

# St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

March 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*  
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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.

# March 26, 2017

## The Fourth Sunday of Lent

“I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.” – John 9:1-41

### Mass Intentions

#### Week of March 25th-March 31st

Sat	03/25	5:00p	†Jack Tiso req. by Family
Sun	03/26	9:00a	Open Intention
Sun	03/26	10:30a	Open Intention
Mon	03/27	8:00a	Open Intention
Tue	03/28	8:00a	Mass of Thanksgiving for Ava Buchhalter req. by Helen Morelli
Wed	03/29	8:00a	Mass of Thanksgiving for Tony and Tessa Morelli req. by Helen Morelli
Thur	03/30	8:00a	Open Intention
Fri	03/31	8:00a	Open Intention

**Second Collection next week is the Monthly Collection**

#### Weekend of April 1st– April 2nd

Sat	04/01	5:00p	Open Intention
Sun	04/02	9:00a	Open Intention
Sun	04/02	10:30a	Open Intention

#### Weekend Lectors

Sat	03/25	5:00p	Jane Wolfrom
Sun	03/26	9:00a	Elena Garcia-McWhinnie
Sun	03/26	10:30a	Judy Pavone



#### Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat	03/25	5:00p	Zorn, Marsten, DeMaria
Sun	03/26	9:00a	Nilsen, Shimer, Ryder
Sun	03/26	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 March 27, 2017

**Monday:** Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54  
**Tuesday:** Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16  
**Wednesday:** Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30  
**Thursday:** Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47  
**Friday:** Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

March 19, 2017 Regular Collection: \$864.00  
 Fuel: \$883.00

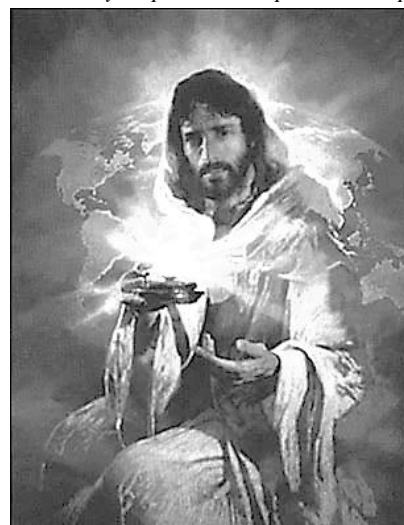
***Thank You for Your Generosity!***

### Scripture Reflection

#### Jesus frees us from spiritual blindness and sin

When the disciples saw a man who had been blind from birth, they asked Jesus what kind of sin had caused this blindness. While sin can lead to physical and spiritual infirmities, not all sickness is the direct result of sin. Jesus answered that God had allowed this infirmity for a greater purpose which God wanted to demonstrate as a sign of his presence and power. Jesus then made a claim which only God could rightfully make. Jesus stated unequivocally, *I am the light of the world*. In so many words Jesus was saying that he is the one true source of power and light which sustains life and overcomes the darkness of sin, and spiritual blindness.

When Jesus approached the blind man he first awakened hope in him - the hope which God offers those who seek his help. Jesus then did something quite remarkable for the blind man, both to identify with this man's misery and to draw expectant faith in him as well. Jesus touched the man's eyes with his own spittle mixed with dirt and bid him to wash in the Pool of Siloam. What is the significance of the healing of the blind man at the Pool of Siloam? It is certainly more than just a miraculous event. It is a "sign" that points to the source of the miraculous life-giving water which Jesus offers through the gift and work of the Holy Spirit. Do you want the Holy Spirit to pour out on you his renewing power of faith, vision, and healing love? Copyright 2017, Don Schwager: [www.dailyscripture.net](http://www.dailyscripture.net). Reprinted with permission



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, March 27th following the 8:00 am Mass**, we pray the **2nd** day of the Novena. “Our Lady of La Salette, *Reconciler of Sinners, pray without ceasing for us, who have recourse to you.*”

**Our Lady of La Salette Sodality:** The next meeting will be **Sunday, April 2** in the Rectory following the 10:30 am Mass. All women are invited to attend to learn more about the Sodality and how we serve the parish. Upcoming events include the May Crowning honoring our Blessed Mother and a parish retreat featuring guest speaker and Catholic evangelist, Tony Bellizzi. If you’re not a member and plan to attend, please call Pat Ryder at 688-3191. Refreshments will be served. Thank you

**Children’s Faith Formation:** The April classes are **Sunday, April 2nd, April 9th, April 23rd, and April 30th**. 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:** Thank you for the items being donated weekly to the Phoenicia Food Pantry! In addition to canned food items, people could use some staples such as paper towels, toilet paper, liquid soap, dish detergent, dog food, baby diapers, etc. Contact Gerry 687-9769 or Patti 688-7172. No perishable items please. Thank you.

