

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

January 10, 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 Storms532-4601
Liturgy: Contact Father Raphael688-5617
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 Baptism 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 9th– January 14th

Sat	1/09	5:00p	†Jerry Bender req. by James Barden
Sun	1/10	9:00a	†Ingrid Kohls req. by Ken & Gioia
Sun	1/10	10:30a	†Harriet Rauchut req. by Dan & Mary Chesire
Mon	1/11	8:00a	†Jerry Bender req. by Veronica Rowe
Tue	1/12	8:00a	†Harriet Rauchut req. by Veronica Rowe
Wed	1/13	8:00a	Suzanne Druffner req. by Jean Druffner
Thur	1/14	8:00a	Open Intention

The Second Collection this week is for Communications & Catholic University of America.

Weekend of January 16th – January 17th

Sat	1/16	5:00p	†Jerry Bender req. by Dolores Harvey
Sun	1/17	9:00a	Open Intention
Sun	1/17	10:30a	†Harriet Rauchut req. by Angie Valentino

Weekend Lectors

Sat	1/09	5:00pm	Heather Marsten
Sun	1/10	9:00am	Bill Tretter
Sun	1/10	10:30am	Elizabeth Quinn



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat	1/09	5:00pm	DiCiervo, Wolfrom, DeMaria
Sun	1/10	9:00am	Shimer, Nilsen, Ryder
Sun	1/10	10:30am	DiPasqua, Ullman, Paultre



Weekend Ushers

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

Readings for the Week of January 11, 2016

Monday: 1 Samuel 1:1-8; Mark 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2:1-12

Christmas: \$1,771.00
Dec. 27th: \$1,823.00
Solemnity of Mary: \$486.00
January 3rd: \$961.00
Monthly Collection: \$680.00
Thank you for your generosity.

Scripture Reflection

"Baptized with the Holy Spirit and fire"

Jesus came to give us the fire of his Spirit that we may radiate the joy and truth of the Gospel to a world in desperate need of God's light and truth. His word has power to change and transform our lives that we may be lights pointing others to Christ.

John preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Why did Jesus, the Sinless One, submit himself to John's baptism? In this humble submission we see a foreshadowing of the "baptism" of his bloody death upon the cross. Jesus' baptism is the acceptance and the beginning of his mission as God's suffering Servant. He allowed himself to be numbered among sinners. Jesus submitted himself entirely to his Father's will. The Father proclaimed his entire delight in his Son and spoke audibly for all to hear. At his baptism the heavens were opened and the waters were sanctified by the descent of Jesus and the Holy Spirit, signifying the beginning of a new creation.

The Lord Jesus is ever ready to renew and refashion us through his Spirit and to anoint us for mission as his ambassadors. We are called to be "light" and salt" to those around us. The Lord wants his love and truth to shine through us that others may see the goodness and truth of God's message of salvation. Examine Jesus' humility and ask the Holy Spirit to forge this same attitude in your heart. As you do, heaven will open for you as well.

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PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, January 11th following the **8:00 am Mass**, we pray the **2nd** 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 10th and 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.



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It is difficult to find words to express how thankful we are for your expression of love to our family during our truly difficult time of grief. We are grateful for the prayers and friendship that we share. Warm regards.
The Bender Family



We would like to thank everyone for all their prayers, help, thoughtfulness and sympathy you had given us during our truly difficult time of grief. We are very grateful for your support and friendship. **The Raucht Family**

Our Patron’s Feast Day-St. Francis de Sales



You are cordially invited to a Coffee and Cake reception on **Sunday, January 24** in the Parish Hall following the **9 am and 10:30 am** Masses. Coffee and cake, the perfect blend of great friends and conversation.

Snow date: Sunday, January 31 in the Parish Hall at the times mentioned above. If you have any questions, please call Judy at 688-9912. Hope to see you there!

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.

