

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

February 7, 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
 or Judy Pavone 688-9912
 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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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." – Luke 5:1-11

Mass Intentions

Week of February 6th – February 11th

Sat 2/06 5:00p †Harriet Rauchut req. by Ed & Nancy Zorn
 Sun 2/07 9:00a † Steve Lacap req. by Shafer
 Sun 2/07 10:30a †Harriet Rauchut req. by Jean Druffner
 Mon 2/08 8:00a Open Intention
 Tue 2/09 8:00a 60th birthday Mary Morrongiello
 Wed 2/10 8:00a Open Intention
 Wed 2/10 7:00p Open Intention
 Thur 2/11 8:00a †Joseph Menkowski req. by Barbara Ahouse

The Second Collection is the Monthly Collection

Weekend of February 13th – February 14th

Sat 2/13 5:00p †Jerry Bender req. by Jean Druffner
 Sun 2/14 9:00a †Babe Bowser req. by son, Frank Santora
 Sun 2/14 10:30a †John Barden req. by brother, James Barden

Weekend Lectors

Sat 2/06 5:00pm Jane Wolfrom
 Sun 2/07 9:00am Bill Tretter
 Sun 2/07 10:30am Elena Garcia-McWhinnie



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat 2/06 5:00pm DeMaria, Zorn, DiCiervo
 Sun 2/07 9:00am Shimer, Nilsen, Ryder
 Sun 2/07 10:30am DiPasqua, Bloodgood, Ullmann



Weekend Ushers

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

Readings for the Week of February 8, 2016

Monday: 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Mark 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Mark 7:1-13
Wednesday: Joel 2:12-18; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25
Friday: Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15

January 31, 2016 Regular Collection: \$880.00
 Next week's second collection
 will be for Peter's Pence

Thank you for your generosity.

Scripture Reflection

"You will catch people for the kingdom of God"

Why did Jesus perform the miracle of the great catch of fish? No doubt the great crowd of people who had pressed upon Jesus had something to do with this miracle. They were very hungry for God and were eager to hear his word. Jesus wanted to use this occasion to teach his disciples an important lesson. Although Simon was wearied from a night of fruitless toil, he nonetheless did what the Lord Jesus told him to do: *At your word I will let down the nets.*

This incident tells us an important truth about how God works in and through each of us for his glory. God expects of us greater things than we can do by ourselves. When we cooperate in *his* works, we accomplish far beyond what we can do on our own.

When God's word is spoken his kingdom is revealed and his power is released. When people respond to God's word with faith and obedience they are changed and made "a new creation" in Jesus Christ.

God chooses ordinary people, like you and me, as his ambassadors and he uses the ordinary circumstances of our daily lives and work situations to draw others into his kingdom. Jesus speaks the same message to us today: we will "catch people" for the kingdom of God if we allow the light of Jesus Christ to shine through us. God wants others to see the light of Christ in us in the way we live, speak, and witness the joy of the Gospel. *Copyright 2015, Don Schwager: www.dailyscripture.net. Reprinted with permission.*



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PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, February 8th following the **8:00 am Mass**, we pray the **6th** 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:

Classes are held after the 9:00 am Mass. The February classes are **February 7th, February 21st, and February 28th**. Please pray for our students & their families. FMI, please call Faith Formation Coord., Gerri Nilsen at 687-9769.



The Second Collection this week is the Monthly collection. The Second Collection next week is for Peter's Pence. Thank you.



MASS INTENTIONS: If you wish to have a Mass celebrated for a special request, on behalf of a family member or friend, for healing or for a deceased loved one, please call Fr. Raphael at 688-5617 or see him after Mass.

Intention Book is located on the podium in the rear of the church (near Tree of Life wall display) is an "Intention Book" for your personal prayer requests. Your special Prayer Intentions will be remembered at our Masses.

Adult Faith Formation: Please join Sr. Catherine Gormley as she begins the next adult formation season with lively discussions of faith and scripture. Class is in the rectory after the 9:00 am Mass, **Sunday, February 28, 2016. Topic: "The Community of Creation."** We will look at our connection with all of God's creation. We are in communion with all of nature-- the plants, hills, rivers, animals and other humans. This forms the basis of community. Genesis and the creation story is a good place to begin and then we will look at Job 38 as God "answers" Job from the whirlwind. Psalm 104 also shows us the glory of creation and we will end our class with some excerpts from *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis's encyclical on the environment. Come and join us for discussion as well as coffee and Danish.

Ash Wednesday, February 10: There will be distribution of ashes after the homily at the **8 am and 7 pm Masses. Both Masses will be in the church.** If unable to attend either service and would like to receive ashes, please call Fr. Raphael at 688-5617 to get your ashes at the rectory. Confessions can be heard at any time by calling Fr. Raphael at 688-5617.



