

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

December 27, 2015



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

Rev. George W. Hommel, Parish Administrator

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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 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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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

“Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.” – Luke 2:41-52

Mass Intentions

Week of December 26th – January 1st

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
 Mon 12/28 8:00a †Robert Lalor req. by widow
 Tue 12/29 8:00a †Gloria Carucci req. by Barbara Ahouse
 Wed 12/30 8:00a †Alice Nasezco Kelly by Ken & Gioia
 Thur 12/31 8:00a †Robert Lalor req. by widow
 Thur 12/31 5:00p Open Intention
 Fri 1/01 10:30a Angie Valentino req. by parishioners

Weekend of January 2nd – January 3rd

Sat 1/02 5:00p †Jim Marsten 1st Anniversary req. by Mark & Mary Wilsey
 Sun 1/03 9:00a Open Intention
 Sun 1/03 10:30a †Harriet Rauchut req. by Our Lady of La Salette Sodality

Weekend Lectors

Sat 12/26 5:00pm Zee Marek
 Sun 12/27 9:00am Jane Wolfrom
 Sun 12/27 10:30am Laurie Brown



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat 12/26 5:00pm Zorn, DeMaria, Bender
 Sun 12/27 9:00am Shimer, Nilsen, Ryder
 Sun 12/27 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 28, 2015

Monday: 1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18

Tuesday: 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35

Wednesday: 1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40

Thursday: 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18

Friday: Numbers 6:22-27; Luke 2:16-21

December 13th Weekly Collection: \$1535.00

Retired Religious: \$663.00

Immaculate Conception Collection: \$293

December 20th Collection will be reported next week. Thank you.

Scripture Reflection

“I must be in my Father's house”

We know little about Jesus' early life at home in Nazareth. Luke in his Gospel account gives us a glimpse of Jesus' growth as a boy into young manhood. It was the duty of all Jewish parents to raise their children in the instruction and wisdom of God's word in the Scriptures.

Jews were expected to travel to Jerusalem for the high feasts each year. This eighty mile journey normally took three days. Families often traveled in large groups, for safety and comfort.

Luke records a remarkable incident which happened when Jesus went up to the temple at Jerusalem for his first Passover at the dawn of his manhood (usually the age of twelve for Jewish males). It was at this key turning point in his earthly life that Jesus took the name "father" from Joseph and addressed it to God his Father in heaven. His answer to his mother's anxious inquiry reveals his confident determination to pursue his heavenly Father's will. *Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?*

While Jesus identified himself as Son of the eternal Father in heaven, he, nonetheless, submitted himself with love and obedience to Mary and Joseph. Jesus grew as a man in wisdom, stature, and favor with God and with the people of Nazareth, his home town. He remained at Nazareth until the age of 30 when he was baptized by John at the River Jordan and anointed by the Spirit for his mission as the Messiah and Savior of the world.

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PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, December 28th following the 8:00 am Mass, we pray the 9th 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 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.



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 Gifts:

Thank you to all who participated in our Giving Tree Project this Holy Season for the neediest in our community. Sixty gifts were distributed thanks to the generosity of our parishioners. Special thanks to all who contributed their time and talents in bringing this project to its fruition. Volunteers organize toys & gifts below:



Not pictured: Finola Ryan

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Dec. 31: Thursday 8 am New Year's Eve Mass

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Jan. 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Mass at 10:30 a.m.

Parish 2016 Calendars & Name Tags:

Parish calendars are available in the vestibule. Please take one home. Also, parish name tags are posted on the bulletin board for those people that ordered them.

Final 'Early' Bulletin Submission of the Year

January 3 Bulletin: Deadline – Dec. 22, 12 noon.

Covers Mass Intentions from Jan. 2 to Jan 10.

Note of Appreciation: Father Jeff L'Arche [Missionary Fathers of La Salette] sent his sincere thanks to all the people of St. Francis de Sales Parish for the gracious welcome and hospitality he received this past October. Father Jeff visited us to rededicate the newly renovated Marian statuary in the Grotto. He said that the reception held in the parish hall to mark his 40th anniversary of priestly ordination was deeply appreciated. In addition, he wrote a "special thanks to the members of Our Lady of La Salette Sodality, the Choir, Father Raphael and all who made the day to remember and a joy...the plaque presented to me to commemorate 100 years of La Salette ministry in Phoenicia and beyond was a most welcomed gift to our congregation! May our Lady of La Salette always intercede for you!"



– Father Jeff, M.S.

Bulletin Advertisers: If you are still shopping after the holiday season, why don't we all take the time to thank our bulletin advertisers for their support throughout the year. And when possible frequent their businesses. Thank you.

Bountiful Harvest:

Let us pray more and more that the Kingdom of God may spread everywhere in the hearts of all. The harvest is great but there are no laborers. Let us work at becoming good laborers! –St. Julie Billiart

Source: *American Catholic.org*

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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. 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. 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 or call Judy at 688-9912 or email her at jap120@hvc.rr.com.

NEW YEAR RECIPE: Take twelve fine, full-grown months; see that these are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, rancor and hate. Cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past—have them fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time. Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot this way) but prepare one day at a time.

Into each day put equal parts of faith, patience, courage, work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), hope, fidelity, liberality, kindness, rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad dressing— don’t do it), prayer, meditation, and one well-selected resolution. Put in about one teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor.

Saint of the Day – St. John the Apostle December 27



It is God who calls; human beings answer. The vocation of John and his brother James is stated very simply in the Gospels, along with that of Peter and his brother Andrew: Jesus called them; they followed. It is a long way from being eager to sit on a throne of power or to call down

fire from heaven to becoming the man who could write: “The way we came to know love was that he laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers” (1 John 3:16).

A persistent story has it that John's "parishioners" grew tired of his one sermon, which relentlessly emphasized: "Love one another." Whether the story is true or not, it has basis in John's writing. He wrote what may be called a summary of the Bible: "We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him" (1 John 4:16).

The Apostle John is traditionally considered the author of the Fourth Gospel, three New Testament letters and the Book of Revelation. His Gospel is a very personal account. He sees the glorious and divine Jesus already in the incidents of his mortal life. At the Last Supper, John’s Jesus speaks as if he were already in heaven. It is the Gospel of Jesus’ glory. Patron Saint of Turkey. *Source: American Catholic.org*



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, 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

Jan. 3	Sun	The Epiphany of the Lord
Jan. 3	Sun	Youth Faith Formation in the Parish Hall after 9:00 am Mass
Jan. 10	Sun	Youth Faith Formation in the Parish Hall after 9:00 am Mass

Prayer for the New Year 2015



Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and always.
 Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter.
 Be our Strength, our Courage, and our Sanctifier.
 May this new year be a time of deep spiritual growth for us,
 A time of welcoming your graces and gifts,
 A time for forgiving freely and unconditionally,
 A time for growing in virtue and goodness.
Come, Holy Spirit,
 Be with us today and always. **Amen**

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 <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>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>