

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community



Gem of the Catskills

Parish Established 1902

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MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am & 10:30 am
Daily: 8:00 am (Monday – Thursday)
Holy Day of Obligation:
Eve: 5:00 pm
Holy Day: 8:00 am & 7:00 pm

Rev. Raphael Iannone, O.F.M., Cap, Priest in Attendance
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HOLY SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Baptism

By appointment. Prior instruction required.

Sacrament of Matrimony

By appointment 6 months before wedding

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm
or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick and Communion to the Homebound

Call the rectory to make arrangements

PARISH COUNCIL

Meets at the rectory the second Tuesday of every other month at
7:00 pm unless noted otherwise in the bulletin.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Pres.: Pat Ruane: 688-5357 • Sec.: Arthur Peterson 607-326-4019
• Fr. Raphael Iannone, O.F.M., Cap.: 688-5617
Pam Hammond • Mike Ruane • Gene Gormley

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Catechetical Formation for adults and young people and their
families meets each month. Schedule posted in bulletin.

PARISH COMMITTEE LEADERS

Bldg & Grounds: Gene Gormley... 688-2249
Cemetery Mgr: Mark Wilsey..... 688-5500
Communications: Pam Hammond 688-2642
Director of Music: Dennis Yerry... 657-2714
Emerg. Relief Committee: Ed Ullmann .. 688-5874
Youth Faith Formation, Gerri Nilsen 687-9769
Finance: Mike Ruane..... 688-5357
Fund Raising: Faye Storm..... 532-4601
Liturgy: Contact Father Raphael..... 688-5617
Parish Hall: Jerry Bender..... 688-5132
Social and Outreach: Bill Colagrande.... 688-2013

OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE SODALITY

Meets the first Sunday of the month after the 10:30 am Mass.
President: Judy Pavone, 688-9912
Vice-President: Nancy Zorn - Secretary: Harriet Rauchut
Treasurer: Lois Giambone

Our Parish

In 1902, Archbishop Michael A. Corrigan entrusted the care of the newly formed parish of St. Francis de Sales to the Missionary Fathers of La Salette. The first pastor, Rev. M. Julien Ginet, M.S., was architect and builder of the Phoenicia church dedicated Sunday, August 21, 1904. The Missionary Fathers of La Salette returned pastoral care of St. Francis de Sales Parish to the Archdiocese of New York in 2003.

Across from the church is a shrine and grotto dedicated to Our Lady of La Salette. A winding path near the grotto leads to an adjacent Meditation Garden where visitors can enjoy quiet reflection.

BULLETIN EDITORS

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January 11, 2015

The Baptism of the Lord

“John saw Jesus approaching him, and said: Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” Mark 1:7-11

Mass Intentions

Week of January 10th – January 15th			
Sat	1/10	5:00p	John Rowe for health by Jean Druffner
Sun	1/11	9:00a	†Gerard Morrongiello 45th anniversary by daughter, Mary
Sun	1/11	10:30a	†Joseph Rotella by Jim Barden
Mon	1/12	8:00a	†Joyce Plick by the Ahouse family
Tue	1/13	8:00a	Grace Fedigan by Jean Druffner
Wed	1/14	8:00a	Open Intention
Thur	1/15	8:00a	Open Intention
Week of January 17th-January 18th			
Sat	1/17	5:00p	†Carmen Cervino by wife
Sun	1/18	9:00a	†Joseph Renzi by Jean Druffner
Sun	1/18	10:30a	†Jim Marsten by the Tiso family

Weekend Lectors

Sat	1/10	5:00pm	Jane Wolfrom/Zee Marek
Sun	1/11	9:00am	Jean Druffner
Sun	1/11	10:30am	Lorenza Vesely/Jim Barden



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat	1/10	5:00pm	Zorn, DiCiervo, DeMaria
Sun	1/11	9:00am	Nilsen, McWhinnie, Peterson
Sun	1/11	10:30am	Rauchut, Ullman, Paultre



Weekend Ushers

Frank Rauchut	Ron Pawlowski
Ed Zorn	Andy Nappy
Jerry Baltz	John Sansone

Readings for the Week of January 12, 2015

Monday: Hebrews 1:1-6; Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday: Hebrews 2:5-12; Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday: Hebrews 2:14-18; Mark 1:29-39

Thursday: Hebrews 3:7-14; Mark 1:40-45

Friday: Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Mark 2:1-12

December 21, -\$1, 507. Christmas Flowers \$277.
 Christmas Masses: \$3,816. December 28, - \$1,558.
 January 4, 2015-\$1,196. Monthly Collection \$892.
 The second collection this week is for Communications
 & the Catholic University of America

Thank You for your Generosity

Scripture Reflection

“He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit”

Why did Jesus, the Sinless One, submit himself to John’s baptism? John preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. In this humble submission we see a foreshadowing of the “baptism” of his bloody death upon the cross. Jesus’ baptism is the acceptance and the beginning of his mission as God’s suffering Servant. He allowed himself to be numbered among sinners. Jesus submitted himself entirely to his Father’s will. Out of love he consented to this baptism of death for the remission of our sins.

