

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

April 22, 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
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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 Ruane 688-5357
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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.

April 22, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. John 10:11-18

Mass Intentions

Week of April 21st – April 27th

Sat 4/21 5:00p †Marianne Ahearn req. by Payette Family
Sun 4/22 9:00a
Sun 4/22 10:30a
Mon 4/23 8:00a
Tues 4/24 8:00a
Wed 4/25 8:00a
Thur 4/26 8:00a

Call the rectory for Mass Intentions

Weekend of April 28th – April 29th

Sat 4/28 5:00p †James Walker req. by Ed & Nancy Zorn
Sun 4/29 9:00a
Sun 4/29 10:30a † Rose Fudge req. by the Tiso family

The Weekend Lectors

Sat 4/21 5:00p H. Marsten, J. Druffner
Sun 4/22 9:00a B. Hubbell, E. McWhinnie
Sun 4/22 10:30a L. Brown, L. Quinn



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat 4/21 5:00p M & G. Gormley, DeMaria
Sun 4/22 9:00a Colagrande, Nilsen, Shimer
Sun 4/22 10:30a Bloodgood, Ullmann, Paultre



Weekend Ushers

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

Readings for the Week of April 23, 2018

Monday: Acts of the Apostles 11:1-18; John 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts of the Apostles 11:19-26; John 10:22-30
Wednesday: 1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20
Thursday: Acts of the Apostles 13:13-25; John 13:16-20
Friday: Acts of the Apostles 13:26-33; John 14:1-6

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.

April 15th Regular & Fuel Collections
will be reported in next week's bulletin.

Thank you

Scripture Reflection

"I Am the Good Shepherd"

Jesus made three promises to his followers. He promised them everlasting life. If they accept him and follow him, they will have the life of God in them. Jesus also promised them a life that would not end. Death would not be the end but the beginning. Jesus promised a life that was secure. Jesus said that nothing would snatch them out of his hand, not even sorrow and death, since he is everlasting life itself. Our lives are safe in his hands.

The words which Jesus spoke upset many of the Jewish leaders. How could he speak with the same authority which God spoke and claim to be equal with God? He must either be insane or divine. Unfortunately some thought he was mad even though he cured a man who was blind from birth. We are faced with the same choice. Either Jesus is who he claims to be - the Son of God and Savior of the world - or the world's greatest deluder! We cannot be indifferent to his claim. For those who accept him as Lord and Savior he offers the peace and security of unending life and joy with God. Do you know the peace and security of a life fully submitted to Christ? Do you listen attentively to the voice of the Good Shepherd and obey his word?

"Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who keeps watch over our lives. May I be ever attentive to your voice and submit fully to your wise rule for my life. Draw me near to you that I may always find peace and joy in your presence." Copyright 2018, *Don Schwager*: www.dailyscripture.net. Reprinted with permission



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PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, April 23rd 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:

The April classes are on April 22nd, and April 29th in Parish Hall after 9 am Mass. 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 lead us in singing. Please join in "Peace Time" (during the Sign of Peace): "Peace Time, Peace Time, during 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: Title: "The Love Round"
Love, love, love, love, Christians this is your call.
Love your neighbor as yourself 'cause God loves us all...

Jesus, Jesus can I tell you how I feel, you have given me your riches. I love you so!

New Grounds Keeper is Needed: The parish is still 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.



Women's Bible Study: Meets Wednesday, April 25 at 3:30 pm in the Fr. Gorman Hall to discuss *Proverbs: Wisdom for Living*. This is the last session of our six-week bible series. New topics will be discussed for the next bible study. You are welcome to join the group. Please call Pat Ruane (688-5357).



Men's Bible Study: Meets Wednesday, April 25 at 7:00

pm in the Rectory. Father Raphael will join in as his schedule permits. All men are welcome. Refreshments are served.

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. All are invited.

2018 "SENIOR" PROM: The Phoenicia Rotary invites all local Seniors to their annual "Senior" Prom on **Thursday, May 10** at the Parish Hall.

