

# St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

## February 19, 2017



*Gem of the Catskills*

### **Parish Established 1902**

109 Main Street, Phoenicia, NY 12464  
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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 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 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Whoever keeps the word of Christ, the love of God  
is truly perfected in him.” – Matthew 5:38-48

### Mass Intentions

#### Week of February 18th-February 24th

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
Mon	02/20	8:00a	Open Intention
Tue	02/21	8:00a	Open Intention
Wed	02/22	8:00a	Open Intention
Thur	02/23	8:00a	Open Intention
Fri	02/24	8:00a	Open Intention

**Second Collection this week is for Fuel**

#### Weekend of February 25th– February 26th

Sat	02/25	5:00p	†Carmelo Barrientos req. by wife, Barbara DeMaria
Sun	02/26	9:00a	Helen M. Varecha req. by Tiso Family
Sun	02/26	10:30a	25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary for Helen Umhey

#### Weekend Lectors

Sat	02/18	5:00p	Heather Marsten
Sun	02/19	9:00a	Burr Hubbell
Sun	02/19	10:30a	Laurie Brown



#### Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat	02/18	5:00p	Zorn, DiCiervo, DeMaria
Sun	02/19	9:00a	Nilsen, Shimer, Ryder
Sun	02/19	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 20, 2017

**Monday:** Sirach 1:1-10; Mark 9:14-29

**Tuesday:** Sirach 2:1-11; Mark 9:30-37

**Wednesday:** 1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19

**Thursday:** Sirach 5:1-8; Mark 9:41-50

**Friday:** Sirach 6:5-17; Mark 10:1-12

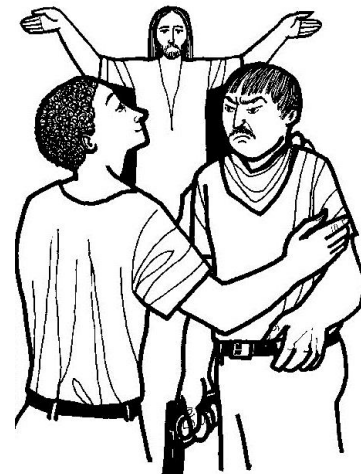
February 12, 2017 Collection: \$1,086.00  
Peter's Pence Collection: \$274.00  
**Thank You for Your Generosity!**

### Scripture Reflection

#### Do not return evil for evil

What makes a disciple of Jesus Christ different from everyone else? What makes Christianity distinct from any other religion? It is *grace* - treating others, not as they deserve, but as God wishes them to be treated - with loving-kindness and mercy. Only the cross of Jesus Christ can free us from the tyranny of malice, hatred, revenge, and resentment and gives us the courage to return evil with good. Such love and grace has power to heal and to save from destruction. The Lord Jesus suffered insult, abuse, injustice, and death on a cross for our sake. Scripture tells us that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin and guilt. Since God has been merciful towards us through the offering of his Son, Jesus Christ, we in turn are called to be merciful towards our neighbor, even those who cause us grief and harm.

How can we possibly love those who cause us harm or ill-will? With God all things are possible. He gives power and grace to those who believe and accept the gift of the Holy Spirit. His love conquers all, even our hurts, fears, prejudices and griefs. God knows our sinfulness and weaknesses better than we do - and he assures us of his love, mercy, and help. That is why he freely gives us his power, strength, and gifts so that we may not lack anything we need to do his will and to live as his sons and daughters. Do you know the power and freedom of Christ's redeeming love and mercy? Copyright 2017, Don Schwager: [www.dailyscripture.net](http://www.dailyscripture.net). Reprinted with permission



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Novena to Our Lady of La Salette:** Monday, February 20th 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:**

The remaining February class is **Sunday, the 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.

**Father Raphael's Homilies Online:** 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](http://www.stfrancisdesalesphoenicia.com).

**2016 Parish Contributions:** 2016 contribution letters have been mailed to those using parish envelopes. Contact Mike Ruane if yours has not arrived. [SFDChurch@hvc.rr.com](mailto:SFDChurch@hvc.rr.com)

**Adult Faith Formation:** Sun. Feb. 26 following the 9:00 am Mass. Sr. Catherine Gormley begins this season's adult formation classes with a four-part series: "**AMBITION, POWER & AUTHORITY.**" Next Sunday's class features Ishba'al, Adonijah, and Rehoboam: 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 Danish!

**Martha & Mary Ministry:** A Ministry to help bereaved families after a funeral or memorial service. You can help when needed to provide a dish of food. Please add your name to the list on our church bulletin board. Call Judy Pavone, 688-9912.



