

# St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

December 31, 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  
VP-Sec.: Heather Marsten: 514-0112  
Parish Secretary (M-W-F) Vikki 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  
Religious Education Program: Gerry Nilsen.... 687-9769  
Finance: Mike Ruane..... 688-5357  
Liturgy: Contact Father Raphael ..... 688-5617  
Parish Hall: Laurie Brown ..... 657-9652  
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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# The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son. Luke 2:22-40

## Mass Intentions

### Week of December 30th– January 5th

- 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
- Mon 01/01 10:30a †Our deceased parishioners req. by the Tiso Family
- Tue 01/02 8:00a
- Wed 01/03 8:00a
- Thur 01/04 8:00a
- Fri 01/05 8:00a

The Second Collection next week is the Monthly Collection

### Weekend of January 6th-January 7th

- Sat 01/06 5:00p
- Sun 01/07 9:00a
- Sun 01/07 10:30a

### The Weekend Lectors

- Sat 12/30 5:00p Pat & Mike Ruane
- Sun 12/31 9:00a B. Tretter, J. Druffner
- Sun 12/31 10:30a L. Brown, L. Quinn
- Mon 01/01 10:30a P. Hammond



### Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

- Sat 12/30 5:00p Zorn, DeMaria, Barrack
- Sun 12/31 9:00a Nilsen, Ryder, Pavone
- Sun 12/31 10:30a Ryan, Bloodgood, Ullmann
- Mon 01/01 10:30a M. DiCervo



### Weekend Ushers

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

### Readings for the Week of January 1, 2018

- Monday:** Numbers 6:22-27; Luke 2:16-21
- Tuesday:** 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28
- Wednesday:** 1 John 2:29-3:6; John 1:29-34
- Thursday:** 1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42
- Friday:** 1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51

Collection for December 24th will be reported next week

**Thank You for Your Generosity**

## Scripture Reflection

### "The favor of God was upon him"

Simeon was not alone in recognizing the Lord's presence in the temple. Anna, too, was filled with the Holy Spirit. She was found daily in the temple, attending to the Lord in prayer and speaking prophetically to others about God's promise to send a redeemer. Supernatural hope grows with prayer and age! Anna was pre-eminently a woman of great hope and expectation that God would fulfill all his promises. She is a model of godliness to all believers as we advance in age.

What do you hope for? The hope which God places in our heart is the desire for the kingdom of heaven and everlasting life and happiness with our heavenly Father. The Holy Spirit gives hope to all who place their trust in the promises of God. God never fails because his promises are true and he is faithful. The hope which God places within us through the gift of the Spirit enables us to persevere with confident trust in God even in the face of trials, setbacks, and challenges that may come our way.

Is there anything holding you back from giving God your unqualified trust and submission to his will for your life? Allow the Lord Jesus to flood your heart with his peace, joy, and love. And offer to God everything you have and desire - your life, family, friends, health, honor, wealth, and future. If you seek his kingdom first he will give you everything you need to know, love, and serve him now and enjoy him forever. Copyright 2017, Don Schwager: [www.dailyscripture.net](http://www.dailyscripture.net). Reprinted with permission



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, January 1st following the 8:00 am Mass,** we pray the 5th 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 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.



**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!

## **A Prayer for Feast of The Holy Family**



*Father in heaven, creator of all, you ordered the earth to bring forth life and crowned its goodness by creating the family of man. In history's moment when all was ready, you sent your Son to dwell in time, obedient to the laws of life in our world. Teach us the*

*sanctity of human love, show us the value of family life, and help us to live in peace with all men that we may share in your life forever. We ask this through Christ the Lord. Amen. Source: www.liturgies.net*

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

**Sat. Dec. 30:** 5:00 p.m.

**Sun. Dec. 31:** Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph at 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Mass

**Mon. Jan. 1:** Solemnity of Mary at 10:30 a.m. (not a Holy Day of Obligation)

### **Pope Francis Celebrates Solemnity of Mary:**

Pope Francis to preside at Holy Mass in St. Peter's Basilica on the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** and the 47th World Day of Peace. Covered live by EWTN Cable Network (check channel listings) on **January 1 at 4:00 a.m. with repeat programming at 12:00 p.m.**

## **Teaching Children How to Pray**

By Dr. Joseph D. White

Perhaps the most important lesson we could teach our children is that God loves them. However, to truly teach our children about God's love for them, we must teach them to have conversations with God. We must teach them to pray.

