

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

December 10, 2017



Gem of the Catskills

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!

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PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE LEADERS

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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.

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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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.

December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths;
all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Mark 1:1-8

Mass Intentions

Week of December 9th– December 15th

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
Mon	12/11	8:00a	†Rose Sagesny req. by Ulmer Family
Tue	12/12	8:00a	†Anne Mendeleushi req. by Ulmer Family
Wed	12/13	8:00a	†Adeline Caralluzzo req. by Ulmer Family
Thur	12/14	8:00a	
Fri	12/15	8:00a	†Mary Wallace req. by Family

Second Collection is the Retirement Fund for Religious

Weekend of December 16th-December 17th

Sat	12/16	5:00p	†Robert & Hiltrud Lalor req. by Family
Sun	12/17	9:00a	† Robert & Hiltrud Lalor req. by the Collins Family
Sun	12/17	10:30a	†Juliette Kromwell req. by Ken & Gioia

Weekend Lectors

Sat	12/09	5:00p	Pat & Mike Ruane
Sun	12/10	9:00a	A. Laub, J. Druffner
Sun	12/10	10:30a	B. Hubbell, L. Brown



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat	12/09	5:00p	DeMaria, Zorn, Barrack,
Sun	12/10	9:00a	Nilsen, Shimer, Rowe
Sun	12/10	10:30a	Shea, Bloodgood, Ullmann



Weekend Ushers

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

Readings for the Week of December 11, 2017

Monday: Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26
Tuesday: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Luke 1:39-47
Wednesday: Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30
Thursday: Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15
Friday: Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19

Collection amount for December 3rd: \$2290
 Monthly Collection: \$728
Thank You for Your Generosity

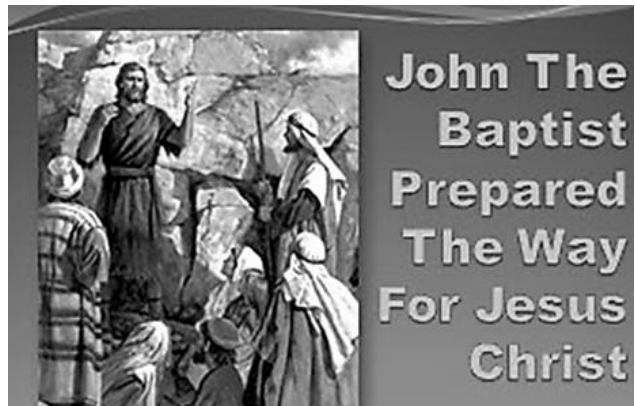
Scripture Reflection

"The baptism of repentance and purification in the Holy Spirit"

John broke the prophetic silence of the previous centuries when he began to speak the word of God to the people of Israel. Among a people unconcerned with the things of God, it was his work to awaken their interest, unsettle them from their complacency, and arouse in them enough good will to recognize and receive Christ when he came.

What the prophets had carefully searched for and angels longed to see, now came to completion as John made the way ready for the coming of the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ. With John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit begins the restoration to the human race of the "divine likeness", prefiguring what would be achieved with and in the Lord Jesus.

John's baptism was for repentance - turning away from sin and taking on a new way of life according to God's word. Our baptism in Jesus Christ by water and the Spirit results in a new birth and entry into God's kingdom as his beloved sons and daughters. The Lord Jesus comes to baptize each one of us in his Holy Spirit so that we may walk in his truth and holiness and radiate the joy of the Gospel to all we meet. God's word has power to change and transform our lives so that we may be lights that point others to Jesus Christ. Like John the Baptist, we too are called to give testimony to the light and truth of Christ. Do you point others to Jesus Christ in the way you live, speak, and treat others? Copyright 2017, Don Schwager: www.dailyscripture.net. Reprinted with permission



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, December 11th 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."

Religious Education Program –

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



Two songs will be sung at 9:00 am Mass ("Children's Mass"):

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."

Recessional Hymn: "The Jesse Tree Song"
Little boys will bring lions to the spring; little girls will bring calves there, too.

The wolf will live in peace with the lamb; the cows and the bears will make friends!

They will not fight; they will not bite! They know He's coming too!

Gonna be a great day; gonna take the night away. We'll sing and dance and jump and run.

It could be fun, like playing in the sun that Great Day when he comes!

Stand up and sing! Here comes the King! Here comes the Lord of Lords! That's who we're waiting for! (3xs)

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 especially during this Season!

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Please note that **Sunday, December 24, is also the Fourth Sunday of Advent; therefore, our regular weekend Mass schedule applies.** Saturday, Dec. 23 at 5:00 pm; Sunday, Dec. 24 at 9:00 am and 10:30 am.

Reconciliation Monday: New York Archdiocese Cardinal Dolan has designated **Monday, Dec. 18 as Reconciliation Monday** for Advent. All parishes in the archdiocese will have priests available to hear confessions from 4:00 - 8:00 pm. Confessions will be heard in the church.

Giving Tree Project:

Thank you for your generous heart in taking the tags from the bare branches of the tree the last two weekends. Now the tree comes alive and flourishes as the gifts for our community are placed



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!

