

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

April 8, 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

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
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 Religious Education Program: Gerry Nilsen ... 687-9769
 Finance: Mike Ruane..... 688-5357
 Liturgy: Contact Father Raphael 688-5617
 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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Divine Mercy Sunday

“You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe.” – John 20:19-31

Mass Intentions

Week of April 7th– April 13th

Sat 4/07 5:00p †Harriet Saladino req. by Barbara DeMaria
 Sun 4/08 9:00a Adolph H. Moesle Jr. req. by Sante Moesle and Family
 Sun 4/08 10:30a
 Mon 4/09 8:00a
 Tues 4/10 8:00a
 Wed 4/11 8:00a
 Thur 4/12 8:00a
 Fri 4/13 8:00a

The Second Collection this week is for the church in Eastern Europe

Weekend of April 14th – April 15th

Sat 4/14 5:00p †Anthony Morelli req. by Helen Morelli
 Sun 4/15 9:00a
 Sun 4/15 10:30a

The Weekend Lectors

Sat 4/07 5:00p J. Pavone, H. Marsten
 Sun 4/08 9:00a J. Wolfrom, E. McWhinnie
 Sun 4/08 10:30a L. Brown, L. Quinn



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat 4/07 5:00p Zorn, Barrack, DeMaria
 Sun 4/08 9:00a Shimer, Nilsen, Rowe
 Sun 4/08 10:30a DiPasqua, Ullmann, Paultre



Weekend Ushers

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

Readings for the Week of April 9, 2018

Monday: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Luke 1:26-38
Tuesday: Acts of the Apostles 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts of the Apostles 5:17-26; John 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts of the Apostles 5:27-33; John 3:31-36
Friday: Acts of the Apostles 5:34-42; John 6:1-15

Collection for March 25th, Palm Sunday \$1600.00
 Good Friday \$270.00
 April 1st, Easter \$3,135.00
 Monthly Collection \$450.00
Thank you for your generosity

Scripture Reflection

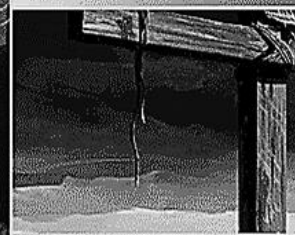
"Unless I see - I will not believe"

Jesus did something which only love and trust can do. He commissioned his weak and timid apostles to bring the good news of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. This sending out of the disciples is parallel to the sending out of Jesus by his heavenly Father. He called his first disciples and he now calls each one of us to do the same. Just as he gave his first disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit, so he breathes on each of us the same Holy Spirit who equips us with new life and courage to live each day as followers of the Risen Lord.

After Jesus' death, Thomas made the mistake of withdrawing from the other apostles. He sought loneliness rather than fellowship in his time of trial and adversity. When Thomas finally had the courage to rejoin the other apostles, the Lord Jesus made his presence known to him and reassured him that he had indeed overcome death and risen again. When Thomas recognized his Master, he believed and exclaimed that Jesus was truly Lord and truly God! Through the gift of faith we, too, proclaim that Jesus is our personal Lord and our God. He died and rose that we, too, might have new life in him. The Lord offers each of us new life in his Holy Spirit that we may know him personally and walk in this new way of life through the power of his resurrection. Do you believe in the good news of the Gospel and in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring you new life, hope, and joy? Copyright 2018, *Don Schwager: www.dailyscripture.net. Reprinted with permission*



Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, April 9th following the 8:00 am Mass, we pray the 1st 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 April classes are on April 8th, April 15th, April 22nd, and April 29th. Any questions, please contact Parish Coordinator, Gerry Nilsen at 687-9769.



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.

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: "Father I Adore You"

Father, I adore you, lay my life before you, how I love you.
Jesus, I adore you, lay my life before you, how I love you.
Spirit, I adore you, lay my life before you, how I love you.

Formation Project - Feed the Hungry: The



Phoenicia Food Pantry could use paper goods, cleaning detergents and personal hygiene items such as soap, deodorant, shampoo & conditioner. Non-perishable canned good items are also appreciated. Contact Gerry 687-9769 or Patti 688-7172.

Our Lady of La Salette Sodality: A monthly meeting of members will be held **Sunday, April 8** in the rectory dining room following the 10:30 am Mass. All women are welcome to attend and learn more about the Sodality and how we serve the parish. Refreshments served.

Parish Council Meeting:

Scheduled for **Tuesday, April 17** at 7 pm in the rectory. All are welcome to join us!



"True peace ... comes from the experience of God's mercy," of Jesus Christ revealing Himself to us as "Mercy Incarnate," and of our call to boldly "proclaim Christ the Risen Lord" by "trusting in the mercy of the Lord forever" Pope Francis. Source: thedivinemercy.org

He became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. (2 Corinthians 8:9)

Women's Bible Study: Meets Wednesday, April 11



at 3:30 pm in the Fr. Gorman Hall to discuss *Proverbs: Wisdom for Living*. The readings are for Week 5, pp. 60+. If you'd like to join the group, call Pat Ruane (688-5357) for a copy of the free book.

