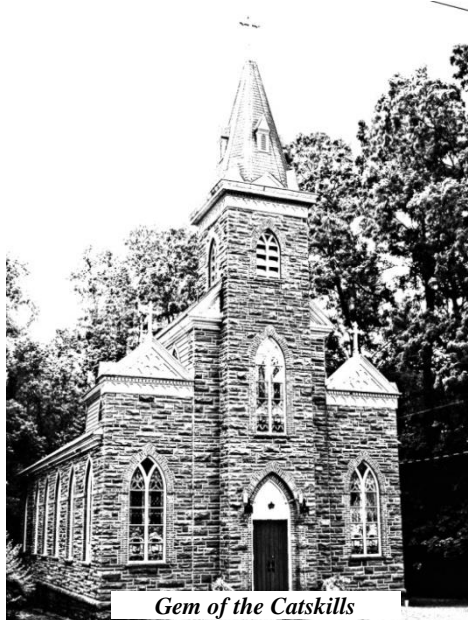


St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

February 26, 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

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 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The word of God is alive and effective; discerning reflections
and thoughts of the heart.” – Matthew 6:24-34

Mass Intentions

Week of February 25th-March 3rd

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	25th Anniversary for Helen Umhey
Mon	02/27	8:00a	Open Intention
Tue	02/28	8:00a	Open Intention
Wed	03/01	8:00a	†William Ryan req. by Finola Ryan and Family
Wed	03/01	7:00p	Open Intention
Thur	03/02	8:00a	Open Intention
Fri	03/03	8:00a	Open Intention

Second Collection next week is the Monthly Collection

Weekend of March 4th- March 5th

Sat	03/04	5:00p	†Carmelo Barrientos req. by Mary and Dan Chesire
Sun	03/05	9:00a	Open Intention
Sun	03/05	10:30a	Open Intention

Weekend Lectors

Sat	02/25	5:00p	Jane Wolfrom/Zee Marek
Sun	02/26	9:00a	Jean Druffner
Sun	02/26	10:30a	Laurie Brown



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat	02/25	5:00p	Zorn, DiCiervo, DeMaria
Sun	02/26	9:00a	Nilsen, Shimer, Ryder
Sun	02/26	10:30a	Bloodgood, Paultre, Ullman



Weekend Ushers

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

Readings for the Week of February 27, 2017

Monday: Sirach 17:20-24; Mark 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sirach 35:1-12; Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday: Joel 2:12-18; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25

Friday: Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15

February 19, 2017 Collection: \$1,383.00

Fuel Collection: \$945.00

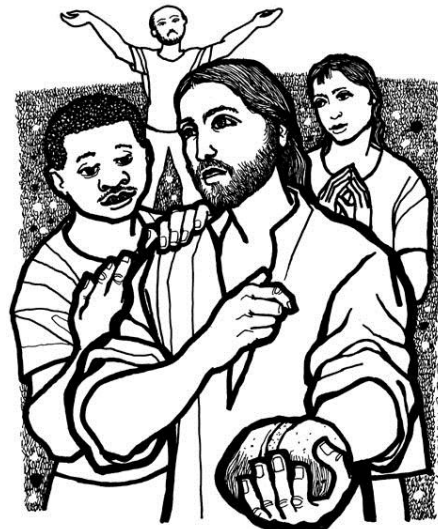
Thank You for Your Generosity!

Scripture Reflection

"Why are you anxious - seek first his kingdom"

The Lord Jesus Christ alone can save us from all that would keep us bound up in fear and anxiety. Jesus used an illustration from nature - the birds and the flowers - to show how God provides for his creatures in the natural order of his creation. God provides ample food, water, light, and heat to sustain all that lives and breathes. How much more can we, who are created in the very image and likeness of God, expect our heavenly Father and creator to sustain not only our physical bodies, but our mind, heart, and soul as well? God our Father is utterly reliable because it is his nature to love, heal, forgive, and make whole again.

Jesus taught his disciples to pray with confidence to their heavenly Father: *Give us this day our daily bread.* What is bread, but the very staple of life and symbol of all that we need to live and grow. Anxiety is neither helpful nor necessary. It robs us of faith and confidence in God's help and it saps our energy for doing good. Jesus admonishes his followers to put away anxiety and preoccupation with material things and instead to seek first the things of God - his kingdom and righteousness. Anxiety robs the heart of trust in the mercy and goodness of God and in his loving care for us. God knows our needs even before we ask and he gives generously to those who trust in him. Who is your master - God or mammon? Copyright 2017, Don Schwager: www.daily scripture.net. Reprinted with permission



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, February 27th following the 8:00 am Mass, we pray the 7th 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 March classes are **Sunday, March 5th, 12th, and the 19th**. 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.

