

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

December 3, 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

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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
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PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE LEADERS

Bldg & Grounds: Burr Hubbell.....845-750-3203
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Social and Outreach: Bill Colagrande..... 688-2013
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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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First Sunday of Advent

Show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation. Mark 13:33-37

Mass Intentions

Week of December 2nd– December 8th

Sat	12/02	5:00p	Mass of Thanksgiving to the BVM & St. Gerard for Frank Morelli req. by Helen Morelli
Sun	12/03	9:00a	†Virginia Fleming req. by Veronica and Jon & Alison
Sun	12/03	10:30a	†Barbara Caton req. by William Caton
Mon	12/04	8:00a	†Mary Simonelly req. by Ulmer Family
Tue	12/05	8:00a	†Wanda Tanalski req. by Barbara Ahouse
Wed	12/06	8:00a	†Lucy Lyman req. by Ulmer Family
Thur	12/07	8:00a	†William DiPasqua, Jr. req. by Liz Quinn & Lillian DiPasqua
Thur	12/07	5:00p	
Fri	12/08	8:00a	Mass of Thanksgiving req. by Helen Morelli
Fri	12/08	7:00p	

Second Collection is the Monthly Collection

Weekend of December 9th-December 10th

Sat	12/09	5:00p	Diane Prawd, infirm, req. by Barbara Barrientos
Sun	12/10	9:00a	†John Fleming, Jr. req. by Veronica, Jon, & Alison
Sun	12/10	10:30a	†Stella Haladay req. by Our Lady of La Salette Sodality

Weekend Lectors

Sat	12/02	5:00p	D. Kearney, A. Laub
Sun	12/03	9:00a	B. Hubbell, E. Garcia-McWhinnie
Sun	12/03	10:30a	L. Quinn, L. Brown



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat	12/02	5:00p	DeMaria, Wolfrom, Marsten
Sun	12/03	9:00a	Nilsen, Shea, Rowe
Sun	12/03	10:30a	DiPasqua, Bloodgood, Ullmann



Weekend Ushers

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

Readings for the Week of December 4, 2017

Monday: Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11
Tuesday: Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24
Wednesday: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37
Thursday: Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Luke 1:26-38

Scripture Reflection

Watch expectantly today - your Master is coming!

The Advent season reminds us that we are living in the end times. The end times begin with the first coming of Christ (when *the Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us*) and it culminates in Christ's second coming on the Day of Judgment and vindication for his people. Jesus spoke of his return in glory at the close of the ages as an indisputable fact and predetermined act which he will perform as the Judge and Ruler of all peoples, nations, and individuals who ever lived on the earth.

How does the Lord want us to be watchful and vigilant for his return? The Lord urges us to vigilance and to active prayer that his "kingdom may come" and his "will be done on earth as it is in heaven." The Lord wants us to have our hearts and minds fixed on him and his word. He wants us to be ready for his action and work of grace in our lives and in our world. Those who "wait" for the Lord will not be disappointed. Do you watch for the Lord's action in your life with expectant faith and with joyful hope?

The season of Advent is a time for rousing our minds and hearts for the Lord's coming. As his servants we watch for his will - continually seeking him. We watch for his word and his power - that he may act now to save and to deliver. And we watch for his visitation - he will surely come again! Servants of the Lord rouse yourselves! Be vigilant, be alert, be "watchmen" for the Lord pointing the way for his coming. Copyright 2017, Don Schwager: www.dailyscripture.net. Reprinted with permission



Advent
 The time to
 settle down,
 take a deep breath
 and concentrate on
 what's important.

Nov. 19 Coll. \$1,541. Fuel \$717. Nov. 26 \$1,350.

Thank You for Your Generosity

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, December 4th following the 8:00 am Mass, we pray the 1st day of the Novena. "Our Lady of La Salette, *Reconciler of Sinners, pray without ceasing for us, who have recourse to you.*"

Religious Education Program –

The December classes are on Dec. 3rd, Dec. 10th, & Dec. 17th after the 9:00 am Mass. Any questions, please contact Parish Coordinator, Gerry Nilsen at 687-9769.



Peace Time lyrics (during the Sign of Peace):

"Peace Time, Peace Time, time for Making Peace. Peace time, Peace time, time to say I forgive you. Time for saying I love you. Time to live as Friends."

Formation Project - Feed the Hungry: Collected food items continue being donated weekly to the Phoenicia Food Pantry. Contact Gerry 687-9769 or Patti 688-7172. No perishable items please. Thank you for helping others this Season!

GIVING THANKS: Our 23rd annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday, November 18, was a wonderful success! Thanks to the vision of Jerry Bender, for whom the dinner is named, and the dedication of a production team led by Jerry's daughter Laurie Brown, who was ably assisted by Kevin Amell, Mike Quick, Cheyanne and Dakota Newton and Cheryl Bender, we offered delicious food and warm fellowship to about 100 people! Special thanks to the Phoenicia Rotary, our principal sponsor, and to the Rotarians who served up the food and helped with clean-up! Other sponsors included Hannaford's, (which contributed 7 turkeys), Stewarts (milk, butter, and sodas), Bernie Bus (cranberry sauce), Saunderkill Farms (decorative pumpkins), AND all the parishioners who contributed desserts and homemade cranberry sauce!



Christmas Bulletin Deadline: The deadline for articles for the Christmas bulletin (Dec. 24) is Saturday, Dec. 16. The issue covers Mass Intentions published from Dec 23 to Dec 31. Please call the Rectory before Dec. 16 if you would like a Mass Intention published in the bulletin during these dates.

Tuesday, December 8: The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8th, is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be on December 7th at 5:00 pm, December 8th at 8:00 am and at 7:00 pm. All Masses will be in the church.



