

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

February 11, 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

Rev. Raphael Iannone, O.F.M., Cap, Priest in Attendance
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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
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PARISH COUNCIL 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
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Finance: Mike Ruane688-5357
Liturgy: Contact Father Raphael.....688-5617
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Social and Outreach: Bill Colagrande688-2013
Martha & Mary Ministry: Marge Tiso.....688-5898
Bulletin Team: Cheryl Bender, Judy Pavone, Marge Tiso
and Michelle Webb

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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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A great prophet has arisen in our midst, God has visited his people.
- Mark 1:40-45

Mass Intentions

Week of February 10th– February 15th

- Sat 02/10 5:00p †Carmelo Barrientos req. by Barbara DeMaria
- Sun 02/11 9:00a
- Sun 02/11 10:30a †Frank & Peter Giambrone req. by Lois Giambrone
- Mon 02/12 8:00a
- Tue 02/13 8:00a † Joseph Menkowski req. by Barbara Ahouse
- Wed 02/14 9:00a
- Wed 02/14 7:00p Service to distribute Ashes
- Thur 02/15 8:00a

The Second Collection this week is for Peter's Pence

Weekend of February 17th-February 18th

- Sat 02/17 5:00p
- Sun 02/18 9:00a †Albina "Babe" Bowser (7th anniversary) req. by Frank Santora
- Sun 02/18 10:30a Rev. Ralph Darmstadt req. by Anne Shea

The Weekend Lectors

- Sat 02/10 5:00p J. Pavone, H. Marsten
- Sun 02/11 9:00a B. Tretter, B. Hubbell
- Sun 02/11 10:30a L. Brown, A. Laub



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

- Sat 02/10 5:00p Zorn, Barrack, DeMaria
- Sun 02/11 9:00a Nilsen, Shimer, Shea
- Sun 02/11 10:30a Quinn, Ullmann, DiPasqua



Weekend Ushers

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

Readings for the Week of February 12, 2018

Monday: James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13
Tuesday: James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21
Wednesday: Joel 2:12-18; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25
Friday: Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15

Collection for February 4th: \$840
 Monthly Collection: \$565
Thank you for your generosity

Scripture Reflection

The Lord Jesus can make me clean

Do you seek the Lord Jesus with expectant faith? No one who sought Jesus out was refused his help. Even the untouchables and the outcasts of Jewish society found help in him. Unlike the people of Jesus' time who fled at the sight of a leper, Jesus touched the leper who approached him and he made him whole and clean. Why was this so remarkable? Lepers were outcasts of society. They were driven from their homes and communities and left to fend for themselves. Their physical condition was terrible as they slowly lost the use of their limbs and withered away. They were not only shunned but regarded as "already dead" even by their relatives. The Jewish law forbade anyone from touching or approaching a leper, lest ritual defilement occur.

This leper did something quite remarkable. He approached Jesus confidently and humbly, expecting that Jesus could and would heal him. Normally a leper would be stoned or at least warded off if he tried to come near a rabbi. Jesus not only grants the man his request, but he demonstrates the personal love, compassion, and tenderness of God in his physical touch. He communicated the love and mercy of God in a sign that spoke more eloquently than words. He touched the man and made him clean - not only physically but spiritually as well.

How do you approach those who are difficult to love, or who are shunned by others because they are deformed or have some defect? Do you show them kindness and offer them mercy and help as Jesus did? Copyright 2018, *Don Schwager*: www.dailyscripture.net. Reprinted with permission.



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PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, February 12th 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 –
February classes are 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 (“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: “Rejoice in the Lord”

Rejoice in the Lord Always, Again I say Rejoice.
Rejoice in the Lord Always, Again I say Rejoice.
Rejoice, Rejoice, again I say Rejoice. Rejoice, Rejoice,
again I say Rejoice! (two times)

Children’s Songs: Every Sunday, at the 9:00 am Children’s Mass, the children and their catechists will lead us in singing. Please join in “Peace Time” at the sign of peace, as well as the printed recessional song. Remember the proverb, “He who sings well, prays twice!”

Formation Project - Feed the Hungry: Thank you



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for donations to the Phoenicia Food Pantry. We have received word there is need for paper goods, i.e. toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, etc.; also cleaning items such as dish and laundry detergents; and personal hygiene items, i.e. soap, deodorant, shampoo & conditioner. Contact Gerry 687-9769 or Patti 688-7172. No perishable items please. Your generosity towards those in need is appreciated.

Growing in Faith – February:

Why do Catholics believe in Purgatory? Take a copy of the February issue of Growing in Faith located in the church vestibule. Also available are copies of Growing in Faith’s Lenten calendar that provides daily tips of things you and your family can do to enrich your Lenten journey. Growing in Faith is a monthly publication made available courtesy of St. Francis de Sales Church.

