

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

December 18, 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

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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
Parish Secretary (M-W-F) Vicki Hall: 688-5617
Fr. Raphael Iannone, O.F.M., Cap.: 688-5617

PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE LEADERS

Bldg & Grounds: Burr Hubbell.....845-750-3203
Cemetery Mgr: Mark Wilsey.....688-5500
Communication: Pam Hammond688-2642
Director of Music: Dennis Yerry... ..657-2714
Emerg. Relief Committee: Ed Ullmann.....688-5874
Youth Faith Formation: Gerry Nilsen.....687-9769
Finance: Mike Ruane688-5357
Fund Raising (Chair needed).....
Liturgy: Contact Father Raphael688-5617
Parish Hall: Laurie Brown657-9652
Social and Outreach: Bill Colagrande.....688-2013
Martha & Mary Ministry: Marge Tiso.....688-5898

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 our 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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Fourth Sunday in Advent

“The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel.” Matthew 1:18-24



Mass Intentions

Week of December 17th–December 23rd

Sat	12/17	5:00p	Open Intention
Sun	12/18	9:00a	Open Intention
Sun	12/18	10:30a	†Robert Lalor by the Family
Mon	12/19	8:00a	Open Intention
Tue	12/20	8:00a	Open Intention
Wed	12/21	8:00a	Open Intention
Thur	12/22	8:00a	Open Intention
Fri	12/23	8:00a	Open Intention

**The Second Collection this week
is for Fuel**

Weekend of December 24th and December 25th

Sat	12/24	5:00p	†Helen & Buddy Vallie req. by son, Jerry
Sat	12/24	10:00p	†James Cordo by Mom
Sun	12/25	9:00a	†Elizabeth & Gerard Morrongiello req by Daughter

Weekend Lectors

Sat	12/17	5:00p	Heather Marsten
Sun	12/18	9:00a	Burr Hubbell
Sun	12/18	10:30a	Laurie Brown



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat	12/17	5:00p	Zorn, Ryder, Wolfrom
Sun	12/18	9:00a	Shimer, Nilsen, McWhinnie
Sun	12/18	10:30a	Bloodgood, Ullmann, Paultre



Weekend Ushers

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

Readings for the Week of December 19, 2016

Monday: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25
Tuesday: Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38
Wednesday: Song of Songs 2:8-14; Luke 1:39-45
Thursday: 1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56
Friday: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66

Regular Collection December 18, 2016:
Holy Day of Obligation: \$454; Regular: \$1160;
Religious Retirement Fund: \$559

Thank you for your generosity!

*Editor's Note: Mass Intentions published in Jan. 1,
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Scripture Reflection

"He will save his people from their sins"

Joseph, a just and God-fearing man, did not wish to embarrass or punish his espoused wife, Mary when he discovered that she was pregnant. To all appearances she had broken their solemn pledge to be faithful and chaste to one another. Joseph, no doubt took this troubling matter to God in prayer. He was not hasty to judge or to react with hurt and anger. God rewarded him not only with guidance and consolation, but with the divine assurance that he had indeed called Joseph to be the husband of Mary and to assume a mission that would require the utmost faith, confidence, and trust in Almighty God. Joseph believed in the divine message to take Mary as his wife and to accept the child in her womb as the promised Messiah.

Like Mary, Joseph is a model of faith for us. He is a faithful witness and servant of God's unfolding plan of redemption. Are you ready to believe in the promises of God, even when faced with perplexing circumstances and what seems like insurmountable problems? God has not left us alone, but has brought us his only begotten Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let us celebrate Christmas, the feast of the Incarnation, with joyful hearts and let us renew our faith and hope in God and in his redeeming work.

"Lord Jesus, you came to save us from sin and the power of death. May I always rejoice in your salvation and trust in your divine plan for my life." Copyright 2016, Don Schwager: www.dailyscripture.net. Reprinted with permission



EARLY SUBMISSION FOR NEW YEAR'S BULLETIN

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

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, December 19th following the 8:00 am Mass, we pray the 6th 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. After this weekend, classes will resume in January. Please pray for our students, families, and teachers 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.

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:

This is the last weekend to deposit your gifts underneath the Giving Tree. A huge “Thank You!” to those who participated and gave of their time and talent in Phase I of our giving Tree Project: Mark Wilsey, Kathy Tretter, Pam Hammond, Mary Ellen Rury, Barbara Allison, Patti Payette, Liz Quinn, Gerry Nilsen and the youth of our parish: Essence and Scarlet.

For the next phase, help is needed to collate and tag gifts for distribution to recipients this Holy Season. We plan to meet Mon., Dec. 19 in the Parish Hall at 11:00 am (and if needed Tues, Dec. 20). 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 5:00 p.m.
Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at 10:00 p.m.
Dec. 25: Christmas Day Mass at 9:00 a.m.
Dec. 31: New Year’s Mass at 5:00 p.m.
Dec. 31: New Year’s Eve Mass at 10:00 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.*”

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Recessional Song (9 am Mass): “The one way to peace is the power of the cross and His banner over us is love (3x) His Banner Over Us is Love. I am His and He is mine and His banner over us is love (3x). His Banner Over Us is Love.” All songs are practiced prior to Mass. Thank you for participating!

