

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

May 8, 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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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
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Youth Faith Formation, Gerry Nilsen 687-9769
Finance: Mike Ruane..... 688-5357
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BULLETIN EDITORS

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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.

May 8, 2016

Seventh Sunday of Easter

“I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord. I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice” *John 17:20-26*

Mass Intentions

Week of May 7th – May 12th

- Sat 5/07 5:00p †Carmelo Barrientos requested by Peggy & Don Kearney
- Sun 5/08 9:00a †Elizabeth Morrongiello requested by Jean Druffner
- Sun 5/08 10:30a †Janice Santora req. by brother Frank
- Mon 5/09 8:00a †Thomas McCloskey requested by Gene and Maureen Gormley
- Tue 5/10 8:00a †Carmelo Barrientos requested by Barbara Demaria
- Wed 5/11 8:00a †Carmelo Barrientos by Barbara Demaria
- Thur 5/12 8:00a †Carmelo Barrientos by Barbara Demaria
- Fri 5/13 8:00a †Carmelo Barrientos by Barbara Demaria

2nd Collection this week: Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Weekend of May 14th – May 15th

- Sat 5/14 5:00p †Carmelo Barrientos requested by Don and Peggy Kearney
- Sun 5/15 9:00a †Joseph P. Menkowski requested by Barbara Ahouse
- Sun 5/15 10:30a †Peter Giambrone req. by Family

Weekend Lectors

- Sat 5/07 5:00pm Pat/Mike Ruane
- Sun 5/08 9:00am Lorenza Vesely
- Sun 5/08 10:30am Laurie Brown



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

- Sat 5/07 5:00pm Zorn, Paultre, Marsten
- Sun 5/08 9:00am Colagrande, Nilsen, Ryder
- Sun 5/08 10:30am Bloodgood, Ullmann, Quinn



Weekend Ushers

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

Readings for the Week of May 9, 2016

Monday: Acts 19:1-8, John 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19

Scripture Reflection

Jesus prays for all who believe in him

When you pray - who and what do you pray for? Jesus' prayers were personal and directed to his Father in heaven. He prayed for his Father's will to be accomplished. And he prayed for all who believed in him that they might grow in love and unity with the Father in heaven and with one another as children of God - his beloved sons and daughters.

The Lord Jesus included each one of us in his high priestly prayer at the last supper. He continues his high priestly office this very day as our intercessor at the right hand of the Father. Paul the Apostle tells us that it is "Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us." We, too, are called to join in Jesus' high priestly prayer that all who profess Jesus as Lord may grow in unity together as brothers and sisters who have been redeemed through the precious blood which the Lord Jesus shed for us on the cross. Where there is rivalry and division, may we sow seeds of friendship and forgiveness. Where there is hatred, envy, and jealousy, may we sow kindness, mercy, and selfless love and concern for others. Prayer to God and prayer for the unity of God's people is a sacred duty and a great privilege. May we join our prayer with the prayer of Jesus for the unity of all who belong to Christ as his disciples and friends. *Copyright 2016, Don Schwager: www.dailyscripture.net.Reprinted with permission*



May 1, 2016 Regular Collection: \$1,107.00
 Monthly Collection: \$1,171.00
Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, May 9th following the **8:00 am Mass**, we pray the **1st** day of the Novena. "Our Lady of La Salette, *Reconciler of Sinners, pray without ceasing for us, who have recourse to you.*"

Second Collection: The Second Collection this week is for Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

Children's Faith Formation:

Classes are held after the 9:00 am Mass. **May 8 – no class because of Mother's Day.** The May classes are: **May 15th**, and **May 22nd**. Please pray for our students & their families. FMI, please call Faith Formation Coord., Gerri Nilsen at 687-9769.



RESPECT



LIFE

Respect Life Roses for Mother's

Day: This 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!

Senior Prom: Last call folks! On **Thursday, May 12**, the Phoenicia Rotary will hold its annual **Senior Prom** in our Parish Hall. **CORRECTION: Doors open at 4:00 pm**, not 3:30 pm as previously announced. All "senior citizens" are welcome to this complimentary meal and entertainment by the Onteora High School DECA (a business club) and members of the Jazz Club. **Call Debra at 688-5965 x 6701 to reserve a place.**

Coffee Klatches are Back! We are looking for hosts & hostesses for our third season of Coffee Klatches held on Sunday mornings. The prospective dates for this year are: **May 15th, June 19th, July 17th, August 21st, September 18th & October 16th.** We are looking for two teams of between 1-2 people for each date; it's not much work, a lot of fun, a good way to serve the community and get to know other parishioners! For more information or to sign up, call Bill Colagrande @ 688-2013.



NEW DATE: Our Parish's *Meditation Group* will meet **May 18th**; and thereafter the **3rd Wednesday of each month** in the Fr. Gorman Hall at **6:30pm** for approximately one and one half hours. Overview of the meeting: a Scripture Reading, selected by one of the members, is brought to the meeting, meditated upon by the group for 20 minutes and then spontaneous sharing ensues about the reading. All are welcome to attend.

