

# St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

## December 11, 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 (Mon– Thurs)**  
**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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*Rev. George W. Hommel, Parish Administrator*

### **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  
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### **PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE LEADERS**

Bldg & Grounds: Burr Hubbell..... 845-750-3203  
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Communication: Pam Hammond..... 688-2642  
Director of Music: Dennis Yerry... 657-2714  
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Youth Faith Formation: Gerry Nilsen ..... 687-9769  
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Parish Hall: Laurie Brown ..... 657-9652  
Social and Outreach: Bill Colagrande..... 688-2013  
Bulletin Editors: Cheryl Bender & Judy Pavone

### **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.*

### **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  
and by appointment

#### **Anointing of the Sick and Communion to the Homebound**

Call the Rectory to make arrangements

### **FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM**

Adult and Youth Faith Formation schedules are posted in the bulletins and on the parish website.

### **OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE SODALITY**

Meets after 10:30 am Mass the first Sunday of the month  
President: Pam Hammond 688-2642  
Vice-President: Pat Ryder – Secretary: Elizabeth Quinn  
Treasurer: Eileen O'Connor

### **ABOUT OUR PARISH**

Archbishop Michael A. Corrigan entrusted the care of the newly formed parish of St. Francis de Sales to the Missionary Fathers of La Salette in 1902. Rev. M. Julien Ginet, M.S., architect, builder and first pastor dedicated the church on Sunday, August 21, 1904. The Missionary Fathers returned pastoral care of St. Francis de Sales Parish to the Archdiocese of New York in 2003.

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## Third Sunday in Advent

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.” Matthew 11:2-11



### Mass Intentions

#### Week of December 10th–December 16th

Sat	12/10	5:00p	Strauss & Ryan Families req. by Terry & Joe Strauss
Sun	12/11	9:00a	Strauss & Ryan Families req. by Terry & Joe Strauss
Sun	12/11	10:30a	†William DiPasqua req. by wife, Lillian
Mon	12/12	8:00a	Open Intention
Mon	12/12	7:30p	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tue	12/13	8:00a	Open Intention
Wed	12/14	8:00a	Open Intention
Thur	12/15	8:00a	†Mary Wallace req. by the Wallace Family
Fri	12/16	8:00a	Open Intention

**The Second Collection this week is the Retirement Fund for Religious**

#### Weekend of December 17th and December 18th

Sat	12/17	5:00p	Open Intention
Sun	12/18	9:00a	Open Intention
Sun	12/18	10:30a	Open Intention

#### Weekend Lectors

Sat	12/10	5:00p	P. Ruane, Marek
Sun	12/11	9:00a	Burr Hubbell
Sun	12/11	10:30a	Elizabeth Quinn



#### Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat	12/10	5:00p	Pavone, Zorn, DeMaria
Sun	12/11	9:00a	Shimer, Ryder, Nilsen
Sun	12/11	10:30a	Ullman, DiPasqua, Bloodgood



#### Weekend Ushers

Jerry Baltz   Bill Caton   Andy Nappi   Frank Rauchut  
 John Sansone   Bruce Wallace   Ed Zorn

#### Readings for the Week of December 12, 2016

**Monday:** Revelation: 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;  
 Luke 1:39-47

**Tuesday:** Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21:28-32

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Luke 7:18b-23

**Thursday:** Isaiah 54:1-10; Luke 7:24-30

**Friday:** Isaiah 56:1-3a, 6-8; John 5:33-36

### Scripture Reflection

**"They shall obtain joy and gladness"**

John the Baptist paid the ultimate sacrifice of his life for speaking God's word and preparing the way for Jesus the Lord and Savior of the world. John wanted his disciples to hear and see firsthand what Jesus was doing to bring the kingdom of God to those who were receptive and ready to receive his message.

