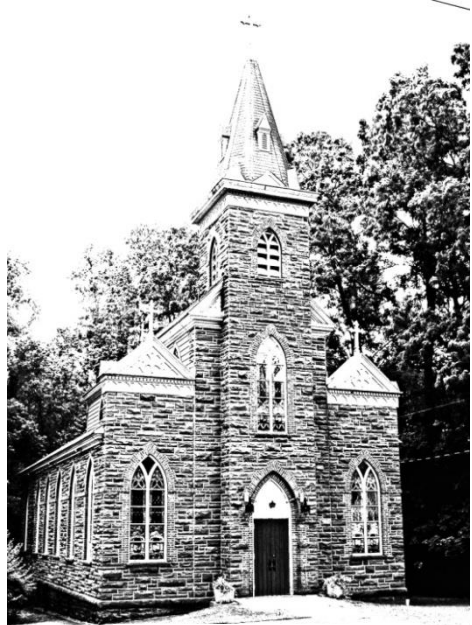


St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

April 24, 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

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 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

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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 24, 2016

Fifth Sunday of Easter

"I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you." - John 13:31-33a, 34-35

Mass Intentions

Week of April 23rd – April 28th

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
Mon	4/25	8:00a	Open Intention
Tue	4/26	8:00a	†Cecelia Druffner req. by Jean Druffner
Wed	4/27	8:00a	Open Intention
Thur	4/28	8:00a	Open Intention

Weekend of April 30th – May 1st

Sat	4/30	5:00p	†Carmelo Barrientos req. by Peggy & Don Kearney
Sun	5/01	9:00a	†Anthony Loddo req. by Jeff & Kathleen Collins
Sun	5/01	10:30a	†MaryAnn Hall Bruck req. by Barbara Ahouse

Weekend Lectors

Sat	4/23	5:00pm	Jane Wolfrom
Sun	4/24	9:00am	Elizabeth Quinn
Sun	4/24	10:30am	Laurie Brown



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat	4/23	5:00pm	Zorn, DiCiervo, DeMaria
Sun	4/24	9:00am	Shimer, Nilsen, Ryder
Sun	4/24	10:30am	DiPasqua, Pavone, Paultre



Weekend Ushers

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

Readings for the Week of April 25, 2016

Monday: 1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20 St. Mark, Evangelist (Feast)

Tuesday: Acts 14: 19-28; John 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17 St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

April 17, 2016 Regular Collection: \$1,339.00

Monthly Fuel Collection: \$1,353.00

Thank you for your generosity.

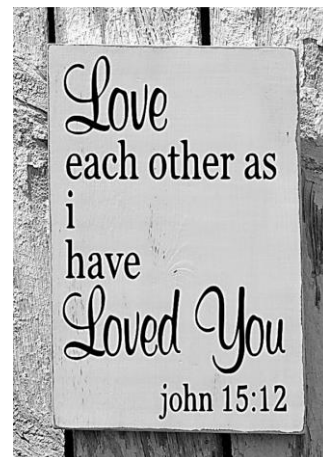
Scripture Reflection

"Love one another as I have loved you"

How can we love one another as Christ has loved us? Paul the Apostle tells us that "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us." Jesus poured out his Holy Spirit on his disciples at Pentecost and he pours out his Spirit today on all who believe in him. If we yield our hearts to Jesus and submit to his will for us, then the Holy Spirit will purify all that is unloving, unkind, and unforgiving in us. The Lord wants to transform our minds so we can understand his word of truth and life which has power to set us free from ignorance, unbelief, deception, and prejudice.

The distinctive mark of every disciple and follower of Jesus Christ is love - a love that is ready to forgive and forget past injuries, to heal and restore. The cross of Jesus is the only way to peace, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Every other way will fail or fall short of the glory and victory which Jesus Christ has won for us through his death and resurrection. If we embrace his love and truth and allow his Holy Spirit to purify and transform our hearts and minds, then we will find the inner freedom, joy, and strength we need to love without measure, to forgive without limit, and to serve without reward – except that of knowing we are serving the One who wants to be united with us in an unbreakable bond of love, peace and joy forever.

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PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, April 25th following the **8:00 am Mass**, we pray the **8th** 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 April class is **April 24. First Penance is Saturday, April 30, 1:00 pm** in the Rectory. **Parents: The May 1st class will be held at 9:30 am in the Parish Hall.** The children are participating in the May Crowning Ceremony after the 10:30 am Mass. Everyone is invited to the Parish Hall afterwards for refreshments. **May 8 – no class because of Mother’s Day.**



The May classes are: **May 1st, May 15th, and May 22nd.** 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, **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!

