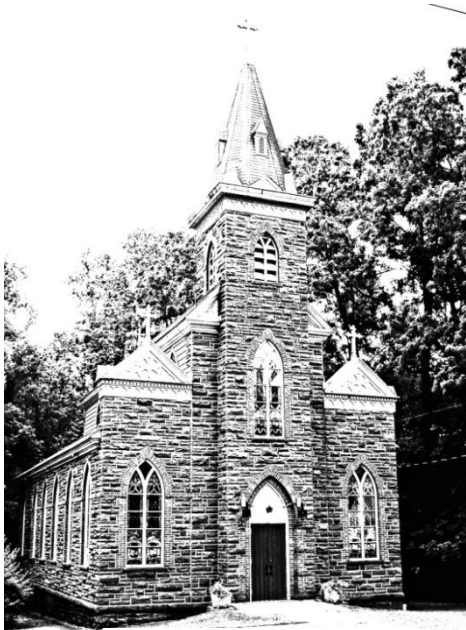


St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community



Gem of the Catskills

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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.: Heather Marsten: 514-0112
• Fr. Raphael Iannone, O.F.M., Cap.: 688-5617
Pam Hammond • Mike Ruane • Burr Hubbell

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: Burr Hubbell.....845-750-3203
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, Gerry Nilsen.....687-9769
Finance: Mike Ruane.....688-5357
Fund Raising: Faye Storms532-4601
Liturgy: Contact Father Raphael688-5617
Parish Hall: Anne Shea.....914-821-7226
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 Giambrone

BULLETIN EDITORS

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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.

November 29, 2015

First Sunday of Advent

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay.” – Luke 21:25

Mass Intentions

Week of November 28th – December 3rd

- Sat 11/28 5:00p †Jerry Bender & Bender Family req. by Pat and Mike Ruane
 Sun 11/29 9:00a †Sue Tiso req. by Persichilli Family
 Sun 11/29 10:30a Open Intention
 Mon 11/30 8:00a Open Intention
 Tue 12/01 8:00a Open Intention
 Wed 12/02 8:00a In Thanksgiving of the Blessed Virgin Mary Frank Morelli (liv)
 Thur 12/03 8:00a Open Intention

Weekend of December 5th – December 6th

- Sat 12/05 5:00p †Thomas Hennessy req. by Don & Peggy Kearney
 Sun 12/06 9:00a †Sue Tiso req. by Umhey & Payette Families
 Sun 12/06 10:30a †Harriet Rauchut req. by Judy and Bob

Weekend Lectors

- Sat 11/28 5:00pm Jane Wolfrom
 Sun 11/29 9:00am Marge Tiso
 Sun 11/29 10:30am Elizabeth Quinn



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

- Sat 11/28 5:00pm Bender, Zorn, DeMaria
 Sun 11/29 9:00am Di Ciervo, Nilsen, Ryder
 Sun 11/29 10:30am Paultre, Wolfrom, Ullmann,



Weekend Ushers

- | | |
|---------------|---------------|
| Frank Rauchut | Ron Pawlowski |
| Ed Zorn | Andy Nappi |
| Jerry Baltz | John Sansone |

Readings for the Week of November 30, 2015

- Monday:** Roman 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22
Tuesday: Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24
Wednesday: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37
Thursday: Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31

Collection for November 22, 2015 will be reported in next week's bulletin

Thank You for your generosity

Scripture Reflection

“Look up, your redemption is drawing near”

Jesus speaks of the second coming as a known fact, a for certain event we can expect to take place. This coming will be marked by signs that all will recognize; signs which will strike terror in those unprepared and wonder in those who are ready to meet the Lord.

What can keep us from recognizing the signs of the Lord's presence and action today? Indifference and the temptation to slacken off – to become passive and lethargic or to fall asleep spiritually. It is very easy to get caught up in the things of the present moment or to be weighed down with troubles. The Lord knows our shortcomings and struggles and he gives us the strength to bear our burdens and to walk in his way of holiness. But there is one thing he doesn't tolerate: an attitude of indifference, being passive, not caring, and doing nothing when we could be actively seeking God and his kingdom! God is ready to give us fresh vision, hope, and grace to walk in his ways. He wants to work in and through us for his glory. That is why he expects more of us than we can do by ourselves. His grace enables us to actively watch for his action in our lives, and to actively pray for perseverance and endurance when we face trials and difficulties. The Lord gives us his strength to overcome temptation, especially from apostasy – the denial of the Lord Jesus out of fear or pride. God is ever ready to fill us with his strength and divine power. Is your heart hungry for God or is it weighed down by other things?