Distribution of Ashes: February 14 is Ash

Wednesday: Ashes will be distributed at 9:00 am Mass and a 7:00 pm service in the church. For those who cannot attend Mass, ashes will be given out at the rectory.

To make Lent more meaningful this year, I am asking you to write down on a piece of paper, one major sin that you are asking God to forgive you for. Do not write your name on it. Please drop this paper in a bowl located in the sanctuary on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. This is what we will burn in the urn for ashes this year. Thank you. – Father Raphael

Lenten Fast and Abstinence Observances: The

Church urges all the faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily life through performing acts of fast and abstinence during Lent, health permitting.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence

Fasting: Those who are 18 and up to 59 years of age are obliged to have only one full meal per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength but together should not equal a full meal. Avoid eating between meals. Those not obliged are welcome to fast to the extent they are able.

Abstinence: Those who are age 14 and up are asked to abstain from eating meat on all Fridays during Lent. These obligations do not apply to anyone whose health or ability to work would be seriously affected. If you have questions, please contact Father Raphael.

Lenten Booklets: The ushers are distributing our Lenten prayer and recollection booklets (one booklet per family) at all Masses this weekend. The white booklet, ***Finding Hope When Life Hurts***, provides daily reflections, actions and prayers for Lent.

Our Lady of Lourdes – February 11: This year marks the 160th anniversary of the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to a fourteen-year old French girl named Bernadette Soubirous. Eighteen apparitions occurred between February 11 and July 16, 1858. St. Bernadette was canonized by Pope Pius XI on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 1933. This October, Pope Francis will convene a Synod of Bishops in Lourdes: one theme will be “Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment” for young people between the ages of 16 and 29. Check the Lourdes website for information about the apparitions and upcoming Synod. Source: www.lourdes-france.org.

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Special Occasions & Celebrations

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



“Happy Birthday” Helen Morelli

(2/9), Sue Bernstein (2/14). May God continue to pour his love and warmth on you wherever you go and in all walks of life.

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

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.



Music Ministry: Thank you to those who have come forward to lead hymns from the lectern at weekend Masses. Additional people are still needed however. Please speak with Dennis Yerry or Jim Barden who will be happy to give you the hymns in advance. Please add your name/Mass covered to the calendar in the sacristy so Father is kept informed. Thank You!



Lenten Resources – Stations of the Cross:

Praying the Stations of the Cross has been a popular devotion in the church for hundreds of years. Each of the 14 stations commemorate an event from Jesus' last day on earth, beginning with his condemnation. The Stations are most commonly prayed on Good Friday, and Fridays throughout Lent. Source: Catholic Online.

All are welcome to join the St. Francis community in praying the **Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 7:00 pm, beginning February 16.** For personal devotion, you may also wish to search for "Stations of the Cross" on YouTube.com.

A Valentine’s Prayer

I said a Valentine prayer for you
and asked the Lord above
to fill your heart and bless your soul
With the precious gift of love.

I asked Him for sincere love
The kind that's meant to stay
Just like the generous love
You give to those you touch each day.

I prayed for love from family
And from every cherished friend
Then I asked the Lord to give you
His love that knows no end.

Source: Catholic Online

***Happy Valentine’s Day!
God Bless You & Your Loved Ones***



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, 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

Feb 11	Sun	Religious Education Program after 9 am Mass in Parish Hall
Feb 14	Wed	Ash Wed Mass at 9:00 am & 7:00 pm Service. Ashes distributed afterwards
Feb 16	Fri	Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm every Friday evening throughout Lent




















A BOOK FOR YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY

The Parish has purchased 100 copies of Matthew Kelly's book, *Perfectly Yourself*: ushers will distribute them (***1 per family***) after weekend Masses NEXT weekend for the first Sunday of Lent. We invite you to participate in a parish-based discussion group that will pace you through the reading. This group will meet twice during the Lenten Season, and twice during the Easter Season. All meetings will be held in the rectory dining room from 11:30 – 12:30 (after the 10:30 Mass), on these dates:

- March 11 – Chapters 1 and 2 (pp.1-52)
- March 25 (Palm Sunday) – Chapters 3 and 4 (pp. 53-100)
- April 15 – Chapters 5, 6, and 7 (pp.101-165)
- April 29 – Chapters 8, 9, and Epilogue (pp.166-210)

Additionally, you can go to Matthew Kelly's website: **DynamicCatholic.com/BestLentEver** and register to receive a daily message related to this book throughout the Lenten season. You will NOT have to sign up to receive the book, since we are supplying your copy. This is a FREE resource!

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 "The measure of love is to love without measure." – 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