

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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March 22, 2015

Fifth Sunday of Lent

"Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will my servant be." - John 12:20-33

Mass Intentions

Week of March 21st – March 26th			
Sat	3/21	5:00p	†Mary Persons req. Ed & Nancy Zorn
Sun	3/22	9:00a	Open Intention
Sun	3/22	10:30a	Open Intention
Mon	3/23	8:00a	42 nd Wedding Anniversary - Jerry & Cheryl Bender
Tue	3/24	8:00a	Open Intention
Wed	3/25	8:00a	Open Intention
Thur	3/26	8:00a	Open Intention
Week of March 28th-March 29th			
Sat	3/28	5:00p	†Jim Marsten req. by Pat & Mike Ruane
Sun	3/29	9:00a	Open Intention
Sun	3/29	10:30a	In Thanksgiving to the BVM and St. Gerard for Tony & Tessa (living) req. by Helen Morelli

Weekend Lectors

Sat	3/21	5:00pm	Heather Marsten
Sun	3/22	9:00am	Art Peterson
Sun	3/22	10:30am	Laurie Brown



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat	3/21	5:00pm	Bender, Wolfrom, DeMaria
Sun	3/22	9:00am	Colagrande, Nilsen, McWhinnie
Sun	3/22	10:30am	Rauchut, Ullmann, Paultre



Weekend Ushers

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

Readings for the Week of March 23, 2015

Monday: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62;
John 8:1-11

Tuesday: Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30

Wednesday: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Luke 1:26-38

Thursday: Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59

Friday: Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42

Regular Collection March 15, 2015: \$1,086.00

Catholic Relief Services: \$472.00

The second collection next week is for Fuel

Scripture Reflection

"If the grain of wheat dies, it bears much fruit"

In Baptism our "old nature" enslaved by sin is buried with Christ and we rise as a "new creation" in Christ. This process of death to the "old fallen self" is both a one-time event, such as baptism, and a daily, on-going cycle in which God buries us more deeply into Jesus' death to sin so we might rise anew and bear fruit for God.

What does it mean to "die" to oneself? It certainly means that what is contrary to God's will must be "crucified" or "put to death". God gives us grace to say "yes" to his will and to reject whatever is contrary to his loving plan for our lives. Jesus also promises that we will bear much "fruit" for him, if we choose to deny ourselves for his sake. Jesus used forceful language to describe the kind of self-denial he had in mind for his disciples. What did he mean when he said that one must hate himself? The expression to hate something often meant to prefer less. Jesus says that nothing should get in the way of our preferring him and the will of our Father in heaven. Our hope is not earth-based but heaven-bound. Do you hope in the Lord and follow joyfully the path he has chosen for you?

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PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, March 23rd following the **8:00 am Mass**. We pray the **7th** 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 next week is for Fuel. Thank you.

Children's Faith Formation: March classes will be **March 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.

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 do so, but 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>.

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.

Our Lady of La Salette Sodality:

Because Easter arrives on April 5, the first Sunday of the month, the Sodality meeting will be postponed to Sunday, April 12 after the 10:30 am Mass in the rectory. If there is anyone who would like to experience our fellowship and sit in on a meeting, we welcome you. If you would like to become a member, please contact one of the officers listed on the front page of the bulletin.



2015 Lenten Schedule

Stations of the Cross: every **Friday, 7 pm** and will continue on Friday evenings throughout Lent. Please join the parish community during this Holy season.

Palm Sunday Masses: **Saturday, March 28, 5 pm;** **Sunday, March 29 at 9:00 am and 10:30 am.**

Blessing and distribution of palms at all Masses. Palms will be blessed outside in the Church parking lot. All will then process into the Church.

Reconciliation Monday, 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.

Holy Thursday, April 2 Mass at **7 pm** with a special ceremony of washing of the feet followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 12:00 am in Fr. Gorman Hall.

Good Friday, April 3 (A day of fast and abstinence): A ceremony of the Lord's Passion at **3 pm** with the Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion. The Stations of the Cross at **7 pm**

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 4: 7 pm Mass (No 5:00 pm Mass) Mass begins (weather permitting) outside the Church with the blessing of new fire, paschal candle.

Easter Sunday, April 5: 9:00 am and 10:30 am Masses.



The Annunciation of the Lord **March 25**

The feast of the Annunciation, now recognized as a solemnity, was first celebrated in the fourth or fifth century. Its central focus is the Incarnation: God has become one of us.

Mary has an important role to play in God's plan. From all eternity God destined her to be the mother of Jesus and closely related to him in the creation and redemption of the world. We could say that God's

decrees of creation and redemption are joined in the decree of Incarnation. Because Mary is God's instrument in the Incarnation, she has a role to play with Jesus in creation and redemption. It is a God-given role. It is God's grace from beginning to end.

She is the virgin-mother who fulfills Isaiah 7:14 in a way that Isaiah could not have imagined. She is united with her son in carrying out the will of God (Psalm 40:8-9; Hebrews 10:7-9; Luke 1:38).

She exemplifies what the Church and every member of the Church is meant to become. She is the ultimate product of the creative and redemptive power of God. She manifests what the Incarnation is meant to accomplish for all of us. *Source: AmericanCatholic.org*

The Bride of Christ

The cross is the consummation—the complete enactment in the flesh—of God's eternal covenant of love with His people. In pouring out His life for us, the Son of God espoused the Church in an irrevocable bond. His gift is radical and total; it is all that God could give of Himself to man. *Source: AmericanCatholic.org*



Russell Abbrecht, Luisa Armani, Lauren 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, Nina Marino, 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 22	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














HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

During his homily for a Lenten penitential service on March 13, Pope Francis announced an extraordinary Jubilee to start at the end of the year, which will be dedicated to a theme close to the pontiff's heart: mercy.

"Dear brothers and sisters, I have thought about how the Church can make clear its mission of being a witness of mercy," the Pope told attendees of his March 13, 2015 penitential liturgy in St. Peter's Basilica. "It's a journey that starts with a spiritual conversion. For this reason I have decided to declare an Extraordinary Jubilee that has the mercy of God at its center. It will be a Holy Year of Mercy."

"I am convinced that the whole Church will be able to find in this Jubilee the joy of rediscovering and making fruitful the mercy of God, with which we are all called to give consolation to every man and every woman of our time," Francis said, and entrusted the Holy Year to Mary, Mother of Mercy. The Jubilee, also called a Holy Year, will open this year on Dec. 8 – the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – and will close Nov. 20, 2016 with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. *Source: EWTN*

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 and 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)