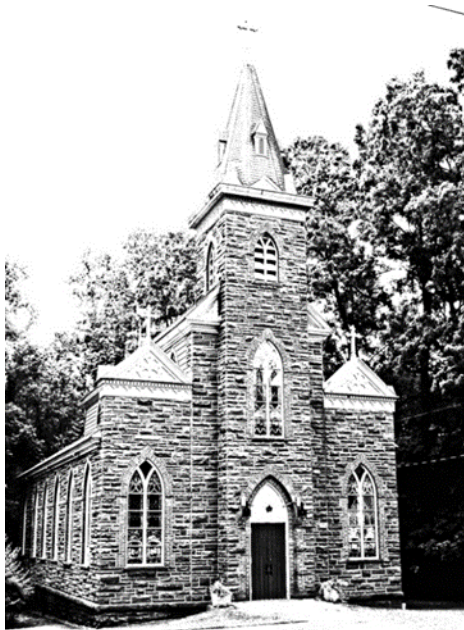


# St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

## December 9, 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

*Rev. George W. Hommel, Parish Administrator*

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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.

# December 9, 2018

## Second Sunday of Advent

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” -- Luke 3:1-6

### Mass Intentions

#### Week of December 8th – December 13th

Sat	12/8	5:00p	†Robert (Bob) Moran req. by Peggy and Don Kearney
Sun	12/9	9:00a	
Sun	12/9	10:30a	Mass of Thanksgiving req. by Helen Morelli
Mon	12/10	8:00a	
Tues	12/11	8:00a	†Joyce Czaplicki req. by Barbara Ahouse
Wed	12/12	8:00a	
Thur	12/13	8:00a	

**The Second Collection is for  
Retirement Fund for Religious**

#### Weekend of December 15th – December 16th

Sat	12/15	5:00p	†Mary Wallace req. by Family
Sun	12/16	9:00a	
Sun	12/16	10:30a	

#### Weekend Lectors

Sat	12/8	5:00p	Kearney, Hammond
Sun	12/9	9:00a	Laub, Hubbell
Sun	12/9	10:30a	McWhinnie, Rowe



#### Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat	12/8	5:00p	Zorn, DeMaria
Sun	12/9	9:00a	Di Ciervo, Nilsen
Sun	12/10	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 10 Year C)

**Monday:** Is 35:1-10; Lc 5:17-26  
**Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14  
**Wednesday:** Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:39-47  
**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15  
**Friday:** Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19  
**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
**Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 3:10-18

December 2 - Reg. Collection: \$931 Monthly Collection: \$791 Christmas Flowers: \$306
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### Scripture Reflection

#### “The word of God came to John”

Do you recognize the voice of the Lord speaking to you when you listen to the word of God in Scripture? Luke the evangelist tells us that the "word of God came to John in the wilderness" (Luke 3:2). Who was John the Baptist and what is the significance of the word which he received and delivered to the people of his day? Luke tells us that John was the son of Zechariah, a priest who served in the temple at Jerusalem. John stood at a pivotal juncture in the history of God's dealing with his people. He bridged the Old and New Testaments, also known as the Old and New Covenants which God made with his people.

John was called to be a prophet, a spokesman for God...[His] mission was to prepare the way for God's Anointed King who would come to establish God's rule above all other kings and authorities. Luke emphasizes the universal call of the Gospel to all peoples without distinction. John saw from a distance what Jesus the Messiah would accomplish through his death and resurrection - pardon for our sins, healing and restoration, and eternal life for all who would believe in the Lord Jesus. Are you hungry for the Word of God and do you allow God's word to transform the way you think, speak, and live your life? Copyright 2018, *Don Schwager*: [www.dailyscripture.net](http://www.dailyscripture.net). Reprinted with permission



“Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.” – Psalm 37:4

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, December 4th after the 8:00 am Mass,** we pray the 8th 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. 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: "The Jesse Tree Song"** (Hymn Sheets in Pews)

**THE JESSE TREE:** Final Phase of Jesse Tree Project...Help is needed for collating, gathering, and wrapping together the gifts for distribution to the various groups in our community from our parish for this project. **If anyone can give us a hand for a few hours on Monday December 17th at 10 AM in the parish hall, it would be much appreciated! Please contact Marge Tiso (688-5898).**



**Reminder:** Please return your wrapped gifts and cookie gifts by next weekend – December 15th & 16th. Thank you!

### **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).

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.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT:** We light the second candle to remind us that our Lord Jesus brings peace to all who trust in Him...

**Let us pray:** "Loving God, thank You for the peace You give us through Jesus. May Christ's light shine in our lives, showing us the path of peace between God and all people. Help us to prepare our hearts to receive His peace. We ask in the name of the One born in Bethlehem." Amen.

Take time to reflect how you will prepare spiritually for Christmas this year. *Source: EWTN*

### **MAKE THE MOST OF ADVENT**

The season of Advent is designed to help us prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas. Think of it: God became man, died for our sins, rose from the dead, and now reigns as King of all creation.

Every Christmas is a chance to welcome Jesus as an honored guest into our hearts.