ANNUAL REPORT ON PARISH FINANCES:

During the weekend of December 10/11, Finance Committee Chairman Mike Ruane distributed a two-page report about parish spending and projections for the next year. thanks to your generosity, the news is positive. Mike will also be glad to send you an electronic copy if you prefer. Give him a call at 688-5357, or email: mfr@bu.edu

Introducing and Welcoming Vicki Hall as our Parish Secretary:

We are thrilled that parishioner Vicki Hall has volunteered to provide secretarial support to Father Raphael and the Parish. Vicki's background includes nursing and accounting. She is already helping with our children's Faith Formation program, and we appreciate her additional offer of time and talent. If you call the office on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, Vicki's cheerful voice will be on the other end of the line. WELCOME, Vicki!

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](mailto:jap120@hvc.rr.com) contact Judy at 688-9912, 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.

NEW 2017 Missals: Please do not remove the 2017 Missals from the pews. If you would like a 2016 missal for reviewing hymns sung at Mass, please contact Marge Tiso (688-5898).

MERCY: A HABIT OF MIND AND HEART, PT I

When Pope Francis announced the “Year of Mercy” in 2015, he said:

How much I desire that the year to come will be steeped in mercy, so that we can go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God.

This was a big assignment that called for people changing their minds and hearts – too big a task for one year. So, even though he has officially closed the Holy Doors of the Vatican, ceremonially ending the “Year of Mercy,” Pope Francis has no intention of dropping Mercy, still so desperately needed in our world.

For her part, Mercy refuses to leave or be silenced. Indeed, she cries out, demanding that our newly elected leaders, busy with the work of shaping our government, will marry Mercy to Justice. She interrupts us in our Christmas preparations, telling us that there are people in our midst who are less fortunate, and asking that we not judge but see Christ in them and respond as generously as we can. The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy remain posted in our church under the Stations of the Cross as an ongoing reminder that we are called to Mercy and expected to act on this call – over and over, in planned circumstances –

like the simple act of taking a tag from the Giving Tree near the altar, as well as spontaneous opportunities that present themselves – even if they inconvenience us.

The Advent message of preparation is “Stay awake!” We need to be vigilant for moments when Mercy is the answer, and quick to offer it. (Part II next week)
Contributed by Patricia Ruane

2017 Liturgical Calendar & Daily Readings:

The new liturgical year (Cycle A) began on the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2016. Download a free liturgical calendar for 2017 from the USCCB Secretariat of Divine Worship that lists the major celebrations and feast days and the readings cycles for Sundays and Weekdays. <http://www.usccb.org>. For those wishing to receive daily scripture readings via email, click “Bible/Today’s Reading” links; scroll to bottom of page to sign up.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2016-2017: If you’d like



a Mass offered on a specific day and time, please contact Fr. Raphael by phone at 688-5617 or an office visit. An “Intention Book” for your personal prayer requests is located on the podium in the back of the church (near Tree of Life). Prayer requests will be

remembered at our Masses.



Russell Abbrecht, Luisa Armani, Laureen Aversa, Jerry Baltz, Jim Barden, Rick Bicanovsky, Kathleen Biondo, Sheila Madera-Brown, Ellen Burmeiste, 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. Call the Rectory at 688-5617 to add or remove a person’s name. Thank you for your courtesy.*

PARISH CALENDAR

















Dec 18	Sun	Youth Faith Formation classes in the Parish Hall after 9:00 am Mass
Dec 19	Mon	Giving Tree Project: 11:00 am Parish Hall – Collating gifts for distribution
Dec 19	Mon	Reconciliation Monday (Confessions in the Church from 4:00 – 8:00 pm)
Dec 25	Sun	Christmas Mass Schedule in bulletin. Take a copy home
Dec 31	Sat	New Year’s Mass Schedule in bulletin. Take a copy home
Jan 1	Sun	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God – 10:30 am Mass

“God’s Work...is Our Work”

As we celebrate this Holy Season, we might reflect on what it means to be a disciple of Christ. In his November 27 homily, Father Raphael gives us some guidance: Christian ministry is not only for clergy, religious or pious people. It is for each of us. Below is part of Fr. Raphael’s homily. The full homily at www.stfrancisdesalesphoenicia.com Click Liturgy/Sacraments menu at top of page.

“Every Christian is commissioned to do the work of love and justice in the name of Jesus Christ. This is our true vocation... Whatever your vocation, you are at the same time, a full-time minister of Jesus Christ out in the world. As loyal disciples, we don’t come to church merely to get what we want from Jesus, we don’t come to church merely to have our needs met. If we are serious about wanting to follow the Christ, we soon discover we cannot qualify if we are unwilling to do the work of Christian ministry. We soon discover that the genuine discipleship involves more than getting what we can for ourselves, we soon discover that we are being called to ministry of love and service to our brothers and sisters, no matter where we are, no matter what our worldly vocation may be.” – Fr. Raphael, November 27, 2016

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</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 Honor of my family and friends living & deceased. May God bless us all and grant us world peace. - Lois Giambrone</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of Vic Cammardella by Helen & Family <i>“The measure of love is to love without measure.”</i> - St. Francis de Sales</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of our Parents, Marian & 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 & 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>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 & Sue Tiso and Anthony & Florence Persichilli by Charles, Joseph, Margie, Pam & Susan.</p> 

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