

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
rjiannone@juno.com

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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 • VP-Sec.: Heather Marsten: 514-0112
• Fr. Raphael Iannone, O.F.M., Cap.: 688-5617
Parish Committee Leaders

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 Storms 532-4601
Liturgy: Contact Father Raphael..... 688-5617
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

Cheryl Bender ❖ Judy Pavone
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Call 688-9912 with any corrections.



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.

December 6, 2015

Second Sunday of Advent

*"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all flesh shall see the salvation of God." – Luke 3:1-6*

Mass Intentions

Week of December 5th – December 10th

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
Mon	12/07	8:00a	Open Intention
Mon	12/07	5:00p	†William DiPasqua req. by Lillian
Tue	12/08	8:00a	Helen Morelli
Tue	12/08	7:00p	Open Intention
Wed	12/09	8:00a	Open Intention
Thur	12/10	8:00a	†Jody Lee Bender req. by Bender Family

The Second Collection is the Monthly Collection

Weekend of December 12th – December 13th

Sat	12/12	5:00p	†Jerry Bender req. by Angie Valentino
Sun	12/13	9:00a	†Jerry Bender req. by Tiso Family
Sun	12/13	10:30a	†Robert Lalor req. by widow

Weekend Lectors

Sat	12/05	5:00pm	Wolfrom, Marek
Sun	12/06	9:00am	Burr Hubbell
Sun	12/06	10:30am	Vesely, Barden



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat	12/05	5:00pm	Zorn, DeMaria, M. Gormley
Sun	12/06	9:00am	Shimer, Nilsen, Shea
Sun	12/06	10:30am	Paultre, DiPasqua, Ullman



Weekend Ushers

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

Readings for the Week of December 7, 2015

Monday: Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday: Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday: Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday: Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15

Friday: Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19

Collection for Nov. 22, 2015- \$1344.00

Human Development \$380.00

November 29, 2015-\$1,974.00

Thank You for your generosity

Scripture Reflection

"The Word of God Came To John"

John was led by the Spirit into a barren and lonely place away from the noise and distractions of everyday life. There God taught John in the solitude of the desert and prepared him for a prophetic ministry that would turn the hearts of his people to receive their long-awaited Messiah.

How can we, like John the Baptist, prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus Christ - today and every day and when he comes again to bring us fully into his everlasting kingdom? John the Baptist tells us that the first step is conversion and repentance. Conversion involves receiving God's word into our heart and mind and allowing his Word to change our attitudes and wrong ways of thinking and judging. Repentance is the deliberate turning away from sin and turning to God to receive his pardon, healing, and strength to do what is good and reject what is wrong.

John saw from a distance what Jesus the Messiah would accomplish through his death and resurrection - pardon for our sins, healing and restoration, and eternal life for all who would believe in the Lord Jesus. Are you hungry for the Word of God and do you allow God's word to transform the way you think, speak, and live your life?

"Lord Jesus, you are the Word of God and the Savior of the world. Help me to receive your Word with expectant faith, and to live it with confident hope, and to proclaim it joyfully with love and boldness to all I meet."

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worries get the best of you for even Moses was a basket case*

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, December 7th 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.”

The Second Collection this week is our monthly collection. Thank you. The Second Collection next week is for Retired Religious.

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.



Tuesday, December 8:



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8th, is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be on December 7th at 5:00 pm, December 8th at 8:00 am and at 7:00 pm.

Thank You to all who helped to make our **Community Thanksgiving Dinner** a great success. Over 100 people were nourished! Special thanks goes to the Phoenicia Rotary for their generous donation of money used to purchase the food but especially for their help with serving the meal and clean up after the dinner. Our parish and community are also deeply grateful to Laurie Brown (daughter of Jerry Bender) and the cooking crew for generously donating their time and effort. A good time was had by everyone!



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.) †

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.

Meditation Group Our group meets once every four weeks in the Fr. Gorman Hall (behind the rectory) at **6:30 pm** on a **Wednesday evening** for about 1 1/2 hours. While he was here, Fr. Mathew taught our group using the Meditation Techniques of St. Theresa of Avila. Since his departure, we have added to the group from our parishioners. After 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 is Wed. December 16th.** Anyone wishing to meditate with us is most welcome!

Editors’ Note: Our bulletin printer (John Patrick Publishing) extends its sincere apologies for the shipping mix-up last weekend. The **Nov. 29th** bulletin contains important announcements – please take the **Nov. 29 & Dec. 6 bulletins** home this weekend. Thank you.

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Special Occasions & Celebrations

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



“Happy Birthday” Finola Ryan (12/9), Cheryl Bender (December 14). Today begins a whole new year of life for you. May it bring you God’s graces and wonders, and most of all, His love. *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

Advent Giving Tree

The Giving Tree 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. 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! Marge Tiso, 688-5898.

Faith Formation Students Hang Tags on Tree



Jude, Lilah and Paige hang tags on the Joshua Giving Tree. Don’t forget to take a tag and contribute a gift for those who need a helping hand during Holy Season!

DRIVEWAY ETIQUETTE: We have missed several crucial trash pick-ups because there are cars parked in the driveway next to the rectory! When the trash removal truck driver sees the driveway blocked, he skips the pick-up. We are then left with an over-full bin! Please help up by using the small parking lot behind the rectory if you have business in the rectory or Hall and need to park close to the door. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated! Thank you.

PERSONAL INSURANCE NEEDED FOR

PRIVATE USE OF THE HALL: Parishioners of St. Francis de Sales are invited to use the Hall at no charge for personal functions – a family party, for example. Upon review of Archdiocesan risk management policies, and at the recommendation of our insurer, we

need to ask that parishioners ALSO provide proof of “special event” insurance for such use – **effective January 1, 2016.** This may be as easy as contacting your personal insurer for a one-day rider. Alternately, you are welcome to purchase a rider through the Archdiocese, at a cost of \$100. Please note that this process takes several weeks, so you will need to plan in advance. Questions? Parish Hall Chair Anne Shea can help with the Archdiocesan paperwork. Her number is 914- 821-7226.

Musician Needed...

We’re reaching out to anyone who is willing to play at our **5 o'clock Mass on Saturday, December 12th.** Please contact our Music Director, Dennis Yerry, 657-2714 if you are interested in helping out on these and perhaps future Masses. Thank You!



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 Raucht 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

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. 12	Sat	Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe – Parish Hall “covered dish” after 5 pm Mass
Dec. 13	Sun	Last day to return wrapped gifts for the Advent Tree

Second Sunday and Candle of Advent- Peace

We light the second candle of Advent to remind us that our Lord Jesus brings peace to all who trust in Him. Let us pray: Loving God, thank You for the peace You give us through Jesus. May Christ's light shine in our lives, showing us the path of peace between God and all people. Help us to prepare our hearts to receive His peace. We ask in the name of the One born in Bethlehem. *Amen.*

















You are Welcome to a Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Saturday, Dec. 12

Reception immediately following 5:00 Mass to celebration the Feast Day of Our Lady, the Patroness of the Americas. Please bring a dish to share and your favorite beverage.



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 Camnardella 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>