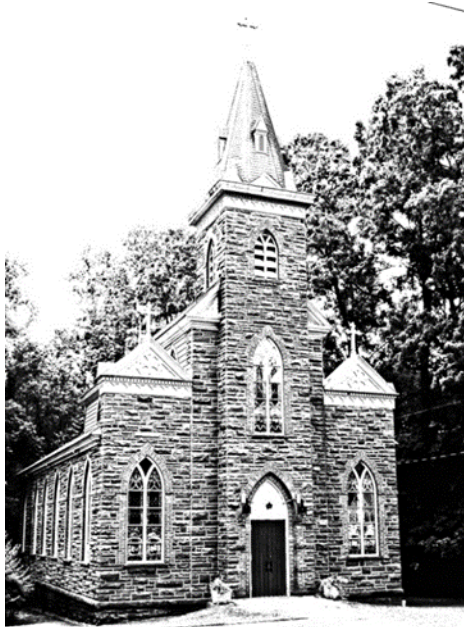


St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

December 1, 2019



Gem of the Catskills

Parish Established 1902

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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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Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Parish Administrator

845-679-7696

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PARISH COUNCIL

Meets at the rectory every six weeks on Mondays at 7:00 pm. Check the bulletin for exact dates.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Pres. Pat Ruane: 688-5357

Parish Council Secretary: Joline Streiff

Fr. Raphael Iannone, O.F.M., Cap.: 688-5617

PARISH COUNCIL LEADERS

Bldg & Grounds: Burr Hubbell..... 750-3203
 Cemetery Mgr: Mark Wilsey..... 688-5500
 Communication: Pam Hammond..... 688-2642
 Director of Music: Dennis Yerry... 853-3394
 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
 Community & Adult Faith Formation:
 Bill Colagrande..... 688-2013
 Martha & Mary Ministry: Marge Tiso..... 688-5898
 Bulletin Team: Pamela Hammond, Judy Pavone, Marge Tiso, Cathv Felton. Parish Webmaster: Linda Senft

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 10:00 am Mass the first Sunday of the month

President: Pam Hammond 688-2642

Vice-President: Pat Ryder – Secretary: Elizabeth Quinn

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.

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.

December 1, 2019

First Sunday of Advent

“Show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.” Matthew 24:37-44

Mass Intentions

Week of November 30th – December 5th

Sat 11/30 5:00p †Andrietta “Etta” Hanigan req. by Dolores Harvey
Sun 12/01 10:00a Mass of Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother & St. Gerard, Frank Morelli req. by Helen Morelli
Mon 12/02 8:00a
Tues 12/03 8:00a
Wed 12/04 8:00a
Thur 12/05 8:00a

The Second Collection this weekend: Monthly

Weekend of December 7th and December 8th

Sat 12/07 5:00p †Matthew Strank req. by Peggy & Don Kearney
Sun 12/08 10:00a Mass of Thanksgiving req. by Helen Morelli

Weekend Lectors

Sat 11/30 5:00p M. Ruane & P. Ruane
Sun 12/01 10:00a Quinn, Hammond



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat 11/30 5:00p DeMaria, Ryder, Fiore, Barrack
Sun 12/01 10:00a Ullmann, Basalone, DiVoti, Nilsen



Weekend Ushers

Jerry Baltz Bill Caton Frank Rauchut Donna Lamanna
Larry Miller Rick Nace Andy Napi

November 24 Collections: Will be posted in next week's bulletin.

Readings for the Week of December 1st (Year A)

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Mt 3:1-12

When you encounter difficulties and contradictions, do not try to break them, but bend them with gentleness and time.

St. Francis de Sales

Scripture Reflection

“Be ready - your Lord is coming at an hour you do not expect”

The "Day of the Lord" points to the final judgment of all the living as well as all the dead who have dwelt upon the earth. The "Son of man" is the one who is given supreme authority to judge and execute justice on the earth. Jesus comes the first time to lay down his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sin of the world. He promises to return again at the "end of the age" to complete the work of restoration and final judgment. While we do not know the time of his return, we will not mistake it when it happens. It will be apparent to all, both Christians and non-believers as well.