Praying with children can include various forms and circumstances, but there are some general principles regarding prayer that should be understood and communicated. One is that prayer is both *talking* and *listening*. In the book *The Way of Prayer*, Pope John Paul II states, "When we hold a conversation with someone, we not only speak, but we also listen. Prayer, therefore, is also listening." Children should be taught that God wants to speak to them and that, while they may not hear him in the same way they hear family members and friends, God does make himself known... Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Source: Our Sunday Visitor, [www.osv.com](http://www.osv.com). Reprinted with permission. (Link to full article on our website)

### **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 New Jersey. Fr. Raphael will be back for the 10:30 am Mass on New Year's Day. This will be the **ONLY** New Year's Mass.

### **Thank You All Mass Ministers – Christmas Weekend**

We wish to extend a heartfelt 'thank you' to all our Lectors, Ushers and Eucharistic Ministers that served during last weekend's regular and Christmas Masses. Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for our Christmas Masses were inadvertently left out of the bulletin. We apologize and wish to acknowledge their service last weekend: Nancy Zorn, Blanche Shimer, Barbara DeMaria, Jane Wolfrom, Pam Hammond and Pat and Mike Ruane. Thank you everyone!

**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.



## Special Occasions & Celebrations

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



**“Happy Birthday”** Jerry Baltz (1/4), Pat Ryder (1/17); Judy Pavone (1/20). *May His word bring light into your life and guide you in every step you take and decisions you make. May God continue to bless you!*

**“Happy Anniversary”** Judy and Bob Pavone (1/24 – 48years) *“May God continue to guide you and bless you in your marriage journey. Happy Anniversary.”*

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).

### 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!

**2018 World Day of Prayer for Vocations:** World Day of Prayer will be observed Sunday, April 22nd [2018], also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. You can find many resources to promote a culture of vocations on the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Vocations webpage ([www.usccb.org/vocations](http://www.usccb.org/vocations)). Source: [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

### Growing in Faith – January 2018 Publication

January issue coming next weekend. *Why do Catholics Celebrate Epiphany on January 7th?* Learn this and more about our Catholic faith in the next issue! Source: *Growing in Faith, January 2018*

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions – January 2018

### **Evangelization: Religious Minorities in Asia**

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.



**GROWING IN FAITH  
GROWING IN CHRIST**

### 10 Ideas for a Better Spiritual Life in 2018

“I have never heard anything about the resolutions of the apostles, but a good deal about their acts.” (Og Mandino, author, *The Greatest Salesman in the World*.) Have you thought of writing spiritual resolutions for 2018? Ten great ideas from “Catholic Link” on our parish website...or go directly to [www.catholic-link.org/10-ideas-better-spiritual-life-2018](http://www.catholic-link.org/10-ideas-better-spiritual-life-2018). *Have a Blessed New Year!*



Russell Abbrecht, Gil Arlinds, Luisa Armani, Laureen 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



















Dec 25	Sun	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Mass Schedule in bulletin and on bulletin board)
Dec 31	Sun	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph – Mass at 9:00 am & 10:30 am
Jan 1	Mon	Solemnity of Mary Mass at 10:30 am (not a Holy Day of Obligation)
Jan 7	Sun	Religious Education Classes resume in the Parish Hall following 9:00 am Mass

### Peace and Blessings in the New Year

*“As we gather together to greet the New Year, we give thanks for all the graces God has bestowed on us this past year and look forward to His continued graces in 2018. A Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year!” – Fr. Raphael*



### 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 <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><i>Carmelo &amp; 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 &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*