SONG

featuring the SFDS Chamber Choir

*We come together in faith to
remember, to pray, and to find hope
in God's peace.*

Friday, September 11, 2026
7:00 PM

St. Francis de Sales Church
135 E. 96th Street, Manhattan

*Free Will
Offering*

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**ST. FRANCIS
DE SALES**

Initiation Ministry

HOMECOMING DINNER

Monday, September 21, 2026

6:45 PM

If you became Catholic, went through RCIA,
celebrated Baptism, Confirmation, or Eucharist
as an adult,

—THIS NIGHT IS FOR YOU!

No matter the parish.

No matter the year.

Join us
for an evening of connection, feasting, and faith.
Good food. Good people. Great stories.



To respond, scan the QR code
or use the link.

<https://forms.gle/8PHXkJnc7VHSsxb6>

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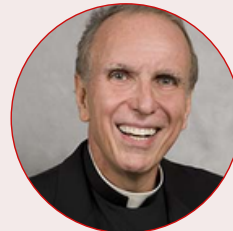
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Fr. Phil Kelly

OFFICE HOURS~HORARIO DE OFICINA

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9am - 5pm

SUNDAY 10am - 2pm

CHURCH HOURS

WEEKDAYS 9am - 4pm

**CONNECT
WITH US**



**Síguenos
en las redes sociales**



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