



# Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

**"We must never forget  
that our purpose is to be,  
not to have."**

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

## THE FONT

The Baptismal font is the womb from which Christians are born. As physical birth happens only once, so does our spiritual birth. Although fonts originated as part of the furnishings for cathedrals, today virtually every Christian church building maintains a font to facilitate the welcome of new members. Fonts have many traditional shapes. Some are round, recalling a mother's womb. Some are cruciform, showing our sharing in the death of Christ. Others are tomb-shaped for the same reason. Still others form an octagon, reminding us that Christ rose on the "eighth day" of the week, a day outside normal time, like the eternity we will share with him through our Baptism. The font may be placed in one of many traditional locations. Some are in a room to themselves. Originally, fonts were in separate buildings. At the Easter Vigil, the assembly would go out to the font to attend the Baptisms, and then bring the newly baptized into the church for the Eucharist. Some of our fonts, in rooms by themselves, keep this tradition, but small rooms make it difficult for the assembly to celebrate with the newly baptized. For this reason, other fonts are placed in or near the sanctuary for better visibility, or near the door of the church to symbolize our entry into the Christian community. In churches where the faithful enter each Sunday past the baptistry, they may use it to sign themselves with holy water. We remind ourselves of our Baptism in Christ each time we enter our churches. The font is one of the most sacred areas of our churches. It deserves the reverence of the faithful, for it is there where we are reborn, where our family grows, and where we first meet Christ, whose resurrection is our destiny.

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# PRAY WITH US

## MASS~LA MISA

SUNDAYS:

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

MONDAY, TUESDAY,  
THURSDAY FRIDAY:

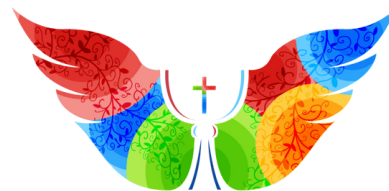
8:30am

## 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, September 28, 2025

9:00am- Erik John Dimanlanta (D)

11am- Erik John Dimanlanta (D)

12:30pm- Miguel Castilla y Estela Juarez (D)

### Monday, September 29, 2025

8:30AM- Nancy Berry (D)

### Tuesday, September 30, 2025

8:30am- Robinson Barranda, Sr. (D)  
Myrta Vargas (L)

### Thursday, October 2, 2025

8:30am-Myrta Vargas (L)

### Friday, October 3, 2025

8:30am- Lois Siegel (D)

## FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

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

## FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Enrique Gomez,  
Nelsi Payan,  
Michael Lucarelli  
Pope Francis



# STEWARDSHIP

## WEEKLY GIVING

**Sept 16th-Sept 22nd**

\$4,050.01 online debit giving  
\$1,454.00 Sunday collection basket  
Mailed in Checks  
TOTAL \$5,504.01

## 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.

## PARISH CHOIRS

11:00 Mass Choir rehearses  
Thursday at 7:00 PM

El coro de la misa de 12:30 ensaya  
los jueves a las 6:00 en el salón parroquial.  
contact Travis Bloom  
at [travisbloom@sfdsnyc.org](mailto:travisbloom@sfdsnyc.org)

## BOOK CLUB

Next Meeting on Zoom is  
Monday, October 20 at 8:00pm  
Contact Mary Braza at [brazamary@gmail.com](mailto:brazamary@gmail.com)

## YOUNG ADULT GROUP -20 and 30 year olds

Next meeting will be October 8

**GRUPO DE JOVENES ADULTOS**  
30 de septiembre **de 7:00-8:30 PM**  
en la salón parroquial

## THE ASSOCIATION (Daughters) OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Join us in a virtual open house via Zoom video.  
Sundays, from 8:00-9:00 p.m. ET.  
September 28, and November 23.  
Please email [haydee@sfdsassociation.org](mailto:haydee@sfdsassociation.org)  
for more information and to attend.

## CONNECT & ENCOUNTER

Those interested in becoming Catholic ,  
seeking Confirmation  
or anyone with have questions

**Mondays at 7:00 PM in the Church Office**

## CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration is open  
Family Meeting  
September 28 10:00 AM  
Class begins: October 5 at 10:00 AM

## YOUTH GROUP/YOUTH NIGHT

Use the QR code  
to join the group  
**Open to youth  
ages 13-18**



## SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

Contact Pat Latona at [latonapal@gmail.com](mailto:latonapal@gmail.com)

## HOPE WALK

Saturday, October 11  
10:45 AM in the Parish Hall

## NEW LITURGICAL MINISTERS

For more information  
contact Joe Long  
[joelong@sfdsnycorg](mailto:joelong@sfdsnycorg)







**ST. FRANCIS  
DE SALES**

*Initiation Ministry*

# HOMECOMING DINNER

**Monday, September 29, 2025**

**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://bit.ly/rcia-homecoming>

For more information contact Joe Long  
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call: 212-289-0425 text: 910-354-9674



