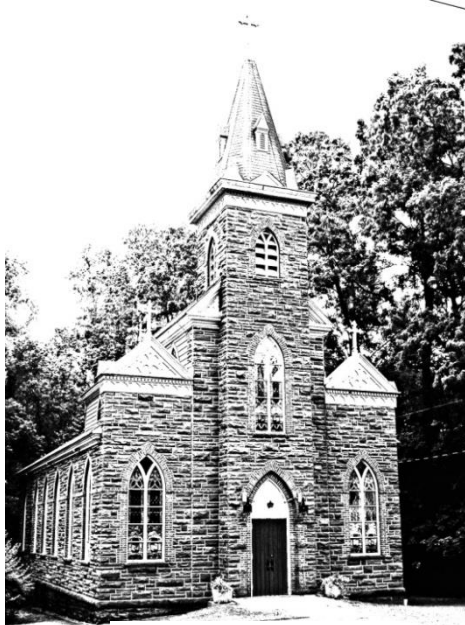


St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

February 5, 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: 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.

February 5, 2017

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life." -- Matthew 5:13-16

Mass Intentions

Week of February 4th-February 10th

Sat	02/04	5:00p	Open Intention
Sun	02/05	9:00a	Open Intention
Sun	02/05	10:30a	Aranka Geller req. by Alice & Laszlo Varga
Mon	02/06	8:00a	Burr Hubbell req. by Anne Shea
Tue	02/07	8:00a	Open Intention
Wed	02/08	8:00a	Open Intention
Thur	02/09	8:00a	Open Intention
Fri	02/10	8:00a	Open Intention

Second Collection this week is the Monthly Collection

Weekend of February 11th- February 12th

Sat	02/11	5:00p	†Carmelo Barrientos req. by wife, Barbara DeMaria
Sun	02/12	9:00a	†Joseph Menkowski req. by Barbara Ahouse
Sun	02/12	10:30a	†Albina (Babe) Bowser req. by son Frank Santora (6 th Anniversary)

Weekend Lectors

Sat	02/04	5:00p	Judy Pavone
Sun	02/05	9:00a	Bill Tretter
Sun	02/05	10:30a	Agnas Laub



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat	02/04	5:00p	Zorn, DiCiervo, DeMaria
Sun	02/05	9:00a	Nilsen, Wilsey, Rowe
Sun	02/05	10:30a	Ullmann, Paultre, Quinn



Weekend Ushers

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

Readings for the Week of February 6, 2017

Monday: Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday: Genesis 1:20-2:4a; Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday: Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mark 7:14-23

Thursday: Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30

Friday: Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37

January 29, 2017 Collection: \$1,823.00
Thank You for Your Generosity!

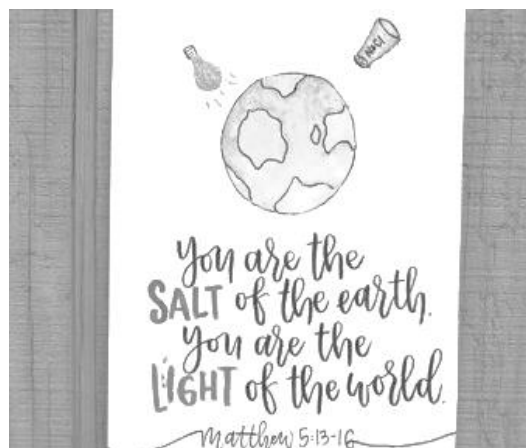
Scripture Reflection

"You are the salt of the earth and light of the world"

Jesus used the image of salt to describe the transforming effect of God's work in our lives - and how the Holy Spirit wants to work through us to bring the power and blessing of God's kingdom to others. As salt purifies, preserves, and produces rich flavor for our daily food, we, too, as disciples of Jesus, are "salt" for the world of human society. The Lord wants to work in and through us to purify, preserve, and spread the rich flavor of God's kingdom everywhere.

What did Jesus mean by the expression "if salt has lost its taste... it is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot"? How can we lose our "saltiness"? When we allow the world, sin, and Satan to corrupt us. The Lord wants us to preserve our "saltiness" - through virtuous living and rejection of sin - not only for our own sake but also for the sake of others.

Jesus used the image of light and a lamp to further his illustration of God's transforming work in and through us. Lamps in the ancient world served a vital function, much like they do today. They enable people to see and work in the dark and to avoid stumbling. The Jews also understood "light" as symbol or expression of the inner beauty, truth, and goodness of God. *His word is a lamp that guides our steps.* God's grace not only illumines the darkness in our lives, but it also fills us with spiritual light, joy, and peace. Copyright 2017, Don Schwager: www.dailyscripture.net. Reprinted with permission



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, February 6th following the 8:00 am Mass, we pray the 4th 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 February classes are Sundays - Feb. 5th, 12th and 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. Contact Gerry 687-9769 or Patti 688-7172. No perishable items.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The Parish Council meeting will be on 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. All welcome. First time? Let Kathy Tretter know to expect you. Call 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.



Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary: Join members of Our Lady of La Salette Sodality in honoring the Apparitions of Our Lady of Lourdes. Recite the Rosary in Church Saturday, Feb. 11 at 4:30 pm before 5:00 pm Mass. All are welcome.

Missed One of Father Raphael's Homilies?

Go the parish website to listen to Father's homilies. Click Liturgy/Sacraments link at top of page. Traveling this winter? Access our weekly bulletins at www.stfrancisdesalesphoenicia.com.

Adult Faith Formation is Back! Please join Sr. Catherine Gormley as she begins the adult formation season. Class is in the rectory after the 9:00 am Mass, Sunday, February 26, 2017. Topic: "**AMBITION, POWER & AUTHORITY.**" The discussion will be about how three Old Testament characters acted in times of transition of government. Ishba'al, Adonijah, and Rehoboam exemplify men who wanted to rule Israel and took steps to become king. Greediness, power-seeking, and not paying attention to the advice of wise counselors led to the downfall of each one. Though probably unfamiliar to us, these men can teach us some valuable lessons. Join us in the rectory after 9:00 am Mass for a lively discussion and some Danish!

OPPORTUNITY TO MEET MATTHEW KELLY:

Matthew Kelly, author of REDISCOVER JESUS and RESISTING HAPPINESS, will be presenting a 4-hour presentation entitled "Living Every Day with Passion and Purpose" on Friday, April 7, from 6:30 - 10:30 pm at Sacred Heart Church in Monroe, NY. This presentation invites participants to identify God's voice in our lives, and the specific purpose for which we've been created. He inspires attendees to apply the genius of Catholicism to every aspect of our lives, including prayer, work, finances, health and well-being, parenting/grandparenting and community involvement.

COST is \$39/person. For more information AND to register, visit the Dynamic Catholic website at dynamiccatholic.com At the site, click on Events and select "Passion and Purpose," where you will find the April 7 date and directions to reserve a space. Please buy your ticket early, since his presentations tend to sell out well in advance. Contact Mike Ruane (688-5357) if you are planning to attend, so we can organize a car pool for people who do not want to drive this late in the evening. If you want to go but do NOT have access to a computer, let Mike know and he will assist you in registering via our parish computer.

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.

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.



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. Help us lead the singing at any weekend Mass, please see Dennis before Mass for coordination purposes. Thank you!

The Apparitions of Our Lady of Lourdes:

Beginning **February 11**, 1858, Our Blessed Mother appeared eighteen times to a 14-year old French girl, Bernadette Soubirous. In their first meeting, Bernadette had gone to the Grotto to collect wood. She felt a gust of wind and looking up saw “a lady dressed in white...wearing a white dress, an equally white veil, a blue belt and a yellow rose on each foot.” Making the Sign of the Cross, Bernadette recited the Rosary with the lady. St. John Paul II has written: “The Rosary of the Virgin Mary is a prayer with great significance, destined to bring fruits of holiness.” For information about the powerful message of Lourdes and accounts of each apparition go to <http://en.lourdes-france.org>.

The Life of St. Bernadette: The EWTN Cable TV Network will air a 30-min documentary about St. Bernadette on **Feb. 10 at 6:30 pm** and a 2-hour full-length movie on **Feb. 11 at 8:00 pm**. Check your guide for channel listing of EWTN.

Martha & Mary Ministry: A Ministry about 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. Call Judy Pavone, 688-9912.



minute meditations

Salt of the Earth

Answering Christ’s call to be “the salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13) requires being in the world. But we have to avoid being of the world; when socializing starts causing our salt to lose its taste, we are doing no one any favors.

Source: Franciscanmedia.org



Russell Abbrecht, Luisa Armani, Laureen 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, 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 and John 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

Feb 5	Sun	Youth Faith Formation Classes in Parish Hall after the 9:00 am Mass
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
Feb 15	Wed	Meditation Group Meeting in the Fr. Gorman Hall at 6:30 pm

















Learn Your Catholic Faith with Free Online Courses

For a limited time, the Archdiocese of New York and Fordham University have partnered to present free online courses about the Catholic Faith. While the courses are mainly intended for those involved in parish leadership or ministry, they are open to all people who are interested in learning more about their faith. Courses that begin February 6 are:

- An Introduction to Catholicism
- Understanding the Creed
- Understanding the Holy Scripture
- Unveiling the Sacraments
- Moral and Social Teaching
- Trinity and Christology

For a description of each program and to register online go now to: <http://nycatholicfaith.org/learn>

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