

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

January 28, 2018



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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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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Religious Education and Adult 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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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light; on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen. Mark 1:21-28

Mass Intentions

Week of January 27th– February 1st

- Sat 01/27 5:00p †Luis Leigh req. by Jean Druffner
- Sun 01/28 9:00a Mary Hull (in a coma) req. by Teresa Grant
- Sun 01/28 10:30a Mary Hull (in a coma) req. by the Lumbaca Family
- Mon 01/29 8:00a
- Tue 01/30 8:00a
- Wed 01/31 8:00a †Tess Menkowski by Barbara Ahouse
- Thur 02/01 8:00a

The Second Collection this week is for victims of the Mexican Earthquake

Weekend of February 3rd-February 4th

- Sat 02/03 5:00p
- Sun 02/04 9:00a
- Sun 02/04 10:30a

The Weekend Lectors

- Sat 01/27 5:00p H. Marsten, J. Druffner
- Sun 01/28 9:00a B. Tretter, B. Hubbell
- Sun 01/28 10:30a E. Garcia-McWhinnie, L. Vesely



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

- Sat 01/27 5:00p Zorn, Barrack, DeMaria
- Sun 01/28 9:00a Nilsen, Shimer, Pavone
- Sun 01/28 10:30a Bloodgood, Ullmann, DiPasqua



Weekend Ushers

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

Readings for the Week of January 29, 2018

Monday: 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mark 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Mark 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Mark 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Mark 6:7-13
Friday: Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 2:22-40

Collection for January 21st: \$953
Fuel: \$738.00

Thank You for Your Generosity

Scripture Reflection

Jesus taught with authority

When Jesus taught he spoke with authority. He spoke the word of God as no one had spoken it before. The prophets spoke with delegated authority - "Thus says the Lord." When Jesus spoke he needed no authorities to back his statements.

Faith is powerful, but without love it profits nothing. Scripture tells us that true faith works through love and abounds in hope. Our faith is made perfect in love because love orients us to the supreme good which is God himself as well as the good of our neighbor who is created in the image and likeness of God. Hope anchors our faith in the promises of God and purifies our desires for the things which will last for eternity.

Faith is both a free gift of God and the free assent of our will to the whole truth that God has revealed. To live, grow, and persevere in the faith to the end, we must nourish it with the word of God. The Lord gives us his Holy Spirit to enlighten our minds that we may grow in his truth and in the knowledge of his great love for each of us. If we approach God's word with trust and submission, and with an eagerness to do what the Lord desires for us, then we are in a much better position to learn what God wants to teach us through his word. Are you eager to be taught by the Lord and to conform your mind, heart, attitude, and intentions according to his word of truth, goodness, and love? Copyright 2018, Don Schwager: www.dailyscripture.net. Reprinted with permission.



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PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, January 29th following the 8:00 am Mass, we pray the 9th 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 remaining January class is **January 28th after the 9:00 am Mass.** **The February classes are February 4th, February 11th, and February 25th.** Any questions, please contact Parish Coordinator, Gerry Nilsen at 687-9769.



Two songs will be sung at **9:00 am Mass** (the "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: Down In My Heart:

I have the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart, (where?) Down in my heart, (where?) down in my heart, I have the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart, (where?) Down in my heart to stay. And I'm so happy, so very happy, I have the love of Jesus in my heart, And I'm so happy so very happy, I have the love of Jesus in my heart.

Children's Songs: Beginning this weekend, and at each children's 9:00 am Mass during the sign of Peace, "Peace Time" will be sung. In addition, the recessional song, learned during their class time, will also be sung. The lyrics to the songs will be found in the weekly bulletins. One of the catechists will lead the children in song. Please join in the singing! Thank You!

Formation Project - Feed the Hungry: Collected food items continue being donated weekly to the Phoenicia Food Pantry. Check the list of suggested foods on the decorated collection box. Contact Gerry 687-9769 or Patti 688-7172. No perishable items please. Thank you for your generosity towards those in need of this winter.



"What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like."

– St. Augustine

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Helping Earthquake Victims: Last weekend, parishioner, Elena Garcia-McWhinnie, spoke at our Masses about a 7.1 magnitude earthquake in Mexico last September that claimed hundreds of lives causing great devastation to families and homes. **There will be a second collection this weekend** to help with the reconstruction of homes for these families in need.

Elena will also be at this weekend's Masses with additional visual information (display board and iPad photos) about the reconstruction work of the Vamos a Dar Foundation. She will be available to answer any questions you have about this organization and the affected area in central Mexico. Thank you for your generosity.

