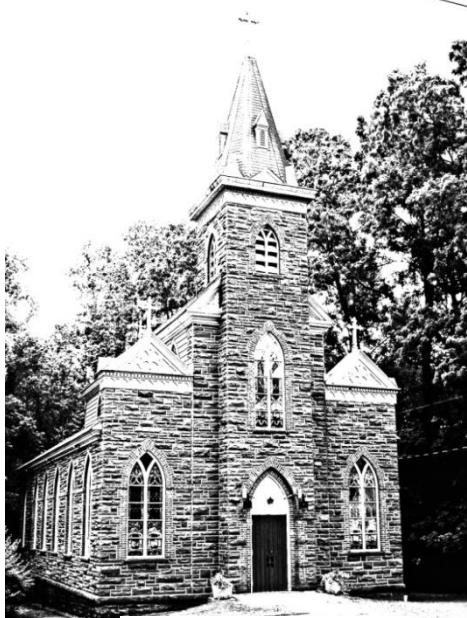


St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

February 14, 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 Pavone688-9912
 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

Parish 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.

BULLETIN EDITORS

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Call 688-9912 with any corrections.



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First Sunday of Lent

“One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.” – Luke 4:1-13

Mass Intentions

Week of February 13th – February 18th

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
 Mon 2/15 8:00a †Gerard & Elizabeth Morrongiello req. by their daughter
 Tue 2/16 8:00a Open Intention
 Wed 2/17 8:00a Open Intention
 Thur 2/18 8:00a Open Intention

The Second Collection for Peter's Pence

Weekend of February 20th – February 21st

Sat 2/20 5:00p †Jerry Bender req. by Saugerties Knights of Columbus
 Sun 2/21 9:00a †Marcello Lacap req. by Shafer
 Sun 2/21 10:30a In thanksgiving to St. Gerard and the Blessed Virgin Mary for Therese Buchhalter by Helen Morelli

Weekend Lectors

Sat 2/13 5:00pm Jean Druffner
 Sun 2/14 9:00am Elizabeth Quinn
 Sun 2/14 10:30am Lorenza Vesely, Jim Barden



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat 2/13 5:00pm Bender, DeMaria, DiCiervo
 Sun 2/14 9:00am DiPasqua, Shimer, Ryder
 Sun 2/14 10:30am Bloodgood, Paultre, Ullmann



Weekend Ushers

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

Readings for the Week of February 15, 2016

Monday: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46
Tuesday: Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32
Thursday: Esther C: 12, 14-16, 23-25; Matthew 7:7-12
Friday: Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26

February 6, 2016 Regular Collection: \$1,435.00
 Monthly Collection: \$898.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Scripture Reflection

Jesus fasted forty days and was tempted by the devil

What lesson can we learn from Jesus' temptation in the wilderness? How can we hope to fight temptation and overcome sin in our own personal lives? When Jesus went out into the wilderness to fight temptation by the devil, he was led by the Holy Spirit. Jesus did not rely on his own human strength and will-power for overcoming temptation. He relied on the Holy Spirit to give him strength, wisdom, courage, and self-control. The Lord Jesus knows that we cannot fight temptation on our own. We need the strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit to help us. The Lord Jesus gives us his Holy Spirit to help us in our weakness and to be our guide and strength in times of testing.

The forty days of Lent is the annual retreat of the people of God in imitation of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. We are called to journey with the Lord in a special season of prayer, fasting, almsgiving, repentance, and renewal as we prepare to celebrate the feast of Easter, the Christian Passover. The Lord gives us spiritual food and supernatural strength to seek his face and to prepare ourselves for spiritual combat and testing. We, too, must follow in the way of the cross in order to share in the victory of Christ's death and resurrection. As we begin this holy season of preparation and renewal, let's ask the Lord for a fresh outpouring of his Holy Spirit that we may grow in faith, hope, and love, and embrace his will more fully in our lives. *Copyright 2016, Don Schwager: www.dailyscripture.net. Reprinted with permission.*



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PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, February 15th following the **8:00 am Mass**, we pray the **7th** 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 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 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.

Confessions can be heard at any time by calling Fr. Raphael at 688-5617.

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: Good Friday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

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

Check Out our Working Mission Statement:

This week’s bulletin features our working Mission Statement, which we introduced at the beginning of Advent. You will find it in the lower right corner of page 1. We will be including it weekly, in hopes that you will try it on!

Throughout Lent, we will be looking for your feedback. Please share your comments with any member of Parish Council/Committee Chairs, or Father Raphael. We will place cards and pencils in the pews as of February 20/21

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weekend. You can put completed cards in the collection basket or give them to an usher.

Specifically, we are interested in knowing what parts of the Statement resonate with your experience or hope for our community. What words or ideas need further explanation? The Parish Council is eager to hear from you! Thanks for taking the time to respond.

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), John Malloy (2/14), 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.

St. Valentine's Day St. Francis de Sales Parish would like to wish you, your families and friends a blessed Happy Valentine's Day. "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another." (Jn. 13:34)

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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.

Papal Visit to the Americas: Pope Francis will be in Mexico from **February 12-17**. Before landing in Mexico on the 12th, the Pontiff will stop in Havana, Cuba for an historic meeting with His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia, the Primate of the largest Orthodox Church. While the Roman and Orthodox churches have been in dialogue over the years, there has never been an official meeting between its respective leaders. The Holy See and the Patriarchate of Moscow released a joint statement that the meeting will be a "sign of hope for all people of good will" and "they invite all Christians to pray fervently for God to bless this meeting, that it may bear fruits." Media

coverage is expected to be extensive throughout the Pope's visit to the Americas. Check local cable and TV listings. Source: L'Osservatore Romano (Official newspaper of the Vatican)

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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.



Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 1 John 4:7

PARISH CALENDAR

Feb 17	Wed	Divine Mercy Novena (week 1) begins at 8:00 am Mass at the Rectory.
Feb 19	Fri	Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm
Feb 21	Sun	Youth Faith Formation in the Parish Hall after 9:00 am Mass
Feb 24	Wed	Divine Mercy Novena (week 2) at 8:00 am Mass at the Rectory.
Feb 26	Fri	Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm
Feb 28	Sun	Adult Faith Formation in the rectory following the 9:00 am Mass. All are welcome

The CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

Pope Francis has called all Catholics to focus our attention on the poor. He reminds us that the Corporal Works of Mercy provide basic building blocks - a shorthand of seven actions we are called to do:

Feed the hungry

Shelter the homeless

Bury the dead

Give drink to the thirsty















Visit the sick

Clothe the naked

Visit the imprisoned

These seem obvious on the surface, but as we answer the question: *Who are the poor in our midst in Phoenicia/Shandaken?* We may find some subtleties that we haven't considered before. When we are open to change our thinking about the poor, we may also be motivated to change our behaviors. Throughout Lent, we will try to unpack the works of mercy in the weekly bulletin, and invite you to a new understanding.

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 Camnardella 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>