

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

February 17, 2019



Gem of the Catskills

Parish Established 1902

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WINTER MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am

Daily: 8:00 am (Mon–Thurs)

Holy Day of Obligation

Eve: 5:00 pm

Holy Day: 9:00 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 Webmaster: Linda Senft

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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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven.” – Luke 6:23

Mass Intentions

<u>Week of February 16th – February 21st</u>			
Sat	2/16	5:00p	†Bruce Wallace req by the Payette and Umhey Family
Sun	2/17	10:00a	†Takera McDuffie-Harkless req by the Hall & Ryder Family
Mon	2/18	8:00a	
Tues	2/19	8:00a	
Wed	2/20	8:00a	Kathryn Fedigan for Health req by Suzanne
Thur	2/21	8:00a	Kathryn Fedigan req by Jean Druffner
Second Collection is the Utility Collection			
<u>Weekend of February 23rd – February 24th</u>			
Sat	2/23	5:00p	†Carmelo Barrientos req by Barbara DeMaria
Sun	2/24	10:00a	†Thomas P. Soisso req by Barbara Ahouse

Weekend Lectors

Sat 2/16 5:00p Druffner, Hubbell
 Sun 2/17 10:00a Pavone, Tretter



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat 2/16 5:00p Barrack, DiCiervo, DeMaria
 Sun 2/17 10:00a Paultre, Ullman, Quinn



Weekend Ushers

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

Readings for the Week of February 18th (Year C)

Monday: Gn 4:1-15; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2; Lk 6:27-38

February 10: Weekend Collections
 Regular. \$969; Peter's Pence: \$245

SUNDAY WINTER MASS SCHEDULE:

From January through March 31, there will be
one Sunday Mass at 10:00 am. The 5:00 pm
 Saturday Mass remains unchanged.

Scripture Reflection

“Blessed are you but woe to you.”

Today we hear from Luke reporting on the Beatitudes in the Sermon on the Plain. Luke highlights four of the eight Beatitudes found in Matthew along with a contrasting ‘woe.’ The Beatitudes are not intended to replace the Ten Commandments. Rather, the Beatitudes add depth to our understanding of God’s law and gives us direction that helps us find the right path to follow in life. Does that mean each of us should give away all our possessions and live a life of poverty? Are we to wipe the smile from our faces and demonstrate bizarre behavior so people will hate us? The answer is obviously no!

Through the years and up to our present time there have been saints who have lived radical lives, from St. Francis of Assisi down to Mother Teresa. By giving, up all their possessions, they provide us examples of what it means to live the Beatitudes to the fullest. The Beatitudes wake us up to the fact that our possessions, our gifts, and talents are to be put to the service of others. Warnings are intended to prevent us from following the wrong path; the saints show us the right path.

Have I experienced a radical call from God in my life? What shape has it taken?

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“Blessed are those who trust in the Lord; the Lord will be their trust.” - Jeremiah 17:7

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, February 18 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 10:00 am Mass. Upcoming classes: Feb. 24, Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31. No class this President's Day weekend.** For information or to register a child, call Religious Education Coordinator, Gerry Nilsen, 687-9769.



LITURGY COMMITTEE: The Liturgy Committee is gearing up for Lent and invites you to consider joining this special ministry. Interested in serving the parish? Speak with Fr. Raphael after Mass or call him at the Rectory. Thank you.

GROWING IN FAITH

"Why do Catholics do that?" *Why do priests wear different colored vestments throughout the year?*

The colors of the vestments help bring to mind the sacred mysteries we celebrate throughout the liturgical year. Each color highlights a particular aspect of the season or a specific mystery of the faith.

For example, white and gold symbolize the rejoicing and purity of soul. They are worn during Christmas and Easter. Red calls to mind Christ's blood and is worn on Good Friday and to commemorate those saints who were martyred for our faith.

Red also signifies the burning fire of God's love. Thus, red vestments are worn on Pentecost. *Source: Growing in Faith: Special Edition.*

MASS INTENTIONS for 2019: Offer a Mass for a living or deceased loved one by calling 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 Masses.



PARISH NEEDS LAST YEAR'S PALMS:

Our parish would greatly appreciate receiving last year's palms to create ashes for this **Ash Wednesday, March 6.** Please leave your palms in the basket located in the vestibule. See Father Raphael or an usher if you have any questions.

PREPARING FOR LENT

BEGINNING WITH ASH WEDNESDAY:

The word "Lent" is an old English word which means "springtime." May this Lent really be a new springtime in the lives of each of us. Through prayer, through fasting from food accompanied by forgiving others and not bearing grudges, and through donating from our surplus to help the poor, may we like Jesus in the desert for forty days overcome temptation and thus be well prepared to celebrate Easter. *Source: Frtommylane.com*

GREETINGS FROM OLD FRIENDS

On their trip south for the winter, Joe and Marge Tiso usually visit with old friends

familiar to many parishioners. Joe poses with Fr. Hector La Chapelle, our former pastor. Below, Marge, Fr. Hector and former parishioner, Betty Kasper stand next to a picture of the La Salette Shrine. For his guests, Fr. Hector cooked a delicious chicken meal and side dishes along with banana dessert. The friends



send their best wishes and plenty of sunshine back to all the folks at St. Francis de Sales Parish!