Adult Faith Formation: This Sunday **following the 9:00 am Mass**. Sr. Catherine Gormley leads a four-part series that focuses on “**AMBITION, POWER & AUTHORITY.**” Learn about the men who wanted to rule Israel in ancient days and how valuable life lessons can still apply today. Join us in the rectory after 9:00 am Mass for lively discussion and Danish!

Lenten Fast and Abstinence Observances: During the Lenten season, the Church urges all the faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily life through performing acts of fast and abstinence.

Fasting: Those who are 18 years and up to 59 years of age are obliged to have only one full meal per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength but together should not equal a full meal. Avoid eating between meals. Those not obliged are welcome to fast to the extent they are able.

Abstinence: Those who are age 14 and up are asked to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent. These obligations do not apply to anyone whose health or ability to work would be seriously affected. Individuals in doubt about fasting or abstinence can contact Father Raphael.

The Cardinal had given a dispensation of fasting and abstinence on St. Patrick's Day, Friday, March 17. St. Patrick is the patron saint of our Archdiocese.

St. Josephine Bakhita (c. 1869- Feb. 8, 1947) patron saint of Sudan and for victims of slavery and human trafficking. Pope St. John Paul II canonized St. Bakhita on October 1, 2000.

Dynamic Catholic: Author of *Rediscover Jesus* and *Resisting Happiness* is conducting a 4-hour presentation, “Living Every Day with Passion and Purpose.” **Friday, April 7 from 6:30-10:30 pm** at **Sacred Heart Church in Monroe, NY.**

COST: \$39/person. FMI and to register, visit their website at dynamiccatholic.com. Go to “Events” – select “Passion and Purpose.” Click April 7 date to purchase ticket. His programs sell out well in advance so register early. 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.

Sign Up for “The Best Lent Ever” Matthew Kelly has based his online Lent program on his book, ***RESISTING HAPPINESS***. Parishioners and visitors received this a Christmas gift from our parish. Sign up at BestLentEver.com to receive daily emails and practical tips throughout Lent, along with videos and personal reflections from Matthew Kelly. This is a FREE offering. A number of parishioners did an Advent journey with Matthew Kelly and found it very inspiring!

Additional Lenten Resources: Beginning Ash Wednesday, **Bishop Robert Barron** will present a weekly **Lenten Reflection** that will appear on our website at www.stfrancisdesalesphoenicia.com (lower right side of homepage).

The Archdiocese of New York continues to make available free resources (movies, books, and other study materials) concerning our Catholic faith. Register at **Formed.org** using parish option and parish password (**HFWGKR**) to set up your own log-in information.

The New York Catechetical Office provides an abundance of Lenten resources on their website: www.nyfaithformation.org/lent.

Finally, Lent booklets have been ordered for the families of St. Francis de Sales. Please take one booklet per family after our weekend Masses.

Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for Lent 2017

“Dear friends, Lent is the favorable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbor. The Lord, who overcame the deceptions of the Tempter during the forty days in the desert, shows us the path we must take. May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God’s word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need.”

Special Occasions & Celebrations

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



“Happy Birthday” to **Liz Quinn (3/4), and Angie Valentino (3/18)**. *May God bless you today and every day in everything you do and in every little way. May you also know His love is all around as you come and go. May His blessings abound. 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: Beginning **Ash Wednesday, March 1st** and throughout Lent, 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 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.



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.

Town of Shandaken Alert System: The Town of Shandaken has a notification system to ensure rapid delivery of alerts, warnings, and bulletins. This technology will allow the Town to reach residents via landline telephone, cell phone (call or text) & e-mail. If you or someone you know cannot go online (use the Internet), call the Town Clerk's office at 688-5004 to register for this free emergency service. A number of our parishioners have signed up and had received phone alerts prior to our most recent snow storm. www.shandaken.us/alerts.

“The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary.”
– St. Francis de Sales

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. Everyone welcome.



Pope Francis Prayers Intentions for March 2017

Universal: Care for Creation

That we may take good care of creation—a gift freely given—cultivating and protecting it for future generations.

Evangelization: Asia

That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.



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 Giambone, 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 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 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 Rectorry at 688-5617 to add or remove a person’s name. Thank you for your courtesy.*

PARISH CALENDAR

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.
Mar 3	Fri	Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm in Church

Ash Wednesday, March 1st

















Distribution of ashes will occur after Father's 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 and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. Information on Lenten observances is posted on our church bulletin in the vestibule.



Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross –Every Friday during Lent starting March 3rd we pray the **Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm.** *Father Raphael welcomes parishioners to take an active role in leading our weekly Stations of the Cross. Please call him in advance if you are interested. He will explain how it is done. Thank you.*

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 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, Joe, Margie, Pam & Susan.</p> 

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