The Advent season reminds us that we are living in the end times. The end times begins with the first coming of Christ (his Incarnation which we celebrate at Christmas) and culminates in his final return on the Day of Judgment. The Lord Jesus calls us to be vigilant in watching for his return and to be ready to meet him when he calls us to himself. The Lord gives us his Holy Spirit so that we may have the wisdom, help, and strength we need to turn away from sin to embrace God's way of love, justice, and holiness. The Lord's warning of judgment causes dismay for those who are unprepared, but it brings joyful hope to those who eagerly wait for his return in glory. God's judgment is good news for those who are ready to meet him. Their reward is God himself, the source of all truth, beauty, goodness, love and everlasting life. Copyright 2019, Don Schwager: www.dailyscripture.net. Reprinted with permission.



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PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette:

Monday, December 2 after 8:00 am Mass, we pray the 4th 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:

Welcome to our Religious Education Program! The Sunday classes begin **December Classes: 1, 8, 15, 22**
For more information, call Religious Education Coordinator, Gerry Nilsen, 687-9769.



Songs - 10:00 am Sunday Mass:

Thank you for joining the children in singing!

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: "Stay Awake"

Stay Awake (clap, clap), be ready (clap, clap).
You do not know the hour when the Lord is coming!
Stay Awake (clap, clap), be ready (clap, clap).
The Lord is coming soon. Alleluia, Alleluia, the Lord is coming soon!

ADVENT GIVING "JESSE" TREE

The Jesse Tree – Donor Tips

There is still time this weekend to take any remaining tags from the tree. Your generous contribution in this outreach program help many families and also those

living alone to experience the joy of this Holy Season. Please return wrapped clothing gifts or food baskets/gift cards underneath the tree (with tag on outside) on the weekends of Dec. 7th & 8th but no later than Dec. 14th & 15th. We do have some tins available for use if you are baking cookies. The

tags display "suggests items". Please feel free to substitute as you see fit. Food Baskets: Please non-perishable items only! You may choose to put a Basket together yourself for the family or substitute a food gift card.

Thank you for your support of this community outreach. Any questions? Contact Marge Tiso 688-5898.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday, December 4th in the Fr. Gorman Hall starting at 3:00 PM. All women are invited to attend this session. For more information contact Marge Tiso 688-5898.

Meditation Group Meeting on Thursday evening at 6:30 Dec. 12th in Fr. Gorman Hall.

ABOUT OUR PARISH SERIES –

THE JESSE TREE COMMUNITY PROJECT...

Jesus was born into the line of King David. Jesse was King David's father. "And a shoot shall rise from the stump of Jesse." (Isaiah 11:1) By Baptism, each of us is grafted onto that tree to become part of Jesus' Family Tree.

At the start of Advent each year, the St. Francis de Sales community reaches out to families and individuals in need during the holy season. We begin with those with their fingers on the pulse of the needy of our community. This outreach to the community's local school, food pantry, shut-ins, and local churches produces the gift requests that adorn the Jesse Tree for two weeks. Volunteers help collate and create colorful gift tags to hang on the bare tree set up by one of our parishioners. Lastly, people choose gift tags from the tree, enabling them to purchase food gifts for a family, clothing for children, or to bake homemade cookies for individuals living alone.

After two weeks, the Jesse Tree is replaced by a lush, green tree erected by members of the Religious Education program. Colorfully wrapped gifts from parishioners appear beneath the tree. Afterwards, volunteers gather in the Parish Hall to assemble gift packages for the families and individuals. The Classic Car Club of Big Indian contributes toys for the children and helpers diligently add them to the overall gift packages.



Through the Jesse Tree project, our parish serves the less fortunate in our community during the holy season of Christmas. Our Christian mission is to serve and to "do unto others..." as brothers and sisters in Christ. A "thank you" is extended to all those who give so generously each year of their time and talents to make this outreach possible. This year 77 tags (giving opportunities to help others) will adorn our Jesse "Giving" Tree.

