

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

December 2, 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...*Forever Joyful*

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
Liturgy: Contact Father Raphael..... 688-5617
Parish Hall: Laurie Brown 657-9652
Social and Outreach: Bill Colagrande..... 688-2013
Martha & Mary Ministry: Marge Tiso..... 688-5898
Bulletin Team: Cheryl Bender, Judy Pavone, Marge Tiso

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 Advent

“And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.” -- Luke 21:27

Mass Intentions

Week of December 1st – December 6th

Sat	12/1	5:00p	
Sun	12/2	9:00a	
Sun	12/2	10:30a	Mass of Thanksgiving Blessed Mother & St. Gerard for Frank Morelli req. by Helen Morelli
Mon	12/3	8:00a	†Dorothy Krayeirik req. by Barbara Ahouse
Tues	12/4	8:00a	
Wed	12/5	8:00a	
Thur	12/6	8:00a	

The Second Collection is the Monthly Collection

Weekend of December 8th – December 9th

Sat	12/8	5:00p	†Robert (Bob) Moran req. by Don & Peggy Kearney
Sun	12/9	9:00a	
Sun	12/9	10:30a	Mass of Thanksgiving req. by Helen Morelli

Weekend Lectors

Sat	12/1	5:00p	J. Druffner, D. Kearney
Sun	12/2	9:00a	B. Hubbell, A. Laub
Sun	12/2	10:30a	L. Quinn, L. Brown



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat	12/1	5:00p	Zorn, DeMaria, Garcia-McWhinnie
Sun	12/2	9:00a	Nilsen, Wolfrom
Sun	12/2	10:30a	Bloodgood, Ullmann, Paultre



Weekend Ushers

Jerry Baltz Bill Caton Frank Rauchut
John Sansone Rick Nace Ed Zorn

Readings for the Week of December 3 (Year C)

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31
Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Luke 1:26-38
Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Luke 3:1-6

November 18 Reg. Collection: \$1,640; Fuel: \$649

November 25 Reg. Collection: \$1224

Thank You for Your Generosity

Scripture Reflection

“Be Vigilant at All Times”

What can keep us from recognizing the signs of the Lord's presence and his action today? Indifference and the temptation to slacken off – to become passive and lethargic or to fall asleep spiritually. It is very easy to get caught up in the things of the present moment or to be weighed down with troubles. The Lord knows our shortcomings and struggles, and he gives us the strength to bear our burdens and to walk in his way of holiness. But there is one thing he doesn't tolerate: an attitude of indifference, being passive, not caring, and doing nothing when we could be actively seeking God and his kingdom! God is ready to give us fresh vision, hope, and grace to walk in his ways. He wants to work in and through us for his glory. That is why he expects more of us than we can do by ourselves. His grace enables us to actively watch for his action in our lives, and to actively pray for perseverance and endurance when we face trials and difficulties. The Lord gives us his strength to overcome temptation, especially from apostasy - the denial of the Lord Jesus out of fear or pride. God is ever ready to fill us with his strength and divine power. *Is your heart hungry for God or is it weighed down by other things?* Copyright 2018, Don Schwager: www.dailyscripture.net. Reprinted with permission



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PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, December 3rd after the 8:00 am Mass, we pray the 7th 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:

Children's Religious Education classes are held on **Sunday's following 9:00 am Mass. Decembers classes will be held Dec. 2, 9, 16 & 23.** For information or to register a child, call Religious Education Coordinator, Gerry Nilsen, 687-9769.



Songs - 9:00 am 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: "Stay Awake" (Hymnal #59)

Stay Awake (clap, clap) be ready (clap,clap) You do not know the hour when the Lord is coming!

Stay Awake (clap, clap) be ready (clap, clap) The Lord is coming soon. Alleluia, Alleluia the Lord is coming soon!

THE JESSE TREE: There is still time this

weekend to take any remaining tags from the tree! Your generous contributions in this seasonal outreach program help many families that are in need. Please return wrapped clothing gifts or food baskets/ food gift cards underneath the tree (with the tag on the outside) **on the weekends of**



Dec. 8th & 9th and Dec. 15th & 16th. Return your baked cookie gifts on the weekend of Dec. 15th and Dec. 16th.

The tags display "suggested gift" items: Please feel free to substitute items as you see fit. Food Baskets: Please provide only non-perishable items. You may choose to put a basket together yourself for the family or you may choose to give a food gift card.

Thank you for your support of this community outreach. Any questions, please contact Marge Tiso at 688-5898.

2019 New Missals – First Sunday of Advent:

The 2019 Missals are now in the pews. Feel free to take home a copy of the leftover 2018 missals located in the rear of the church (by the bench). These missals can be used for learning the hymns sung at Mass or for The Prayers and Order of the Mass (and read prayers for private devotions).

Keep in mind a listing of the Daily Mass Readings are printed every week in our bulletin (page 2).

The 2019 Missals need to remain in the pews so that parishioners have readily available copies at each Mass. Thank you.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: The four candles of the Advent wreath represent the four weeks of the first season of the liturgical year, Advent. Today we begin the journey of Advent, a time of hope and anticipation of the coming of the Lord at Christmas, but also for Christ's second coming. Take time to reflect how you will prepare spiritually for Christmas this year.