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PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, November 30th following the 8:00 am Mass, we pray the 5th day of the Novena. "Our Lady of La Salette, *Reconciler of Sinners, pray without ceasing for us, who have recourse to you.*"

The Second Collection next week is our monthly collection. Thank you.

Children's Faith Formation:

December classes are the 6th, 13th and 20th. Classes are held after the 9:00 am Mass. Please pray for our students & their families. FMI, please call Faith Formation Coord. Gerri Nilsen at 687-9769.



Our Parish is in Need of Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

at our weekend Masses. Several of our faithful Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers will soon be leaving the area for the winter months. 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. (With deep appreciation to Harriet Rauchut for her many years of faithful service as a Eucharistic Minister.) †

Advent Giving Tree

The Giving Tree project begins Sunday, November 29th, the first Sunday of Advent. For those interested in participating:

1) choose a tag from the tree; 2) purchase a gift and place wrapped gift under the tree. The latest date to return your gift is Sunday, Dec. 13th. 3) **PLEASE BE SURE** to place "the tag from the tree" on the outside of the gift; 4) place gift under tree. This has been a very successful outreach from our parish to those in need during this Holy Season. In addition, toys for the children are being donated through the efforts of the "Classic Car Club of Big Indian." Thank you all for your continued generosity! Any questions, call Marge Tiso, 688-5898.



December Craft & Gift Shows: Weekend of December 5-6 weekend.

Dec. 5 & 6th Holiday Craft & Gift Show

Sat. 10-5 and Sun. 10-4 pm at our Parish Hall

Sponsored by local residents featuring fine craftsman from the Hudson Valley; food & drink available.

Shandaken United Methodist Church: Route 28

Sat. Dec 5 from 9 am to 3 pm. Bake sale and nice lunches with many holiday items and birdfeeders made by Dale Van Etten...lots of good stuff!



We Hope You Had a Blessed Thanksgiving!

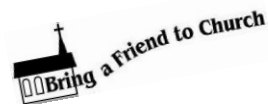
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Doo Wop Funds Will Go to Phoenicia Food Pantry:

The Phoenicia Food Pantry will be the recipient of funds raised by this successful and fun fundraiser. By vote of the Parish Council on November 17, the Pantry will receive a check for \$200/month, beginning December. As an ecumenical project, the Doo-Wop dance involves our entire Christian community. It builds community, and enables us to reach out to the less fortunate in our midst. Thanks again to all who worked so hard to make this event happen!

Meditation Group

- Our group meets once every 4 weeks in the Fr. Gorman Hall (behind the rectory) at **6:30 pm** on a **Wednesday evening** for approximately 1 1/2 hours. During Fr. Mathew's stay with us, he taught our group using the Meditation Techniques of St. Theresa of Avila. Since Father Mathew's departure, we have added to our group from our parishioners. Anyone wishing to meditate with us is most welcome to attend. After our meditation time, we may share our thoughts about the scripture passage. Before leaving, someone volunteers to choose a scripture passage for the following meeting. Our next meeting will be **December 16th.**



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Special Occasions & Celebrations

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



“Happy Birthday” Josie McIsaac (11/1), Fr. Mathew Azhakath and Robert Pavone (11/30). *May God continue to bless you every day with health, love, happiness, and the best life has to offer. Happy Birthday!*

Share your good news with the parish; drop info in the collection basket, email sfdchurch@hvc.rr.com or call Judy at 688-9912 or email her at jap120@hvc.rr.com

INTRODUCING...our St. Francis de Sales Parish MISSION STATEMENT

For the better part of a year, the Parish Council has been reflecting on what makes our parish such a special and joyful community of believers. “Making All Things New” put the work on hold. Happily, we are now able to move forward with confidence that St. Francis de Sales Parish will remain a viable community. What better time to introduce this Statement than the beginning of our new liturgical year and the start of Advent? Here’s our working version of our Mission Statement:

St. Francis de Sales Church is a Christ-centered Catholic community of joyful stewards sharing our faith journey through worship and service. We cherish our Catholic Tradition, work to model and proclaim the teaching of Jesus Christ, and offer comfort and peace to all. Our doors and our hearts are open to everyone.

