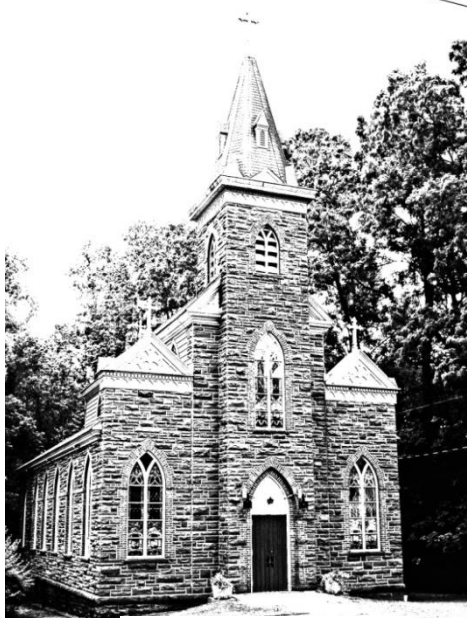


# St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

## February 21, 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*  
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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

### 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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# February 21, 2016

## Second Sunday of Lent

“From the shining cloud the Father’s voice is heard:  
This is my beloved Son, hear him.” – Luke 9:28b-36

### Mass Intentions

#### Week of February 20th – February 25th

Sat 2/20 5:00p †Jerry Bender req. by Saugerties Knights of Columbus  
 Sun 2/21 9:00a †Marcelo 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  
 Mon 2/22 8:00a Open Intention  
 Tue 2/23 8:00a Open Intention  
 Wed 2/24 8:00a Open Intention  
 Thur 2/25 8:00a Open Intention

**The Second Collection today is for Fuel**

#### Weekend of February 27th – February 28th

Sat 2/27 5:00p †Jerry Bender req. by Saugerties Knights of Columbus  
 Sun 2/28 9:00a †Mary Persons req. by Family  
 Sun 2/28 10:30a †Georgette Beneat req. by Shafer

#### Weekend Lectors

Sat 2/20 5:00pm Heather Marsten  
 Sun 2/21 9:00am Burr Hubbell  
 Sun 2/21 10:30am Agnes Laub



#### Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat 2/20 5:00pm Bender, Zorn DiCiervo  
 Sun 2/21 9:00am Shimer, Nilsen Shea  
 Sun 2/21 10:30am Bloodgood, Paultre, Pavone



#### Weekend Ushers

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

#### Readings for the Week of February 22, 2016

**Monday:** 1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19  
**Tuesday:** Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12  
**Wednesday:** Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28  
**Thursday:** Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31  
**Friday:** Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a;  
 Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

February 14, 2016 Regular Collection: \$992.00  
 Peter's Pence: \$743.00

**Thank you for your generosity.**

### Scripture Reflection

#### Jesus transfigured in glory

Are you prepared to see God's glory? God is eager to share his glory with us! We get a glimpse of this when the disciples see Jesus transfigured on the mountain. Jesus' face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. What is the significance of this mysterious appearance? Jesus went to the mountain knowing full well what awaited him in Jerusalem - his betrayal, rejection and crucifixion.

The Lord Jesus not only wants us to see his glory - he wants to share this glory with us. And Jesus shows us the way to the Father's glory: follow me - obey my words - take the path I have chosen for you and you will receive the blessings of my Father's kingdom - your name will be written in heaven.

Luke's Gospel account tells us that while Jesus was transfigured, Peter, James, and John were asleep! How much do we miss of God's glory and action because we are asleep spiritually? Are you spiritually awake? Peter, James, and John were privileged witnesses of the glory of Christ. We, too, as Disciples of Christ are called to be witnesses of his glory. *We all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit* (2 Corinthians 3:18). The Lord wants to reveal his glory to us, his beloved disciples. Do you seek his presence with faith and reverence? *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 22nd** following the **8:00 am Mass**, we pray the **8th** day of the Novena. “Our Lady of La Salette, *Reconciler of Sinners, pray without ceasing for us, who have recourse to you.*”

**Second Collection:** The second collection today is for fuel.

### **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.



**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.

**Our Lady of La Salette Sodality:** The Sodality begins its new year next month with a general membership meeting scheduled for **Sunday, March 13** following the 10:30 am Mass. Please note the first general meeting has been delayed (by one-week) due to unexpected circumstances. The Sodality officers appreciate the understanding of the members concerning this change. Please contact Pam Hammond 688-2642 if you have any questions. 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.

