

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

April 17, 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 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

BULLETIN EDITORS

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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
Our Parish Council includes Parish Committee Leaders

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Catechetical Formation for adults and young people and their
families meets each month. Schedule posted in bulletin.

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.

April 17, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Easter

“I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.” - John 10:27-30

Mass Intentions

Week of April 16th – April 21st

Sat	4/16	5:00p	†Carmelo Barrientos req. by Nancy and Ed Zorn
Sun	4/17	9:00a	Living Members of Druffner Family req. by Jean Druffner
Sun	4/17	10:30a	†Amy Ryan by Finola Ryan & Family
Mon	4/18	8:00a	Open Intention
Tue	4/19	8:00a	Open Intention
Wed	4/20	8:00a	Open Intention
Thur	4/21	8:00a	Open Intention

The Second Collection this week is for Fuel

Weekend of April 23rd – April 24th

Sat	4/23	5:00p	†Carmelo Barrientos req. by Don and Peggy Kearney
Sun	4/24	9:00a	†Peg Goodrich req. by Breeda O'Callahan
Sun	4/24	10:30a	†Tim Sullivan req. by Iris D'Agostino

Weekend Lectors

Sat	4/16	5:00pm	Heather Marsten
Sun	4/17	9:00am	Pat & Mike Ruane
Sun	4/17	10:30am	Elizabeth Quinn



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat	4/16	5:00pm	Zorn, DiCiervo, DeMaria
Sun	4/17	9:00am	Shimer, Nilsen, Ryder
Sun	4/17	10:30am	Ullmann, Paultre, Pavone



Weekend Ushers

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

Readings for the Week of April 18, 2016

- Monday:** Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a; John 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6

April 10, 2016 Regular Collection: \$1,355.00

Archdiocese for Military Services, USA: \$489.00

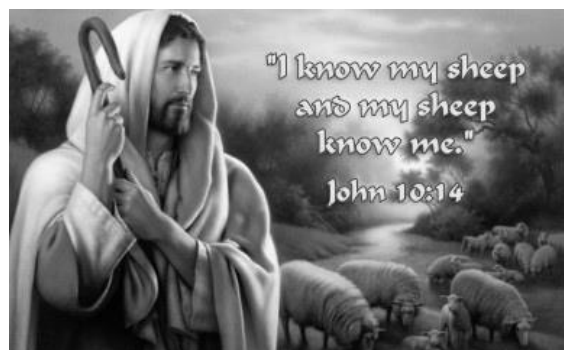
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Scripture Reflection

"My sheep hear my voice"

How secure is your faith and trust in God? Jesus speaks of the tremendous trust he has in God his Father and the tremendous trust we ought to have in him because he is our good shepherd. What is the significance of Jesus calling himself the Good Shepherd? Shepherds were very common in the land of Jesus' time. Shepherds got to know their sheep well and kept a careful count each evening. They also called their sheep by name so the sheep could recognize the shepherd's voice when he called them to follow him.

Peter the Apostle tells us that the Lord Jesus is the *Good Shepherd and Guardian of our souls*. He keeps a close and personal watch over every one of his sheep - his followers who belong to him. He calls each of us personally by name to follow him. And he promises to be our guardian and protector from the snares of our enemy, Satan, the father of lies and a murderer from the beginning. The Lord leads us each day to good pastures - places where we can feed on his word and drink from the well-springs of living water which is his Holy Spirit. If we feed on his word and drink from the living water of the Holy Spirit, we will find the nourishment and strength we need to live each day for his glory and honor. Do you recognize the voice of your Shepherd and Guardian who calls to you each day? *Copyright 2016, Don Schwager: www.dailyscripture.net. Reprinted with permission*



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, April 18th following the **8:00 am Mass**, we pray the **7th** 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 April classes are **April 17 and 24**. 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 for Fuel.

