

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

Cheryl Bender ❖ Judy Pavone
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March 15, 2015

Fourth Sunday of Lent

“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.”- John 3:14-21

Mass Intentions

Table with columns for Day, Date, Time, and Intention. Rows include dates from 3/14 to 3/19 with specific intentions and names.

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Weekend Lectors

Table with columns for Day, Date, Time, and Name. Includes Heather Marsten, Elena Garcia-McWhinnie, and Judy Pavone.



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Table with columns for Day, Date, Time, and Name. Includes Bender, Wolfrom, DeMaria, Colagrande, Nilsen, Peterson, Rauchut, Ullmann, and Paultre.



Weekend Ushers

Table with columns for Name and Name. Lists Frank Rauchut, Ed Zorn, Jerry Baltz, Ron Pawlowski, Andy Nappy, and John Sansone.

Readings for the Week of March 16, 2015

- Monday: Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16
Wednesday: Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30
Thursday: 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Friday: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Regular Collection March 8, 2015: \$1,544.00
The second collection this week is for Catholic Relief Services

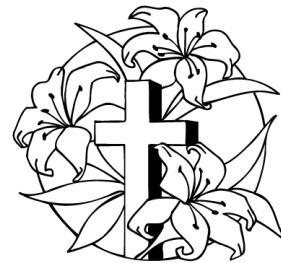
Scripture Reflection

“God so loved the world that he gave us his only Son”

How do we know, beyond a doubt, that God truly loves us and wants us to be united with him forever? For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).

This passage tells us of the great breadth and width of God's love. God is a loving Father who cannot rest until his wandering children have returned home to him. God gives us the freedom to choose whom and what we will love. Jesus shows us the paradox of love and judgment. We can love the darkness of sin and unbelief or we can love the light of God's truth, beauty, and goodness.

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For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son.

John 3:16

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, March 16th 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 Catholic Relief Services. Thank you.

Children's Faith Formation: March classes will be **March 15th, 22nd & 29th** after the **9:00 am Mass** in the Parish Hall. Please pray for our students & their families. For further information, call Coordinator, Gerri Nilsen at 687-9769.



Stations of the Cross: Held at 7:00 pm every **Friday** evening throughout Lent. Please join the parish community during this Holy season.

Reminder: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence! All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

Adult Faith Formation: Class will be in the dining room of the rectory after the 9:00 am Mass **March 29**, Topic: **The Kingdom of God** - Jesus said, "The Kingdom of God is here!" This was exciting news for the people in Israel. Crowds flocked around him, followed him everywhere to hear this message. Yet, we think, how could this be? They had been exiled by the Babylonians, persecuted by the Greeks and now lived under the brutal domination of the Romans. What was Jesus talking about? What did he mean about the Kingdom of God? We will pursue these questions during our class. Coffee and Danish, muffins, etc. are available as well. Come and join us and add your insights!

Mass Intentions for the Easter Bulletin - April 5:

Our Easter bulletin deadline is noon on **Friday, March 27th**. Published mass intentions for the Easter bulletin cover **April 4th to April 12th**. To request a mass intention, please call the rectory at 688-5617. If, at any time there is an open intention for a Mass, you may request your intention by calling Father or speaking with him before the Mass begins. Your Mass Intention will be announced at the altar. Thank you.

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.



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. Prayer Intentions will be remembered at our Masses.

Special Occasions & Celebrations

March Celebrations: May God bless all our parishioners who have special birthdays, anniversaries and celebrations this month!



"Happy Birthday" to Liz Quinn (March 4), Jerry Bender (March 8), & Angie Valentino (March 18). May God continue to shower you with blessings and happiness. May He always keep you in his tender and loving care. Have a lovely Birthday!

"Happy Anniversary" to Cheryl & Jerry Bender as they celebrate 42 years of marriage on March 23rd. May God bestow His goodness and blessings on the two of you as you celebrate another year of marriage.

Share your good news with the parish: drop info in the collection basket, email sfdchurch@hvc.rr.com or call Judy at 688-9912.

Lenten Meatless Soup Supper: On **Friday, March 27 following 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross**, you are invited to join us at the rectory for our Lenten **"Meatless Soup Supper."** If you wish to make and bring a soup, please contact **Judy Pavone at 688-9912** or sign your name on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the rear of the church indicating your specialty. Desserts and breads are welcome also.

