

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

February 18, 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
 rjiannone@juno.com

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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 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
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 Parish Hall: Laurie Brown 657-9652
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 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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First Sunday of Lent

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word
that comes from the mouth of God. - Mark 1:12-15

Mass Intentions

Week of February 17th– February 22nd

Sat 02/17 5:00p
Sun 02/18 9:00a †Albina “Babe” Bowser (7th Anniv.)
req. by Frank Santora
Sun 02/18 10:30a Rev. Ralph Darmstadt req. by Anne Shea
Mon 02/19 8:00a
Tue 02/20 8:00a
Wed 02/21 8:00a
Thur 02/22 8:00a

The Second Collection this week is for Fuel

Weekend of February 24th-February 25th

Sat 02/24 5:00p †Carmelo Barrientos req. by Barbara
DeMaria
Sun 02/25 9:00a
Sun 02/25 10:30a Jean Cruickshank Maher req. by the Family

The Weekend Lectors

Sat 02/17 5:00p E. Garcia-McWhinnie, Z. Marek
Sun 02/18 9:00a J. Wolfrom, B. Hubbell
Sun 02/18 10:30a L. Brown, L. Vesely



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat 02/17 5:00p Zorn, Barrack, DeMaria
Sun 02/18 9:00a Nilsen, Shimer, Shea
Sun 02/18 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 19, 2018

Monday: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46
Tuesday: Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32
Thursday: 1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19
Friday: Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26

Collection for February 11th: \$1,438

Peter's Pence Collection: \$366

Thank you for your generosity

Scripture Reflection

Repent and believe in the Gospel

In announcing the good news of the Gospel Jesus gave two explicit things each of us must do in order to receive the kingdom of God: *repent and believe*. *Repentance* means to change - to change my way of thinking, my attitude, and the way I choose to live. Whatever stands in the way of God's will and plan for my life must be surrendered to him. His grace brings pardon and freedom from guilt, and breaks the power of bondage to sin in our lives through the strength and help of the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. If we yield to the Holy Spirit and not to our sinful inclinations, we will find the strength and help we need to turn away from all wrong-doing and whatever else might keep us from living in his truth and love.

To *believe* is to take Jesus at his word and to recognize that God loved us so much that he sent his only begotten Son to free us from bondage to sin and harmful desires. God made the supreme sacrifice of his Son on the cross to bring us back to a relationship of peace and unity with our Father in heaven. He is *our* Father and he wants us to live in joy and freedom as his *beloved* sons and daughters. God loved us first and he invites us in love to surrender our lives to him. Do you believe in the Gospel - the good news of Jesus Christ - and in the power of the Holy Spirit who transforms each one of us into the likeness of Christ? 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 19th following the 8:00 am Mass, we pray the 3rd 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 – There will be no classes on February 18th; the last class this month is 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."

Formation Project - Feed the Hungry: Thank you 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.



FEED THE HUNGRY

Growing in Faith – Lenten Issue:

This weekend is the First Sunday of Lent. Have you asked, "What is the significance of Lent?"

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "Lent is the liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church's liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert in fasting and prayer." Expand your Lenten journey with resources being made available by our parish: the Lenten Booklet (for daily reflection) and the Matthew Kelly book, *Perfectly Yourself*.

Review this weekend's bulletin insert – a Lenten Calendar – from Growing in Faith. The calendar provides tips and suggestions on practical things you and your family can do each day of Lent.

Source: Growing in Faith.

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday, 7:00 pm throughout Lent. Please join the parish community during this Holy season. Father Raphael welcomes parishioners to take an active role in leading our weekly Stations of the Cross. Please call him in advance if you are interested. He will explain how it is done. Thank you.

Lenten Fast and Abstinence Observances: If possible, reflect a spirit of penance in your daily life through acts of fasting and abstinence during Lent, health permitting.

Fasting: Those 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.

Fridays during Lent are days of Abstinence

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.

Lectors – Ministers of the Word: As a continuation of training (and in preparing for Easter services), there will be a session **Sunday, March 18 following the 10:30 am Mass**. The training will take place in the Church. This will be a good opportunity to follow up your questions concerning recent changes (i.e. two lectors per Mass). In addition, Fr. Raphael is encouraging lectors to view a 90-minute DVD training video from the Archdiocese of New York. You may borrow a copy from the parish library for viewing at home. The library is located in the Fr. Gorman Hall and is accessible after weekend Masses. To obtain a copy during the week, please call parish secretary, Vikki Hall, Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings at 688-5617. If you don't have a computer or DVD player at home, please let her know. Other arrangements can be made for you to view the video. More details to follow. For questions about the training, call Pam 688-2642. Thank you.

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.



