

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

December 30, 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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Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

“He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart.” -- Luke 2:51

Mass Intentions

Week of December 29th – January 2nd

Sat	12/29	5:00p	†Joey Vallie req. anonymously
Sun	12/30	9:00a	
Sun	12/30	10:30a	
Mon	12/31	8:00a	
Mon	12/31	5:00p	
Tues	1/01	10:30a	†Lodovico Armani req by Louisa Armani and Family
Wed	1/02	8:00a	
Thur	1/03	8:00a	

All God's Blessings in the New Year

Weekend of January 5th – January 6th

Sat	1/05	5:00p	
Sun	1/06	10:00a	

Weekend Lectors

Sat	12/29	5:00p	Druffner, Kearney
Sun	12/30	9:00a	Tretter, Wolfrom
Sun	12/30	10:30a	Rowe, Quinn



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat	12/29	5:00p	Zorn, DeMaria, Fiore
Sun	12/30	9:00a	Di Ciervo, Nilsen, Garcia-McWhinnie
Sun	12/30	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 30th (Year C)

Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27; Lk 2:16-21
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34
Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Mt 2:1-12

December 16 Regular Collection: \$990

Fuel/Utility Collection: \$435

December 23 and Christmas Collections will
be reported next weekend

Scripture Reflection

"I must be in my Father's house"

We know little about Jesus' early life at home in Nazareth. Luke in his Gospel account gives us a glimpse of Jesus' growth as a boy into young manhood. It was the duty of all Jewish parents to raise their children in the instruction and wisdom of God's word in the Scriptures.

Jews were expected to travel to Jerusalem for the high feasts each year. This eighty-mile journey normally took three days. Families often traveled in large groups, for safety and comfort.

Luke records a remarkable incident which happened when Jesus went up to the temple at Jerusalem for his first Passover at the dawn of his manhood (usually the age of twelve for Jewish males). It was at this key turning point in his earthly life that Jesus took the name "father" from Joseph and addressed it to God his Father in heaven. His answer to his mother's anxious inquiry reveals his confident determination to pursue his heavenly Father's will. *Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?*

While Jesus identified himself as Son of the eternal Father in heaven, he, nonetheless, submitted himself with love and obedience to Mary and Joseph. Jesus grew as a man in wisdom, stature, and favor with God and with the people of Nazareth, his home town. He remained at Nazareth until the age of 30 when he was baptized by John at the River Jordan and anointed by the Spirit for his mission as the Messiah and Savior of the world.

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“The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.” – Luke 1:49

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, December 31st after 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:

Children's Religious Education classes are held on **Sunday's following 9:00 am Mass. No classes on December 30th. Our next classes will be on January 6, 13, 27.** For information or to register a child, call Religious Education Coordinator, Gerry Nilsen, 687-9769.



THE JESSE TREE – GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS:

A huge thank you to all who took part in our parish's Christmas outreach this season:

Phase 1: with the help of Marge Tiso (coordinator extraordinaire), Kathy Tretter, Pam Hammond, Mary Ellen Rury & Barbara Allison and Vikki Hall; Phase 2: the generosity of our parishioners selecting **86 tags!** for baking, purchasing & wrapping gifts; Phase 3: Joe Tiso, Bill Tretter and Chuck Tiso for transporting gifts; the Final Phase: collating and tagging gifts to be distributed: Barbara Ahouse, Finola Ryan, Patti Payette, Pam Hammond, Judy Pavone, Claire Paultre. Gerry Nielsen and Bonnie Quick.



THANK YOU!

"And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus." – Col. 3:17

SUNDAY WINTER MASS SCHEDULE:

Reminder that starting next Sunday (January 6) there will be ONE Sunday Mass Schedule at 10:00 am. The 5:00 pm evening Mass on Saturday will remain unchanged. The new Winter schedule continues through the end of March.

BAPTISM CELEBRATION AT MASS

Earlier this month, Father Raphael baptized Rosemary Michele Fudge, the youngest and third generation member of the Fudge family. Congratulations and blessings to family and friends and all who attended this very special event in the life of Rosemary Michele!



PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR 2019

Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and always.

Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter.
Be our Strength, our Courage, and our Sanctifier.

May this new year be a time of deep spiritual growth for us,

A time of welcoming your graces and gifts,
A time for forgiving freely and unconditionally,
A time for growing in virtue and goodness.



Come, Holy Spirit,

Be with us today and always. **Amen.**

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.



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 contact Judy at 688-9912, jap120@hvc.rr.com.

SERBIAN SPRUCE WINNER: Congratulations parishioners, Carly and Andrew Burkhardt, winners of the Serbian Spruce Tree !! May you enjoy its beauty for many years to come.

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.

FEAST DAY OF THE HOLY FAMILY



CHURCH ORIGINS OF THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY...

“Scripture tells us practically nothing about the first years and the boyhood of the Child Jesus. All we know are the facts of the sojourn in Egypt, the return to Nazareth, and the incidents that occurred when the twelve-year-old boy accompanied his parents to Jerusalem. In her liturgy the Church hurries over this period of Christ's life with equal brevity. The general breakdown of the family, however, at the end of the past century and at the beginning of our own, prompted the popes, especially the far-sighted Leo XIII, to promote the observance of this feast with the hope that it might instill into Christian families something of the faithful love and the devoted attachment that characterize the family of Nazareth. The primary purpose of the Church in instituting and promoting this feast is to present the Holy Family as the model and exemplar of all Christian families.” — Excerpted from *With Christ Through the Year*, Rev. Bernard Strasser, O.S.B. Source: CatholicCulture.org



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, 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.*

“And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.” – Col. 3:17

PARISH CALENDAR

Dec 31	Mon	Mass at 8:00 am in the Rectory
Dec 31	Mon	New Year's Eve Mass at 5:00 pm in Church
Jan 01	Tues	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God: Mass at 10:30 am in Church (Holy Day of Obligation)

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

January 1st is the Octave of Christmas: Our remembrance of Mary's divine motherhood injects a further note of Christmas joy. It is a day of prayer for world peace: Mary is the mother of the Prince of Peace. It is the first day of a new year: Mary continues to bring new life to her children—who are also God's children. May God bless you and your family in this New Year!



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>