Ash Wednesday, February 10 is a day which offers us valuable opportunities to set a tone for the season of Lent and to reach out to people, some of whom are not often found in our churches. Aware of the considerable interest of faithful in receiving ashes at the beginning of Lent, every effort must be made through the reading of scripture and the offering of prayer to catechize our people on the penitential character of Lent and the value of their Lenten practice.

Fasting requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige until age 59.

Abstinence prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their entire life. Those not specifically obliged to abstain from eating are encouraged to join in this discipline to the extent that they are able.

Reminder: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence! All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

Preparing for Lent Beginning with Ash Wednesday: The word "Lent" is an old English word which means "springtime." May this Lent really be a new springtime in the lives of each of us. Through prayer, through fasting from food accompanied by forgiving others and not bearing grudges, and through donating from our surplus to help the poor, may we like Jesus in the desert for forty days overcome temptation and thus be well prepared to celebrate Easter. *Source: Frtommylane.com*

Stations of the Cross -- During Lent we strive to become closer to God through sacrifice, prayer, and alms giving. Many people view sacrifice as 'giving up' something whether it be chocolate, alcohol, or desserts. However, we are called to sacrifice our personal time for prayer and charitable works as well. One of the

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opportunities for increased prayer time is praying the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm on Fridays during Lent **beginning this Friday February 12.**



“Meatless” Soup Suppers: As in the past, we have held one Soup Supper during Lent. This year, two Soup Suppers will be held in the rectory. The dates are: **Friday, February 12, and Friday, March 11** (both suppers following the Stations of the Cross).

If anyone would like to volunteer making a meatless soup, bring a refreshment, a dessert, bread, etc., please feel free to do so. There are sign-up sheets for each date on the bulletin board in the rear of the church indicating your specialty.

For the purpose of getting a head count, if you prefer to join us without bringing anything, please place your name on the sign-up sheet and/or call Judy. We would love for you to join us. Thank you! Judy: 688-9912.

2016 Lenten Reflections Booklets: For the Lenten season, St. Francis de Sales Parish will distribute booklets, “Our Lenten Journey of Love”: Reflections, meditations & prayers.” Parishioners are invited to read the booklet daily and to take time to meditate on the readings and reflections. Please take a copy when you leave the church.

Special Occasions & Celebrations

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



“Happy Birthday” to Burr Hubbell (2/6), Helen Morelli (2/9), Mary Ellen Rury (2/25). *Today and throughout every season, may God's grace give you every possible reason to smile, to enjoy and to celebrate. 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.

Meditation Group Meeting: The next Meditation Meeting will be on **February 10** (Ash Wednesday) at **6:00 pm** in the Fr. Gorman Hall (behind the rectory). It will end in time for 7:00 pm Mass.

Parish Online Resources: Visit our parish website for news and information about our parish including weekly bulletins and Father Raphael’s homilies.
www.stfrancisdesalesphoenicia.com.

Father Jeff L’Arche, M.S. Father Jeff sent a beautiful thank you card and his blessings to Our Lady of La Salette Sodality members and Father Raphael. He again extended his heartfelt appreciation for the dedication and hospitality acknowledging his 40th anniversary in the priesthood this past October. Father Jeff also wrote that their provincial was “most pleased” with the plaque we gave him honoring the 100-year service of the Missionary Fathers of La Salette at St. Francis de Sales. This past November, our parish council approved a similar plaque to be displayed in our church.

“Blessed are the merciful because they will be shown mercy.” (Matthew 5:7)



Russell Abbrecht, Luisa Armani, Laureen Aversa, Jerry Baltz, Jim Barden, Carmelo Barrientos, 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, Florence Palmer, Sylvia Persons, 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















Feb 7	Sun	Youth Faith Formation in the Parish Hall after 9:00 am Mass
Feb 10	Wed	Ash Wednesday – Ashes distributed after the 8:00 am and 7:00 pm Masses in Church.
Feb 10	Wed	Meditation Group Meeting at 6:00 pm (will end in time for 7:00 pm Mass).
Feb 12	Fri	Stations of the Cross begin at 7:00 pm and continue every Friday evening throughout Lent.
Feb 12	Fri	Meatless Soup Supper following February 12 Stations of the Cross. Next supper, March 11

Jubilee Year of Mercy A Preview of Activities at St. Francis de Sales Parish

Pope Francis has declared this year to be a “Year of Mercy” for Catholics worldwide. Our Parish is planning a series of events that will help us understand the power of mercy and improve our personal and collective practice. During Lent, we will initiate a Divine Mercy Novena at nine Wednesday morning Masses (**beginning February 17**), as well as a weekly prayer at the close of each Mass. Father Raphael will address the theology of mercy in his homilies, focusing on the meaning of God’s mercy and our own call to be merciful in our actions and our thoughts. We will use the bulletin to unpack the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, and share reflections to enrich our understanding.

On Sunday, April 3, we will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday with a special afternoon devotional service, and will offer Faith Formation opportunities for adults and children throughout the liturgical season leading up to Advent. Special events will be noted in the bulletin.

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>