

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

December 16, 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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Third Sunday of Advent

“I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming.” -- Luke 3:16

Mass Intentions

Week of December 15th – December 20th

Sat	12/15	5:00p	†Mary Wallace req. by Family
Sun	12/16	9:00a	
Sun	12/16	10:30a	†Marian Umhey (9th Anniv) req. by the Family
Mon	12/17	8:00a	
Tues	12/18	8:00a	
Wed	12/19	8:00a	
Thur	12/20	8:00a	

**The Second Collection is for
Fuel and Utility**

Weekend of December 22nd – December 25th

Sat	12/22	5:00p	
Sun	12/23	9:00a	†Helen & Buddy Vallie req. by Son
Sun	12/23	10:30a	†Giorgio Armani req. by Luisa Armani and Family
Mon	12/24	5:00p	†James Cordo req. by the Tiso Family
Mon	12/24	10:00p	
Tues	12/25	9:00a	†Jim Barden req. by the Tiso Family

Weekend Lectors

Sat	12/15	5:00p	Druffner, Kearney
Sun	12/16	9:00a	Wolfrom, Tretter
Sun	12/16	10:30a	Brown, Vesely



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat	12/15	5:00p	Zorn, DeMaria
Sun	12/16	9:00a	Di Ciervo, Nilsen
Sun	12/16	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 17 Year C)

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
Tuesday: Jer 25:3-8; Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7; Lk 1:5-25
Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Lk1:26-38
Friday: Sg 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45
Saturday: 1Sm 1:24-48; Lk 1:46-56
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Lk 1:39-45

December 9 - Reg. Collection: \$1,265 Retirement Fund for Religious: \$368

Scripture Reflection

“He Who is Mightier Than I is Coming”

Why did thousands come out to hear John the Baptist preach? And what was so unusual about his message? When John the Baptist appeared on the public scene and began to prophesy the whole nation of Israel took notice. It had been many hundreds of years since a prophet had spoken out and performed signs in the land of Israel. John broke the long silence with the sudden announcement that the Messiah (God's Anointed One) was about to appear. God had long ago promised his people through the patriarchs of the old covenant and through the prophets and rulers of Israel that he would send them a Redeemer who would save them from their sins, free them from oppression, fill them with the joy of his presence and bring them his everlasting kingdom of peace and righteousness.

John's message of "good news" aroused in many people a new hope and joyful expectation that this was now the decisive moment for God's Anointed One (the long-expected Messiah and Savior of Israel) to come with power, justice, and judgment to establish his reign of peace and righteousness. Many wondered aloud if John himself might be the promised Messiah, the one who would deliver them from oppression.

Like John the Baptist, we too are called to give testimony to the light and truth of Jesus Christ. Do you point others to Jesus Christ in the way you speak and live? Copyright 2018, *Don Schwager*:

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Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! – Philippians 4:4

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, December 17th after the 8:00 am Mass, we pray the 9th 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. Next classes will be held Dec. 16 & 23. January 6, 13, 27.** 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: "Rejoice in the Lord Always"

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say Rejoice!
Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say Rejoice!
Rejoice, rejoice and again I say rejoice
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THE JESSE TREE: Help is needed for collating, gathering, and wrapping the gifts for distribution to various groups in our community. **If you can give us a hand for a few hours 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 weekend of December 15th and 16th. Thank you!



ADVENT 2018 -- UNCEASING JOY!

Daily Practice. In the morning, list 1-10 on an index card and slip it into your pocket. Throughout the day, pay attention to the simple joys. As something delights you, jot it down. In the evening you will have the basis of a prayer of gratitude. Source: *Prepare the Way of the Lord!*

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: *Gaudete in Domino Semper!* — Rejoice in the Lord always; Again, I say rejoice! The Lord is near (Entrance Antiphon; cf. Phil 4:4-5)! Today, being the third Sunday of Advent, we celebrate *Gaudete* or "Rejoice" Sunday. Festive, rose-colored vestments, instead of the violet. The reason we call this Sunday *Gaudete Sunday* is that the Entrance Antiphon for today's Mass begins with the Latin: *Gaudete in Domino Semper*, which means, Rejoice in the Lord always.

We light the third, rose-colored candle to remind us that our Lord Jesus brings peace to all who trust in Him...



Let us pray: "*Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people. He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us. He is the Savior of us all. O Lord, let your blessing come upon us as we light two (purple) candles and the third (rose) of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation. May He come quickly and not delay. We ask this in His holy name.*" Amen.

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

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO AND FROM OLD FRIENDS!

Father Raphael and parishioners visited Angie

Valentino and her sister Fran Belcastro in New Jersey last week.



The two sisters live together in a CareOne Valley senior facility in Westwood, NJ.

They enjoyed the

flowers and gifts...and especially the personal visit!

Earlier this week, Father and other parishioners visited with Etta Hanigan and Helen Cordo at ArchCare at Ferncliff Nursing Home, in



Rhinebeck. The ladies appreciated the flowers and homemade cookies during the visit. The visitors were impressed with the new décor and caregivers at the newly renovated Ferncliff facility run by the Archdiocese of New York.

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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); Bob Barrack (12/16).

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](mailto:jap120@hvc.rr.com) contact Judy at 688-9912, jap120@hvc.rr.com

WINNER OF SERBIAN SPRUCE TREE

Thank you, parishioners for supporting this brief fundraiser and a special thanks to Shawn Lahey, a friend to our parish and nurseryman from Migliorelli’s Farm Stand. The winner will be announced this weekend.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

It is not necessary to feel strong. It is sufficient to have hope that we will be strong enough at the proper time and place.

– St Francis de Sales



MASS INTENTIONS for 2018 and 2019:

To offer a Mass for a loved one, contact Fr. Raphael or parish secretary, Vikki Hall at 688-5617. Vikki is in the parish office on Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday mornings. An “Intention Book” for your personal prayer requests is located on the podium in the back of the church (near the Tree of Life). These prayer requests are also remembered at our Masses. Thank you.



SODALITY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: Our Lady of La Salette held its annual Christmas Luncheon at The Phoenician Restaurant recently. For over 70 years, Sodality members have contributed to the spiritual growth and sanctity of St. Francis de Sales Parish. The Sodality celebrates Our Blessed Mother at the annual May Crowning and leads parishioners in the Rosary for Marian events held during the year. Members serve as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers and take care of the Altar linens. Many members also help with the Martha & Mary ministry and help run our annual dance fundraiser. Thank you for all that you do, ladies! (Photos next page).



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 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, 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.*

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PARISH CALENDAR

Dec 16	Sun	Religious Education Class in the Parish Hall following 9:00 am Mass
Dec 15-16	Sat-Sun	Last weekend to return Jesse Tree gifts and homemade cookie gifts
Dec 24	Mon	Christmas Eve: 5:00 pm Children's Mass and 10:00 pm Vigil Mass
Dec 25	Tues	Christmas Day Mass at 9:00 am

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, 12/24: Christmas Eve Children's Mass at 5:00 pm

Monday, 12/24: Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at 10 pm

Tuesday, 12/25: Christmas Day Mass at 9 am

Monday, 12/31: Mass at 8:00 in the Rectory


















Monday, 12/31: Mass at 5:00 pm in the Church

Tuesday, 1/1/2019: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass at 10:30 a.m. in Church (Holy Day of Obligation)



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> 