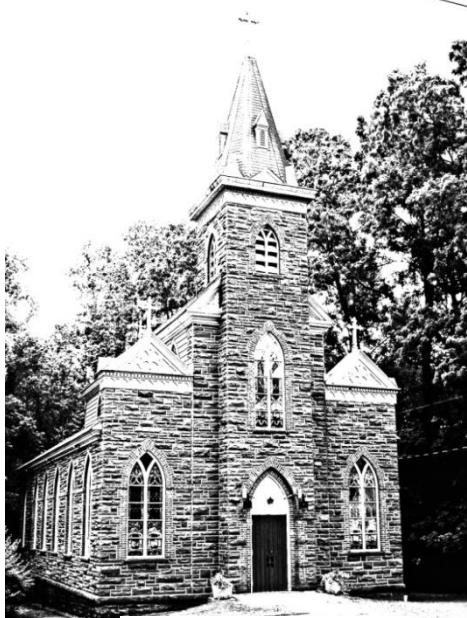


# St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

## March 6, 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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*Rev. George W. Hommel, Parish Administrator*  
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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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# March 6, 2016

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

I will get up and go to my Father and shall say to him: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you." Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

### Mass Intentions

#### Week of March 5th – March 10th


|      |      |        |  |
|------|------|--------|--|
| 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 & Peter Giambrone req. by Lois Giambrone      |
| Mon  | 3/07 | 8:00a  | Open Intention                                       |
| Tue  | 3/08 | 8:00a  | †Jerry Bender req. by Family                         |
| Wed  | 3/09 | 8:00a  | Open Intention                                       |
| Thur | 3/10 | 8:00a  | Open Intention                                       |
| Fri  | 3/11 | 8:00a  | †Robert Collins req. Pat & Mike Ruane                |

**The Second Collection this week is the Monthly Collection**


#### Weekend of March 12th – March 13th

|     |      |        |  |
|-----|------|--------|--|
| Sat | 3/12 | 5:00p  | †Jerry Bender req. by Saugerties Knights of Columbus |
| Sun | 3/13 | 9:00a  | †Ralph Persons req. by Family                        |
| Sun | 3/13 | 10:30a | †Kathy Reed req. by Joe Czarnecki                    |

#### Weekend Lectors

|     |     |         |                        |   |
|-----|-----|---------|------------------------|---|
| Sat | 3/5 | 5:00pm  | Heather Marsten        |  |
| Sun | 3/6 | 9:00am  | Elena Garcia-McWhinnie |   |
| Sun | 3/6 | 10:30am | Laurie Brown           |   |

#### Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

|     |     |         |                             |   |
|-----|-----|---------|-----------------------------|---|
| Sat | 3/5 | 5:00pm  | Bender, Zorn, DiCiervo      |  |
| Sun | 3/6 | 9:00am  | Nilsen, Shimer, Ryder       |   |
| Sun | 3/6 | 10:30am | Bloodgood, Ullmann, Paultre |   |

#### Weekend Ushers

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

#### Readings for the Week of March 7, 2016

**Monday:** Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54  
**Tuesday:** Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16  
**Wednesday:** Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30  
**Thursday:** Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47  
**Friday:** Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

February 28, 2016 Regular Collection: \$1,101.00  
**Thank you for your generosity.**

### Scripture Reflection

#### "I will go home to my father"

What is the main point of Jesus' story about two ungrateful sons and their extravagant loving father? Is it the contrast between a grudging obedient son and a rebellious son who had wished his father was dead? Or the warm reception given to a spendthrift son and the cold reception given by the eldest son?

Jesus does contrast the eldest son's cold and aloof reception for his errant brother with the father's warm embrace and lavish homecoming party for his repentant son. While the errant son had wasted his father's money, his father, nonetheless, maintained unbroken love for his son. The son, while he was away, learned a lot about himself. And he realized that his father had given him love which he had not returned. He had yet to learn about the depth of his father's love for him.

The errant son's dramatic change from grief and guilt to forgiveness and restoration express in picture-language the resurrection from the dead which Jesus makes possible to everyone who believes in him, a rebirth to new life from death.