Do you want to see your life transformed by the love and power of Jesus Christ? Examine Jesus’ humility and ask the Holy Spirit to forge this same attitude in your heart. As you do, heaven will open for you as well. The Lord Jesus is ever ready to renew us in his Holy Spirit and to anoint us for mission. We are called to be “light” and “salt” to those around us. The Lord wants his love and truth to shine through us that others may see the goodness and truth of God’s message of salvation. Ask the Lord Jesus to fill you with his Holy Spirit that you may radiate the joy of the Gospel to those around you.

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PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, January 12th following the **8:00 am Mass**. We pray the **6th** day of the Novena. “Our Lady of La Salette, Reconciler of Sinners, pray without ceasing for us, who have recourse to you.”

Second Collection: The second collection this week is for Communications & the Catholic University of America. Thank you.

Children’s Faith Formation: The January classes are January 11th & 18th **after the 9 am Mass in the Parish Hall**. Please pray for our students & their families. For further information, call Coordinator, Gerri Nilsen at 687-9769.



MASS INTENTIONS: The Mass **Intention Book for 2015** is now accepting intentions. If you would like to have a Mass offered on a specific day and time, please contact Fr. Raphael by phone at 688-5617 or an office visit. Thank you.

Meditation Group: While Fr. Mathew was with us he started a Meditation Group using the meditative form of St. Theresa of Avila. Since he has returned to India, he prayed we would continue this daily meditative practice and come together once a month to encourage each other and remind each other of Fr. Mathew’s teachings. We meet in the Fr. Gorman Hall (directly behind the rectory) promptly at **6:30 pm** for approximately one hour. All are invited to join these meditative sessions. Our next meeting is **Wednesday evening January 21st**.

Intention Book is located on the podium in the rear of the church (near Tree of Life wall display) is an “Intention Book” for your personal prayer requests. Your special Prayer Intentions will be remembered at our Masses.

Our Parish is in Need of Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers at our weekend Masses. Please contact Cheryl Bender 688-5132, if you feel you may have a calling to serve in either of these capacities. Training is available. Please pray for parishioners to serve our parish for His glory.

Correction – January 4 Bulletin: Under the Youth Formation Christmas Celebration, toy donations were acutally made by the Classic Car Club of Big Indian. We regret the error.

Doo Wop Dance Proceeds Keep Giving: The parish fund-raiser dance held in October continues to benefit local groups helping our community. Twelve hundred dollars was divided equally between the Shandaken Food Pantry, Phoenicia Helping Hands, Onteora DECA Coats for Kids and the Shandaken Animal Volunteer Effort (S.A.V.E). Thank you notes to our parishes included these:

From Onteora DECA Coats for Kids Committee:

“Thank you for the donation in the amount of \$300. Your thoughtful contribution helped Onteora DECA purchase 45 new coats. These coats were distributed directly to Onteora students in need. In total, 90 coats were distributed this year. Thanks to you, these students will have a warmer winter. Our coat drive would not have been successful without your generous donation. Thank you!”

From S.A.V.E.

“Thanks so much for the donation. It arrived at a time when we had a large vet bill for an abandoned Saint Bernard that was found in terrible shape...The [dog] has been adopted by a wonderful family and is healthy now. A happy ending!”

Christmas Giving from our Parish: In addition to the Giving Tree, gifts for families and children in our community, your donations made it possible for the parish to deliver gifts to each tenant at the Shandaken Village Apartments (SVA) in Phoenicia. We received a thank you note and Christmas greeting from SVA management and tenants wishing everyone a healthy and safe New Year. Thank you for your generosity.

New Tabernacle Installed: Have you noticed the



new tabernacle on the altar? According to Fr. Raphael, it belonged to the church but had never been installed. The curtain was removed to display the beauty of the tabernacle which is kept locked. Parishioner, Anthony DiCiervo, volunteered to do the installation and did a great job!

“The parish is deeply grateful to Anthony and many other volunteers who have helped with so many tasks in the church this Christmas season,” said Fr. Raphael. Thank you everyone!

“There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us.” – Saint Jean Vianney

Thank you all of our ushers: Ushers are the first experience of “church” and “community” for parishioners and visitors to our parish.

They arrive at Mass early, so they can turn on lights, light the Altar candles, greet us, hand out bulletins, and make sure all can find comfortable seating during the service. They also make sure the space is comfortable by adjusting the heat on cold days and opening windows or turning on fans during warmer weather.

At the Offertory, the ushers not only pass the basket, but also make sure the “gifts” are in place and people are prepared to bring them forward at the right time.

Our ushers are an asset to this community, and we are grateful for their special ministry. We also appreciate their taking responsibility for stepping up when there are extra liturgies, and for finding a suitable replacement when they are unable to be present. Our ushers take pride in keeping our liturgies “covered,” such that the community experiences the constant support of these volunteers during our Masses. Take a moment to say THANK YOU to your regular usher!

