

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

February 12, 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
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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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the Kingdom.” -- Matthew 5:17-37

Mass Intentions

Week of February 11th-February 17th

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 (6th Anniversary)
Mon	02/13	8:00a	Open Intention
Tue	02/14	8:00a	Open Intention
Wed	02/15	8:00a	Open Intention
Thur	02/16	8:00a	Open Intention
Fri	02/17	8:00a	Open Intention

Second Collection this week is for Peter's Pence

Weekend of February 18th- February 19th

Sat	02/18	5:00p	Open Intention
Sun	02/19	9:00a	Open Intention
Sun	02/19	10:30a	†Frank & Peter Giambrone req. by Lois Giambrone

Weekend Lectors

Sat	02/11	5:00p	Heather Marsten
Sun	02/12	9:00a	Jane Wolfrom
Sun	02/12	10:30a	Elizabeth Quinn



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat	02/11	5:00p	Zorn, DiCiervo, DeMaria
Sun	02/12	9:00a	Nilsen, Shimer, Ryder
Sun	02/12	10:30a	Bloodgood, Paultre, DiPasqua



Weekend Ushers

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

Readings for the Week of February 13, 2017

Monday: Genesis 4:1-15, 25; Mark 8:11-13
Tuesday: Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mark 8:14-21
Wednesday: Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22; Mark 8:22-26
Thursday: Genesis 9:1-13; Mark 8:27-33
Friday: Genesis 11:1-9; Mark 8:34-9:1

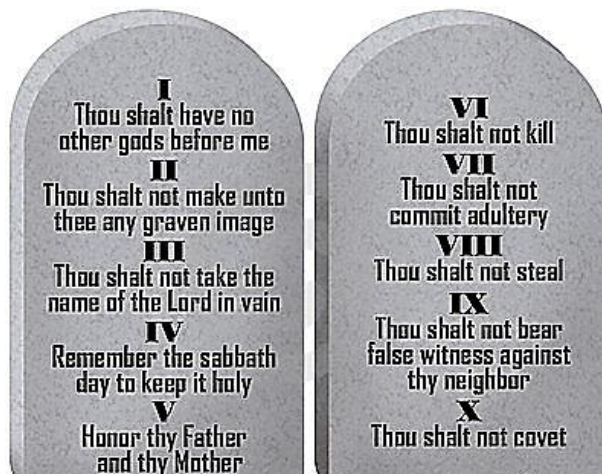
February 5, 201 Collection: \$1,105.00
 Monthly Collection: \$1,111.00
Thank You for Your Generosity!

Scripture Reflection

Great are those who teach and obey the commandments

Jesus made it very clear that the essence of God's law - his commandments and way of life, must be fulfilled. The Lord loves righteousness and hates wickedness. As his followers we must love his commandments and hate every form of sin and wrong-doing. If we want to live righteously as God desires for us, then we must know and understand the intention of God's commands for us, and decide in our heart to obey the Lord. Do you seek to understand the intention of his law and to grow in wisdom of his ways?

Jesus promised his disciples that he would give them the gift of the Holy Spirit who writes God's law of love and truth on our hearts. The Spirit teaches us God's truth and gives us wisdom and understanding of God's ways. The Spirit helps us in our weakness, strengthens us in temptation, and transforms us, day by day, into the likeness of Christ himself. There is great blessing and reward for those who obey God's commandments and who help others, especially the younger generations, to love, respect, and obey the Lord. Do you trust in God's love and allow his Holy Spirit to fill you with a thirst for holiness and righteousness in every area of your life? Ask the Holy Spirit to fill your heart with a burning love and reverence for God's word so that you may grow day by day in the wisdom and knowledge of God's truth and goodness. Copyright 2017, Don Schwager: www.dailyscripture.net. Reprinted with permission



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, February 13th 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:

The February classes are **Sundays - Feb. 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.

Meditation Group Meeting: Members meet **Wednesday, February 15 at 6:30 pm** in the Fr. Gorman Hall. The group meditates on a Scripture Reading selected for the meeting by one of the members. Reflection and discussion afterwards lead to new insights and sharing opportunities for members.

The Meditation Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the Fr. Gorman Hall. (behind the rectory) All are welcome to attend!

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.

Father Mathew's Book: A few copies of Fr. Mathew's book still remain: "Saint Teresa of Avila, a Transformational Leader." Cost: \$15.00/book. Call Pam 688-2642. First-come, first-serve basis.

2016 Parish Contributions: 2016 contribution letters have been mailed to those using parish envelopes. Contact Mike Ruane at SFDChurch@hvc.rr.com if yours does not arrive this week. Thank you.

Adult Faith Formation is Back! Please join Sr. Catherine Gormley as she begins the adult formation season. **Sunday, February 26, 2017. Topic: "AMBITION, POWER & AUTHORITY."** Today we will discuss 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. Come and join us in the rectory after the 9 o'clock 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); Sue Bernstein (2/14). *Today and throughout every season, may God's grace give you every possible reason to smile, to enjoy and to celebrate. Happy Birthday!*

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.



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!

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.



SIGN UP FOR "THE BEST LENT EVER" This year, Matthew Kelly is basing his online Lent program on the book, **RESISTING HAPPINESS**, which we distributed to parishioners and visitors as a Christmas gift. If you sign up at BestLentEver.com, you will receive daily emails and practical tips throughout Lent, along with videos and personal reflections from Matthew Kelly and his team. This is a FREE offering. A number of parishioners did their Advent journey with Matthew Kelly and found it very inspiring, so we recommend this to you!

Local Author's Interview with Stephen McDonald's

Widow: Did you read the February 2 issue of *Catholic New York*? If so, you would have seen the inspiring article written by St. Francis de Sales parishioner and writer, Garan Santicola. Conducted on behalf of the Christophers (a NY-based nonprofit), the article featured Garan's interview with Patti Ann McDonald following the death of her husband NYPD Detective, Stephen, on January 10. Read how this couples deep faith and trust in God helped them face life's challenges after Stephen was shot in the line of duty as a young 29 year-old police officer. The full article can be accessed on the Catholic New York website, www.cny.org.



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, Rose Marie and Erwin Hildenhagen, 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.*

♥ Happy Valentine's Day February 14, 2017 ♥

St. Francis de Sales Parish would like to wish you, your families and friends a blessed Happy Valentine's Day. "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another." (Jn. 13:34)

PARISH CALENDAR

Feb 12	Sun	Children's Faith Formation in Parish Hall after 9:00 am Mass
Feb 15	Wed	Meditation Group Meeting in the Fr. Gorman Hall at 6:30 pm
Feb 26	Sun	Adult Faith Formation after 9:00 am Mass in rectory. Hosted by Sr. Catherine Gormley.

♥ A VALENTINE'S DAY WITH JESUS ♥



Jesus does not send perfume
To linger in the air
Instead He sends salvation, sweet
To show how much He cares.

He doesn't bring me candy hearts
In boxes of delight
Instead He always lets me know
I'm precious in His sight.

He doesn't pass out pretty cards
Trimmed in shades of red
Instead He gave His life for me
His precious blood was shed.

He doesn't hand out fancy gifts
Like we would send to mother
Instead He sends a message clear
To always love each other.

He doesn't give me teddy bears
That whimper, "please be mine"
Instead He gave His heart to me
I wear it all the time.

He doesn't give me roses, pink
For all the world to see
Instead He gave eternal life
That's good enough for me!

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