In this parable Jesus gives a vivid picture of God and what God is like. God is truly kinder than any of us. He is always on the lookout for those who have a change of heart and want to return. He rejoices in finding the lost and in welcoming them home. Do you know the joy of repentance and the restoration of relationship as a son or daughter of your heavenly Father? *Copyright 2016, Don Schwager: www.dailyscripture.net. Reprinted with permission.*



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## PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Novena to Our Lady of La Salette:** Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> following the 8:00 am Mass, we pray the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 March classes are March 6<sup>th</sup>, March 13<sup>th</sup>, and March 20<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for our students & their families. FMI, please call Faith Formation Coord., Gerri Nilsen at 687-9769.



**Second Collection:** The Second Collection this week is the Monthly Collection. The Second Collection next week is for Catholic Relief Service.

**Soup Supper in March:** Please join us at the Rectory for the second Soup Supper this Lenten Season. Date: **Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**Adult Faith Formation:** Please join Sr. Catherine Gormley for the next adult faith formation class with lively discussions of faith and scripture. Class is in the rectory after the 9:00 am Mass, **Sunday, March 20, 2016. Topic: “God creates a community.”** We will look at community from the standpoint of the people of the Exodus. Deuteronomy tells us that the Israelites were the smallest of nations, insignificant, yet God formed this rag-tag band into a people during their time wandering in the desert. God had made a covenant with Noah and Abraham, much before this time, but now, it’s God who at Mt. Sinai leads us to a deeper understanding of what it means to be a community. Come and join our discussion and study. Enjoy the company of members of St. Francis de Sales community 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 look forward to seeing you!



**Stations of the Cross** –Every Friday during Lent we pray the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm.

### **Reconciliation Monday – March 14<sup>th</sup>**

Reconciliation Monday for Lent will be held **March 14**. Father Raphael will hear confessions from **4:00 pm to 8:00 pm**. If he is not in the church, you will find him in the rectory. The New York Archdiocese website displays an excellent link to help us better understand the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession). <http://thelightison.org/guide-to-confession>.

## **2016 LENTEN SCHEDULE**

**Stations of the Cross:** every **Friday, 7 pm** and will continue on Friday evenings throughout Lent. Please join the parish community during this Holy season.

**Reconciliation Monday, March 14** Father Raphael will hear confessions from **4:00 pm to 8:00 pm**. If he is not in the church, you will find him in the rectory.

**Palm Sunday Masses: Saturday, March 19, 5 pm; Sunday, March 20 at 9:00 am and 10:30 am.** Blessing and distribution of palms at all Masses. Palms will be blessed outside in the Church parking lot. All will then process into the Church.

**Holy Thursday, March 24** Mass at **7 pm** with a special ceremony of washing of the feet followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 12:00 am in Fr. Gorman Hall (located in the back of the Rectory).

**Good Friday, March 25 (A day of fast and abstinence):** A ceremony of the Lord’s Passion at **3 pm** with the Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion. The Stations of the Cross at **7 pm**

**Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 26: 7 pm** Mass (No **5:00 pm** Mass) Mass begins (weather permitting) outside the Church with the blessing of new fire, paschal candle.

**Easter Sunday, March 27: 9:00 am and 10:30 am** Masses.

### **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.

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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), Patricia Heinz (3/9) 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 [sfdchurch@hvc.rr.com](mailto:sfdchurch@hvc.rr.com), call Judy at 688-9912 or email her at [jap120@hvc.rr.com](mailto:jap120@hvc.rr.com)

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## **Third and Fourth Corporal Works of Mercy – CLOTHE THE NAKED and SHELTER THE HOMELESS**

Recently, severe weather in the form of violent storms, tornadoes, and floods impacted states in the South and Midwest. Many people lost everything. We have experienced such loss here, in the aftermath of Hurricane Irene. For weeks this whole community united and demonstrated its commitment to restore individuals and families to a state of safety, comfort, and dignity through tremendous contributions of time, talent, and treasure. The situation was urgent, the people known and visible to us.

