

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

January 29, 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

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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 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: Judy Pavone..... 688-9912
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 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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The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven." -- Matthew 5:1-12a

Mass Intentions

Week of January 28th-February 3rd


Sat	01/28	5:00p	†Felicitia Lorenzi req. by Barbara Ahouse
Sun	01/29	9:00a	†Mary Persons Arthur req. by Husband
Sun	01/29	10:30a	Open Intention
Mon	01/30	8:00a	Open Intention †Tess Menkowski req. by Barbara
Tue	01/31	8:00a	Ahouse
Wed	02/01	8:00a	Open Intention
Thur	02/02	8:00a	Open Intention
Fri	02/03	8:00a	Open Intention

Second Collection next week is the Monthly Collection


Weekend of February 4th- February 5th

Sat	02/04	5:00p	Open Intention
Sun	02/05	9:00a	Open Intention
Sun	02/05	10:30a	Open Intention

Weekend Lectors

Sat	01/28	5:00p	Jane Wolfrom	
Sun	01/29	9:00a	Elena Garcia-McWhinnie	
Sun	01/29	10:30a	Laurie Brown	

Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat	01/28	5:00p	Zorn, Wilsey, DeMaria	
Sun	01/29	9:00a	Shimer, Nilsen, Ryder	
Sun	01/29	10:30a	DiPasqua, Ullmann, Quinn	

Weekend Ushers

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

Readings for the Week of January 30, 2017

Monday: Hebrews 11:32-40; Mark 5:1-20
Tuesday: Hebrews 12:1-4; Mark 5:21-43
Wednesday: Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15; Mark 6:1-6
Thursday: Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 2:22-40
Friday: Hebrews 13:1-8; Mark 6:14-29

January 22, 2017 Collection: \$1,368.50
 Fuel Collection: \$658.00
Thank You for Your Generosity!

Scripture Reflection

"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven."

What is the good life which God intends for us? Is it not our desire and longing for true *happiness*, which is none other than the complete good, the sum of all goods, leaving nothing more to be desired? Jesus addresses this question in his sermon on the mount. The heart of Jesus' message is that we can live a very happy life. The call to holiness, to be saints who joyfully pursue God's will for their lives, can be found in these eight beatitudes.

The beatitudes which Jesus offers us are a sign of contradiction to the world's understanding of happiness and joy. How can one possibly find happiness in poverty, hunger, mourning, and persecution? Poverty of spirit finds ample room and joy in possessing God as the greatest treasure possible. Hunger of the spirit seeks nourishment and strength in God's word and Spirit. Sorrow and mourning over wasted life and sin leads to joyful freedom from the burden of guilt and spiritual oppression.

God reveals to the humble of heart the true source of abundant life and happiness. Jesus promises his disciples that the joys of heaven will more than compensate for the troubles and hardships they can expect in this world. Thomas Aquinas said: "*No one can live without joy. That is why a person deprived of spiritual joy goes after carnal pleasures.*" Do you know the happiness of hungering and thirsting for God alone? Copyright 2017, Don Schwager: www.dailyscripture.net. Reprinted with permission



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, January 30th following the 8:00 am Mass, we pray the 3rd 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:

The remaining January Class is **January 29th**. The February classes are February 5th, February 12th, and February 26th. Please pray for our students, families, and teachers. To contact our Youth Formation Coordinator, call Gerry Nilsen at 687-9769.



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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING POSTPONED:

Due to our Patron's Feast Day Celebration (January 24), the Parish Council meeting will be postponed until **Tuesday, February 7**. Meeting begins at 7:00 pm.



Women's Bible Study: Join us in the Father Gorman Hall Wednesday, **February 8th from 3:30 – 4:30 p m**. Our discussion will cover the weekend scripture readings for February 12th, the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time. Coming for the first time? Let Kathy Tretter know to expect you. Kathy's phone is 684-7015.

Men's Bible Study Groups: The next meeting date will be **Wednesday, February 8th at 7:00 pm** in the rectory. Fr. Raphael is planning to join the group as his schedule allows. All men are welcome. If you have any questions, contact Bill Tretter at 684-7015.



