

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

February 28, 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

Rev. George W. Hommel, Parish Administrator
 gwhommel@hvc.rr.com 845-679-7696

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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Third Sunday of Lent

“Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” – Luke 13:1-9

Mass Intentions

Week of February 27th – March 3rd

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
Mon	2/29	8:00a	Open Intention
Tue	3/01	8:00a	†William Ryan req. by Finola & Family
Wed	3/02	8:00a	Open Intention
Thur	3/03	8:00a	†Ann Smith (Gormley) req. by Anne Shea & Burr Hubbell

Weekend of March 5th – March 6th

Sat	3/05	5:00p	†Jerry Bender req. by Saugerties Knights of Columbus
Sun	3/06	9:00a	Open Intention
Sun	3/06	10:30a	†Frank & Petra Giambrone req. by Lois Giambrone

Weekend Lectors

Sat	2/27	5:00pm	Ruane, Zee Marek
Sun	2/28	9:00am	Burr Hubbell
Sun	2/28	10:30am	Judy Pavone



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat	2/27	5:00pm	Zorn, Wilsey, DeMaria
Sun	2/28	9:00am	Nilsen, Ryder, Shea
Sun	2/28	10:30am	DiPasqua, Ullmann, Paultre



Weekend Ushers

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

Readings for the Week of February 29, 2016

Monday: 2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday: Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday: Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23

Friday: Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34

February 21, 2016 Regular Collection: \$1,278.00

Fuel Collection: \$916.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Scripture Reflection

"Unless you repent you will perish"

When Jesus preached the coming of God's kingdom of peace and righteousness to his people, he called them to repent and believe in the gospel - the good news of pardon, peace, and new life in the Holy Spirit. His numerous signs and miracles demonstrated the power of God's kingdom breaking into the lives of all who turned to Jesus with faith and obedience.

The real danger and calamity which Jesus points out is that an unexpected disaster or a sudden death give us time to repent of our sins and to prepare ourselves to meet the Judge of heaven and earth. The Book of Job reminds us that misfortune and calamity can befall both the righteous and the unrighteous alike. Jesus gives a clear warning - take responsibility for your actions and moral choices and put sin to death today before it can destroy your heart, mind, soul, and body as well. Unrepentant sin is like a cancer which corrupts us from within. If it is not eliminated through repentance - asking God for forgiveness and for his healing grace - it leads to a spiritual death which is far worse than physical destruction.

The Lord in his mercy gives us both grace and time to turn away from sin, but that time is right now. If we delay, even for a day, we may discover that grace has passed us by and our time is up. Do you hunger for the Lord's righteousness and holiness? *Copyright 2016, Don Schwager: www.dailyscripture.net. Reprinted with permission.*

Third Sunday of
Lent
We Reform

Come to St. Francis de Sales Parish where you come to serve God with your hands and hearts, not as advisers, but as servants.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, February 29th following the 8:00 am Mass, we pray the 9th 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 last February class is February 28th. The March classes are March 6th, March 13th, and March 20th. 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 Meeting: The Sodality invites members to the first meeting of the year on **Sunday, March 13** (second Sunday of the month) after the 10:30 am Mass. Members will meet in the Rectory where coffee and refreshments will be served. Please contact Pam Hammond 688-2642 if you have any questions. We are looking forward to seeing 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.

Attention Parishioners – Notice of Easter Bulletin

Schedule: Please note that all articles and announcements for the **March 27 Easter Sunday bulletin** must be submitted by **Thursday, March 17**. The Easter bulletin encompasses Mass Intentions from Saturday, March 26 to Sunday, April 3.



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.**

Soup Supper in March: Please join us at the Rectory for the second Soup Supper this Lenten Season. Date: **Friday, March 11th** immediately following the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the church vestibule if you'd like to bring a meatless soup or dessert. Call Judy at 688-9912.

From the Archdiocese of New York: "Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact. Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 x 2949, or Deacon George J. Cappola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via email at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org.

In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure."

