

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

March 20, 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: Laurie Brown.....657-9652
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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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

“Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.” Luke 22:14-23-23:56

Mass Intentions

Week of March 19th – March 25th

- Sat 3/19 5:00p †Jerry Bender req. by Saugerties Knights of Columbus
- Sun 3/20 9:00a † Floyd Terwilliger by Kathleen & Jeff Collins
- Sun 3/20 10:30a †Harriet Rauchut req. by Lillian DiPasqua
- Mon 3/21 8:00a Open Intention
- Tue 3/22 8:00a Angie Valentino by Pat & Mike Ruane
- Wed 3/23 8:00a Open Intention
- Thur 3/24 7:00p Open Intention
- Fri 3/25 3:00p The Lord’s Passion

The 2nd Collection this week is for Fuel

Weekend of March 26th – March 27th

- Sat 3/26 7:00p † Gerard & Elizabeth Morrongiello req. by their children
- Sun 3/27 9:00a †Erwin Burkhart by Greg Desann
- Sun 3/27 10:30a †Brian Bloodgood req. by Linnie & Jamie

Weekend Lectors

- Sat 3/19 5:00pm Heather Marsten, Jean Druffner
- Sun 3/20 9:00am Burr Hubbell, Liz Quinn
- Sun 3/20 10:30am Judy Pavone, Lorenza Vesely

Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

- Sat 3/19 5:00pm Bender, Zorn, DiCiervo
- Sun 3/20 9:00am Shimer, Nilsen, Shea
- Sun 3/20 10:30am Bloodgood, Ullmann, Paultre

Weekend Ushers

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

Readings for the Week of March 21, 2016

- Monday:** Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11
- Tuesday:** Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday:** Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25
- Thursday:** Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; John 13:1-15
- Friday:** Isaiah 52:13-53:12; John 18:1-19:42

March 13, 2016 Regular Collection: \$1,042.00
 Catholic Relief Services: \$594.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord

Scripture Reflection

Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your home and heart? Jesus went to Jerusalem knowing full well what awaited him - betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion. The people of Jerusalem, however, were ready to hail him as their Messianic King!

The colt was a sign of peace. Jesus enters Jerusalem in meekness and humility, as the Messianic King who offers victory and peace to his people. That victory and peace would be secured in the cross and resurrection which would soon take place at the time of Passover.

The master of humility is Christ who humbled himself and became obedient even to death, even the death on the cross. Thus he does not lose his divinity when he teaches us humility. What great thing was it to the king of the ages to become the king of humanity? For Christ was not the king of Israel so that he might exact a tax or equip an army with weaponry and visibly vanquish an enemy. He was the king of Israel in that he rules minds, in that he gives counsel for eternity, in that he leads into the kingdom of heaven for those who believe, hope, and love.

Jesus Christ came to bring us the kingdom of God. He is the true King who offers peace, joy, and everlasting life for those who accept his kingship. Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your heart and home? Do your walls echo with the praise of his glory?

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PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, March 21st following the 8:00 am Mass, we pray the 3rd 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 remaining March class is March 20th. Please pray for our students & their families. FMI, please call Faith Formation Coord., Gerri Nilsen at 687-9769.



Special Collection: The collection on Good Friday is for the Holy Land.

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.

Adult Faith Formation: Please join Sr. Catherine Gormley for a lively discussions of faith and scripture on Sunday, March 20. Class is in the rectory after the 9:00 am Mass. Our 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. At Mt. Sinai leads us to a deeper understanding of what it means to be a community. We invite our faith community to join this discussion and study. Coffee and Danish will also be served.

CAN YOU 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 Judy at 688-9912 or Claire at 688-5055 if you are willing to help. Women please wear slacks and socks!

Parish Council: The next Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday, March 29 at 7:00 pm in the rectory. All are welcome to attend.

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.

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.

The Easter Paschal Candle: Many thanks to Gene and Dorothy DeStefano for the Paschal Candle they donated to our parish this year. Father Raphael and Gene are pictured holding the candle in front of the altar. Many parishioners don't know that Gene also constructed and donated the beautifully crafted candleholder some years ago. Thank you, Gene and Dorothy! The Paschal candle represents Christ, the Light of the World.