Adult Faith Formation: Please join Sr. Catherine Gormley, **Sunday, April 24, 2016** in the rectory after 9:00 am Mass. **Topic: “On the Way to new faith in the risen Christ.”** What do the first generation Christians mean by the Risen Christ? How do they think about the resurrection? What happened to make the disciples believe in something so amazing about Jesus? Join in our “community of faith,” growing in our knowledge and love of Jesus. Enjoy the company of members of St. Francis de Sales community as well as coffee and Danish!

Calling All Gardeners!

As we get ready to welcome the return of our spring flowers, the gardens around the grotto and rectory need some attention and love. Bring your favorite tools, clippers, etc. and join our garden "party" today **Sunday, April 17**, following the 9:00 am Mass. We'll plan a 2-hour work session. Many hands will make the work light. Please join us!

Bulletin Advertising Renewals & Changes:

New term (May 1 – April 30, 2017). New advertisers are welcome! Please call Eileen 817-300-6813 or email: e.moc@tx.rr.com. Cost: \$100/yr. Thank you for using the services of our bulletin advertisers – please let them know how much we appreciate their support!

Mother Mary Angelica (EWTN): The foundress of the largest religious global TV network passed away Easter Sunday following a long illness. According to many, including Popes, Mother Angelica’s network has had a huge impact on the Catholic Church in America. The Catholic network reaches 230 million viewers worldwide in 144 countries. To learn more about the

nun that started the EWTN TV network go to our parish website... (www.stfrancisdesalesphoenicia.com).

Bishop Robert Barron creator of the highly acclaimed *Catholicism* Series speaks about Mother Angelica in a 10-minute video presentation. If Father’s video topic has changed, click “playlist” in upper left-hand corner of screen for Mother Angelica.

Bulletin Spiritual Bouquet Renewals: (May 1, 2016 – April 30, 2017). **Your intentions for loved ones are remembered at all weekend Masses. Contact Claire Paultre at 688-5155 for renewals, changes or to obtain a new bouquet. Cost: \$75/yr. Appears in bulletin every week. Spaces are limited. Thank you.**

THIRD SPIRITUAL WORK –

Counsel the Doubtful

During this Easter Season, we read John’s Gospel (John 20:24-29) and revisit Thomas, who is not present when Jesus first appears amid his disciples after the Resurrection. Thomas proclaims his skepticism when the others share what has happened. He states conditions – *I will not believe unless I touch the nail-prints in His hands, and put my hand in His side.* Only later, when Christ invites him to touch His wounds, and gently admonishes him: *Do not persist in your unbelief, but believe!* Is Thomas won over? And armed with the fire of this new conviction, Thomas goes out to spread the Good News to the world.

John’s telling the story of “doubting Thomas” gives us both warning and hope. Most of us do not get the dramatic slap upside the head like Thomas, nor are we struck from our high horse like Saul (Paul). Instead, we struggle. Our belief runs hot and cold. We *want* to believe, finding Sunday refuge in the liturgy and sacraments, but then we return to family, neighbors, friends and co-workers who do not share, and may even scoff at our belief. We waffle in a secular society where it’s convenient – even cool – to express doubt about the real presence of God: *How could there be a God, when something awful occurs in our family, our community, our world? What kind of God allows bad things to happen? Does God really answer your prayers? What has He done for you lately? How can you have a relationship with a silent, invisible being?* Karl Marx famously postulated that *Religion is the opiate of the people.* Is our belief merely a drug that helps us bear life’s suffering and cruel realities? The noise out there can be overwhelming. We don’t know how to respond. On our own, our faith seems flimsy, and we feel like some 21st Century version of Pollyanna. How can we remain believers, and avoid being sucked into the skepticism? (*Spiritual Work Continued on Page 4*)

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This Spiritual Work recognizes that doubt is inevitable. Happily, the interaction between Christ and Thomas gives us a model for working through our disbelief. We must express it – not keep it hidden in the silence of our hearts. By stating his doubt publicly, Thomas received both the information and grace he needed to overcome it. He was not left alone in his disbelief. Neither are we.

