

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

January 6, 2019



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

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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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The Epiphany of the Lord

“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” – Matthew 2:2

Mass Intentions

Week of January 5th -January 10th

Sat	1/05	5:00p
Sun	1/06	10:00a
Mon	1/07	8:00a
Tues	1/08	8:00a
Wed	1/09	8:00a
Thur	1/10	8:00a

Second Collection is the Monthly Collection

Weekend of January 12th – January 13th

Sat	1/12	5:00p
Sun	1/13	10:00a

Weekend Lectors

Sat 1/05 5:00p Wolfrom, Pavone
Sun 1/06 10:00a Hubbell, Brown



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat 1/05 5:00p Zorn, DeMaria, Fiore
Sun 1/06 10:00a Bloodgood, Ullmann, Paultre



Weekend Ushers

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

Readings for the Week of January 7th (Year C)

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22; Mt 4:12-17
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 - 5:4; Lk 4:14-22
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

December 23 Regular Collection: \$1319

Due to early bulletin deadlines requested by our publisher over the holidays, the Christmas and New Year's and December 30 collections will be reported next weekend.

Thank you for your generosity

Scripture Reflection

“They fell down and worshiped Jesus”

If Jesus truly is who he claims to be, the eternal Son of God and Savior of the world, then why is he not recognized by everyone who hears his word and sees his works? John the Evangelist states that when Jesus came into the world *the world knew him not and his own people received him not*. Jesus was born in obscurity. Only the lowly shepherds recognized him at his birth. Some wise men also found their way to Bethlehem to pay homage to the newborn King of Israel. These men were not Israelites, but foreigners. They likely had read and discussed the Messianic prophecies and were anxious to see when this Messianic King would appear. God led them by means of an extraordinary star across the desert to the little town of Bethlehem where Jesus was born. When they found the newborn King they humbly worshiped him and gave him gifts fitting for a king.

To know and to encounter Jesus Christ is to know God personally. In the encounter of the wise men with Jesus we see the plan of God to give his only Son as King and Savior, not just for the Jewish people but for all the nations as well. The Lord Jesus came that both Jew and Gentile might find true and lasting peace with God. Let us pray today that Jew and Gentile alike will find the Lord and Savior on their journey of life. Do you bring the light of Jesus Christ to those you meet through the witness of your life and testimony? *Copyright 2019, Don Schwager: www.dailyscripture.net. Reprinted with permission.*



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, January 7 after 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:

Children's Religious Education classes are held on **Sunday's following 10:00 am Mass. Next classes are scheduled for January 6, 13, 27.** For information or to register a child, call Religious Education Coordinator, Gerry Nilsen, 687-9769.



Songs - 10:00 am Sunday 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."

RELIGIOUS ED CHRISTMAS PARTY

Children in the Religious Education program received a special visit at their Christmas party. Santa and Mrs. Claus stopped by to distribute gifts and good cheer!



During the party, the children did various craft activities and after Santa's visit enjoyed a pizza lunch and dessert graciously offered by some parishioners for this special occasion.

SUNDAY WINTER MASS SCHEDULE:

Our new schedule starts this Sunday (January 6). There will be only ONE Sunday Mass at 10:00 am. The 5:00 pm evening Mass on Saturday remains unchanged. The new schedule continues through the end of March.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

St. Francis de Sales parishioners and visitors enjoyed the Children's Christmas Pageant that is held annually at the 5:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass. Guided by their teachers and Religious Education coordinator, Gerry Nilsen, the children presented the Nativity story. In the Christmas pageant appeared Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and angels and the story's narrator – all children in the Religious Education program. Thank you for giving us a special Christmas experience!



Christmas Music – Heavenly!



Thank you to Director of Music, Dennis Yerry and Music Ministry, Marge Tiso who gave us such beautiful hymns and music at all of our Christmas Masses!

SPECIAL OCCASIONS & CELEBRATIONS

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



“Happy Birthday!”

Jerry Baltz (1/4); Pat Ryder (1/17); Judy Pavone (1/20); Bob Varech (1/28)

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

“Happy Anniversary!” Judy and Bob Pavone (1/24, 49 years!). *May God continue to guide you and bless you in your marriage journey.*

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.

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.

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.



GROWING IN FAITH – JANUARY ISSUE

God watches good efforts with loving eyes. We start the New Year with the best of intentions, but life can get in the way of success. Household expenses leave little for charity, work encroaches on family time, daily tasks distract from prayer time, and healthy habits fall away. It can be discouraging when we stumble, but it’s important to keep trying. God watches our efforts with loving eyes. *a) God knows our limits; b) Don’t let fear of failure keep you from trying again; c) we aren’t meant to do it alone.*

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**



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 courtesies.

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.*

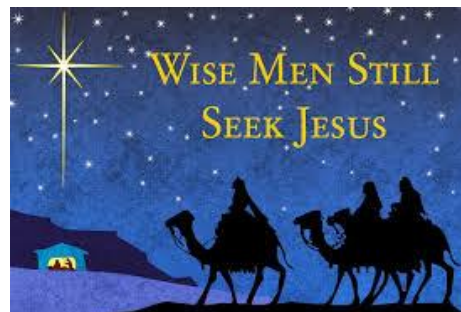
PARISH CALENDAR

Jan 06	Sun	Religious Education Classes in Parish Hall after 10:00 am Mass
Jan 15	Tues	Parish Council meeting in the Rectory at 7:00 pm
Jan 24	Thur	Feast Day of our patron, St. Francis de Sales

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him.

Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season. *Source: Catholic Culture*



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 Wolf from 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>