

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

March 13, 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
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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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Fifth Sunday of Lent

“Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart for I am gracious and merciful.” John 8:1-11

Mass Intentions

Week of March 12th – March 18th

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
Mon	3/14	8:00a	Open Intention
Tue	3/15	8:00a	Open Intention
Wed	3/16	8:00a	Open Intention
Thur	3/17	8:00a	Open Intention
Fri	3/18	8:00a	Open Intention

The Second Collection - Catholic Relief Services

Weekend of March 19th – March 20th

Sat	3/19	5:00p	†Jerry Bender req. by Saugerties Knights of Columbus
Sun	3/20	9:00a	Open Intention
Sun	3/20	10:30a	†Harriet Rauchut req. by Lillian DiPasqua

Weekend Lectors

Sat	3/12	5:00pm	Jane Wolfrom
Sun	3/13	9:00am	Burr Hubbell
Sun	3/13	10:30am	Lorenza Vesely, Jim Barden



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat	3/12	5:00pm	Zorn, DiCiervo, Wilsey
Sun	3/13	9:00am	Nilsen, Ryder, Shea
Sun	3/13	10:30am	DiPasqua, Ullmann, Paultre



Weekend Ushers

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

Readings for the Week of March 14, 2016

Monday: Dan. 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:12-20

Tuesday: Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30

Wednesday: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42

Thursday: Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59

Friday: Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42

March 6, 2016 Regular Collection: \$1,265.00

Monthly Collection: \$681.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Scripture Reflection

“Go, and do not sin again”

Are you ready to be changed and transformed in Christlike holiness? God never withholds his grace from us. When a woman caught in adultery was brought to them for trial, they confronted Jesus on the issue of retribution. Jewish law treated adultery as a serious crime since it violated God’s ordinance and wreaked havoc on the stability of marriage and family life.

This incident tells us a great deal about Jesus’ attitude to the sinner. The scribes and Pharisees wanted to entrap Jesus with the religious and civil authorities. That is why they brought a woman caught in adultery before Jesus. Jesus turned the challenge towards his accusers. In effect he said: Go ahead and stone her! But let the man who is without sin be the first to cast a stone. When the adulterous woman is left alone with Jesus, he both expresses mercy and he strongly exhorts her to not sin again. His challenge involved a choice – either go back to your former way of sin and death or to reach out to the new way of life and happiness with him. Jesus gave her pardon and a new start on life. God’s grace enables us to confront our sin for what it is – unfaithfulness to God, and to turn back to God with a repentant heart and a thankful spirit for God’s mercy and forgiveness. *Do you know the joy of repentance and a clean conscience?*

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PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, **March 14th** following the **8:00 am Mass**, we pray the **2nd** 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 13th, and March 20th**. Please pray for our students & their families. FMI, please call Faith Formation Coord., Gerri Nilsen at 687-9769.



If the Mass Intention is for a friend or a loved one, please advise the ushers if you will be bringing up the gifts. If not, the ushers will choose someone from the congregation to present the gifts.

Our Lady of La Salette Sodality Meets: The Sodality invites past and present members to our meeting **Sunday, March 13** after the 10:30 am Mass in the Rectory. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. In addition, anyone interested in learning about the Sodality is welcome to join us!

Reconciliation Monday – March 14th

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>.

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.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FOOT-WASHING RITUAL ON HOLY THURSDAY.

If you are planning to attend the 7 pm service on Holy Thursday (March 24), please consider offering your foot for the ceremonial washing. We are looking for men and women, plus children over 10 years. Please contact Heather Marsten at 845-514-0112 if you are willing to help. Women please wear slacks and socks!

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, Parish Council Members and Ministry Leaders – 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 covers Mass Intentions from Saturday, March 26 to Sunday, April 3. Contact Father Raphael after Mass or at 688-5617 to schedule any Mass Intention.