Jesus knew that what the Father in heaven had sent him to accomplish for our sake would supersede all that the prophets had done and foreseen in the past. Jesus' atoning death on the cross cancels the debt of our sins and sets us free to live as citizens of his kingdom. He gives us pardon, healing, and abundant life through his Holy Spirit and the promise of unending joy with him in his everlasting kingdom.

The Lord Jesus offers us the same assurance of faith and the strength to stand against every force that would try to rob us of our conviction and courage to live and proclaim the *good news* (the *Gospel*) of God's kingdom. Do you know the joy, strength, and power which Jesus gives to everyone who puts their trust in him and the power of the Holy Spirit? Ask the Lord Jesus to increase your faith and hope in his promises for you.

"Lord Jesus, strengthen my trust in your word and my hope in the saving power of your kingdom. Free me from everything that would hold me back from pursuing your kingdom and your will for my life." Copyright 2016, Don Schwager: [www.dailyscripture.net](http://www.dailyscripture.net). Reprinted with permission



#### **EARLY BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS FOR DECEMBER**

Information for the **Dec. 25** bulletin must be given to the bulletin editors by **3 pm, Thurs. Dec. 15** and for the **Jan. 1, 2017** bulletin by **3 pm, Wed. Dec. 21**. Thank you.

**Regular Collection December 4, 2016: \$1,764.00**

**Monthly Collection: \$955.00**

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Novena to Our Lady of La Salette:** Monday, December 12th following the 8:00 am Mass, we pray the 5th 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 for children begin after the 9:00 Mass on Sunday. Please pray for our students, families, and teachers. **December classes are December 11th, and December 18th.** If you need to contact our Youth Formation Coordinator, please call Gerry Nilsen at 687-9769.



### **Youth Faith Formation Project-Feed the Hungry**

Collected food items are donated weekly to the Phoenicia Food Pantry. Check the list of suggested foods on the decorated collection box. The youth received a beautiful “thank you” letter from the food pantry. It’s posted on the church bulletin board. Contact Gerry 687-9769 or Patti 688-7172. No perishable items.

**Women’s Prayer Group and Bible Study:** The first session begins **Wed. Dec. 14 from 3:30-4:30 pm** in the Fr. Gorman Hall at the back of the rectory. Contact Pat Ruane (688-5357) if you have questions.

**Men’s Bible Study:** Meets **Wed. Dec 14 at 7 pm** in the Rectory. All men are welcome.

**Meditation Group:** Meets **Wed. Dec 14 at 6:30 pm** in the Fr. Gorman Hall.

**NEW 2017 Missals:** Please do not remove the 2017 Missals from the pews. Feel free to take the old 2016 Missal home – copies under bench in back of Church.

**Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe:** In 1531 Our Blessed Mother appeared to an Aztec Indian, Juan Diego in Guadalupe, Mexico. Join us in celebrating the patroness of the Americas in a bilingual Mass **Monday Dec. 12, 7:30 pm. Reception in the Rectory afterwards.** Bring a dish to share & your favorite beverage!

**Reconciliation Monday:** Cardinal Dolan designated **Monday, Dec. 19 as Reconciliation Monday** for Advent. All parishes in the archdiocese will have priests available to hear confessions from 4:00 - 8:00 pm. For more information about the Sacrament of Penance go to: <https://nyfaithformation.org/events/advent-reconciliation-monday-1> (Source: Archdiocese of NY)

### **HELP NEEDED - GIVING TREE PROJECT:**

Help will be needed in the Parish Hall to collate and tag gifts for distribution to the many recipients this Holy Season. We plan to meet Monday, Dec. 19 and, if needed, Tuesday, Dec. 20th at 11:00 am. Please contact Marge Tiso 688-5898 if you can join us.

Our once-bare Giving Tree with the hopes of budding into something “life-giving” will soon transform itself into a lush tree as the gifts appear beneath its branches. Thank you all for making this transformation possible by your generosity to those in need this Holy Season!