Think of all the planning, cooking, and cleaning needed to have a guest over. In Advent we prepare our hearts to welcome the Savior.

Below is one of many suggestions to make the most of your Advent.



#### **Prioritize Prayer. Spend 15 minutes daily with God.**

The best way to prepare to welcome the Savior at Christmas is to spend time with him. Set aside 15 minutes in your day for God and protect it. Perhaps read a chapter of Scripture, pray a decade of the Rosary, or just be still in his presence. *Source: Growing in Faith*

### **HOLIDAY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Christmas Bulletin "Early" Deadline:** If you wish to have your announcement published in the December 23rd bulletin, please contact Pam, 688-2642 no later than Thursday, Dec. 13. **The Dec. 23rd bulletin covers Mass Intentions from Dec. 22nd to Dec. 30th.** If you miss the published deadline for a Mass Intention, Father Raphael can still accept a Mass Intention for any "open date" during this period. Please call or speak with him before the intended Mass. Your intention (though not published in the bulletin) would be announced at the time of the Mass. Thank you.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS CERTIFIED**

After a year-long study with Sr. Catherine Gormley, Vikki Hall, Jennie Jarrette, and Pat Ryder received their required certification from the Archdiocese of New York for religious education teachers. Fr. Raphael presented the certificates on Sunday, November 18 along with Gerry Nilsen, Religious Education Coordinator. The ladies also received beautiful flowers. **Thank you and congratulations for a job well-done!** (See photos on back page)

## **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](mailto: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. A copy of the full proposal and the reasons for the proposed changes are posted on our church bulletin board in the vestibule. Please let Father Raphael know if you support this change and/or if you have concerns. Your input is welcome and will be the determining factor in accepting or rejecting this proposal. Thank you.

### **WIN LIVE SERBIAN SPRUCE TREE!**

Win a spruce tree valued at \$175 dollars! Donated by Migliorelli’s Farm Stand in Mt. Tremper, this beautiful spruce can be decorated in time for Christmas – and/or be planted outdoors to enjoy year-round. Migliorelli’s has even offered to dig the hole in your yard. Ticket cost \$5.00. Please see Marge Tiso, Veronica Rowe or others selling tickets after Masses. Fill out a slip of paper to be included in our drawing – to be held **December 16th.**

**Pope Francis’ Prayer Intentions for December Evangelization** – In the Service of the Transmission of Faith-That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to conditions of the present time.

### **The Story of the Immaculate Conception of Mary**

A feast called the Conception of Mary arose in the Eastern Church in the seventh century. It came to the West in the eighth century. In the 11th century it received its present name, the **Immaculate Conception**. In the 18th century it became a feast of the universal Church. It is now recognized as a solemnity.

In 1854, Pius IX solemnly proclaimed: “The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by

almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin.” We celebrate this feast day annually on **December 8th**. Source: Franciscan Media

**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe: December 12th** is the feast of **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, patroness of the Americas, unborn children, and the New Evangelization. Our Lady of Guadalupe is unlike any other apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary. First, it is the only apparition where Our Lady left a miraculous image of herself unmade by human hands. Second, it is the only universally venerated Madonna and Child image where Our Lady appears pregnant instead of holding the Infant Jesus. Source: Catholic Company

**PASTORAL CARE VISITS:** If his schedule permits, Father Raphael would like to make a pastoral care visit to parishioners that are hospitalized, in rehab or recuperating at home. If you plan to visit a loved one and have room for one more in your car, please inform Father. If available, he’ll go with you to bring spiritual nourishment for those who cannot attend Mass due to illness or confinement. In any event, please let Father know if you or a loved one are ever hospitalized or infirmed. Thank you.



*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, Laureen 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 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, 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.*

*“Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.” – Psalm 37:4*

## PARISH CALENDAR

<b>Dec 9</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Religious Education Class in the Parish Hall following 9:00 am Mass</b>
<b>Dec 15-16</b>	<b>Sat-Sun</b>	<b>Last weekend to return Jesse Tree gifts and homemade cookie gifts</b>
<b>Dec 16</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Drawing for Serbian Spruce Tree. See bulletin for details.</b>

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS ACKNOWLEDGED



Loving God, Creator of all things,  
 you call us to be in relationship with you and others.  
 Thank you for calling me to be a catechist,  
 for the opportunity to share with others  
 what you have given to me.  
 May all those with whom I share the gift of faith  
 discover how you are present in all things.  
 May they come to know you, the one true God,  
 and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.



May the grace of the Holy Spirit guide my heart and lips,  
 so that I may remain constant in loving and praising you.  
 May I be a witness to the Gospel and a minister of your truth.  
 May all my words and actions reflect your love. Amen.

### 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.	Carmelo & Barbara Two Together Forever
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.	Pray to the Infant Jesus of Prague. In Memory of George and Mary Wallace, George L. & William T. Wallace & Eric Kohlroser. – The Wallace Family	In Loving Memory of our parents, Jack & Sue Tiso and Anthony & Florence Persichilli by Charles, Joe, Margie, Pam & Susan