Below is the first of 16 short paragraphs contained in Pope Francis’ recent encyclical letter, *Laudato Si’*

Laudato Si’: On Care of the Common Home, the much anticipated encyclical of Pope Francis on the environment, was released to the world on Thursday, June 18, 2015. People all over the world eagerly awaited the Pope’s call to save God’s creation and protect the poor (who are those most harmed by ecological destruction). News coverage was extensive and it generated much interest among people of many faiths around the world. You can find an introduction to the encyclical in a 6-1/2 minute video that features Catholic voices, online at:

<http://www.yaleclimateconnections.org/2015/06/video-outlines-background-for-pope-francis-papal-encyclical/>, or go to **Yale Climate Connections and search “encyclical background”**. *Source: The “New York Global Catholic Climate Movement.”*

Have you made any New Year’s resolutions for 2016? If not, there’s still time; Pope Francis has some ideas for you.

1. “Take care of your spiritual life, your relationship with God, because this is the backbone of everything we do and everything we are.”
2. “Take care of your family life, giving your children and loved ones not just money, but most of all your time, attention and love.”
3. “Take care of your relationships with others, transforming your faith into life and your words into good works, especially on behalf of the needy.”
4. “Be careful how you speak, purify your tongue of offensive words, vulgarity and worldly decadence.”
5. “Heal wounds of the heart with the oil of forgiveness, forgiving those who have hurt us and medicating the wounds we have caused others.”
6. “Look after your work, doing it with enthusiasm, humility, competence, passion and with a spirit that knows how to thank the Lord.”
7. “Be careful of envy, lust, hatred and negative feelings that devour our interior peace and transform us into destroyed and destructive people.”
8. “Watch out for anger that can lead to vengeance; for laziness that leads to existential euthanasia; for pointing the finger at others, which leads to pride; and for complaining continually, which leads to desperation.”
9. “Take care of brothers and sisters who are weaker ... the elderly, the sick, the hungry, the homeless and strangers, because we will be judged on this.”
10. “Making sure your Christmas is about Jesus and not about shopping.”

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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!*

“Happy Anniversary” to **Judy & Bob Pavone** as they celebrate their **46th** wedding anniversary on January 24. *May God bestow His goodness and blessings on the two of you as you celebrate another year of marriage.*

“Congratulations!” The Christian Community welcomes Paige through the Sacrament of Baptism which was celebrated on Sunday, January 3, 2016 at St. Francis de Sales Parish. Paige is part of our faith formation program and her family are parishioners. *This joyous occasion is the start of Paige’s spiritual journey. May she and her family be blessed and guided by the Holy Spirit throughout your lives. Congratulations.*

“Congratulations” to our parishioner, **Lorenza Vesely,**



on the birth of her granddaughter, Julianna Rose, who was born on **December 25** morning weighing in at **9 lbs. 3 oz. and 22”**

long. Julianna’s parents, Stefanie, (Lorenza’s daughter) and her husband Geoff Vidal were married at St. Francis de Sales Parish. Julianna’s 21 month old brother was baptized in St. Francis de Sales Parish. *May you and your family be blessed and may the Lord bestow guidance and wisdom upon you in all of your future decisions. May your faith grow with your child!*

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.



Father Raphael greets parishioners at New Year’s Day Mass. Photo right: pictured with longtime friend, Denis Munson.



DON’T FORGET JANUARY 24 – FEAST DAY OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CELEBRATION

A coffee and cake reception on **Sunday, January 24** in the Parish Hall following the **9 am and 10:30 am** Masses. Coffee and cake, the perfect blend of great friends and conversation.



Russell Abbrecht, Luisa Armani, Lauren Aversa, Jerry Baltz, Jim Barden, Carmelo Barrientos, Cheryl Bender and Family, Rick Bicanovsky, Kathleen Biondo, Sheila Madera-Brown, Ellen Burmeister, 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, Michelle Louis, Amada Lumbaca, Nina Marino, Irene May, Mary McCloskey, Robert 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. 10	Sun	Youth Faith Formation in the Parish Hall after 9:00 am Mass
Jan. 17	Sun	Youth Faith Formation in the Parish Hall after 9:00 am Mass
Jan 24	Sun	St. Francis de Sales Feast Day Celebration after 9 am & 10:30 am Masses in Parish Hall



Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Prayer

Open the heavens, almighty Father, and pour out your Spirit upon your people. Renew the power of our baptismal cleansing and fill us with zeal for good deeds. Let us hear your voice once again, that we may recognize in your beloved Son our hope of inheriting eternal life. Grant this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendor of eternal light, God forever and ever. **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>