# 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

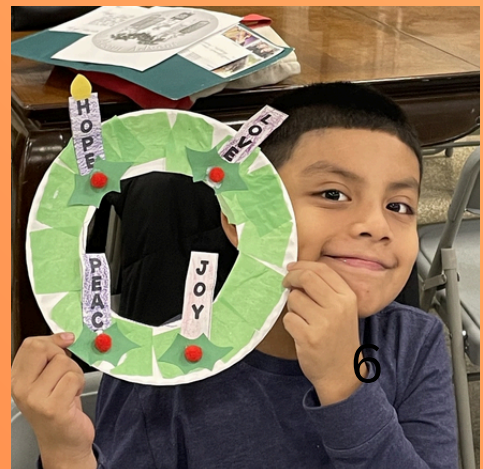


*Time to*  
**REGISTER**



<https://bit.ly/25-26RELED>

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# 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

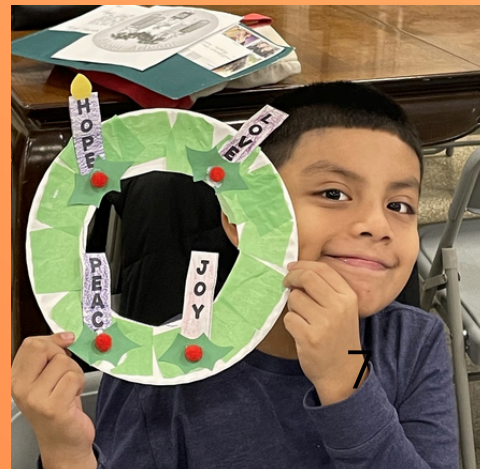


*Tiempo para*  
**REGISTRARSE**

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*Praised be You, my Lord, with all your creatures*  
**BLESSING OF ANIMALS**



**Saturday, October 4 • 10:00 AM**  
**St. Francis de Sales Church**

*Join us outdoors  
as we conclude the Season of Creation  
and celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi--  
the friend of all God's creatures.  
Bring your pets—dogs, cats, birds, bunnies, fish, reptiles, and more  
—for a special prayer of blessing.  
Children may bring a favorite stuffed animal for blessing.  
All are welcome—rain or shine!*



**Garden of Peace**  
Isaiah 32:14-18

**PEACE  
WITH CREATION**  
**SEASON OF CREATION 2025**



# Share Your Stories/Offer Ideas

The 3 most important issues, identified by parishioners, are listed below. Has one of these affected you or someone you know? Please share your story & maybe we can find solutions together



**The Social Justice Ministry  
invites you to one of the following Group Chats  
to explore it further:**

- 1. October 5 - Care for the Vulnerable  
(the poor, immigrants, the elderly)**
- 2. October 19 - Racism & Discrimination**
- 3. October 26 - Economic Inequality**

**Groups meet in the church hall  
10:00 am to 10:45 am  
(after 9/before 11 Masses)  
Refreshments served**



Scan code or email  
Pat  
[latonapal@gmail.com](mailto:latonapal@gmail.com)



**El Grupo de Jóvenes Adultos**

invita a todos a

# **TARDE DE BINGO!**



**5 DE OCTUBRE**  
**EN EL SALÓN PARROQUIAL**  
**DESPUÉS DE LA MISA**



# BACK TO SCHOOL GIVING TREE!



benefitting

**Our Lady Queen of Angels School  
East Harlem**

Gracias a su generosidad, preparamos 23 bolsas de útiles escolares y 9 cajas de papel para los estudiantes de Our Lady Queen of Angels — ¡y siguieron llegando más donaciones!

Así es como se ve la comunidad: proveer, acercarnos y servir a nuestros hermanos y hermanas aquí mismo en nuestro vecindario.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated school supplies for the students of Our Lady Queen of Angels. Our parishioners were able to pack 23 bags of supplies and 9 cases of paper—and more came in afterward! Your generosity will truly make a difference for these students. This was also a wonderful way to build community by providing for, reaching out to, and serving our brothers and sisters in our neighborhood.



Our elves hard at work







# MASS FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

Wednesday, September 17,  
The Metro New York Catholic Climate Movement and the Archdiocese of New York invited parishes to mark the Season of Creation and celebrate the 10th anniversary of Laudato Si', Pope Francis' encyclical on care for our common home. About 200 people came together at St. Francis Xavier Church for this joyful Mass. Members of our parish, along with our Social Justice Ministry, joined in lifting up the sacredness of God's creation. This celebration reminded us that creation is a sign of God's love and renewed our commitment to live with gratitude, reverence, and concrete action to safeguard our common home.



## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This month we joyfully welcomed  
**Hugh William Harbus** and **Dylan Matthew Despagni**  
into life with Christ through the waters of Baptism.



May they always walk in the light of Christ  
and know the love of our parish community.



# OUR PARISH STAFF

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### WEEKEND ASSOCIATES

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REV. JOHN SWOPE, S.J.

### OFFICE HOURS~HORARIO DE OFICINA

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9am - 5pm

SUNDAY 10am - 2pm

### CHURCH HOURS

WEEKDAYS 9am - 4pm

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WITH US**



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en las redes sociales**



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