**Adult Faith Formation: Sun. March 26 following the 9:00 am Mass** Second of four -part series: “**AMBITION, POWER & AUTHORITY**” (2) led by **Sister Catherine Gormley**. In contrast to last month, we will study Old Testament characters who paid attention to wise advice and led without power-seeking ambition. Moses and Joshua stand out as wonderful examples of leadership not as self-service but as service to others. Come and join us in the rectory as we look together for the lessons we can learn from these upright and selfless men and their attitude toward authority



**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.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** The Parish



Council meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 28**. Meeting begins at 7:00 pm. The meeting is open to all parishioners.

### **Preview of Easter Schedule**



**Palm Sunday Masses: Saturday, April 8, 5 pm; Sunday, April 9 at 9:00 am and 10:30 am.** Blessing and

distribution of palms at all Masses. Palms will be blessed outside in the Church parking lot. All will then process into the Church. Weather permitting.

**Reconciliation Monday, April 10** Father Raphael will hear confessions from **4:00 pm to 8:00 pm**. If he is not in the church, you will find him in the rectory.

**Holy Thursday, April 13** Mass at **7 pm** with a special ceremony of washing of the feet followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 12:00 am in Fr. Gorman Hall (located in the back of the Rectory).

**Good Friday, April 14 (A day of fast and abstinence):** A ceremony of the Lord’s Passion at

**3 pm** with the Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion. The Stations of the Cross at **7 pm**

**Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 15: 7 pm** Mass (No 5:00 pm Mass) Mass begins (weather permitting) outside the Church with the blessing of new fire, paschal candle.



**Easter Sunday, April 16: 9:00 am and 10:30 am**

### **Attention Parishioners – Notice of Easter Bulletin**

**Schedule:** Please note that all articles and announcements for the **April 16th Easter Sunday bulletin** must be submitted by **Thursday, April 6**. The Easter bulletin encompasses Mass Intentions from Saturday, April 15 to Sunday, April 23.

## Special Occasions & Celebrations

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



**“Happy Birthday”** to Marge Tiso (4/2). . *May you always be aware of God's presence in your life. May you always open your heart for him to come there and stay with you. Have a glorious and memorable Birthday! Happy Birthday!*

*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](mailto:jap120@hvc.rr.com).

Gemstone: *Diamond*

Flower: *Sweet Pea or Daisy*



### Memorial Acclamation During Lent

(# 883 Missalette)

**“Save Us, Savior, of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.”**

**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.



### **Living Every Day with Passion and Purpose:**

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.** To register, call (859) 980-7900 or online at: [dynamiccatholic.com](http://dynamiccatholic.com). Click “Events” – select “Passion and Purpose.” Click April 7 date to purchase ticket. Contact Mike Ruane (688-5357) if you are planning to attend and wish to car pool.

**Volunteer Help Needed:** Phoenicia Elementary School is looking for someone to help kids read. Not all kids in town have a parent available to read with at night. This sets them back in school. The school (about 3 blocks from the library) needs a few volunteers to read to children during a spring Read-a-thon over next several weeks. Short time commitment: (1/2 hour) from 2:45 – 3:30 pm would cover students (ages 5 to 9). This gives everyone an opportunity to read with an adult. If you can help, please contact Principal Linda Sella at [lsella@onteorak12.ny.us](mailto:lsella@onteorak12.ny.us) or call 688-5580 for more information. Thank you!



### **Lenten Reflection from our Patron Saint**

**St. Francis de Sales:** Following morning prayer, pick one or two inspiring thoughts and remind yourself of them during the day: “I am firmly determined to change, by my gentleness, the attitude of those who insult me, I shall try to meet them that very day in order to greet them in a friendly way. In case I do not come across them, I will at least speak well of them and pray to God for them.”



Russell Abbrecht, Luisa Armani, Lauren Aversa, Jerry Baltz, Jim Barden, Cheryl Bender, 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 24	Fri	Stations of the Cross 7 pm in the Church
Mar 26	Sun	Adult Faith Formation after 9 am Mass in Rectory with Sister Catherine Gormely
Mar 28	Tues	Parish Council Meeting at 7 pm in Rectory
April 2	Sun	Our Lady of La Salette Sodality after 10:30 am Mass in Rectory
April 2	Sun	Children's Faith Formation in Parish Hall after 9 am Mass
Apr 7	Fri	Lenten Meatless Soup Supper after Stations of the Cross in Rectory

### Lenten Meatless Soup Supper



On **Friday, April 7 following 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross**, you are invited to join us at the rectory for our Lenten ***“Meatless Soup Supper.”*** If you wish to make and bring a soup, please contact **Judy Pavone at 688-9912** or sign your name on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the rear of the church indicating your specialty. We also welcome green salads and bread. Lent is a time of reflection for the less fortunate, and for us to evolve into becoming more loving. Even though it is the Lenten season, if you like, you may bring dessert to share. We would love you to join us. 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 &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 <i>“The measure of love is to love without measure.”</i> — 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!” <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 &amp; Sue Tiso and Anthony &amp; Florence Persichilli by Charles, Joe, Margie, Pam &amp; Susan.</p> 

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