Supporting our Bulletin (May 1–April 30, 2017)

Bulletin Advertising Renewals & Changes:

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

Bulletin Spiritual Bouquet Renewals:

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. Bouquets appear in bulletin every week. Spaces are limited. New spots available. Thank you.

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.

Respect Life Roses for Mother's Day: Mother's Day weekend, May 7 & 8. The Ulster Vicariate Respect Life Committee will be selling Red Roses -- Honor your mother for the gift of Life. – Remember deceased Mothers and Grandmothers by leaving a rose at the Blessed Mother's altar. All proceeds benefit the Ulster Vicariate Respect Life Education Fund. The cost is \$2.00 per rose. We are your friends for life.

May Crowning –Sunday May 1st: May is the traditional month of Mary... Church tradition has long honored the Mother of our Lord. Next weekend, parishioners are welcome to the annual Crowning of Our Lady of La Salette statue in the Grotto after the 10:30 am Mass. Bows will be attached to reserved pews at the front of the church for La Salette members and the children. At the end of Mass, parishioners are invited to sing our May Crowning Hymn as we process from the church (in this order):



The Cross Bearer; Youth Faith Formation, Our Lady of La Salette members; the Congregation and then Fr. Raphael. After the Crowning, everyone is invited to the Parish Hall for a short reflection on our Blessed Mother. Coffee, cake and light refreshments will be served. All are welcome to join us!

(Photos: Last year’s Crowning in the Grotto.)



Special Occasions & Celebrations

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



“Happy Birthday” - Marge Tiso (4/2) and Scarlet (4/6) (Youth Faith Formation), Jim Collins (4/15), Heather Marsten (4/20). *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” (4/6) to John and Geri Nilsen (Faith Formation Coordinator), 48 years; 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 Klonfas, 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.

GARDEN CLEAN-UP A BIG SUCCESS!

Thanks to a gorgeous outdoor workday and the hard work of about ten volunteers last Sunday, the grotto area and meditation gardens got a great spring cleaning! Special thanks to Jeff Collins for donating mulch! We'll plan a follow-up day in May. Check the bulletin for the next date!

FOURTH SPIRITUAL WORK OF MERCY – Comfort the Sorrowful

In our unpacking of the Corporal Works, we explored the beatitude “Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” We recognize death as the most obvious cause of human sorrow, and may wonder why we seem to be revisiting this in the Spiritual Works.

The reason is simple. Sorrow and suffering take many forms: serious health issues, family problems, unemployment, mental illness, addiction, abuse, fear about physical or emotional safety, disappointment and depression, etc. This suffering is often uncomfortable to witness, especially when it’s close at hand – in our family, our neighborhood, our community. We want to turn our heads, ignore the problem, or pretend we don’t see what is happening. Becoming involved may become messy and uncomfortable. After all, most of us are not skilled at healing broken hearts and spirits – isn’t this something that priests and trained professionals are supposed to do?

In Shakespeare’s play, *Much Ado About Nothing*, the character Benedick observes that “Everyone can master a grief but him who has it.” Being alone in a time of sorrow is difficult and dispiriting. Our presence and recognition can make all the difference. True, we may not be prepared or able to remove the suffering, but happily for us, that is not the expectation. Rather, this Work of Mercy invites us to notice and acknowledge what the person is going through, and to offer a kind word and a prayer. We are called to walk with those who are suffering, and merely to reach out and touch their wounded hearts and spirits. Lending a sympathetic ear, or just taking time to be with a sorrowing person, can be a source of comfort.

Mother Teresa offers us encouragement as we consider the impact of our role as comforters: “None of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.”



PARISH CALENDAR














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 1	Sun	Children' Faith Formation Class at 9:30 am in Parish Hall due to May Crowning.



Last week parishioner, Pam Hammond, visited with Angie Valentino in her new facility in Nyack (before the Tappan Zee Bridge). Pam was working in the vicinity and used the opportunity to bring Angie an Easter Lily from our altar. Angie sends her best wishes to Father Raphael and all our parishioners. She loved the Easter Lily. For those who wish to contact Angie, her new address is posted on the bulletin board in the church vestibule.



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 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 Raucht, 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**