"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

(John 8:12)

Divine Mercy Sunday at Parish: Fr. Raphael has announced a parish event for **Divine Mercy Sunday to be observed April 3rd**. The Exposition & Adoration of the Holy Eucharist will take place from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Church. This is a wonderful time for prayerful meditation after our Easter observance. At 3:00 pm, parishioners can participate in the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Divine Mercy is also a time for reconciliation and confessions will be heard. All are welcome.

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

BURY THE DEAD

the 7th and Last Corporal Work of Mercy

Once again, we’ll look at the physical and spiritual dimensions of this Work of Mercy, and offer some practical suggestions.

When we lose a loved one, it is natural for us to treat their body with reverence as we lay them to rest, to honor their final wishes, and to elevate their life within our family and community. Our rite of Christian burial helps. It both celebrates the life well lived, and sends the person’s spirit on to new life. We are consoled by the belief that our loved one is once more safe, pain-free, and joyous in the presence of God and the vast community (Communion) of saints. And for those left behind, the Beatitude promises us: *Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

Sometimes, we are called to be the comforters. Just as it *“takes a village to raise a child,”* it also takes a village to stay connected with, and to weave a net of support for the family that mourns. While the process of grieving differs in length and intensity for each of us, it is almost always a long journey. As comforters, we are called to remain faithful, and to reach out, joining for some of that journey at the outset, and returning again and again as the path unfolds. In short, burying the dead is not a one-shot task.

Many of our loved ones rest in our Church cemetery along Rte. 28, where we can visit them, pray for them, talk with them, and even leave flowers or a remembrance. However,

since there is no staff to tend established gravesites, we count on individual care and oversight, such that seasonal decorations are removed in a timely way (NOW is a good time to remove Christmas mementos, for example). If you do NOT have a loved one to visit, please consider adopting a person at rest. Your prayers for them are a gift. If you are willing to make this a ministry, talk with Mark Wilsey (688-5500) to see how you might help in the care of gravesites with no surviving family members.

As we shift to consider the spiritual dimension, we reflect on Christ’s injunction that we must die to ourselves in order to have life in Him. Continuing our Lenten journey toward Jesus’ death and Resurrection, we see Him modeling this death-for-life sacrifice. Happily, most of us will not be called to die in this extreme way. Rather, Jesus wants us to “die” to our own desires, to stop putting ourselves first, or at the center. Perhaps we can think of this challenge as a series of small “deaths” that turn us, and move us incrementally toward Christ, and toward full life in Him.

What part of your old self are you burying this Lent? Can you be deliberate about forgiving someone, or shedding an attitude or behavior that is judgmental, critical or unkind? Can you bury the grudge, the sharp words, or the gossip? Get out your shovels, during this Jubilee Year of Mercy, and lay some things to rest!



Russell Abbrecht, Luisa Armani, Lauren 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, Susan Furey, 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.

Please call Father Raphael to add or remove a loved one’s name so that our list is current. Call 688-5617. Thank you.

PARISH CALENDAR

March 19	Sat	Feast day of St. Joseph celebration in the Parish Hall after 5:00pm Mass
March 20	-	Blessing and distribution of palms at all Masses. Procession from parking lot into church
March 20	Sun	Adult Faith Formation in the Rectory following 9:00 am Mass. All are welcome
March 20	Sun	Youth Faith Formation classes in the parish hall after 9:00 Mass
March 23	Wed	Divine Mercy Novena recited weekly on Wednesdays after the 8:00 am Mass















Palm Sunday, the Passion of the Lord, begins Holy Week by commemorating Jesus' messianic entry into Jerusalem, the city where "God will give him the throne of his father David." (Lk 1:32)

All four canonical Gospels tell the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem. The event adds credence to Jesus' identity as the Messiah because it fulfills prophesy, as in Zechariah (9:9): "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey."



Easter Triduum: To help unfold the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery, pamphlets on the Triduum (marking the most significant events of Holy Week) will be distributed at Masses on Palm Sunday.

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 Raucht, 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 Raucht, Alfred & Veronica Grace and our deceased brothers and sisters.</p> 	<p>"Oh Lord, how magnificent are the works of your hands!" In Loving Memory of my wonderful Mom</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>