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.



**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 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.

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## First Corporal Work of Mercy-Feed the Hungry

In Matthew 25: 31-46, Jesus talks about the Second Coming, when the sheep will be separated from the goats. The sheep will be blessed and will inherit the kingdom, because "I was hungry and you gave me food, ....a stranger and you welcomed me...." All the corporal works of mercy are spelled out, but the righteous don't understand. They ask "When did we see you hungry and feed you?" His reply: "Whatever you have done for the least of my brothers, you did for me."

There is no confusion for us. But maybe we have missed some opportunities to extend our resources and ourselves – as a parish community, and as families and individuals. How are we doing? Collectively, we raise funds through the Doo-Wop Dance to support our local food pantry, offering a much appreciated offering of \$200/month. We offer a community-wide Thanksgiving dinner, and holiday food baskets to needy families. In our weekly collections and Cardinal's Appeal we support a number of programs that improve people's lives. Mostly, we write checks. It's a good start, and we continue to look for more ways to be generous and compassionate to the poor as a whole parish. But this Lent, we need to challenge ourselves to do more as families and as individuals – to actually SEE the hungry and personally welcome the stranger.

In this year of Mercy, Pope Francis asks us to develop new awareness and new habits that make us go out of our way – maybe even beyond our comfort zone. It begins with the physically hungry. We are currently updating information about area soup kitchens and other opportunities for face to face service, and will post this information on the bulletin board at the church entrance. If you are able to donate the precious resource of time, we will encourage you to consider such a commitment.

But closer to home, we all might do well to enlarge our thinking and response to other kinds of hunger. For example, we have many parishioners who live alone, with no family nearby, and little company or conversation. Days can be long and lonely. Can we feed this hunger by setting an extra place at our table and inviting them to share a meal? Can we offer an older or disabled person a ride to church? To the grocery store? To a doctor's appointment? Can we notice the stranger who is new to our worship, approach them after Mass, get to know them and make them feel welcome? Can we pay attention in our secular life to someone who is spiritually hungry, and invite them to come to church with us? Our greeters, nametags, and warm weather coffees in between Masses are the beginning of a great encounter. What more might we do as individuals to encourage the "lost," remember new names, meet new

needs, and include newcomers in the life of our parish family?

Despite our limited fiscal resources, St. Francis de Sales is rich in people resources to "feed the hungry." During this Year of Mercy, let's number ourselves among the sheep who see and serve rather than the goats who fail to recognize God's presence.

## 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](mailto:sfdchurch@hvc.rr.com) or call Judy at 688-9912 or email her at [jap120@hvc.rr.com](mailto:jap120@hvc.rr.com).



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, Josie McIsaac, Ed McCoy, Helen Morelli, Diana Munch, Gerry Nilsen, 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 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

Why we keep the Church unlocked!...

















### Where Jesus Lives

**Where Jesus lives, the great hearted gather.  
We are a door that is never locked.  
If you are suffering any kind of pain,  
Stay near this door. Open it.**

(The above lines, by Jelaluddin Rumi, are carved in stone around the door of a Christian church in Iran. Rumi: a 13<sup>th</sup> century Persian poet, jurist, Islamic scholar, theologian, and Sufi mystic.

*“Don’t grieve. Anything you lose comes round in another form.”  
“Lovers don't finally meet somewhere. They're in each other all along”*

## 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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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 &amp; Jon Rowe</p> 	<p>In Loving Memory of our Beloved Son and Brother Frank by Frank &amp; Harriet Rauchut, John, Veronica &amp; 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 &amp; the D’Agostino Family.</p> 	<p>In Loving Memory of Lawrence Monachelli and Eleanor Monachelli. – Mike &amp; 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 &amp; Family <i>“The measure of love is to love without measure.” - St. Francis de Sales</i></p>
<p>In Loving Memory of our Parents, Marian &amp; 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 &amp; Frances Rauchut, Alfred &amp; 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>