Why is it important to articulate a Mission Statement?

There are two reasons:

First, we want to have widespread agreement on why we gather together, who we are, and what we are about, as God’s holy people. By spelling it out, we remind ourselves about the values that unite us. We can also use it as a reality check – does our behavior match our words? If, over time, we can embrace and internalize this statement as our individual and collective mission, we will genuinely BE who we say we are as a Christian community.

Secondly, we want to be able to explain who we are to people who do not see themselves as part of our community. Some of these people are family, neighbors, friends who may have come to church at one time in their lives, but stopped participating, and don’t find it welcoming or worthwhile. Sharing the Mission Statement might encourage them to give Catholicism another try. Others may be curious – visiting or dropping in as weekenders, but not yet members or “regular” participants in the life of our community. These people may sense something different from their usual worship, but not

know if we are “for real.” The Mission Statement will verify that what they are witnessing is authentic – especially if they feel the community’s devotion, welcome, service and joy; and experience it consistently when they worship with us.

We hope you are excited about this proposed Mission Statement, and that you will try it on! Please share your feedback with any member of Parish Council/Committee Chairs. What parts of the Statement resonate with your experience or hope for our community? What words or ideas need further explanation? We will discuss the Statement again, along with your feedback, at the February 2 Parish Council meeting. Let us hear from you!

The Year of Mercy

Pope Francis declared this Extraordinary Jubilee year dedicated to mercy. **It begins Dec. 8th on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** and ends Nov. 20, 2016 with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Luke 6:35, “Be merciful as your Father is merciful.”



Russell Abbrecht, Luisa Armani, Laureen Aversa, Jerry Baltz, Jim Barden, Carmelo Barrientos, Cheryl Bender and Family, Rick Bicanovsky, Kathleen Biondo, Sheila Madera-Brown, Liam Casey, Ben Cole, Cathy Connell, Ed Dannen, Lillian DiPasqua, Betty Djerf, Robyn Daugherty, Iris D’Agostino, Honey Fecci, Ernest Fudge, Sr., Rose Fudge, David Gerdes, Dorothy Gorman, Jan Goyer, Chris Hall, Victoria Hall, Catherine Hand, Etta Hanigan, Dolores Harvey, Fr. George Hommel, Laurie Hoy, Fr. Raphael Iannone, Arleen Kachadoorian, Jimmy Kinns, Justin Kolb, Amada Lumbaca, Nina Marino, Irene May, Mary McCloskey, Josie McIsaac, Ed McCoy, Helen Morelli, Diana Munch, Gerry Nilsen, Diane O’Donnell, Judy Pavone, Karlee Pavone, Florence Palmer, Sylvia Persons, Frank Rauchut and Family, Franca Ravetier, John Rossett, Jon Rowe, Catherine Ryan, Michael Ryder, Zoila Santa, Martha Santicola, Bert Shafer, Peter Spiegler; Marie Stutman, Dorothy Sylak, Fr. Phil Tran, Angie Valentino, Stephanie Vesely, Bob Walsh, Ellen Watson, Catherine Whitelaw. *Pray for our men and women in military service.*

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

Nov. 29	Sun	Youth Faith Formation in the Parish Hall after 9:00 am Mass.
Nov. 29	Sun	First Sunday of Advent (four weeks before the celebration of Christ's birth)
Dec. 5-6	-	Holiday Craft & Gift Show at Parish Hall: Sat. 10-5 and Sun. 10-4 pm
Dec. 6	Sun	Youth Faith Formation in the Parish Hall after 9:00 am Mass.
Dec. 13	Sun	Last day to return wrapped gifts for the Advent Tree















First Sunday of Advent

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: HOPE



Advent fittingly marks the beginning of our Church's liturgical year. The first candle lit on the Advent Wreath represents the HOPE for the coming of the infant Jesus. As we prepare for Christ to be made flesh and look with HOPE on his return, we are encouraged to practice acts of penance (denoted by purple vestments and candle), fasting and prayerful reflection.

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 of Jack and Virginia Fleming and John Fleming, Jr. by Veronica & Jon Rowe</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>In Loving Memory of my daughter and our sister Janet by Enid Cervino, Paul, Diane, Cathy and Francesca</p> 	<p>In Loving Memory of Vic Cammardella by Helen & Family "The measure of love is to love without measure." - 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>If you remain in my word, you will truly be disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. (John 8:31-32)</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>