### **CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR’S MASS SCHEDULE**

**Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve, Children’s Mass at 5 p.m.

**Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at 10 p.m.

**Dec. 25:** Christmas Day Mass at 9 a.m.

**Dec. 31:** Thursday 8 am New Year’s Eve Mass

**Dec. 31:** Thursday, New Year’s Eve Mass at 5 p.m.

**Jan. 1:** Solemnity of Mary Mass at 10:30 a.m.



**Music Ministry:** Throughout the Christmas Season, the Memorial Acclamation sung will be # 882 in the new 2017 Missal: “**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**”

During Advent at 9:00 am Mass only, the youth are singing, “*Peace Time,*” during the Sign of Peace. The words are: “*Peace Time, Peace Time, Time for Making Peace; Peace Time, Peace Time, Time to say I forgive you, Time for saying I love you. Time to live as Friends.*”

In keeping with this week’s “Gaudete Sunday,” the 9:00 am Recessional Song will be “**Rejoice**”: “**Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say Rejoice. (2xs); Rejoice, Rejoice again I say Rejoice (2xs); Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice (2xs) ; Rejoice, Rejoice again I say Rejoice (2xs).**” All songs are practiced prior to Mass. A new youth song will be published in next week’s bulletin (for 9:00 am Mass). Thank you for participating.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary:** Members of Our Lady of La Salette Sodality invite you to join us in recitation of the Rosary **Monday, Dec. 12 at 11:30 am** in the Church. All are welcome!

## **Special Occasions & Celebrations**

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



***“Happy Birthday”*** ***Finola Ryan (12/9); Cheryl Bender (12/14).*** *May God continue to bless you every day with health, love, happiness, and the best life has to offer.*

Share your good news with the parish; drop info in the collection basket, email or contact Judy at 688-9912, [jap120@hvc.rr.com](mailto:jap120@hvc.rr.com).

**Father Mathew’s Book:** A few copies of Fr. Mathew’s book are still available: “Saint Teresa of Avila, a Transformational Leader.” Cost: \$15.00/book. Call Marge Tiso 688-5898. First-come, first-serve basis!

**Martha & Mary Ministry:** A Ministry focusing on helping bereaved families after a funeral or memorial service. We continue to seek parishioners that can help provide a dish of food. Please add your name to the list on our church bulletin board.

## **WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY IS LAUNCHED - WITH SOME CHANGES!**



After an enthusiastic informational meeting, St. Francis de Sales women are ready to get serious about studying Scripture! We have decided to use the four readings from our weekend

liturgies (the passage from Old Testament, Psalm, New Testament, and Gospel) as the text for our study. To prepare for our first study, **(December 14)**, we will study and reflect on the readings from **December 18th, the 4th Sunday in Advent.** (We will always get our text from the weekend AFTER the Bible study). We have also agreed to limit the session to one hour and changed the start time to 3:30 pm, so people can get home before dark. Since each session will be self-contained, women are welcome to join as schedule allows, without worry about loss of continuity. **We will meet in the Father Gorman Hall on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.**

To prepare for the study, you can read ahead in the Missal in your pew, or go online to a resource that tracks the readings, such as the following:  
<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/121816/cfm>.

Some of our working women have expressed interest in an evening Bible Study (3 so far). if we can get this

number up to 6 or 7, we'll begin a second Bible Study. Let Pat Ruane (688-5357) know of your interest.

**Sodality Christmas Luncheon:** Father Raphael joined members of the Sodality last weekend in celebration of their annual Christmas gathering. Thank you for your blessing, Father, and for recognition of the talents and gifts contributed by members (living and deceased) to St. Francis de Sales parish over the years!



**December Crafts Fair:** Last weekend’s well-attended crafts fair in our parish hall featured many creative Hudson Valley craftspeople including St. Francis de Sales parishioner, Lois Giambrone.