Doors open at 2 pm.
Onteora Central DECA Students and Phoenicia Rotarians will be serving as hosts. Save the date!



First Penance: Students in Religious Education and their parents will celebrate the Sacrament of First Penance on **Saturday, April 28 at 10:30 am** in the rectory. Afterwards, students and their families will enjoy refreshments. Jesus said, "let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." (Mt 19:14)



May – Month of Mary: You are invited to join Our Lady of La Salette Sodality members and children of Religious Education in honoring our **Blessed Mother on Sunday, May 6** for the traditional May Crowning ceremony after 10:30 am Mass. Weather-permitting, the Crowning ceremony will take place in the Grotto across from the church. After the ceremony, refreshments will be served in the parish hall. Free religious materials and rosaries will be available. More details next week.



REPAIR CAFE - FIX IT FOR FREE!

Our Parish is joining with local craftsmen and craftswomen who are volunteering their time and talent at the Parish Hall on **SATURDAY, April 28, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm**. Electricians, carpenters, bicycle repair, and other skilled volunteers will bring tools and know-how to fix those small items that you really don't want to throw away. Come and experience this special way of being community.

Special Occasions & Celebrations

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



“Happy Birthday” Spencer (3/9 belated), Marge Tiso (4/2), Scarlet (4/6), Joseph (4/9), Stella (4/19), Elena McWhinnie (4/14), Jim Collins (4/15), Heather Marsten (4/20), Josie (4/23) and Jean Druffner (4/27). *May your special day be filled with JOY and LOVE and may you know that GOD is always with you. Happy Birthday!*

“Happy Anniversary” Gerry and John Nilsen (4/6, 50th anniversary!) and Chris and Jerry Baltz (4/11) Maureen & Gene Gormley (4/25). *Rejoicing with you as you celebrate God’s blessings on your marriage throughout the years 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.

Bulletin Advertising Renewals: Bulletin advertising renewals have started. Advertisers will receive a letter 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 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.

March Soup Supper: Parishioners received Father Raphael’s blessing before enjoying meatless soups, a Lenten meal and lots of good company!



Free Apartment in exchange for help with elderly couple: We are looking to match a couple with a family whose aging father is dealing with dementia, and whose mother has cancer treatments that prevent her from caring for him. The location is Oliverea, and the family offers (FREE) a nice, one-bedroom apartment with full kitchen and bath (plus free utilities) in exchange for assistance and availability. If you know folks who have flexible schedules and might benefit from free housing, please contact Fr. Raphael (688-5617) or Pat Ruane (688-5357).



Growing in Faith – April Issue

How we can begin a new life in Christ after Easter

The second of four methods: **Face the truth with courage:** It can be discouraging to look honestly at our many faults. Remember, though, that God understands we aren’t perfect. He asks us to act with integrity and relentlessly fight against sin. Being a sinner is not the worst condition – remaining one is. Next week we will review a third method.



Russell Abbrecht, 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, Kathy Kretschmer, 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.*

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PARISH CALENDAR

April 25	Wed	Women's Bible Study at 3:30 pm in Father Gorman Hall
April 25	Wed	Men's Bible Study at 7:00 pm in Rectory
April 28	Sat	Religious Education Sacrament of First Penance (see bulletin for details)
April 29	Sun	Adult Faith Formation with Sr. Catherine Gormley. (see bulletin for details)
April 29	Sun	Religious Education after 9:00 Mass in Parish Hall.

A Relic of St. Francis de Sales in Church



















We've witnessed the signings of very important bills in America and after the signatories were appended, the President, usually hands a pen to the people involved in the signing of the bill. The pen is a "relic" of an important event.

The altar stone contains relics, bone or something that the Saint used in their life. The church classifies relics as 1st, 2nd and 3rd class. 1st class relics are usually bones of a Saint, 2nd class, are usually clothing that the Saint wore, 3rd class relics are instruments or possessions of the Saint "The Pen."

The relic of Saint Francis is an authenticated piece of a bone. People are encouraged to honor these relics and hence they are exposed for public veneration. We are blessed to have such a relic in our church.



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 style="text-align: center;"><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