

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

January 3, 2016



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: Pam Hammond 688-2642

Vice-President: Pat Ryder – Secretary: Elizabeth Quinn

Treasurer: Honey Fecci

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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Call 688-9912 with any corrections.



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The Epiphany of the Lord

“John said: One mightier than I is coming; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.” – Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Mass Intentions

Week of January 2nd – January 7th

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
Mon	1/04	8:00a	Open Intention
Tue	1/05	8:00a	Open Intention
Wed	1/06	8:00a	Open Intention
Thur	1/07	8:00a	Open Intention

The Second Collection is the Monthly Collection. There is also an envelope for an offering of \$3.00 to defray the cost of the envelope system.

Weekend of January 9th – January 10th

Sat	1/09	5:00p	†Jerry Bender req. by Jim Barden
Sun	1/10	9:00a	†Ingrid Kohls req. by Ken & Gioia
Sun	1/10	10:30a	†Harriet Rauchut req. by Dan & Mary Chesire

Weekend Lectors

Sat	1/02	5:00pm	Agnes Laub
Sun	1/03	9:00am	Jane Wolfrom
Sun	1/03	10:30am	Judy Pavone



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat	1/02	5:00pm	Marsten, DeMaria, Bender
Sun	1/03	9:00am	Shimer, Nilsen, Ryder
Sun	1/03	10:30am	DiPasqua, Bloodgood, Paultre



Weekend Ushers

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

Readings for the Week of January 4, 2016

Monday: 1 John 3:22-4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 John 4:19-5:4; Luke 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16

Dec. 20th Weekly Collection: \$1,485.00
Dec. 27th Collection will be reported next week. Thank you for your generosity.

Scripture Reflection

“They fell down and worshiped Jesus”

If Jesus truly is who he claims to be, the eternal Son of God and Savior of the world, then why is he not recognized by everyone who hears his word and sees his works? John the Evangelist states that when Jesus came into the world *the world knew him not and his own people received him not*. Jesus was born in obscurity. Only the lowly shepherds recognized him at his birth. Some wise men also found their way to Bethlehem to pay homage to the newborn King of Israel. These men were not Israelites, but foreigners. They likely had read and discussed the Messianic prophecies and were anxious to see when this Messianic King would appear. God led them by means of an extraordinary star across the desert to the little town of Bethlehem where Jesus was born. When they found the newborn King they humbly worshiped him and gave him gifts fitting for a king.

To know and to encounter Jesus Christ is to know God personally. In the encounter of the wise men with Jesus we see the plan of God to give his only Son as King and Savior, not just for the Jewish people but for all the nations as well. The Lord Jesus came that both Jew and Gentile might find true and lasting peace with God. Let us pray today that Jew and Gentile alike will find the Lord and Savior on their journey of life. Do you bring the light of Jesus Christ to those you meet through the witness of your life and testimony?

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PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, January 4th following the 8:00 am Mass, we pray the 1st 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.



The Second Collection this week is our monthly collection. The Second Collection next week is for Communications & Catholic University of America. Thank you.

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.

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.

Jubilee Year of Mercy: According to Pope Francis this Holy Year of Mercy is to be “a special time for the Church.” He invites Catholics from all over the world to celebrate God’s mercy. How can we do this? By being merciful towards others and performing, when possible, Corporal Works of Mercy: to feed the hungry; give drink to the thirsty; clothe the naked; shelter the homeless; care for the sick; visit the imprisoned; and to bury the dead. The Archdiocese of New York’s website describes mercy as “the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness.” Pope Francis tells us that mercy “is the wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace.” Want to know more about this Year of Mercy? There is a treasure of information available online. Start with this source: www.ny-archdiocese.org.

Youth Faith Formation’s Christmas Party:

Students from the program celebrated with a Christmas party after class on Sunday, December 20th. The children made Christmas decorations and enjoyed pizza provided by John and Dorothy. The festivities also included a birthday cake for Jesus with the children singing a chorus of “Happy Birthday.” Afterwards, they opened presents beneath the “Jesse Tree” that was



adorned with ornaments and symbols of Jesus’ ancestors that tell the story leading up to his birth.



The young people enjoyed the crafts and time spent together. Nice job, everyone!



Coming Soon – Our Patron’s Feast Day!

January 24 marks the feast day of our parish’s patron, St. Francis de Sales. This year it falls on a Sunday. If you are interested in learning more about our patron, visit the Salesian Center for Faith and Culture at www.desales.edu/salesian-home. The website contains a short video (approx.7 minutes) about St. Francis. It’s worth viewing but is difficult to find on the site. Paste this address into your web browser for direct access: www.youtube.com/watch?v=7qIueaQPu3c.

St. Francis de Sales is the patron of Catholic writers and journalists. We will offer more information about this great saint in the coming weeks.

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Special Occasions & Celebrations

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



“Happy Birthday” Pat Ryder (1/17), Judy Pavone (1/20). 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.



Be Proud of Jesus

Be proud of Jesus Christ. He’s proud of you. “I am with you always,” he says. Believe it!

Source: AmericanCatholic.org.



SAINT OF THE DAY- January 3, 2016

Most Holy Name of Jesus

In a world of fiercely guarded corporate names and logos, it should be easy to understand this feast. The letters IHS are an abbreviation of *Jesous*, the Greek name for Jesus.

Although St. Paul might claim credit for promoting devotion to the Holy Name because Paul wrote in Philippians that God the Father gave Christ Jesus “that name that is above every name” (see 2:9), this devotion became popular because of 12th-century Cistercian monks and nuns but especially through the preaching of St. Bernardine of Siena, a 15th-century Franciscan (May 20).

Bernardine used devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus as a way of overcoming bitter and often bloody class struggles and family rivalries or vendettas in Italian city-states. The devotion grew, partly because of Franciscan and Dominican preachers. It spread even more widely after the Jesuits began promoting it in the 16th century.

In 1530, Pope Clement V approved an Office of the Holy Name for the Franciscans. In 1721, Pope Innocent XIII extended this feast to the entire Church.

“Glorious name, gracious name, name of love and of power! Through you sins are forgiven, through you enemies are vanquished, through you the sick are freed from their illness, through you those suffering in trials are made strong and cheerful. You bring honor to those

who believe, you teach those who preach, you give strength to the toiler, you sustain the weary” (St. Bernardine of Siena). *Source: AmericanCatholic.org*

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for 2016 **Entrusted To The Apostleship Of Prayer**

January

Universal: Interreligious Dialogue

That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

Evangelization: Christian Unity

That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.



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.*

We’re always eager to hear that someone is doing better and that our prayers are being answered. Please call Father Raphael to add or remove a loved one’s name so that our list is up-to-date. Thank you. Call 688-5617.

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 2016



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>