Russell Abbrecht, Luisa Armani, Lauren Aversa, Jerry Baltz, Jim Barden, Rick Bicanovsky, Kathleen Biondo, Sheila Madera-Brown, Ellen Burmeister, Ryan Callahan, Liam Casey, Ben Cole, Ed Dannen, Lillian DiPasqua, Betty Djerf, Robyn Daugherty, Iris D’Agostino, Honey Fecci, Ernest Fudge, Sr., Rose Fudge, David Gerdes, Lois Giambrone, Dorothy Gorman, Jan Goyer, David Groom, Chris Hall, Victoria Hall, Catherine Hand, Etta Hanigan, Dolores Harvey, Fr. George Hommel, Laurie Hoy, Fr. Raphael Iannone, Jerome Jay, Arleen Kachadoorian, Jimmy Kinns, Justin Kolb, Josephine Kloufas, Amada Lumbaca, Nina Marino, Irene May, Josie McIsaac, Ed McCoy, Shelli Mellert, Helen Morelli, Diana Munch, Gerry Nilsen, Janet Oakes, Florence Palmer, Sylvia Persons, Franca Ravetier, John Rossett, Jon Rowe, Catherine Ryan, Michael Ryder, Pat Ryder, Zoila Santa, Martha Santicola, Bert Shafer, 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.*

## PARISH CALENDAR

<b>Dec 12</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Recitation of the Rosary in Church at 11:30 am (Honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe)</b>
<b>Dec 12</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass (7:30) bilingual followed by reception in the Rectory</b>
<b>Dec 13</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 pm in the Rectory – All are welcome</b>
<b>Dec 14</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Women’s Bible Study in the Rectory; 3:30-4:30 pm</b>
<b>Dec 14</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Meditation Group meets in the Fr. Gorman Hall at 6:30 pm</b>
<b>Dec 14</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Men’s Bible Study in the Rectory at 7:00 pm</b>

















### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE – DECEMBER 12, 2016

On December 9, 1531, a peasant named Juan Diego was walking from his village to Mexico City when he had a vision of the Virgin Mary. He reported the vision to a local Archbishop and was instructed to return to the site and ask for a sign of authenticity. Juan did as he was told and Our Lady appeared to him again and instructed him to bring her flowers from a nearby hill, which she arranged in his cloak.



Juan returned to the Archbishop on December 12 and opened the cloak to reveal an image of Our Lady on the fabric. The image contains many miraculous properties, including a triple reflection in the eyes, something known as the Purkinje effect, commonly found in human eyes, and this triple reflection contains images of all the witnesses present when Our Lady of Guadalupe was first revealed on the cloak. *Source: Catholic Online*

## 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 &amp; 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</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 &amp; 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 &amp; Jon Rowe</p> 	<p>In Loving Memory of my beloved wife, Harriet, our mom &amp; brother Frank, by Frank Rauchut, John, Veronica &amp; 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 &amp; Eileen O’Connor</p> 	<p>In Honor of my family and friends living &amp; deceased. May God bless us all and grant us world peace. - Lois Giambrone</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of Vic Cammardella by Helen &amp; Family “The measure of love is to love without measure.” - St. Francis de Sales</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of our Parents, Marian &amp; Howard and Grandparents, Callaghan and Umhey, and all our Loved Ones.</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 &amp; Frances Rauchut, Alfred &amp; 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>In Loving Memory of Patricia and Terry Buchanan by the Wolfrom Family</p> 	<p>In Loving Memory of our beloved parents, Lillian and Henry Miller and Mildred and William DiPasqua, and our deceased brothers.</p> 	<p> Prayer to the Miraculous Infant Jesus of Prague. The Wallace Family</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of our Parents, Jack &amp; Sue Tiso and Anthony &amp; Florence Persichilli by Charles, Joseph, Margie, Pam &amp; Susan.</p> 

*Spiritual Bouquets: Renewals/Changes. Call Claire 688-5155*