The Jerry Bender Memorial Community Thanksgiving Dinner Feeds over 120 people!

In our local version of the miracle of the loaves and fishes, a feast happened on November 17 in the Parish Hall - at virtually no cost to the Parish! Thanks to the generosity of the Phoenicia Rotary, whose members also served and helped with clean-up, as well as donations of turkeys from Hannaford on Rte. 9W in Kingston and a gift card from Sam's Club, chief chef Laurie Brown and crew (son Kevin Amell, Cody Newton, Joe Tiso) cooked, sliced, mashed, and whipped up a feast, with dessert support from many parishioners.

There was such an abundance of food that many meals were packaged for "take out" to homebound members of our community, and for people who could use another great



meal the next day. Laurie proudly and spectacularly fills the big shoes of her Dad, Jerry, who began cooking the Community Thanksgiving meal in 1986! Thank you to all who helped, and all who participated! *(More photos on back page of the bulletin)*

Special Occasions & Celebrations

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



“Happy Birthday!”

Ashton (Rel Ed) (12/7); Finola Ryan (12/9); Cheryl Bender (12/14); Gene DeStefano (12/15).

May God bless you every day with health, love, and everlasting happiness.

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

PROPOSED CHANGE IN SUNDAY WINTER MASS SCHEDULE -- ONE MASS at 10:00 AM

The Parish Council is recommending that we schedule only ONE Sunday Mass – at 10:00 am, January through March. Fr. Raphael supports this idea. Here’s our thinking:

- With many parishioners away during the winter, we find some Masses sparsely attended. Combining the 9:00 and 10:30 Masses makes good sense and will likely help fill the church more, and also build new community relationships in the process. We are eager to have people get to know all the members of our parish.
- Because so many lectors and Eucharistic Ministers head south, it is often difficult for us to cover all the Masses during the winter months. This consolidation would relieve that problem.
- We know that the 10:30 am time slot is attractive to people who move slowly in their morning routine. We recognize that a 30-minute change may be challenging at first, but hope you will see it as a respectful request.
- Similarly, we hope that the 9 am folks will not mind stretching out their morning for these winter months, if Sunday is their preferred day of worship.
- Families who find it stressful getting children to church by 9 am, and even more stressful when there are layers of clothes and boots, plus ice and snow to worry about, can relax a little with a 10 am start. The Religious Education Program would be scheduled after this Mass, and would run from 11 – 12:30 pm – just a half hour past the present schedule.
- One 10:00 am Mass seems like a fair compromise for those who attend either the 9 am or 10:30 am Masses. All Sunday Mass goers would be asked to make a small sacrifice by adjusting their Sunday schedules...and this would be greatly appreciated. The 5:00 Mass on Saturday night would not be changed in any way.

- When ski season is in full swing, and we welcome guests, this change should not inconvenience skiers, who still have the option of the 5 pm Saturday Mass. We would need to change our signage, telephone and website schedules so our visitors aren’t confused.
- One Sunday Mass means everyone can relax a little – including Fr. Raphael!

WIN A LIVE SERBIAN SPRUCE TREE!

Shawn Lahey, a friend to our parish and nurseryman from Migliorelli’s Farm Stand, has donated a beautiful SERBIAN SPRUCE tree for us to raffle off as a fundraiser. This live tree, valued at \$175, is outside the door, so check it out after Mass. You can bring it indoors and decorate it for the holidays, then enjoy it outdoors for years to come. In addition to the tree, Shawn has even offered to have his crew dig the hole so you can get the tree in the ground!

This tree can be yours for a \$5 chance. If you are interested, please see Marge Tiso, our Music Minister, or Veronica Rowe, one of our Trustees after Mass. They will help you fill out a slip of paper to be included in our drawing, which will be December 16th. We’ll inform the winner right away, so this beautiful specimen can be part of your holiday celebration.



Thank you for the heartfelt prayers for healing. Please contact the rectory if you have a name to add or a name that can be removed. Thank you for your courtesy.

Russell Abbrecht, Luisa Armani, Lauren Aversa, Jerry Baltz, Jim Barden, Cheryl Bender, Rick Bicanovsky, Sheila Madera-Brown, Ellen Burmeister, Ryan Callahan, Liam Casey, Ben Cole, Ed Dannen, Lillian DiPasqua, Betty Djerf, Iris D’Agostino, Honey Fecci, Ernest Fudge, Sr., Lois Giambone, 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, Helen Morelli, Diana Munch, Doris Murphy, Gerry Nilsen, Janet Oakes, Florence Palmer, Claire Paultre, Judy Pavone, Nicholas Percoco, 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, Sonja Turner, Sharon Umhey, Angie Valentino, Stephanie Vesely, Bruce Wallace, Bob Walsh, Ellen Watson, Catherine Whitelaw, Greg Zaff. *Please also pray for our men and women in military service.*

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PARISH CALENDAR

Dec 2	Sun	Religious Education Class in the Parish Hall following 9:00 am Mass
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Dec 9	Sun	Religious Education Class in the Parish Hall following 9:00 am Mass

Jerry Bender Thanksgiving Community Dinner



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>Pray to the Infant Jesus of Prague. In Memory of George and Mary Wallace, George L. & William T. Wallace & Eric Kohlroser. – 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>