"Thank you!"

WORD ON FIRE DIGITAL SUMMIT

Proclaiming Christ in the culture... Bishop Robert Barron's website, *Word on Fire*, evangelizes millions of people every year. The Bishop's recent film series *Catholicism: The Pivotal Players* has been syndicated for national television and nominated for an Emmy award. Short video interviews with Bishop Barron about cultural issues today are available on our parish website. For Bishop Barron's website, go to www.wordonfire.org.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS & CELEBRATIONS

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



"Happy Birthday!"

Burr Hubbell (2/6); Helen Morelli (2.9); John Malloy (2/14); Mary Ellen Rury (2/25).

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.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month.

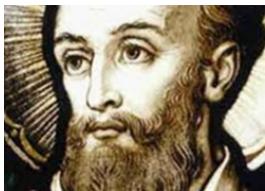
Visit the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (also known as the Apostleship of Prayer), an organization that works to encourage Christians to respond to the Pope's appeal and to deepen their daily prayer. Online at www.popesprayerusa.net for more information.

Source: USCCB.org

February Prayer Intention

Human Trafficking - For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, PATRON:



"Don't get upset with your imperfections. It's a great mistake because it leads nowhere - to get angry because you are angry, upset at being upset,

depressed at being depressed, disappointed because you are disappointed. So don't fool yourself. Simply surrender to the Power of God's Love, which is always greater than our weakness. -- St. Francis de Sales

EIGHT WONDERS OF THE MASS:

How well do you understand the Mass? Following is the sixth of eight installments on the "Wonders of the Mass." **Week #6.** The priest is ordained by God to consecrate bread and wine. But the Mass itself is the sacrifice of all the people who gather with the priest around the altar. Source: *The Mass* from the Catechetical Guild.



PRO-LIFE RALLY – FEBRUARY 23, ALBANY

Pro-life Christian groups are gathering at the Empire State Convention Plaza in Albany from 1 to 4 pm on Saturday February 23. The groups' speakers from the pro-life movement will make their voices heard concerning the recent state of New York's passage expanding abortion rights up to the birth of the baby. To learn more, go to www.dayofmourning.org.

PRESIDENT'S DAY – FEBRUARY 18

Presidents Day originated as the celebration of the birthday of George Washington, the first president of the country. This day was known as "Washington's Birthday," and it was informally observed in many communities across the country following his death in 1799.

The holiday was unofficially observed for most of the 1800s. Then, in 1879, it was signed into law by President Rutherford B. Hayes as a federal holiday and the first holiday to celebrate the life of an individual. This year, President's Day is celebrated on Monday, February 18th. Source: Public Holidays. Pray for our President and all elected representatives.



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, 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, Bob Walsh, Ellen Watson, Catherine Whitelaw, Greg Zaff. *Please also pray for our men and women in military service.*

PARISH CALENDAR



















Feb 17	Sun	President's Day Weekend. NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS
Feb 23	Sat	Please bring last year's palms to church – to be used for Ash Wednesday
Feb 24	Sun	Religious Education Classes in Parish Hall after 10:00 am Mass
Feb 24	Sun	Please bring last year's palms to church – to be used for Ash Wednesday

FINDING THE JOY IN DAILY PRAYER

With the season of Lent approaching, it's a good time to revitalize our daily prayer life. "Mother Teresa said, 'Souls of prayer are souls of deep silence...we cannot find (God) in noise, in excitement.' Unfortunately, few of us have quiet lives, but it is possible to create quiet moments...Personal prayer is as individual as a fingerprint, much like a conversation with a friend. But formula prayers may be helpful for starting or breaking into spontaneous prayer. You can choose from hundreds of prayers written by great spiritual masters to match your mood and spiritual intent: praise, thanksgiving, forgiveness, petitions, and intercession."

"Can you get up 15 minutes earlier, or postpone going to bed by a few minutes each day? What about praying with your morning cup of coffee? Think about pausing before lunch or after dinner to read a Bible passage or say a prayer." Source: *Growing in Faith. Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, a protection against sadness.* – St. John Chrysostom

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.</p>  <p>– 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.</p>  <p>– Angie Valentino & Family</p>
 <p>Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with us.</p> <p>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.</p>  <p>– 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.</p> <p>– Lois Giambrone</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of Vic Cammardella by Helen & Family</p> <p><i>"The measure of love is to love without measure."</i></p> <p>– St. Francis de Sales</p>
<p>In Loving Memory of our Parents, Marian & Howard and Grandparents, Callaghan and Umhey, and all our Loved Ones.</p>  <p>-The Howard Umhey Family</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of my beloved wife, Josie, our parents, and our siblings.</p>  <p>– 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 style="text-align: center;"><i>Carmelo & Barbara</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Two Together</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><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.</p>  <p>– 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> 

Spiritual Bouquets: Renewals/Changes. Call Claire 688-5155