Growing in Faith – January 2018 Issue

Number Three of a 3-point plan for holiness in 2018 - **Monthly Confession:** Jesus created the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (Confession) because he knew we would stray. He also knew we would want to come back. Frequent participation in this Sacrament sharpens our sense of sin, holds us accountable for our errors, and gives us the grace to keep trying for holiness."



During February & March, we will need help with "a leader of hymns" from the lectern at some Masses. If you are interested in leading parishioners in song, Father Raphael needs to be advised. Please make a notation on the calendar designed for this purpose in the sacristy. Dennis Yerry & Jim Barden will be happy to give you the hymns in advance of being sung. Thank You!
- Marge Tiso, Music Ministry.

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. Prayer requests will be remembered at our Masses.



Take Home a Bulletin: Don't miss important dates and times of special observances and activities during the coming Lenten Season. Thank you.

Special Occasions & Celebrations

January Celebrations: May God bless all our parishioners who have special birthdays, anniversaries and celebrations this first month of the New Year!



“Happy Birthday” Jerry Baltz (1/4), Pat Ryder (1/17); Judy Pavone (1/20). *May God continue to pour his love and warmth on you wherever you go and in all walks of life.*

“Happy Anniversary” Judy & Bob Pavone (1/24 – 48 years) *“May this anniversary mark the beginning of another year for God to light your path!”*

Share your good news with the parish; drop info in the collection basket, email or contact Judy at 688-9912, jap120@hvc.rr.com.



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.

Poverty Awareness Month – January: “Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor” (Evangelii Gaudium no. 187). Pray for the grace to understand how God is calling you to be his instrument.” For more info, visit www.povertyusa.org or <http://bit.ly/USCCBpoverty>. Source: US Conference of Catholic Bishops at www.usccb.org.

Lenten Resources – Handing on the Faith:

The Catechetical Office of the Archdiocese of New York has a range of online Seasonal Resources at website: <http://www.nyfaithformation.org/seasonal-resources>.

- 1) Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (February 14 this year) continuing until the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.
- 2) Lent originated in the first three centuries A.D. and, over the centuries, developed from a one or two-day observance to forty days (recalling the 40-day fasts of Christ, Matthew 4:2; Moses, Exodus 34:28; and Elijah, 1 Kings 19:8).
- 3) Lent is a spiritual preparation for the celebration of Easter...involving prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Source: <http://www.nyfaithformation.org/lent>

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O great and glorious God and my Lord Jesus, send your Spirit into our midst that he may enlighten our minds and inflame our hearts, that he may give us a right faith, a certain hope, and a perfect charity. In this way, we pray that we may be able to understand the Word of God given to us in the Scriptures by the Holy Spirit, and that as he dwells in our hearts, he may bring us closer to you and to all our brothers and sisters in the world today. - Amen.

Saint of the Day for Sunday January 28

Saint Thomas Aquinas (1225 – March 7, 1274)

By universal consent, Thomas Aquinas is the preeminent spokesman of the Catholic tradition of reason and of divine revelation. He is one of the great teachers of the medieval Catholic Church, honored with the titles Doctor of the Church and Angelic Doctor

We can look to Thomas Aquinas as a towering example of Catholicism in the sense of broadness, universality, and inclusiveness. We should be determined anew to exercise the divine gift of reason in us, our power to know, learn, and understand. At the same time, we should thank God for the gift of his revelation, especially in Jesus Christ. He is the patron saint of Catholic Schools, Colleges, Schools, Students. *Source Franciscan Media*



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, Chris Hall, Victoria Hall, Catherine Hand, Etta Hanigan, Dolores Harvey, Rosemarie and Erwin Hildenhagen, Fr. George Hommel, Laurie Hoy, 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, Joel Rivera, 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.*

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PARISH CALENDAR

Jan 28	Sun	Religious Education Program after 9 am Mass in Parish Hall
Feb 3	Sat	Blessing of the Throats after the Saturday 5:00 pm Mass
Feb 14	Wed	Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent

ST. BLAISE FEAST DAY

St. Blaise: According to legend in the 4th century, a woman pleaded to St. Blaise, a physician, to cure her son who was dying from a fish bone lodged in his throat. The Bishop prayed over the boy and he was healed. A belief arose that St. Blaise could cure most illnesses of the throat. *“As early as the ninth century in the Western Church, he was invoked for throat ailments, and by the 15th century, the blessing of the throat ritual had begun.”* Source: Our Sunday Visitor. www.osv.com.



Blessing of the Throats: Saturday, Feb. 3 marks the Memorial of St. Blaise, martyred in Sebastea, Armenia, in 316 AD. Father Raphael will give the traditional Blessing of the Throats after the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday. All are welcome!

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