**Ash Wednesday, March 1st:** There will be distribution of ashes after the homily at the 8 am and 7 pm Masses. Both Masses will be in the church. If unable to attend either service and would like to receive ashes, please call Fr. Raphael at 688-5617 to get your ashes at the rectory. Confessions can be heard at any time by calling Fr. Raphael at 688-5617.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. Information on Lenten observances is posted on our church bulletin in the vestibule.

### **Preparing for Lent Beginning with Ash**

**Wednesday:** The word "Lent" is an old English word which means "springtime." May this Lent really be a new springtime in the lives of each of us. Through prayer, through fasting from food accompanied by forgiving others and not bearing grudges, and through donating from our surplus to help the poor, may we like Jesus in the desert for forty days overcome temptation and thus be well prepared to celebrate Easter. *Source: Frtommylane.com*

**Meet Matthew Kelly:** Author of *Rediscover Jesus* and *Resisting Happiness*, is conducting a 4-hour presentation entitled "Living Every Day with Passion and Purpose" on **Friday evening, 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](http://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. 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:or) contact Judy at 688-9912, [jap120@hvc.rr.com](mailto:jap120@hvc.rr.com).



**Music Ministry:** During Ordinary Time, we sing Memorial Acclamation # 881 “We Proclaim Your Death” **until Ash Wednesday, March 1st.**

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!

### **SIGN UP FOR “THE BEST LENT EVER”**

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](http://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!

**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.

**Women’s Bible Study:** We meet in the Father Gorman Hall **Wed. Feb. 22 from 3:30–4:30 pm**. The discussions cover the weekend Scripture readings for February 26. All are welcome.

**Men’s Bible Study:** No meetings until after Easter. Please check the bulletin for dates. *“Thus, faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.”* (Romans 10:17)

## World Day of Prayer – Friday, March 3:

The United Methodist Church of Shandaken (Rte. 28) extends an invitation to join this annual celebration **Friday, March 3 from 2:00-3:00 pm**. This year’s theme was written by the women of the Philippines. A worldwide movement of Christian women, this event promotes justice and equality for women through prayer, partnerships, service and celebration. The program includes prayer, readings and a sampling of different foods of the Philippines. Join us!



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, Rosemarie 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 courtesies.*



Minute  
MEDITATIONS

### **EMANATE CHRIST’S LOVE**

**Lord, teach us to step outside ourselves. Teach us to go out into the streets and manifest your love. –Pope Francis**

Source: Franciscan Media

## PARISH CALENDAR

Feb 22	Wed	Women's Bible Study in Fr. Gorman Hall from 3:30 - 4:30 pm.
Feb 26	Sun	Adult Faith Formation after 9:00 am Mass in rectory. Hosted by Sr. Catherine Gormley.
Feb 26	Sun	Children's Faith Formation Class after 9 am Mass in Parish Hall.
Mar 1	Wed	Ash Wednesday 8:00 am and 7:00 pm Masses in Church. See bulletin for further information.

### Bless me, Father, for I have sinned...



















If you haven't gone to confession in a while, Lent, which begins Ash Wednesday, March 1, is the perfect time to reconcile yourself with God and the Church. Most parishes have communal penance services with prayers and Scripture readings, followed by the opportunity for individual confession (a necessity for absolution of mortal sins). Or, you can also make a private appointment with a priest.

Preparation for confession should include an examination of conscience, which means you think back on sins you have committed since your last confession. What happens during confession depends on the priest and the person. Most people still start with the formula: "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been (state the number of months or years) since my last confession."

If you can't remember the words or you don't recall how long it's been, don't worry. Just tell Father it's been a long time, and he will guide you through the process.

What you will experience is the healing gift of God's love, the chance to start over with a clean conscience, and an overwhelming sense of gratitude.

## 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 &amp; 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 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 &amp; 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 &amp; Jon Rowe</p> 	<p>In Loving Memory of my beloved wife, Harriet, our mom &amp; brother Frank, by Frank Rauchut, John, Veronica &amp; 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 &amp; Eileen O'Connor</p> 	<p>In Honor of my family and friends living &amp; deceased. May God bless us all and grant us world peace. — Lois Giambrone</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of Vic Cammardella by Helen &amp; Family "The measure of love is to love without measure." — St. Francis de Sales</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of our Parents, Marian &amp; 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 &amp; Frances Rauchut, Alfred &amp; Veronica Grace and our deceased brothers and sisters.</p> 	<p>"Oh Lord, how magnificent are the works of your hands!" In Loving Memory of my wonderful Mom</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 &amp; Sue Tiso and Anthony &amp; Florence Persichilli by Charles, Joe, Margie, Pam &amp; Susan.</p> 

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