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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, call Judy at 688-9912 or email her at jap120@hvc.rr.com

VISIT THE SICK AND IMPRISONED – the 5th and 6th Corporal Works of Mercy

Typically, these Works of Mercy ask us to notice and assist our neighbors who are challenged by physical ailments, weakness, old age, isolation, or incarceration. We are called to bring comfort and hope, and to create community where it has been unnaturally limited or cut off. But sickness and imprisonment also have a second dimension – one that affects our spirit. It is self-inflicted, and causes us, or someone we know or love, to diminish or isolate ourselves. In both cases, there seems to be an absence or loss of control, a giving in to forces greater than we are. As Christians, we are called to step in – to dismantle these forces, and to bring God’s mercy as the hands, feet, and soft heart of the resurrected Christ.

Let’s unpack both dimensions, and begin with the physically sick. We know members of our parish community who are not able to be with us, because they are homebound, recovering from surgeries or cancer treatments, or relocated to group facilities because they are unable to live independently. They remain part of our family. Can we let them know we are thinking of them, praying for them, and continuing to include them in the life of our St Francis worship community? They appreciate all kinds of visits – face-to-face, as well as phone calls and cards. Our prayer list is a good place to identify these people. For our beloved elder members, contact information is posted on the bulletin board at the entrance to the church. We invite you to reach out to our sick parishioners and neighbors, especially during the Easter season.

Informally, members of our community heed the call to be their brother’s or sister’s keeper. They pitch in to help, and mobilize others to share the necessary tasks – whether it’s providing food, getting the person to doctors’ appointments, or insuring that there’s food in the refrigerator. For people with no obvious advocate, our Parish has a Helping Ministry overseen by Kathy Tretter, who works closely with Father Raphael to address needs that come to his attention. Sometimes, people are reluctant

to ask for help, so Father and Kathy find ways to provide help with dignity. Let them know when a need is out there.

Since direct contact with people serving time may be out of most people’s experience, we have asked a former Capuchin colleague of Fr. Raphael, Fr. Paul Tolve, what suggestions he might have for us to “visit” the imprisoned. Fr. Tolve, who oversees chaplains of all denominations at the Westchester County Department of Corrections in Valhalla, NY, expressed a need for bibles in various languages, plus some with large print. In his work, the prisoners are eager to experience God’s mercy, and need resources. IF you are interested in making a donation to help purchase bibles from our parish to be sent to the prison, please make out a check to St. Francis de Sales Parish, notate it “Bibles for Westchester prison” and drop it in the collection basket, or give it directly to Fr. Raphael.

Responding to the second dimension of these Corporal Works is more uncomfortable. Spiritual sickness or imprisonment is common in our society, yet we often feel fearful or powerless about addressing or confronting it in ourselves, our families, or our community. Last week Fr. Raphael offered a funeral Mass for a 20 year-old boy who overdosed on heroin. No family, no community is immune to this kind of tragedy. Often we are quick to judge, but reluctant to speak up. We have hardened our hearts.

(Corporal Works of Mercy continued on next page...)



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

March 13	Sun	Our Lady of La Salette Sodality Meeting after 10:30 am Mass in the Rectory
March 13	Sun	Children's Faith Formation classes in Parish Hall after the 9:00 am Mass
March 14	Mon	Reconciliation Service 4-8 pm in Church or Rectory-See bulletin for details
March 20	Sun	Adult Faith Formation in the Rectory following 9:00 am Mass. All are welcome

Visit the Sick and Imprisoned...5th and 6th Corporal Works of Mercy (Continued from Page 4)

Pope Francis encourages us to get involved – with soft hearts. He reminds us that there is a force greater than any of our personal demons or addictions. This is the force is God’s mercy, working through us. Maybe we can’t change society, but perhaps we can change ourselves. As we revisit the story of the Prodigal Son, we are once again challenged to love as God loves - without judgment. Ours is a God who embraces the lost, the last, the lowest, and the least, unconditionally. Can we extend genuine community toward those we have marginalized or given up on? During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we need to believe God will act through us and will help us find the courage, as well as the words, to reach out. Happily, Fr. Raphael’s years of ministering to people with addictions make him a unique and compassionate resource. Talk with him!

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 my beloved wife, Harriet, our mom & brother Frank, by Frank 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 <i>“The measure of love is to love without measure.”</i> - 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>