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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” Burr Hubbell (2/6), Sue Bernstein (2/7) Helen Morelli (2/9), John Malloy (2/14), Mary Ellen Rury (2/25). 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.

Presidents’ Day - February 19

Presidents’ Day is an American holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February. Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, it is still officially called “Washington’s Birthday” by the federal government. Traditionally celebrated on February 22—Washington’s actual day of birth—the holiday became popularly known as Presidents’ Day after it was moved as part of 1971’s Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation’s workers. While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures, Presidents’ Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. President’s past and present.

Source: www.history.com



Lent – A Journey to the Foot of the Cross

“Learn to love like Christ. Giving of ourselves in the midst of our suffering and self-denial brings us closer to loving like Christ, who suffered and poured himself out unconditionally on cross for all of us. Lent is a journey through the desert to the foot of the cross on Good Friday, as we seek him out, ask his help, join in his suffering, and learn to love like him.” Provided by Bishop David L. Ricken of Green Bay, Wisconsin, former chairman of the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), offers “10 Things to Remember for Lent.” Search all “10 Things...” at: www.usccb.org

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intentions – February



Universal: Say “No” to Corruption

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of correction. Source: popesprayer.net

Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life. – Pope Francis

World Day of Prayer: The Shandaken Memorial United Methodist Church is again hosting the annual World Day of Prayer. The host country is the Republic of Suriname located in the northeastern part of South America. This year’s theme comes from the story of Creation (Genesis)...“All God’s Creation Is Very Good!” The WDP is a worldwide, ecumenical celebration started by Christian women to observe a common day of prayer and service. It is celebrated annually by men and women in over 170 countries. All are welcome to attend. Date: Friday, March 2 starting at 2:00 pm. The Shandaken UMC church is located just past the Shandaken Town Hall at 7358 State Route 28, Shandaken, NY 12480.



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, 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 23	Fri	Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm. All are welcome
Feb 25	Sun	Religious Education Program after 9 am Mass in Parish Hall
Mar 2	Fri	Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm. All are welcome



















PICK UP YOUR FAMILY COPY OF *PERFECTLY YOURSELF*

As you leave church today, ushers will be distributing Matthew Kelly's book – a Lenten gift to members of our community. In last week's bulletin, we suggested two ways for you to use this practical and inspiring resource. **FIRST**, to participate in a parish-based discussion group that will meet four times – feel free to join in one, two, or all the discussions, which will target specific chapters. All meetings will be held in the rectory dining room from 11:30 – 12:30 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)

SECOND, 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! Enjoy the book as you make this your "Best Lent Ever."

SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS

In Memory of Jerry Bender by his Loving Daughters 	Thank God for the blessings He has bestowed on our parish and may we continue to grow in faith and love. – The Gormley Family 	In Loving Memory of Barbara Caton. By son, William 	In Loving Memory of my dear husband, Tony, and beloved son, Anthony. – Angie Valentino & Family 
 Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with us. The Morelli Family	In Loving Memory of Jack and Virginia Fleming and John Fleming, Jr. by Veronica & Jon Rowe 	In Loving Memory of my beloved wife, Harriet, our mom & brother Frank, by Frank Rauchut, John, Veronica & Joseph 	In Loving Memory of my dear husband Romeo and my beloved son, Joseph by Saveria "Honey" Fecci 
In Loving Memory...  James P. Hefferan and daughter Maureen Hefferan Swezey, by Iris D'Agostino and Family.	In Loving Memory of Lawrence Monachelli and Eleanor Monachelli.  - Mike & Eileen O'Connor	In Honor of my family and friends living & deceased. May God bless us all and grant us world peace. – Lois Giambrone	In Loving Memory of Vic Cammardella by Helen & Family <i>"The measure of love is to love without measure."</i> – St. Francis de Sales
In Loving Memory of our Parents, Marian & Howard and Grandparents, Callaghan and Umhey, and all our Loved Ones. -The Howard Umhey Family 	In Loving Memory of my beloved wife, Josie, our parents, and our siblings. – Dick Morra 	In Loving Memory of our beloved parents, John & Frances Rauchut, Alfred & Veronica Grace and our deceased brothers and sisters. 	 <i>Carmelo & Barbara</i> <i>Two Together</i> <i>Forever</i>
In Loving Memory of Patricia and Terry Buchanan by the Wolfrom Family 	In Loving Memory of our beloved parents, Lillian and Henry Miller and Mildred and William DiPasqua, and our deceased brothers. 	In loving memory of George & Mary Wallace and George L. & William T. Wallace & Eric Kohloser by the Wallace Family 	In Loving Memory of our parents, Jack & Sue Tiso and Anthony & Florence Persichilli by Charles, Joe, Margie, Pam & Susan. 

Spiritual Bouquets: Renewals/Changes. Call Claire 688-5155