

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 13, 2015

Third Sunday of Advent

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." – Luke 3:10-18

Mass Intentions

Week of December 12th – December 17th

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
 Mon 12/14 8:00a Open Intention
 Tue 12/15 8:00a Open Intention
 Wed 12/16 8:00a Open Intention
 Thur 12/17 8:00a Open Intention

The Second Collection is for Retired Religious

Weekend of December 19th – December 20th

Sat 12/19 5:00p †Louis Csurics, Sr.-WWII req. by Louis Csurics
 Sun 12/20 9:00a †Marian Umhey, 6th Anniversary req. by Umhey & Payette Families
 Sun 12/20 10:30a †Harriet Rauchut req. by Tiso Family

Weekend Lectors

Sat 12/12 5:00pm Heather Marsten
 Sun 12/13 9:00am Jean Druffner
 Sun 12/13 10:30am Judy Pavone



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat 12/12 5:00pm Zorn, DeMaria, Bender
 Sun 12/13 9:00am Shimer, Nilsen, Ryder
 Sun 12/13 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 14, 2015

Monday: Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Matthew 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21:28-32
Wednesday: Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21b-25; Luke 7:18b-23
Thursday: Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17
Friday: Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25

Collection for December 6, 2015: \$828.00

Monthly Collection: \$753.00

Thank You for your generosity

Scripture Reflection

"He who is mightier than I is coming"

When John the Baptist appeared on the public scene and began to prophesy, the whole nation of Israel took notice. John's task was to wake people up from spiritual sleep and indifference, and to turn them back to hear God's voice and obey his commandments. God, in turn, is always ready to open our eyes to the spiritual reality of his kingdom and to the power and action of the Holy Spirit who transforms us into the likeness of Christ. Do you believe that God's word is "good news" for you? And do you allow his word to take root and grow in you, and bring you the fruit of joy, freedom, and new life in the Holy Spirit? John's baptism was for repentance - turning away from sin and taking on a new way of life according to God's word. John said that the Messiah would "baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire."

Our baptism in Jesus Christ by water and the Spirit results in a new birth and entry into God's kingdom as his beloved sons and daughters. Jesus is ready to give us the fire of his Spirit that we may radiate the joy of the Gospel to a world in desperate need of God's light and truth. Like John the Baptist, we too are called to give testimony to the light and truth of Jesus Christ. Do you point others to Jesus Christ in the way you speak and live?

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PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, December 14th 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.*”

The Second Collection this week is for Retired Religious. Thank you

Children’s Faith Formation:

December classes are the 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.)

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!

Monday, December 21st is Reconciliation Monday. Confession will be heard from **4:00 pm to 8:00 pm** in the church. If you would like to avail yourself of this sacrament at any other time, please call Fr. Raphael at 688-5617 and he will be happy to meet with you.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR’S MASS SCHEDULE

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve, Children’s Mass at 5 p.m.
Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at 10 p.m.
Dec. 25: Christmas Day Mass at 9 a.m.
Dec. 31: Thursday 8 am New Year’s Eve Mass
Dec. 31: Thursday, New Year’s Eve Mass at 5 p.m.
Jan. 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Mass at 10:30 a.m.

The St. Francis de Sales “Tree of Life”

A SPECIAL GIFT IDEA FOR THE HOLIDAYS --
Our “Tree of Life” was “planted” more than ten years ago, when the La Salette Fathers were in residence at St. Francis de Sales. The “Tree” invites parishioners and friends of the parish to donate a “leaf” to remember a loved one, or to honor living friends and family members. The occasion might be a sacramental celebration (wedding, anniversary, baptism, first Eucharist), a milestone birthday, a special event, like Mother’s Day, a holiday gift, or simply a chance to support the parish in a unique way. Each week, in our Prayers of the Faithful, we raise up the intentions of those represented on our “Tree of Life,” so the blessings are continuous. Our prayers make it a living tree.



You can purchase a “leaf” for a donation of \$250. For \$500, you can have a larger plaque (a “rock”) inscribed with your intention. Money goes toward the upkeep of the parish. If you would like to make a donation for your family, or a loved one who is no longer with us, please make out a check to St. Francis de Sales, with a notation that says “Tree of Life.” You can give the check, plus information about how you want your leaf inscribed, to an usher or to Faye Storms, our fundraising Chair.

Advent “Giving Tree” – Next Phase: Bringing Gifts Together for Distribution

The **week of December 13th** - we will need hands to complete this project. Please call Marge Tiso at 688-5898 for details if you are able to help us during the daytime this week. 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

Driveway Etiquette

We have missed several crucial trash pick-ups because there have been cars parked in the driveway next to the rectory. When the trash removal truck driver sees that the driveway is blocked, he skips the pick-up, and we are left with an over-full bin. Please help us out. If you have business in the rectory or hall, and need to park close to the door, kindly use the little parking lot just behind the rectory. You can maneuver your car in this space, and will not have to back out of the driveway. Even if you are just stopping by to drop something off, we would appreciate your cooperation in keeping the driveway clear. **MANY THANKS!**

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.



Christmas Balls - Many Christmas ornaments are round, once again reminding us that God's love has no beginning or end. God loved the world so much that He gave us the gift of Jesus. The balls might also represent the world into which Jesus came as Emmanuel, ***“God with us.”***

Our Lady of La Salette Sodality Christmas Luncheon – December 6

A total of 15 ladies enjoyed a delicious Christmas luncheon last Sunday at the Phoenician Restaurant, Phoenicia which was led in prayer by Fr. Raphael. With holiday greetings to one another, all enjoyed the fun, fellowship and, oh yes, the delicious food. Jesus is the Reason for the Season! God bless the Ladies of La Salette Sodality.



Russell Abbrecht, Luisa Armani, Lauren 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, 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. 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
Dec 13	Sun	Children’s Faith Formation in Parish Hall after 9 am Mass
Dec. 16	Wed	Meditation Group at 6:30 pm in Fr. Gorman Hall
Dec. 20	Sun	Children’s Faith Formation in Parish Hall after 9 am Mass
Dec 21	Mon	Reconciliation Monday-Confessions from 4 pm to 8 pm in the Church

Third Sunday and Candle of Advent- Joy

Third Week of Advent: JOY - This week's Pink Candle is lit today. (Notice the pink vestments). It represents the JOY of his birth. This time of year is an opportunity for great rejoicing. Yet we must also strive to be worthy of receiving our Lord at Christmas and always. In these four weeks, we reflect in JOYFUL anticipation of Jesus' birth, celebrate his presence among us today, and look forward to his second coming.



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>