

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

February 24, 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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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Stop judging and you will not be judged...Forgive and you will be forgiven.” – Luke 6:37

Mass Intentions

Week of February 23rd – February 28th

Sat	2/23	5:00p	†Carmelo Barrientos req by Barbara DeMaria
Sun	2/24	10:00a	†Thomas P. Sasso req by Barbara Ahouse
Mon	2/25	8:00a	
Tues	2/26	8:00a	
Wed	2/27	8:00a	
Thur	2/28	8:00a	

Pray for our Mass Intentions

Weekend of March 2nd – March 3rd

Sat	3/2	5:00p	Don Kearney Req by Dan & Mary Chesire
Sun	3/3	10:00a	†Bruce Wallace req by Wallace Family

Weekend Lectors

Sat	2/23	5:00p	Wolfrom, Pavone
Sun	2/24	10:00a	Brown, Quinn



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat	2/23	5:00p	Zorn, Barrack, Fiore
Sun	2/24	10:00a	DiCiervo, Nilsen, Ullman



Weekend Ushers

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

Readings for the Week of February 25th (Year C)

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Mk 3:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40
Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday: Sir 27:4-7; Lk 6:39-45

February 17: Weekend Collections

Regular. \$1,158; Fuel/Utilities: \$740

SUNDAY WINTER MASS SCHEDULE:

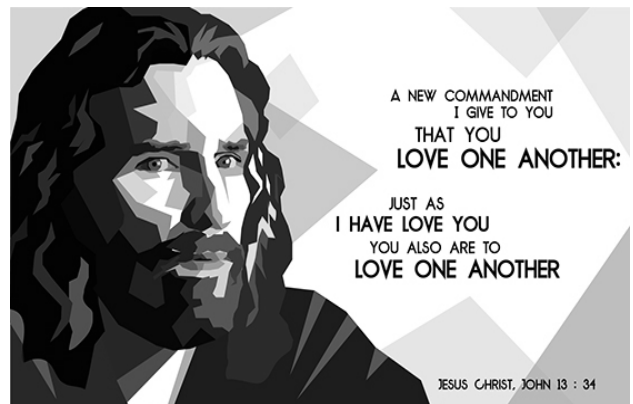
From January through March 31, there will be one Sunday Mass at 10:00 am. The 5:00 pm Saturday Mass remains unchanged.

Scripture Reflection

Do good to those who hate you

What makes Christians different and what makes Christianity distinct from any other religion? It is *grace* - treating others, not as they deserve, but as God wishes them to be treated - with loving-kindness and mercy. God is good to the unjust as well as the just. His love embraces saint and sinner alike. God seeks our highest good and teaches us to seek the greatest good of others, even those who hate and abuse us. Our love for others, even those who are ungrateful and selfish towards us, must be marked by the same kindness and mercy which God has shown to us. It is easier to show kindness and mercy when we can expect to benefit from doing so. How much harder when we can expect nothing in return.

Our prayer for those who do us ill both breaks the power of revenge and releases the power of love to do good in the face of evil. How can we possibly love those who cause us harm or ill-will? With God all things are possible. He gives power and grace to those who believe in and accept the gift of the Holy Spirit. His love conquers all, even our hurts, fears, prejudices and griefs. Only the cross of Jesus Christ can free us from the tyranny of malice, hatred, revenge, and resentment and gives us the courage to return evil with good. Such love and grace has power to heal and to save from destruction. That is why Paul the Apostle tells those who know the love and mercy of Jesus Christ to "bless and not curse...nor take revenge...and to overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:14,17,21). Do you know the power of God's love, mercy, and righteousness (moral goodness) for overcoming evil with good? *Copyright 2019, Don Schwager: www.dailyscripture.net. Reprinted with permission*



“Do to others as you would have them do to you.” – Luke 6:31

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette: Monday, February 25 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 10:00 am Mass. Upcoming classes: Feb. 24, Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31.** 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."*

Recessional Hymn: "The Love Round"

Love, love, love, love, Christians this is your call.
Love your neighbor as yourself 'cause God loves us all.

Jesus, Jesus can I tell you how I feel, you have given me your riches. I love you so!

LADIES SODALITY MEETING: Members please note the first general meeting of the year will be held the second Sunday next month – **March 10th.** Those interested in learning more about the Sodality are welcome to attend the meeting after the 10:00 am Mass in the rectory. If you have questions, please call Pam at 688-2642.

