

# 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**

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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**

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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 20, 2015

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

*"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done according to your word." – Luke 1:39-45*

### Mass Intentions

#### Week of December 19th – December 25th

- 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
- Mon 12/21 8:00a †Harriet Rauchut
- Tue 12/22 8:00a †Helen & Joseph Valle, req. by Son
- Wed 12/23 8:00a Open Intention
- Thur 12/24 8:00a Open Intention
- Thur 12/24 5:00p †Michael & Jane Iannone and Gerard & Elizabeth Morrongiello req. by children
- Thur 12/24 10:00p †James Anthony Cordo req. by Mother
- Fri 12/25 9:00a †Frank Rauchut Jr. by Family

#### Weekend of December 26th – December 27th

- Sat 12/26 5:00p †Jerry Bender req. by Ed & Nancy Zorn
- Sun 12/27 9:00a †Harriet Rauchut req. by Barbara Ahouse
- Sun 12/27 10:30a †Harriet Rauchut req. by Umhey & Payette Families

#### Weekend Lectors

- Sat 12/19 5:00pm Heather Marsten
- Sun 12/20 9:00am Bill Tretter
- Sun 12/20 10:30am Elizabeth Quinn



#### Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

- Sat 12/19 5:00pm Zorn, Gormley, Bender
- Sun 12/20 9:00am DiCiervo, Nilsen, Wolfrom
- Sun 12/20 10:30am Paultre, DiPasqua, Ullman



#### Weekend Ushers

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

#### Readings for the Week of December 21, 2015

- Monday:** Song of Songs 2:8-14; Luke 1:39-45
- Tuesday:** 1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56
- Wednesday:** Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66
- Thursday:** 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Luke 1:67-79
- Friday:** Isaiah 52:7-10; John 1:1-18

**December 13th Collections will be reported next week. Thank you.**

### Scripture Reflection

#### Joyful Anticipation of the Messiah

Do you recognize the indwelling presence of the Lord Jesus in your life? Blessed are you if you see and recognize the Lord with the "eyes of faith. It describes a kind of joy which is serene and untouchable, self-contained, and independent from chance and changing circumstances of life.

There is a certain paradox for those "blessed" by the Lord. Mary was given the "blessedness" of being the mother of the Son of God. That blessedness also would become a sword which pierced her heart as her Son died upon the cross. Mary received both a crown of joy and a cross of sorrow. Her joy was not diminished by her sorrow because it was fueled by her faith, hope, and trust in God and his promises.

Jesus promised his disciples that "no one will take your joy from you". The Lord gives us a supernatural joy which enables us to bear any sorrow or pain and which neither life nor death can take away. Do you know the joy of a life given over to God in faith and trust?

The Holy Spirit is God's gift to us to enable us to know and experience the indwelling presence of God and the power of his kingdom. The Holy Spirit is the way in which God reigns within each of us. Do you live in the joy and knowledge of God's indwelling presence with you through his Holy Spirit?

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## PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, December 21st** following the **8:00 am Mass**, we pray the **8th** day of the Novena. “Our Lady of La Salette, *Reconciler of Sinners, pray without ceasing for us, who have recourse to you.*”

### **Children’s Faith Formation: The last December class is on the 20th.**

The January classes are January 3rd, January 10th and the January 17th. 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.



**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.

### **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.)

### **In case you missed it!**

#### **OUR 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 the 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!

### **Final ‘Early’ Bulletin Submission of the Year**

**January 3 Bulletin: Deadline – Dec. 22, 12 noon.**  
**Covers Mass Intentions from Jan. 2 to Jan 10.**

*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!*

***Congratulations*** to parents Christy & Mark Signore (and the Payette & Umhey families) on the birth of their son Ashton Daniel Signore on 12/7. The newborn weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. etc. May God bless, guide and watch over you, your baby and your family!

***Our parish welcomes*** a new family to our faith community – Karyn & Michael Hochman and their 6-month year old son, Lucas. Lucas was recently baptized in our church by Fr. Raphael. The Hackman’s usually attend 10:30 Mass. Congratulations for holding a little treasure in your arms! May God bless you and your little one.

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

**2nd Annual Holiday Craft & Gift Show:** Held in our parish a couple of weeks ago, it attracted locals and visitors alike (including parishioners). Sponsored by local residents, this 2nd annual event featured fine craftsman from the Hudson Valley area including talented craftspeople from Phoenicia. Thank you for supporting their efforts!



Early Christmas Shopping for beautifully handcrafted items.

Creative displays, lights and decorations transformed the parish hall for the Craft & Gift Show.



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## **Merry Christmas to All!**

We extend our best wishes to all our families, friends and visitors in this Holy Season and throughout the New Year. Thank you for your generous support, prayers and well wishes. God bless you and your families.

- St. Francis de Sales Parish



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, Judy Pavone, Karlee Pavone, Florence Palmer, Sylvia Persons, Frank Rauchut and Family, Franca Ravetier, Maryellen Reh, 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.*

**PARISH CALENDAR**

<b>Dec. 20</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Youth Faith Formation in the Parish Hall after 9:00 am Mass</b>
<b>Dec. 24</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Christmas Eve, Children’s Mass at 5:00 pm</b>
<b>Dec. 24</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at 10:00 pm</b>
<b>Dec. 25</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Christmas Day Mass at 9:00 am</b>















***Fourth Sunday and Candle of Advent- Peace***



Fourth Week of Advent: PEACE - The fourth candle lit today represents the Peace Jesus brings. As we wrap our gifts and decorate our trees, sign our cards and bake our cookies, let us not forget the most important preparation of all - the preparation of our hearts and minds for the coming of the Prince of Peace. May we be ready to welcome him!

Let us pray: Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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 &amp; Jon Rowe</p> 	<p>In Loving Memory of our Beloved Son and Brother Frank by Frank &amp; Harriet Rauchut, John, Veronica &amp; 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 &amp; the D’Agostino Family.</p> 	<p>In Loving Memory of Lawrence Monachelli and Eleanor Monachelli. - Mike &amp; 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 &amp; Family “The measure of love is to love without measure.” - St. Francis de Sales</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of our Parents, Marian &amp; 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 &amp; Frances Rauchut, Alfred &amp; 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>