Men's Bible Study: Meets Wednesday, April 11 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory. Father Raphael will join in as his schedule permits.

All men are welcome. Refreshments served.

New Grounds Keeper is Needed: The parish is looking for an interested individual or landscaping contractor who has lawn mowing and edging equipment for the job, which runs from May to October. If you are interested, or know any leads, please contact Mark Wilsey (688-5500) or Fr. Raphael.

The A, B, C of Divine Mercy

A — Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B — Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C — Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive. Source: www.ewtn.com/devotionals/mercy

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.



Growing in Faith – April Issue



How we can begin a new life in Christ after Easter

The first of four methods: **Make an examination.** Call on the Holy Spirit to reveal what is keeping you

from becoming the person God intends. Make an examination of your life as you live it. Look at your prayer life, your sacramental life, your dedication to spiritual growth. Do you share your faith? Do you serve others with love?

Next week we will review a second method.

Special Occasions & Celebrations

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



“Happy Birthday” Marge Tiso (4/2), Elena McWhinney (4/14), Heather Marsten (4/20), Josie McIsaac (4/23) and Jean Druffner (4/27). *May God continue to pour his love and warmth on you wherever you go and in all walks of life. Happy Birthday!*

“Happy Anniversary” Gerry and John Nilsen (4/6, 50th anniversary!) and Chris and Jerry Baltz (4/11) Maureen & Gene Gormley (4/25). *May you know His love is all around as you come and go. May His blessings abound. Happy Anniversary!*

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

Meditation Group Meeting: Members meet **Wednesday, April 18th at 6:30 pm** in the Fr. Gorman Hall. Reflection and discussion lead to new insights and sharing opportunities for members. The Meditation Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month. All are welcome to attend!

13th Annual Divine Mercy Conference

**April 28, 2018 from 9 am to 5:30 pm at Cardinal Spellman High School
1 Cardinal Spellman Place, Bronx, NY 10466**

Speakers include Ralph Martin, President of Renewal Ministries, Msgr. James Lisante, pastor, author and TV commentator, Sr. Monica Ward CFR and Christopher West who will explore the connection between Divine Mercy and John Paul II's the theology of the body and how it affects our daily lives. Additional speakers with program that includes Holy Mass and Confessions. Info about registration and fees in church vestibule. Register: <http://www.thedivinemercy.org/events/> or call 1-800-462-7426. *Sponsored by the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception (MIC) and Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFR).*

Adult Faith Formation in April: Sr. Catherine Gormley's Adult Formation classes meets **Sunday April 29, 2018 in the rectory dining room after 9:00 am Mass. The Acts of the Apostles:** The April sessions continue to see how the early Church not only survived but thrived. How did a compromise agreement at the Council of Jerusalem (A.D. 48) help converts to the faith

and the missionary vocations of Peter and Paul? Come and see how the Church grows despite opposition from many sides. Save the date!

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS

FOR APRIL 2018

Universal – For those who have **Responsibility in Economic Matters** That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths. *Source: USCCB.org*



Bulletin Advertising Renewals: Bulletin advertising renewals have started. Advertisers will receive a letter shortly for the new term (May 1, 2018 – April 30, 2019). Cost: \$100. Ad revenues cover the cost of our bulletin and promote good will in our faith community. New ad space is available: call Eileen, (817) 300-6813. Please support our bulletin advertisers.

Bulletin Spiritual Bouquets: Renewal letters to Spiritual Bouquets donors have been mailed. To renew, change or discontinue your Spiritual Bouquet, contact Claire 688-5155. Thank you.



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 Klonfas, Amada Lumbaca, Zee Marek, Josie McIsaac, Ed McCoy, Helen Morelli, Diana Munch, Doris Murphy, Gerry Nilsen, Janet Oakes, Florence Palmer, Claire Paultre, Judy Pavone, Sylvia Persons, Franca Ravetier, Joel Rivera, John Rossett, Mary Ellen Rury, 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.*

He became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. (2 Corinthians 8:9)

PARISH CALENDAR

April 8	Sun	Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at 10:00 am in Church (between Masses) All welcome
April 8	Sun	Our Lady of La Salette Sodality meets in the rectory following 10:30 am Mass
April 11	Wed	Men and Women's Bible Studies Meet – Check bulletin for times and locations
April 28	Sat	Religious Education – Children's First Penance

Feast The of Divine Mercy – April 8

“In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalski, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary.” - Father Michael Gaitley, MIC (Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception)

*On that day [Divine Mercy Sunday], the very depths of My tender mercy are opened.
I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy ...
On that day, all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. (Diary of St. Faustina, 699)*

Jesus told St. Faustina to have an image painted of him as he appeared to her with this prayer at the bottom, “*Jesus, I Trust in You.*” *By means of this image, I shall be granting many graces to souls. (Diary 742)*



Join Father Raphael and La Salette Sodality members in reciting the **Chaplet of Divine Mercy, April 8 at 10:00 am in Church**. The Chaplet is recited on rosary beads – bring yours or one will be provided with Chaplet cards.

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 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 & 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