The expectation is that we will both seek, and offer counsel. In our church community, we are so blessed to have Fr. Raphael – a deeply spiritual man who has tremendous experience in pastoral counseling. Doubts about faith, questions about family, relationships, marriage, abortion, divorce, death, or whatever burdens your heart, can be shared confidentially with him in whatever way is most comfortable for you – in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, in his office with an appointment, or informally in the rectory parlor. This is a man who responds generously to the question: *Father, have you got a minute?*

The beauty of our Christian community is that we can also counsel one another – with our words and with our actions. There is strength in numbers, and hope in the steadfastness of the belief that we witness in others who share our faith journey. John concludes the Thomas story with Christ’s message to all of us: *Blest are they who have not seen and have believed.*

Where is the evidence? We do not need to stipulate conditions for belief. Nor are we expected to embrace blind belief. Rather, we must be open to our potential as an Easter community. Sharing and reflecting the presence of the resurrected Jesus in each of us, we are called to bring light to the darkness. Gerard Manley Hopkins’ poem, *The Wreck of the Deutschland*, invites us to experience what Thomas learned in his encounter: *Let Him easter in us, be a dayspring to the dimness of us, be a crimson-cresseted east.*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2016:

If you would like to have a Mass offered on a specific day and time, please contact Fr. Raphael by phone at 688-5617 or an office visit. Thank you.



Intention Book is located on the podium in the rear of the church (near Tree of Life wall display) is an “Intention Book” for your personal prayer requests. Prayer Intentions will be remembered at our Masses.

“All that is not eternal is not worthy of a thought.” – St. Francis de Sales

Special Occasions & Celebrations

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



“Happy Birthday” to Marge Tiso (4/2) and Scarlett (4/6) (Youth Faith Formation). *There’s nothing more important than celebrating the day on which God brought you into this world. God bless you and have a great Birthday! Happy Birthday!*

Happy Anniversary (48 years) (4/6) to John and Geri Nilsen (Faith Formation Coordinator); Chris & Jerry Baltz (4/11); Maureen & Gene Gormley (4/25). *May God continue to guide you and bless you in your marriage journey. Happy Anniversary!*

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



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, Danielle Marino, 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, Pat Ryder, Zoila Santa, Martha Santicola, Bert Shafer, Peter and Gladys Gilbert 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.*

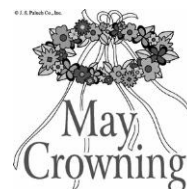
We’re always eager to hear that someone is doing better **and that our prayers are being answered. Please call Father Raphael** to add or remove a loved one’s name so that our list is up-to-date. Thank you. Call 688-5617.

PARISH CALENDAR














April 17	Sun	“Call to Gardeners” after Sunday’s 9:00 am Mass. Bring your favorite tools to Grotto area
April 24	Sun	Adult Faith Formation Class is in the rectory after the 9:00 am Mass.
April 24	Sun	Children’s Faith Formation after 9 am Mass in Parish Hall.
May 1	Sun	Mary Crowning in the Grotto following a procession from the church after 10:30 am Mass

May Crowning – Sunday May 1st

Do you have a special devotion to our Blessed Mother? May is the traditional month of Mary... a long standing tradition in the Church to honor the Mother of our Lord. This year’s Crowning of Our Lady of La Salette statue will be held in the Grotto following a procession from the church after 10:30 am Mass. La Salette Sodality members and Youth Faith Formation children invite you and your families to participate in this special ceremony. Jesus loved His Mother who was greeted by the Archangel Gabriel as “full of grace.” Mary always pointed us to her beloved Son, Jesus. Finally, Jesus gave His Mother to the Church when dying on the Cross he told John, “Behold Your Mother!” **Please join us in the parish hall following the Grotto ceremony for a short reflection on Mary. Coffee and cake will be served. All are welcome!**



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 D’Agostino and 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> 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>

**Annual Spiritual Bouquet Renewals Begin This Month.
Call Claire 688-5155**