Giving Tree Project: The Giving Tree Project to help those in need from our community began last weekend.

If you are interested in participating, please take a tag from the Giving tree. Follow the directions on the tag especially the date the gift needs to be returned to church. Please note: (1) If you would like to bake cookies: the "white tags" are for you, found on their own branch! (2) For food baskets: please only non-perishable items (3) "Suggested items" for children's gifts will be listed on tags.



If you are able to help us gather, sort and tag the gifts for distribution, we could use your help **Friday December 15th & Saturday, Dec. 16th from 10 am to 1:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Please contact Marge Tiso 688-5898 if you are available to help one or both days. Thank you!

Our Lady of La Salette Sodality Luncheon: The annual Christmas Luncheon will be held at the **Phoenician Steakhouse Sunday, Dec. 3 at 4:00 pm.** Please call a Sodality officer if you will need a ride to the luncheon. Thank you.

Growing in Faith – December Publication: Why do Catholics bow during the Nicene Creed... when we proclaim our belief that God's Son was "born of the Virgin Mary and became man?" Learn the reason in this month's latest issue. Share your faith with others – take a copy or two home with you!

3 Ways to Celebrate Advent: 1) Advent is about waiting for the Savior to come. Offer a prayer anytime you have to wait during Advent; 2) Let your bible fall open and contemplate the reading the Holy Spirit puts before you; 3) Offer your parish the gift of your time, talent or treasure. Describe it in a Christmas card and send it to your pastor. Source: Growing in Faith Advent Calendar.

"If you do not hope, you will not find what is beyond your hopes." – St Clement of Alexandria

Special Occasions & Celebrations

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



“Happy Birthday” Finola Ryan (12/9); Cheryl Bender (12/14). May God continue to bless you every day with health, love, happiness, and the best life has to offer. Share your good news with the parish; drop info in the collection basket, email or contact Judy at 688-9912, jap120@hvc.rr.com 688-9912.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2017: To offer a Mass for a loved one, contact Fr. Raphael or parish secretary, Vikki Hall at 688-5617. **Vikki is in the office Mon-Wed-Fri mornings.** 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.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON FILM SERIES!

Sunday, Dec. 3rd: – The first of Sunday afternoons at the movies! **All movies will be shown at 2:00 pm in the Father Gorman Hall** (rear of the rectory). Fr. Fred Drobin will introduce film themes prior to the movie with discussion afterwards. Approximate time frame: 2-4:30 pm. **Invite friends and family –**



open to people of all faiths! Mark your calendars for January!

Dec. 3: “Mission” with Robert DeNiro;

Dec. 17: “A Christmas Carol” with George C. Scott;

Jan. 7: “Crash” with Matt Dillon & Sandra Bullock;

Jan. 14: “The Apostle” w/Robert Duvall, Farrah Fawcett

“The season of Advent restores ... a hope which does not disappoint for it is founded on God’s Word. A hope which does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! ... Let us think about and feel this beauty.” - Pope Francis

Pope Francis’ Monthly Intentions

– December: The Elderly:

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.



SEASON OF ADVENT: Why do we light wreaths during Advent? The wreath is an ancient symbol of victory... paying tribute to Christ’s victory over sin. The progressive lighting of the candles [each week] symbolizes the light of Jesus’ arrival, which brought us out of the darkness of sin. Read more about Advent candles, their colors and meaning in our new Growing in Faith Advent issue this weekend. Take one home.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Advent Gospel Reflections with Bishop Robert Barron and the Word on Fire Community. Sign up for daily reflections via email at www.adventreflections.com



Russell Abbrecht, Gil Arlinds, 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, Chris Hall, Victoria Hall, Catherine Hand, Etta Hanigan, Dolores Harvey, Rosemarie and Erwin Hildenhagen, Fr. George Hommel, Laurie Hoy, Arleen Kachadoorian, Justin Kolb, Josephine Klonfas, Amada Lumbaca, Zee Marek, Nina Marino, Josie McIsaac, Ed McCoy, Shelli Mellert, Helen Morelli, Diana Munch, Doris Murphy, Gerry Nilson, 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, Sharon Umhey, Angie Valentino, Stephanie Vesely, Jim Walker, Ellen Watson, Catherine Whitelaw, Greg Zaff. *Pray for our men and women in military service. Call the Rectory to add or remove a person’s name. Thank you for your courtesy.*

PARISH CALENDAR

Dec 3	Sun	First Sunday of Advent (See bulletin, page 4)
Dec 3	Sun	Our Lady of La Salette Sodality Christmas Luncheon at 4 pm at the Phoenician Steakhouse
Dec 3	Sun	Sunday Movies Series – 2:00 pm in the Fr. Gorman Hall (Read details in the bulletin)
Dec 8	Tues	The Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) Check bulletin for Mass times



















Mary the Immaculate Conception

Patroness of the United States of America

The Blessed Mother, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, has been a patroness of the United States since 1846. She was chosen as such because of the common devotions to Mary (especially as the Immaculate Conception) that many ethnic groups brought when they came to the United States, an immigrant country. She serves, then, as a uniting patroness to the diversity of cultures, traditions, and perspectives of people in this country. She is the spiritual embodiment of the nation's vision statement: "E pluribus Unum" (out of many, one)...the Blessed Mother, with her maternal love for us, brings all people together to point them towards God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Source: U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, www.usccb.org. (Holy Day of Obligation)



SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS

<p>In Memory of Jerry Bender by his Loving Daughters</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><i>Carmelo & Barbara</i> <i>Two Together</i> <i>Forever</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>In loving memory of George & Mary Wallace and George L. & William T. Wallace & Eric Kohloser by 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