

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

January 1, 2017



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
 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 (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.

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 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 (Chair needed)
 Liturgy: Contact Father Raphael..... 688-5617
 Parish Hall: Laurie Brown 657-9652
 Social and Outreach: Bill Colagrande 688-2013
 Martha & Mary Ministry: Marge Tiso 688-5898
 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.

January 1, 2017

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

“In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; in these days, he has spoken to us through the Son.” Luke 2:16-21

Mass Intentions

Week of December 31st–January 5th

Sat	12/31	5:00p	†Nichols Mitchell req. by Barbara DeMaria
Sun	01/01	10:30a	†Sue & Jack Tiso and Anthony & Florence Persichilli req. by Tiso Family
Mon	01/02	8:00a	Communion Service
Tue	01/03	8:00a	Communion Service
Wed	01/04	8:00a	Communion Service
Thur	01/05	8:00a	Communion Service

Second Collection is for our Monthly Collection and Solemnity of Mary Offering

Weekend of January 7th – January 8th

Sat	01/07	5:00p	Open Intention
Sun	01/08	9:00a	Open Intention
Sun	01/08	10:30a	Open Intention

Weekend Lectors

Sat	12/31	5:00p	Judy Pavone
Sun	01/01	10:30a	Elizabeth Quinn



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat	12/31	5:00p	Bender, Zorn, Paultre
Sun	01/01	10:30a	DiPasqua, Bloodgood, Ed Ullmann



Weekend Ushers

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

A Happy & Healthy New Year to All!

Readings for the Week of January 2, 2017

Monday:	1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28
Tuesday:	1 John 2:29-3.6; John 1:29-34
Wednesday:	1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42
Thursday:	1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51
Friday:	1 John 5:5-13; Mark 1:7-11

Regular Collection December 18, 2016: \$1,065.00
Fuel: \$777.00

Due to early bulletin submission, the collection amounts for December 25, 2016 will be reported next week

Thank You For Your Generosity!

Scripture Reflection

"He was called Jesus"

What's the significance of a name? For the Jewish people the giving of a name had great importance. When a name was given it represented what that person should be in the future. A person's name expressed the reality of his or her being at its deepest level. A Jewish male child was named at the time of circumcision, eight days after birth. This rite was instituted by God as an outward sign to single out those who belonged to the chosen people. It was a sign of the covenant that God made with Abraham and his posterity.

Joseph and Mary gave the name *Jesus* because that is the name given by God's messenger before Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb. This name signifies Jesus' identity and his mission. The literal Hebrew means *the Lord saves*. Since God alone can forgive sins and free us from death, it is God who, in Jesus his eternal Son became a man to offer up his life as the atoning sacrifice to *save his people from their sins*. The son that Mary bore is both God and man.

The name *Jesus* signifies that the very name of God is present in the person of his Son who became man for our salvation. Peter the Apostle exclaimed that *there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved*. In the name of Jesus demons flee, cripples walk, the blind see, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised. His name is exalted far above every other name. Copyright 2016, *Don Schwager*: www.dailyscripture.net. Reprinted with permission



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, January 2nd 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 for children resume after the New Year. The first class will be Jan. 8th. Additional classes will be announced. Please pray for our students, families, and teachers. If you need to contact our Youth Formation Coordinator, please call Gerry Nilsen at 687-9769.



Faith Formation Christmas Party: On Sunday, Dec. 18, the Youth Faith Formation celebrated their Christmas Party after class. The students decorated the



parish hall tree and made Christmas decorations to take home. They also enjoyed pizza and homemade cookies. Many thanks to all who helped – parents and



parishioners alike. And extra special thanks to Resort Ridge Pizza who made the delicious pies. Happy New Year's to all!



Youth Faith Formation Project-Feed the Hungry

Collected food items continue being donated weekly to the Phoenicia Food Pantry. Check the list of suggested foods on the decorated collection box. A beautiful "thank you" letter from the food pantry is posted on the church bulletin board. Contact Gerry 687-9769 or Patti 688-7172. No perishable items please.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY RECONVENES ON JANUARY 11, 2017

-Join us in the Father Gorman Hall from 3:30 - 4:30 for a spirited discussion of the scripture readings for January 15, the Second Sunday in Ordinary time. Coming for the first time? Let Pat Ryder know to expect you. Pat's phone is 688-3193.

FATHER RAPHAEL TAKING A WELL-

DESERVED VACATION: Father Raphael will be away from the rectory the week of January 2 - 8, and returning in time for Monday morning Mass on January 9. There will be an 8:00 am Communion Service in the rectory Monday through Thursday. Saturday Mass will be celebrated by Fr. George Nedunaruthumchalil, and Sunday masses by Fr. John Kearney, retired pastor of St. Thomas in Glasgow. Please join us in wishing Fr. Raphael a restful break, and help us welcome Fr. George and Fr. John. In the event of an emergency, please contact Fr. George Hommel at St. John's in West Hurley. His number is 679-7696.

Helpers in Final Phase II of Giving Tree Project:

Thank you to everyone who came to the parish hall for the final Phase II of the Giving Tree Project. Although it took us three hours to collate, tag and deliver the many generous gifts from our parishioners for distribution to local recipients, the fellowship was electric! Thank you: Agnes Laub, Bill Tretter, Gerry Nilsen, Marge Tiso, Pat Ruane, Judy Pavone, Claire Paultre, Patti Payette and granddaughter, Ellianna. (Not pictured, Finola Ryan and Pam Hammond).



Gifts from the Parish!

Last weekend, parish religious calendars for 2017 and Matthew Kelly's book, RESISTING HAPPINESS were handed out to each family for Christmas. Thank you for your presence in our community! All God's blessings in 2017!

Annual Report on Parish Finances:

Finance Committee Chairman Mike Ruane recently distributed a two-page report about parish spending and projections for 2017. Extra copies are in the church vestibule.

Men's Bible Study Groups:

The next meeting date will be **Wednesday, January 11 at 7:00 pm** in the rectory. Fr. Raphael is planning to join the group as his schedule allows. If you have any questions, contact Bill Tretter at 684-7015. All men are welcome.

PARISH CALENDAR

Dec 31	Sat	New Year's Mass at 5:00 pm
Jan 1	Sun	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God – 10:30 am Mass
Jan 8	Sun	Youth Faith Formation classes in the Parish Hall after 9:00 am Mass
Jan 11	Wed	Women's Bible Study at 3:30 pm in the Fr. Gorman Hall
Jan 11	Wed	Men's Bible Study at 7:00 pm in the Rectory

JANUARY 1 - SOLEMNITY OF MARY



“The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God”, falls exactly one week after Christmas... It is fitting to honor Mary as Mother of Jesus, following the birth of Christ. When Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God we are not only honoring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God incarnate, but we are also honoring our Lord, who is fully God and fully human. Calling Mary ‘Mother of God’ is the highest honor we can give Mary. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the ‘Prince of Peace,’ the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God honors Mary as the ‘Queen of Peace’ This solemnity, falling on New Year's

Day, is also designated the World Day of Peace.” *Source: Church Year. The Solemnity of Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation.*

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 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 “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>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