TAI CHI CLASS: Weather-permitting, the next class with instructor Celeste Graves will be held **Tuesday, February 26 from 3:00 - 4:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. The group practices on other Tuesdays at 3:00 pm in the hall.

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.

Ash Wednesday, March 6 is a day, which offers us valuable opportunities to set a tone for the season of Lent and to reach out to people, some of whom are not often found in our churches. Aware of the considerable interest of faithful in receiving ashes at the beginning of Lent, every effort must be made through the reading of scripture and the offering of prayer to catechize our people on the penitential character of Lent and the value of their Lenten practice.

Fasting requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige until age 59.

Abstinence prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their entire life. Those not specifically obliged to abstain from eating are encouraged to join in this discipline to the extent that they are able.

Ash Wednesday, March 6: There will be distribution of ashes after the homily at the **9:00 am and 7:00 pm Masses. Both**



Masses will be held in the church. If unable to attend a service and would like to receive ashes, please call Fr.

Raphael at 688-5617 to get ashes at the rectory.

2019 Lenten Reflections Booklets: For the Lenten season, St. Francis de Sales Parish will distribute booklets, "*Becoming Instruments of God's Peace.*" Parishioners are invited to read the booklet daily and to take time to meditate on the readings and reflections. Please take a copy, **one per family**, when you leave the church. Thank you.

World Day of Prayer (WDP) – Friday, March 1:

An ecumenical celebration of prayer and prayerful action sponsored by a worldwide movement of Christian women. Join in the prayer service written by the women of Slovenia, who invite us to explore Jesus' parable of



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER USA

the Great Dinner (in Lk. 14:15–24) with the theme "*Come— Everything Is Ready.*"

The event is sponsored locally by the **United Methodist Church of Shandaken, 7358 State Route 28.** Short program includes prayer, readings and a sampling of different foods of Slovenia. Time: 2:00–3:00 pm. If inclement weather, the event will be held on Saturday, March 2. All are welcome!

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).

Happy Birthday! Be grateful for God has blessed you with another year in your life. So celebrate and enjoy the celebration! Happy Birthday!

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

February Prayer Intention

Human Trafficking - For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence. *Source: USCCB.org*

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, PATRON:



“We must never undervalue any person. The workman loves not that his work should be despised in his presence. Now God

is present everywhere, and every person is His work.”

THE MASS:

How well do you understand the Mass? Following is the seventh of eight installments on the “Wonders of the Mass.” **Week #7.** The Mass is an exchange of gifts between God and men. Our gifts of bread and wine become the Flesh and Blood of Christ. God then returns our gift and Christ becomes our food and drink. St. Paul expresses this wonder in an outburst of love: “I live, now not I, but Christ lives in Me.” *Source: The Mass from the Catechetical Guild.*



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.

UPDATE It is with good news to report that Cheryl Bender’s surgery on February 6 was a success! Her doctor said everything went well with her back surgery. She is out of the hospital recuperating at her daughter, Karen’s home in Florida. If you would like to send a note and/or get-well card to Cheryl, the address is as follows: Cheryl Bender, c/o Karen Ricketson, 13537 Newport Ave., Port Charlotte FL 33981. She would love to hear from you.

SISTERS OF LIFE: Founded in 1991 by John Cardinal O’Connor, the Sisters of Life is a contemplative/active religious community of women working for the protection and enhancement of the sacredness of every human life. The Sacred Heart of Jesus Convent is their Holy Respite located in Manhattan. This center gives pregnant women an opportunity to be nurtured as they live side-by-side with Sisters, immersed in a deeply spiritual setting. They also provide healing retreats for women who have experienced the suffering of abortion. For more info www.sistersoflife.org or to donate for expectant mothers and babies, call Sr. Cecilia Rose at (845) 357-3547.



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, 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 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
Feb 26	Tue	Tai Chi Class in the parish hall 3 to 4 pm
Mar 6	Wed	Ashes distributed at Ash Wednesday Services 9:00 am and 7:00 pm in church

WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

WHY DO WE GET ASHES ON OUR FOREHEADS ON ASH WEDNESDAY?

To ancient Jews, wearing sackcloth and covering themselves or sitting in ashes showed repentance and humility, and acted as a penance. Thus, the early Church adopted the practice of wearing ashes at the start of Lent to show repentance, too.

But as he places the ashes on our foreheads, the priest says, “Remember you are dust and unto dust you will return,” to remind us that our time on earth will pass away but our life in Heaven will last forever. *Source: Growing in Faith*



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>

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