Youth Faith Formation Christmas Pageant:

At the 5:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve, the youth in our faith formation program delighted parishioners with a beautiful procession and short Christmas pageant. The program was coordinated by Patti Payette, one of our catechetical instructors. Patti was assisted by her daughters, Brigitte, Danielle and Christie (whose children are part of faith formation). The youth that participated in the pageant and their roles:

Mary: Raven

Joseph: Kevin

Narrators: Aidan & Olivia

Angels: Elva, Lilah, Scarlet & Elianna

Shepherds: Jude and Esynce

Thank you for presenting the Christmas miracle!

[See more photos on the last page]



Thank You Note from the Marsten Family:

Katherine, Edward, Christopher and I want to thank everyone who helped provide a delicious meal and a warm place for us to gather after Jim's funeral. The organizers went out of their way, even providing gluten-free entrees for members of our family who can't eat gluten. Words cannot express our gratitude. We were so heartbroken for our loss and your love and care of us during this time helped tremendously. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. – Heather Marsten

To attend the March for Life Rally in Washington:

Buses are arranged by New York Archdiocesan parishes or NYS Right to Life Groups to travel to the Pro-Life Rally on January 22. For information about buses from Ulster County, call Al Kafel (St. Mary's Church, Kingston) 845-338-1734. If you can't attend, please pray for the pro-life rally marchers and for the unborn.



Russell Abbrecht, Luisa Armani, Laureen Aversa, Jerry Baltz, Jim Barden, Sheila Madera-Brown, Baby Liam Casey, Mary Cheshire, Ben Cole, Cathy Connell, Catherine Csurics, Ed Dannen, Lillian DiPasqua, Betty Djerf, Robyn Daugherty, Iris D'Agostino, Ernest Fudge, Sr., Rose Fudge, Rolland Gerdes, Dorothy Gorman, Chris Hall, Catherine Hand, Etta Hanigan, Dolores Harvey, Chuck Heinz, Fr. George Hommel, Laurie Hoy, Fr. Raphael Iannone, Jimmy Kinns, Mary McCloskey, Josie McIsaac, Helen Morelli, Diana Munch, Gerry Nilsen, Judy Pavone, Karlee Pavone, Florence Palmer, Sylvia Persons, Franca Ravetier, John Rossett, John Rowe, Catherine Ryan, Michael Ryder, Pat Ryder, Zoila Santa, Martha Santicola, Bert Shafer, Dorothy Sylak, Sue Tiso, Fr. Phil Tran, Angie Valentino, Stephanie Vesely, Bob Walsh, Ellen Watson, Catherine Whitelaw. *Pray for our men and women in military service throughout the world.*

We're always eager to hear that someone is doing better and that our prayers are being answered. Please call Father to add or remove someone's name and to help keep our list current, call 688-5617.

PARISH CALENDAR

Jan 11	Sun	Youth Faith Formation Class in the Parish Hall following 9:00 am Mass
Jan 18	Sun	Youth Faith Formation Class in the Parish Hall following 9:00 am Mass
Jan 21	Wed	Meditation Group at 6:30 pm in Fr. Gorman Hall (in back of rectory)

Youth Faith Formation Christmas Pageant – December 24, 2014



SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS

<p>No eye has seen, nor ear heard, what God has prepared for those who love Him. (1 Cor. 2:9) -- The children of Ellie & Larry Monachelli</p>	<p>Thank God for the blessings He has bestowed on our parish and may we continue to grow in faith and love. – The Gormley Family</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of Barbara Caton. By son, William</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of my dear husband, Tony, and beloved son, Anthony – Angie Valentino & Family</p>
<p>Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with us. The Morelli Family</p>	<p>In Loving Memory, Virginia Fleming and John E. Fleming, Jr. By Veronica Rowe and Jack Fleming</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of our Beloved Son and Brother Frank by Frank & Harriet Rauchut, John, Veronica & Joseph</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of my beloved husband, Romeo, and son, Joseph by Honey</p>
<p>In Loving Memory... James P. Hefferan and daughter Maureen Hefferan Swezey, by Iris & the D'Agostino Family.</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of Lawrence Monachelli and Eleanor Monachelli. - Mike & Eileen O'Connor</p>	<p>Space Available</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of Vic Cammardella by Helen & Family <i>"The measure of love is to love without measure."</i> - St. Francis de Sales</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of our Parents, Marian & Howard and Grandparents, Callaghan and Umhey and all our Loved Ones. - The Howard Umhey Family</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of my beloved wife, Josie, our parents, and our siblings. – Dick Morra</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of our beloved parents, John & Frances Rauchut, Alfred & Veronica Grace and our deceased brothers a sisters.</p>	<p>“Oh Lord, how magnificent are the works of your hands!” <i>In Loving Memory of my wonderful Mom</i></p>
<p>Space Available</p>	<p>In Memory of the Missionary Fathers of La Salette</p>	<p>Prayer to the Miraculous Infant Jesus of Prague. The Wallace Family</p>	<p>Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous...do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go. (Josh.1:9) – Sue Tiso</p>

Spaces are available for Spiritual Bouquets, contact Harriet 688-5013. (\$75.00 per year)