But what about people we don't know who are far away? As Christians trying to practice Corporal Works of Mercy, and mindful of the call to be like the Good Samaritan, our impulse is to help. Pope Francis wants us to attend to the stranger who, even if he or she doesn't look like us or behave in the same way, is still our brother or sister. But how? Lots of individuals and groups ask for our help – especially for our money. Which ones are best at getting that help directly to the people who need it? If you are deluged with requests from many organizations, you may want to investigate, to discover what portion of your contribution goes to the cause you are trying to support, vs. “overhead.” You may be shocked!

There's help close at hand. The Archdiocese organizes monthly giving to groups that are legitimate and worthy of our support through individual offerings in our second collection. Sometimes, as in the scenario described above, there is a special outreach. In a January pastoral letter to all parishes in the Archdiocese, Timothy Cardinal Dolan shared an effort initiated by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops to offer assistance

to the victims of these catastrophic winter storms. He invites us to participate by sending a parish gift that will help purchase warm clothing and rebuild damaged homes. Thanks to your generous weekly giving, our parish finances are healthy, and the Parish Council has agreed to contribute \$400. We will continue to alert you to all responsibly administered relief efforts that are “out there.”

But what about the “naked and homeless” in our midst? YES, they are among us, and they are our neighbors. They may not be so obviously naked or homeless, because they are discreet about their poverty. For these people, food is their first priority. Being clean, with warm clothes, may be sacrificed. Perhaps you can help. During this Year of Mercy, we invite you to donate excess, still in good shape clothing to the Thrift Shop in the basement of the Methodist Church. Hours are 9-2 on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. If you have extra furniture we encourage you to drop it off at Habitat for Humanity's “Restore” facility on the north side of Rte. 28 near Ulster. As a special, local project, we will place a basket at the Church entrance for you to deposit small toiletries that you may bring home from your travels – shampoos, conditioners, soaps, toothpaste, tooth brushes, body lotion. We will collect these items in March and throughout the Easter Season, then give them to the Food Pantry.



Russell Abbrecht, Luisa Armani, Laureen Aversa, Jerry Baltz, Jim Barden, 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, Janet Oakes, 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















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|-----------------|------------|--|
| <b>March 11</b> | <b>Fri</b> | <b>Stations of the Cross 7 pm</b>  |
| <b>March 11</b> | <b>Fri</b> | <b>Meatless Soup Supper following Stations of the Cross. All are welcome!</b>      |
| <b>March 13</b> | <b>Sun</b> | <b>Our Lady of La Salette Sodality Meeting after 10:30 am Mass in the Rectory</b>  |
| <b>March 14</b> | <b>Mon</b> | <b>Reconciliation Service 4-8 pm in Church or Rectory-See bulletin for details</b> |



**Daylight Saving Time (Begins Sunday, March 13) (DST)** is the practice of setting the clocks forward one hour from standard time during the summer months, and back again in the fall, in order to make better use of natural daylight...

**“Spring forward, fall back”** is one of the little sayings to help remember which way to set your watch. You set your clock forward in the spring when DST starts (= lose one hour), and back one hour when DST ends in the fall (= regain one hour).

## SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS

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|---|--|--|---|
| <p>No eye has seen, nor ear heard, what God has prepared for those who love Him. (1 Cor. 2:9)<br/>-- 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.<br/>By son, William</p>   | <p>In Loving Memory of my dear husband, Tony, and beloved son, Anthony<br/>– Angie Valentino &amp; Family</p>  |
|  <p>Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with us.<br/>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.<br/>- 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<br/>“The measure of love is to love without measure.”<br/>- St. Francis de Sales</p>   |
| <p>In Loving Memory of our Parents, Marian &amp; Howard and Grandparents, Callaghan and Umhey and all our Loved Ones.<br/>- The Howard Umhey Family</p>   | <p>In Loving Memory of my beloved wife, Josie, our parents, and our siblings.<br/>– 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!”<br/><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.<br/>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)<br/>– Sue Tiso</p>                              |