Also, The Archdiocese of New York takes the stewardship of your donations and its resources seriously. If you have knowledge of financial misconduct or suspect that it might be occurring, please report your concerns via a toll free hotline, at 877-820-0541, or at <http://www.reportlineweb.com/ADNY>. Both are available 24 hours per day

An Update on Sheila Madera's Journey of Hope to beat MS. Sheila, one of our long time parishioners, will be arriving in Russia on Saturday, February 27 for a stem cell transplant with chemo in Moscow on March 1. Let us continue to keep Sheila and her family and friends in our prayers and welcome God's healing power.

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Special Occasions & Celebrations

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



“Happy Birthday” to Liz Quinn (3/4), and Angie Valentino (3/18). May God bless you today and every day in everything you do and in every little way. *May you also know His love is all around as you come and go. May His blessings abound. Happy Birthday!*

Share your good news with the parish; drop info in the collection basket, email afdchurch@hvc.rr.com, call Judy at 688-9912 or email her at jap120@hvc.rr.com.

World Day of Prayer USA – March 4: The annual World Day of Prayer will be held **Friday, March 4 at 2 pm** at the Shandaken United Methodist Church, 7358 Rte. 28, Shandaken (just past the Shandaken Town Hall). This international event brings together Christian women of many traditions to observe a special day of prayer and celebration. This year’s theme is offered by the women of Cuba. Program runs approx. 1 to 1-1/2 hours and will include scripture readings, speakers and light Cuban food and refreshments. Parishioners have attended past World Days of Prayer – and have enjoyed fellowship with our larger faith community.

Second Corporal Work of Mercy – GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY

The Catskills are rich in water – so much so that we have two huge reservoirs that collect and carry water to faucets over 100 miles away. Without our mountains and water transfer systems, New York City would be thirsty. Clearly, our area has sacrificed development for the needs of maintaining the NYC watershed. Does this mean we’re off the hook for the second corporal work of mercy? NO!

In his encyclical, *Laudato Si (On Care for our Common Home)*, Pope Francis expresses concern about “water poverty” in poor countries, and in poor communities in any country where governments fail to create access to safe water or regulate chemical and industrial pollution to underground water reserves. As citizens, we have to do our part to keep our water supply clean, and demand that our leaders remain attentive and responsive to water issues – locally and nationally. But that is not enough. Pope Francis points to us in the developed world, where we waste water and take it for granted. How guilty are we of misusing this resource? Here’s a simple checklist.

How much water do we use to brush our teeth, clean our dishes, clean ourselves and our clothes, flush our toilets? Do we run our faucets while we shave? What happens to the water as we wait for hot? Can we start to monitor ourselves, use only what is necessary, and come up with creative uses or reuses of water that is currently going down the drain? We need to be good stewards, conserving water here and now, and preserving it for our future families and neighbors. Our Jewish brothers and sisters have a term for this kind of stewardship: *Tikkun Olam*, (“Repair the World”). As Christians, we can join in the repair work, but must also take a step further.

We are called to fill two types of reservoirs. While physical reservoirs are finite resources (and getting lower), we have the promise of an endless reservoir of “Living Water.” When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink at her town’s well, He told her about water that would satisfy all thirst. She believed this Jew and stranger, and eagerly asked where she might find such water. Do we believe in this “Living Water” and seek it in our lives? Do we let it fill us? If we are open to receiving the Living Christ within us, we too can be reservoirs of grace to others. During this Year of Mercy, we need to do our part to sustain both reservoirs – repairing the world, and sharing the hope of Christ’s thirst- quenching presence.



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, Josephine Kloufas, 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.*

PARISH CALENDAR















Feb 28	Sun	Adult Faith Formation in rectory following the 9:00 am Mass. All are welcome
March 4	Fri	Stations of the Cross 7 pm
March 4	Fri	World Day of Prayer, Shandaken United Methodist Church at 2 pm. See bulletin for details
March 11	Fri	Stations of the Cross 7 pm
March 11	Fri	Meatless Soup Supper in rectory following Stations of the Cross
March 13	Sun	Our Lady of La Salette Sodality Meeting in rectory after 10:30 am Mass

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for March 2016

- **Universal:** That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.
- **Evangelization:** That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always. *Source: EWTN.com*



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>