

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

March 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
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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 First Sunday in Lent

“One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.” – Matthew 4:1-11

Mass Intentions

Week of March 4th-March 10th

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	Living & deceased members of Our Lady of La Salette Sodality
Mon	03/06	8:00a	Open Intention
Tue	03/07	8:00a	Open Intention
Wed	03/08	8:00a	Open Intention
Thur	03/09	8:00a	Open Intention
Fri	03/10	8:00a	Open Intention

Second Collection this week is the Monthly Collection

Weekend of March 11th– March 12th

Sat	03/11	5:00p	†Ralph Persons req. by the Family
Sun	03/12	9:00a	Open Intention
Sun	03/12	10:30a	Open Intention

Weekend Lectors

Sat	03/04	5:00p	Jane Wolfrom
Sun	03/05	9:00a	Bill Tretter
Sun	03/05	10:30a	Liz Quinn



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat	03/04	5:00p	Zorn, DiCiervo, DeMaria
Sun	03/05	9:00a	Nilsen, Shimer, Ryder
Sun	03/05	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 March 5, 2017

Monday: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday: Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32

Thursday: Esther C: 12, 14-16, 23-25; Matthew 7:7-12

Friday: Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26

February 26, 2017 Regular Collection: \$1,025.00
Thank You for Your Generosity!

Scripture Reflection

Jesus fasted and was tempted by the devil

Jesus was tempted like us and he overcame sin not by his own human effort but by the grace and strength which his Father gave to him. He had to renounce his will for the will of his Father. He succeeded because he wanted to please his Father and he trusted that his Father would give him the strength to overcome the obstacles that stood in the way. Luke says that Jesus was "full of the Holy Spirit". When tempted by the devil Jesus did not try to fight his adversary on his own human strength. He relied on the power which the Spirit gave him. His obedience to his Father's will and his willingness to embrace the cross reversed the curse of Adam's disobedience. His victory over sin and death won for us not only pardon for our sins but adoption as sons and daughters of God.

How can we overcome sin and gain freedom over our unruly desires and the lies of Satan and the world? The Lord Jesus gives us his Holy Spirit to help us in our weakness and to be our guide and consoler in temptation and testing. The Lord Jesus is ever ready to pour out his Spirit upon us that we may have the strength and courage we need to resist sin and to reject the lies and deceits of Satan. God wants us to "fight the good fight of the faith" with the power and strength which comes from the Holy Spirit. Do you rely on the Lord for your strength and help? Copyright 2017, *Don Schwager*: www.dailyscripture.net. Reprinted with permission



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, March 6th following the 8:00 am Mass, we pray the 8th 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.

Our Lady of La Salette Sodality: Holds its first monthly meeting of 2017 on **Sunday, March 5**. Members are invited to attend the 10:30 am Mass. Afterwards, a meeting and refreshments will follow in the rectory. Please call Pam 688-2642 if you have any questions.

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday, 7:00 pm throughout Lent. Please join the parish community during this Holy season. 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.

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

Fasting: Those who are 18 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 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.

Living Every Day with Passion and Purpose: The mission of Dynamic Catholic is to develop and present Catholic resources that “Inspire people to Rediscover Catholicism, live with Passion and Purpose, and bring Spiritual Vitality to the Church.” Dynamic Catholic president and author, Matthew Kelly, will present “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. Register: 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 and wish to car pool. 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” There’s still time to sign-up for the **free online** Lenten program based on Matthew Kelly’s book, *Resisting Happiness* – a Christmas gift given to parishioners and visitors last year. Sign up at BestLentEver.com to receive daily emails, practical tips, videos and personal reflections from Matthew Kelly.

Additional Lenten Resources: Bishop Robert Barron presents a weekly **Lenten Reflection**. Go to our parish website. (lower right side of homepage). **Formed.org** offers 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. Visit nyfaithformation.org/lent for variety of Lenten resources available from the Catechetical Office. **Lent booklets** were distributed to families of St. Francis de Sales last weekend.

EWTN Pro-Life Weekly Program: EWTN, the largest Catholic cable network in the world, has launched a new weekly half-hour program to address serious issues of our day such as abortion, euthanasia, and assisted suicide. Check cable listings (channel 97 locally). Fridays, 11 pm and Sundays, 10 am.

New York State has once again introduced legislature to legalize doctor-assisted suicide. Learn what the Church teaches about these important life issues. Resources are available at www.ewtn.com and the New York State Catholic Conference, www.nyscatholic.org. Additional resources will be reported in future bulletins.

Special Occasions & Celebrations

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



“Happy Birthday” to **Joseph Strauss (3/2: 85th), 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 contact Judy at 688-9912, jap120@hvc.rr.com.



Throughout Lent we sing Memorial Acclamation # 883 “Save Us, Savior.”

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.



Women’s Bible Study: Meets Wed. March 8 at 3:30 pm in the Fr. Gorman Hall at the back of the Rectory. All women of the parish are welcome.

Town of Shandaken Alert System: If you live in the area, take advantage of this public service offer to receive weather alerts and warnings. The Town can 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. www.shandaken.us/alerts.

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.

Pope Francis: No people is criminal and no religion is terrorist:

February 17, 2017. Pope Francis sent an important message to the World Meeting of Popular Movements taking place in Modesto (California). The pope denounced the “moral blindness of this indifference:” “under the guise of what is politically correct or ideologically fashionable, one looks at those who suffer without touching them. But they are televised live; they are talked about in euphemisms and with apparent tolerance, but nothing is done systematically to heal the social wounds or to confront the structures that leave so many brothers and sisters by the wayside”. *Source: AmericanCatholic.org*



MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2017: If you would like to have a Mass offered for a loved one during this season of Lent, please contact Fr. Raphael at 688-5617 or arrange an office visit.



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 courtesy.*

PARISH CALENDAR

















Mar 5	Sun	Children's Faith Formation Class after 9 am Mass in Parish Hall
Mar 5	Sun	Our Lady of La Salette Sodality meeting in the Rectory following 10:30 am Mass
Mar 8	Wed	Women's Bible Study meets at 3:30 pm in the Fr. Gorman Hall
Mar 10	Fri	Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm in Church

PRAYER FOR FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



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

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