Men's Bible Study: Meets Wed. December 13th at 7 pm in the Rectory. Father Raphael will join in as

his schedule permits. All men are welcome. Refreshments served.



Women's Bible Study: Meets December 13th at 3:30 pm in the Fr. Gorman Hall to discuss *Proverbs: Wisdom for Living.* If

you'd like to join the group, call Pat Ruane (688-5357) for a copy of the free book.

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

Several parishioners and local businesses have asked Father Raphael, or members of Parish Council, whether the Facebook group "Friends with a Devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes" is acting on behalf of our Parish. To clarify, this group has no affiliation with the Church of St. Francis de Sales. They are an independent group organizing fundraising to purchase and preserve the Allaben Church, which was decommissioned by the Archdiocese in 2006. Currently, the Allaben church is not for sale. While this is the first church built in our parish (1879), it is not the oldest Church of Our Lady of Lourdes in the U.S. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Fr. Raphael or Pat Ruane (688-5357).

Growing in Faith – December Publication

A holy Advent leads to a joyful Christmas: During Advent, we wait for the gift of pure love. Three ways to achieve this joyful Christmas are: 1) Watchful silence, 2) Prepare, and 3) Celebrate. Further details can be found in this month's *Growing in Faith issue.*



GROWING IN FAITH
GROWING IN CHRIST

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 available Mon-Wed-Fri mornings. An "Intention Book" for your personal prayer requests is on the podium in the back of the church (near Tree of Life). Prayer requests will be remembered at our Masses.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON ADULT FILMS



Sunday, Dec. 17th: – Don't Miss this Classic! *A Christmas Carol* with George C. Scott. **Movie starts 2:00 pm** (Fr. Gorman Hall) behind the rectory. Fr. Fred Drobin will introduce film themes prior to the movie with discussion afterwards. Approx time frame: 2-4:30 pm.

Invite friends and family – open to people of all faiths!

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

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

"The Mission" launches our Film Series

A dozen parishioners joined Fr. Fred Drobin for a film depicting the spiritual journey of Rodrigo, a conquistador, from sin (the murder of his brother) to a most unusual reparation, under the direction of a Jesuit priest ministering to the Guarani people at a jungle mission in 18th Century South America. Historically based, the story shows a shift from self to other-centeredness on the part of the conquistador (Robert de Niro), and the struggle of love vs. power/might in the world. Fr. Fred set the context by outlining the four necessary steps of Spiritual Development, for which there are no short cuts: Consolation, Purgation (with Reparation), Illumination, and Unification. This film was the winner of the Cannes "Best Film of the Year" in 1986. Our **NEXT** feature film is a classic - Dickens' "*A Christmas Carol*" with George C. Scott as Scrooge. Join us for this viewing at **2 pm** on **SUNDAY, December 17,**

in the Fr. Gorman Hall. We'll provide the popcorn, and invite you to join in the discussion.

SEASON OF ADVENT: *Use Advent Well* Many of us look forward to Christmas all year but let Advent pass unnoticed. This quiet season can't compete with the lights, the joy and the excitement. Instead why not use this year's season of Advent to prepare for Christmas: **Keep Watch; Give the gift of yourself; Break down barriers.** Read more in this month's *Growing in Faith Advent* issue.



SECOND 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

Two Ways to Celebrate Advent: 1) Pick one habit that is keeping you from holiness. Resolve to conquer it during Advent and 2) Light a candle and sit in silence for 15 minutes. Focus on whom it is you are waiting. . Source: *Growing in Faith Advent Calendar.*



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 Giambrone, 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 Kloufas, Amada Lumbaca, Zee Marek, Nina Marino, Josie McIsaac, Ed McCoy, Shelli Mellert, Helen Morelli, Diana Munch, Doris Murphy, 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, 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 10	Sun	Religious Education classes in the parish hall after 9:00 am Mass
Dec 13	Wed	Men and Women's Bible Study Groups Meet – check bulletin for times.
Dec 17	Sun	Sunday Movies Series – 2:00 pm in Fr. Gorman Hall – A Christmas Carol with George C. Scott
Dec 18	Mon	Reconciliation Monday from 4:00 to 8:00 pm in the Church

Our Lady of Guadalupe 16th century Feast—December 12

Under this title, Our Lady is the patron of Mexico, the United States, and all of the Americas, as well as the protector of unborn children. In 1531, she appeared in a vision to the peasant Juan Diego on Tepeyac Hill near Mexico City and charged him with asking the bishop to build a church on that spot. But the bishop demanded a sign, so Our Lady had Juan gather flowers in his cloak in December to take to the bishop. When Juan opened his cloak, the colorful image of Guadalupe was emblazoned on the cactus cloth. That icon is preserved in the most famous shrine in the Western Hemisphere, and Our Lady of Guadalupe continues to inspire poor and oppressed people worldwide. *Source: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*



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 style="text-align: center;"><i>Carmelo & Barbara Two Together 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 Kohlroser 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