Adult Faith Formation: Please join Sr. Catherine Gormley, **Sunday, May 22, 2016** in the rectory after 9:00 am Mass. **Topic: "COMMUNITY AS SEEN THROUGH THE LENS OF THE PROPHETS."** Community was such an important concept throughout the Old Testament and the prophets kept reminding the people that they were in a binding relationship with their God which we call "covenant". They were formed to be God's people and owed God and their neighbor loyalty and love. Prophets like Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Isaiah and others constantly kept this idea before Israel's eyes. Today we will look at some of the prophets and try to gain new insights into the relationship between covenant and community. Come and join us for some lively discussion as well as coffee and Danish!

Bulletin Advertising Renewals & Changes:

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Bulletin Spiritual Bouquet Renewals:

Your intentions for loved ones are remembered at all weekend Masses. Contact Claire Paultre at 688-5155 for renewals & changes. Cost: \$75/yr. New spots are available. Thank you.

M - O - T - H - E - R

"M" is for the million things she gave me,
"O" means only that she's growing old,
"T" is for the tears she shed to save me,
"H" is for her heart of purest gold;
"E" is for her eyes, with love-light shining,
"R" means right, and right she'll always be,
Put them all together, they spell "MOTHER,"
A word that means the world to me.
Howard Johnson (c. 1915)



May God bless all mothers, and may we all look to Mary, the Mother of God for guidance, strength, and love. Wishing all Mothers a Very Happy Mother's Day!!!

Special Occasions & Celebrations

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



“Happy Birthday” - Doris Murphy (5/19); Etta Hanigan (5/20). *May your special day be filled with JOY and LOVE and may you know that GOD is always with you. Happy Birthday!*

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

SIXTH SPIRITUAL WORK OF MERCY – Forgive Offenses

When the Pharisees criticized Jesus for dining with tax collectors and sinners, He responded:

People who are in good health do not need a doctor; sick people do. Go and learn the meaning of the words ‘It is mercy I desire, not sacrifice.’ I have come to call, not the self-righteous, but sinners. (Matthew 9:12-13)

In addition to bearing wrongs patiently – the substance of the Fifth Spiritual Work, the **Sixth Work** goes a step further. We are called to forgive the heartless criticism, the angry response so thoughtlessly spoken, the vicious verbal abuse, the arrogant dismissal, the cowardly denial that leaves us standing alone and vulnerable, the jealous accusation, the ignorant decision against us. These are assaults on our spirit. Because they are *not* physical, they do not heal quickly. As such, they are hard to forgive, and even harder to forget. Perhaps you have experienced being on both sides – giving and receiving offense.

Jesus walked the talk of forgiveness – all the way to the Cross, and beyond to the forty days prior to His Ascension. He healed the lame and sick, and assured them their sins were forgiven. He did not judge the woman caught in adultery, and merely told her to sin no more. He underscored the meaning of forgiveness in parables like the Prodigal Son. He forgave Peter for his triple denial, welcomed the repentant thief, and asked pardon for those who, out of ignorance, put Him to death.

Perhaps the greatest story of forgiveness in modern times is the example of Nelson Mandela, who rose from an abusive system of apartheid and eighteen years of hardship in prison to become South Africa’s first Black

President. With his public act of forgiving his persecutors, this humble man led his nation in an unprecedented laying down of grudges and brutal animosities that were centuries old. In the face of such huge wrongs, nothing short of forgiveness would enable the nation to move forward, with all the races trying to work together for the common good.

We need to give, and receive forgiveness as well, in order for us to create a clean heart and lighten the load that we are carrying. Consider this Spiritual Work as a part of your spring cleaning.

“SAVE THE DATE”! - The date for our annual St. Francis de Sales picnic is **Sunday, August 14 at Noon.** This is an opportunity to enjoy good food and fellowship among our community members, friends, and family. Fr. Raphael has assured us that the weather will be fine, but we'll set up a tent just in case. Further details will be announced later in June; so stay tuned!



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 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
















May 7, 8	-	Respect Life – Roses may be bought \$2.00/piece: benefits Respect Life Education Fund.
May 12	Thu	Correction: Senior Prom in Parish Hall. Doors open at 4:00 pm. See bulletin for details.
May 15	Sun	Youth Faith Formation after 9 am Mass in Parish Hall. NO CLASS - Mother's Day
May 15	Sun	Coffee Klatch in front of the Church after the 9:00 am and 10:30 am Masses.
May 18	Wed	Meditation Group meets at 6:30 pm in Fr. Gorman Hall. See bulletin for details.
May 22	Sun	Adult Faith Formation with Sr. Catherine Gormley in Fr. Gorman Hall after 9 am Mass

THE MONTH OF MARY

Many thanks to those who participated in last Sunday's Crowning of the Blessed Mother statue. Parishioners gathered in the Parish Hall afterwards to recite a decade of the Rosary. Coffee, refreshments and beautiful flowers adorned the Marian displays. Thank you members of Our Lady of La Salette Sodality and the Youth Faith Formation program!



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 dear husband Romeo and my beloved son, Joseph by Saveria "Honey" Fecci</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!" In Loving Memory of my wonderful Mom</p>
<p>Available Intention</p>	<p>Available Intention</p>	<p> Prayer to the Miraculous Infant Jesus of Prague. The Wallace Family</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of our Parents, Jack & Sue Tiso and Anthony & Florence Persichilli by Charles, Joseph, Margie, Pam & Susan.</p> 

Spiritual Bouquets: Renewals/Changes/New
Call Claire 688-5155