Parish Hall Sign: Please contact the Rectory if you have any suggestions for short, uplifting messages for our parish sign located between the Rectory and Parish Hall. Thank you!

MUSIC Ministry

Music Ministry: During the season of Ordinary Time we will sing Memorial Acclamation # 881 "We Proclaim Your Death" until Ash Wednesday, March 1st, when beginning with Lent & throughout the Easter Season we will sing Memorial Acclamation # 883 "Save Us, Savior".

Music leader at ambo needed. Anyone wishing to help lead the singing at any weekend Mass, please see Dennis before Mass for coordination purposes. Thank you!

Adult Faith Formation: Coming Next Month! Please join Sr. Catherine Gormley as she begins the next adult formation season with lively discussions of faith and scripture. Class is in the rectory after the 9:00 am Mass, **Sunday, February 26, 2017. Topic: "AMBITION, POWER & AUTHORITY."**

Blessing of the Throats: **Friday, Feb. 3** marks the Memorial of St. Blaise, martyred in Sebastea, Armenia, in 316 AD. Father Raphael will give the traditional **Blessing of the Throats after 8:00 am Mass** that will be celebrated in the Church on that day. All are welcome!

St. Blaise: According to legend in the 4th century, a woman pleaded to St. Blaise, a physician, to cure her son who was dying from a fish bone lodged in his throat. The Bishop prayed over the boy and he was healed. A belief arose that St. Blaise could cure most illnesses of the throat. "As early as the ninth century in the Western Church, he was invoked for throat ailments, and by the 15th century, the blessing of the throat ritual had begun." Source: Our Sunday Visitor. www.osv.com.



Celebration of our Patron: Over thirty-five parishioners gathered Tuesday evening, January 24, to attend Mass honoring our patron, St. Francis de Sales. Father Raphael gave a wonderful homily and instruction about the gentle 16th century saint. After Mass, parishioners enjoyed a potluck supper at the Rectory. Many thanks to Fr. Raphael and everyone that helped make this a special parish celebration. Thank you, St. Francis de Sales, for all the blessings you've bestowed on our parish! (Photos of celebration on back page)

Special Occasions & Celebrations

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



“Happy Birthday” Helen Morelli (2/9) *“May the coming year be full of new discoveries of God’s love & goodness. May God continue to bless you!”*
Happy Birthday!

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2017: To have a Mass offered on a specific day and time, 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.



THE REAL PRESENCE: Early Christians believed in the Real Presence... St. Justin Martyr was born a pagan but converted to Christianity after studying philosophy. He was a prolific writer and many Church scholars consider him the greatest apologist or defender of the faith from the 2nd century. He was beheaded with six of his companions some time between 163 and 167 A.D. *“For we do not receive these things as common bread or common drink; but as Jesus Christ our Savior being incarnate by God’s Word took flesh and blood for our salvation, so also we have been taught that the food consecrated by the Word of prayer which comes from him, from which our flesh and blood are nourished by transformation, is the flesh and blood of that incarnate Jesus.”* Source: “First Apology”, Ch. 66, inter A.D. 148-155; www.therealpresence.org

POPE’S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR 2017 FEBRUARY

Comfort for the Afflicted

That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

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.



The Divine Sacrifice of the Holy Mass, has an indescribable force; therefore by this means celestial favors united to the Beloved abound in the soul.”



St. Francis de Sales



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 Klonfas, Amada Lumbaca, Nina Marino, Irene May, Josie McIsaac, Ed McCoy, Shelli Mellert, Helen Morelli, Diana Munch, Gerry Nilsen, Janet Oakes, Florence Palmer, Judy Pavone, 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

Jan 29	Sun	Youth Faith Formation Classes in Parish Hall after the 9:00 am Mass
Feb 3	Fri	Blessing of the throats after 8 am Mass in Church-Memorial of St. Blaise
Feb 8	Wed	Women's Bible Study in Fr. Gorman Hall from 3:30 - 4:30 pm
Feb 8	Wed	Men's Bible Study in rectory at 7:00 pm

Celebrating the Feast Day of Our Patron!



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 <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. -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