For the purpose of getting a head count, if you prefer to join us without bringing anything, please place your name on the sign-up sheet and/or call Judy. We would love you to join us. Thank you.

Reconciliation Monday – March 30th

Reconciliation Monday for Lent will be held **March 30**. Father Raphael will hear confessions from **4:00 pm to 8:00 pm**. If he is not in the church, you will find him in the rectory. The New York Archdiocese website displays an excellent link to help us better understand the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession). <http://thelightison.org/guide-to-confession>



St. Patrick – March 17



“St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world’s most popular saints.”

The patron of Ireland was born of Roman parents at Kilpatrick (in Scotland) in the year 387.

As a young boy, Patrick was captured by a raiding party and taken as a slave to Ireland. The Druids and pagans controlled the land at that time. The youth learned the local language and customs during his twenty-year captivity. Patrick escaped and eventually returned to his family in Britain where he studied for the priesthood. Years later as an ordained bishop, Patrick returned to Ireland to preach the Gospel and convert many for 40 years.

During his conversions, St. Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Trinity – a tradition long associated with the Irish and Ireland. He died at Saul, Downpatrick, Northern Ireland, on 17 March, 461. *Source: Catholic Online*



St. Joseph – March 19

Patron of the Universal Family

Husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus, St. Joseph was a humble carpenter who taught Jesus his trade as a young boy.

St. Joseph was a man of faith and an obedient servant. He listened to the angel when he took Mary for his wife; and again when he took his family to Egypt to protect Jesus from being killed by the Romans.

On this feast day of “San Giuseppe,” Italian tradition celebrates the special occasion with St. Joseph Day cakes, cream puffs and other delicacies.

“Joseph, patron of the universal Church, watch over the Church as carefully as you watched over Jesus, help protect it and guide it as you did with your adopted son.” Amen.

Source: Catholic Online.



Daily Mass for the Homebound - TV & the Internet

Daily Mass is available on local cable TV and the internet 24/7. EWTN televises the Mass daily at 8:00 am, noon, 7:00 pm and midnight.



Heart of the Nation produces and televises weekly Sunday Masses. Go to www.heartofthenation.org.

If you are able to attend Mass at church, we encourage and welcome you to celebrate the Holy Eucharist with

the local Catholic community at St. Francis de Sales. All are welcome!

Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Lent: O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Source: Catholicculture.org*

“The Breastplate of St. Patrick”

“Christ shield me this day: Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every person who thinks of me, Christ in the eye that sees me, Christ in the ear that hears me”



Russell Abbrecht, Luisa Armani, Laureen Aversa, Jerry Baltz, Jim Barden, Carmelo Barrientos, Sheila Madera-Brown, Baby Liam Casey, 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, Victoria 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, Karlee Pavone, Florence Palmer, Sylvia Persons, Franca Ravetier, John Rossett, Jon Rowe, Catherine Ryan, Michael 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














Mar 13	Fri	Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm
Mar 15	Sun	Children's Faith Formation after the 9:00 am Mass in the Parish Hall
Mar 29	Sun	Adult Faith Formation in Dining Room of the Rectory after 9:00 am Mass
Mar 30	Mon	Reconciliation Monday for Lent

Edward M. Cardinal Egan, Archbishop Emeritus April 2, 1935 – March 5, 2015

Cardinal Egan, Archbishop Emeritus of New York, 82, died last week. Funeral services were held at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Cardinal Egan was Archbishop of the New York Diocese from 2000 until 2009. His steady presence after the 911 attacks on the World Trade Center in 2001 brought together New Yorkers of many faiths during a dark time in our state and nation. Cardinal Egan was buried in a crypt below the Cathedral next to his predecessor as archbishop, Cardinal John O'Connor. Please pray for Cardinal Egan and his family.

Because of the Cardinal's death, the March 9 meeting originally scheduled for the appeal of the proposed merger between our parish and St. John the Evangelist in West Hurley/Woodstock, was cancelled. Fr. Raphael will inform the parish of a new appeal date when it is announced by the Archdiocese.

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)