

# St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

December 24, 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!

Pres.: Pat Ruane: 688-5357

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## PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE LEADERS

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Communication: Pam Hammond ..... 688-2642

Director of Music: Dennis Yerry... ..... 657-2714

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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.*

## 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

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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 Ginot, 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 24, 2017

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done  
to me, according to your word. Luke 1:26-38

### Mass Intentions

#### Week of December 23rd– December 29th

Sat	12/23	5:00p	†Helene Hoffman req by Barbara DeMaria
Sun	12/24	9:00a	
Sun	12/24	10:30a	
Sun	12/24	5:00p	†Frederick "Jey" Veitch req. by the Tiso Family
Sun	12/24	10:00p	
Mon	12/25	9:00a	
Tue	12/26	8:00a	†Kenny Miller req. by Virginia Miller
Wed	12/27	8:00a	
Thur	12/28	8:00a	
Fri	12/29	8:00a	

Call the Rectory for Mass Intentions

#### Weekend of December 30th-December 31st

Sat	12/30	5:00p	
Sun	12/31	9:00a	†Hiltrud Lalor req. by the Collins Family
Sun	12/31	10:30a	†Joseph McCormick req. by Joseph McShea

#### The Weekend Lectors

Sat	12/23	5:00p	H. Marsten, J. Druffner
Sun	12/24	9:00a	B. Tretter, B. Hubbell
Sun	12/24	10:30a	J. Pavone, L. Quinn



#### Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat	12/23	5:00p	Zorn, DeMaria, Pavone
Sun	12/24	9:00a	Nilsen, Shea, Ryan
Sun	12/24	10:30a	Ryder, Bloodgood, Ullmann



#### Weekend Ushers

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

#### Readings for the Week of December 25, 2017

**Monday:** Isaiah 52:7-10; John 1:1-18

**Tuesday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22

**Wednesday:** 1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a, 2-8

**Thursday:** 1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18

**Friday:** 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35

Regular Collection for Dec. 17th: \$1,368

Fuel Collection: 714.00

*Thank You for Your Generosity*

### Scripture Reflection

#### "Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you!"

How does Mary respond to the word of God delivered by the angel Gabriel? She knows she is hearing something beyond human capability. It will surely take a miracle which surpasses all that God has done previously. Her question, "how shall this be, since I have no husband" is not prompted by doubt or skepticism, but by wonderment!

Mary's prompt response of "yes" to the divine message is a model of faith for all believers. Mary believed God's promises even when they seemed impossible. She was full of grace because she trusted that what God said was true and would be fulfilled. She was willing and eager to do God's will, even if it seemed difficult or costly. Mary is the "mother of God" because God becomes incarnate when he takes on flesh in her womb. When we pray the Nicene Creed we state our confession of faith in this great mystery: "For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man".

What is the key that unlocks the power and grace of God's kingdom in our personal lives? Faith and obedience for sure! God gives us grace and he expects us to respond with the same willing obedience and heartfelt trust as Mary did. When God commands he also gives the help and means to respond. We can either yield to his grace or resist and go our own way. Do you believe in God's promises and do you yield to his grace? Copyright 2017, Don Schwager: [www.dailyscripture.net](http://www.dailyscripture.net). Reprinted with permission



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, December 25th following the 8:00 am Mass, we pray the 4th 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 children will have a pageant on December 24th at the 5pm Mass. The January classes are **January 7th, January 21st & 28th after the 9:00 am Mass.** Any questions, please contact Parish Coordinator, Gerry Nilsen at 687-9769.



**Religious Education Christmas Party:** Children in the program celebrated last weekend with a party that included listening to the *Christmas Story*, creating Christmas decorations and enjoying a pizza party. The

grand finale was a special visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Thank you to our parents and parishioners who contributed in many ways to the success of the children's party!



**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!

### **CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND SCHEDULE**

**Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve, Children's Pageant at 5 p.m.  
**Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at 10 p.m.  
**Dec. 25:** Christmas Day Mass at 9 a.m.  
**Dec. 31:** Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph, 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Mass  
**Jan. 1:** Solemnity of Mary at 10:30 a.m. (not a Holy Day of Obligation)

### **Giving Tree Project:**

We couldn't have accomplished this project without the help of: Barbara Ahouse, Barbara Allison, Loreen Aversa, Helena Baldyga, Theresa Grant, Vikki Hall, Pam Hammond, Patti Payette, Judy Pavone, Liz Quinn, Mary Ellen Rury, Finola Ryan, Joe & Chuck Tiso, Kathy & Bill Tretter, Diana Valek and Mark Wilsey. Wow! What a team! A huge thank you for all your tireless work! [And to team leader, Marge Tiso, for coordinating everyone's efforts!]



(Photo: Some of the team members sorting gifts)

### **VISITING PRIEST NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND:**

Fr. John Kearney will be filling in for Fr. Raphael on Saturday, Dec. 30 and Sunday, Dec. 31 so Fr. Raphael can visit family in NJ. Fr. Raphael will be back for the 10:30 Mass on New Year's Day. This will be the **ONLY** New Year's Mass.

### **Companions on Our Advent Journey:**

The journey through Advent brings us to the Christmas celebration of God's intimate presence in human existence. What we discover is that in our waiting for Christmas, God is with us all the way



along the journey. In ancient times, people traveled together for safety and

support. Often they needed to set aside differences and overcome a fear of unknown traveling companions because the world outside their caravans held too many threats to travel alone. We too find that the more we try to set ourselves apart from others, the more we are threatened by a world "out there." We need companions on this journey. *Source: Franciscan Media*

**Solemn Mass of Christmas Eve:** Pope Francis celebrates the Birth of Our Lord from St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Dec. 24 at 3:30 pm (2 hrs). Check cable TV channel guide listings for EWTN for other Christmas Masses televised from the Holy Land and the National Shrine in Washington, DC.



## 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 2018:** 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.



## Growing in Faith – December Publication

Interesting articles about our faith - available in the vestibule...January issue coming soon: The Epiphany (January 7) and The Baptism of the Lord (January 8) Advent. *Source: Growing in Faith*



**Merry Christmas to All!**  
**St. Francis de Sales Parish**

“It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you.” - *Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

“Draw near to God and he will draw near to you.”  
(James 4:8)



### SUNDAY AFTERNOON ADULT FILMS - JANUARY!

**Sunday, Jan 7th:** *Crash* with Matt Dillon & Sandra Bullock;

**Sunday, Jan 14th:** *The Apostle* with Robert Duvall, and Farrah Fawcett.

**Movies begin 2:00 pm (Fr. Gorman Hall) behind the rectory.** Fr. Fred Drobin will introduce film themes prior to the movie with discussion afterwards. We provide the popcorn!



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.” (Luke 2:1-7) *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, Claire Paultre, Judy Pavone, Danny Payette, 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

<b>Dec 25</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Mass Schedule in bulletin and on bulletin board)</b>
<b>Dec 31</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph – Mass at 9:00 am &amp; 10:30 am</b>
<b>Jan 1</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Solemnity of Mary Mass at 10:30 am (not a Holy Day of Obligation)</b>

### A Christmas Prayer

*Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold his glory, and are bathed in its radiance.*

*Be with us as we sing the ironies of Christmas, the incomprehensible comprehended, the poetry made hard fact, the helpless Babe who cracks the world asunder. We kneel before you shepherds, innkeepers, wise men. Help us to rise bigger than we are. Amen. Source: Catholic Online*



### 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 &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 “The measure of love is to love without measure.” – 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><i>Carmelo &amp; 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 &amp; Mary Wallace and George L. &amp; William T. Wallace &amp; Eric Kohloser by 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*