MASS INTENTIONS for 2019:

Offer a Mass for a living or deceased loved one by calling the Rectory preferably in the mornings from 9 am to noon. An "Intention Book" for your personal prayer requests is located on the podium in the back of the church (near the Tree of Life). All prayer requests, including Spiritual Bouquets memorials are remembered at our Masses.



SPECIAL OCCASIONS & CELEBRATIONS

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



“Happy Birthday!”

December Birthdays: Ashton Signore (12/7); Finola Ryan (12/9); Chris Baltz (12/13); Cheryl Bender (12/14); Gene DeStefano 12/15).

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, contact Judy at 688-9912.

GROWING IN FAITH NEW ISSUE

December issues are now available in the vestibule of the church. Take home a copy to share with others or to give to those who are homebound. The richness of the Catholic faith is a gift to all!



NEW PROCEDURE FOR ENTERING THE PARISH HALL DURING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

In keeping with Archdiocesan guidelines for the protection and safety of children, and following the recommendations of our local police, we have installed a door that can be locked from the inside the Parish Hall, as well as a peephole. Once children and families are inside, the door will be locked. Visitors are welcome to ring the doorbell for admittance. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions – December

The Future of the Very Young

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

LOCAL CHRISTMAS FAIR - DECEMBER 7

SATURDAY, December 7 from 9:00 am-3:00 PM at the Memorial United Methodist Church in Shandaken. 7358 State Route 28. Christmas decorations, bake sale and other items will be available in addition to lunch with chili, grilled cheese, tomato soup, and chips & pickles. All are welcome to join us!

CHRISTMAS BULLETIN DEADLINE: Please send your articles for the Christmas bulletin (Dec 22) to our bulletin editors by Thursday, December 12. This bulletin covers Mass Intentions from Dec. 21-Dec. 29. Please call the Rectory for all Mass Intentions.

NEW MISSAL DISTRIBUTION:

With the start of Advent (December 1), new missals are now available in the pews. The 2019 Missals are on the bench by the choir door. Feel free to take one home to look over hymns and prayers for the proper of the Mass.

ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLETS

Advent booklets will be distributed this weekend after Masses. The guide contains daily reflections, practices, and prayers in preparation for Christmas. Please take one copy per family. Thank you.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

“The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin.” – *Catechism of the Catholic Church.*

Universally celebrated on December 8, the patronal feast day of the United States of America will be transferred to the following day according to U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. It will not be observed as a holy day of obligation this year.

Mass will be celebrated for this Solemnity on Monday, Dec. 9 at 9:00 am in the Church. All are welcome to attend.



Russell Abbrecht, Luisa Armani, Laureen Aversa, Jerry Baltz, Cheryl Bender, Rick Bicanovsky, Sheila Madera-Brown, Ellen Burmeister, Ryan Callahan, Helen Cammardella, Liam Casey, Bill Caton, Ben Cole, Ed Dannen, Lillian DiPasqua, Betty Djerf, Iris D'Agostino, Jean Druffner, Honey Fecci, Ernest Fudge, Sr., Lois Giambrone, Dorothy Gorman, Trish Graig-Tiso, Chris Hall, Victoria Hall, Catherine Hand, Dolores Harvey, Rosemarie and Erwin Hildenhagen, Fr. George Hommel, Laurie Hoy, Don Kearney, Justin Kolb, Josephine Kloufas, Kathy Kretschmer, Amada Lumbaca, Helen Morelli, Gerri Nilsen, Janet Oakes, Florence Palmer, Claire Paultre, Judy Pavone, Karla Pavone, Nicholas Percoco, Fr. Raphael, Franca Ravetier, Joel Rivera, John Rossett, Mary Ellen Rury, Jon Rowe, Catherine Ryan, Michael Ryder, Zoila Santa, Martha Santicola, Anne Shea, Bert Shafer, Gladys Gilbert Spiegler, Theresa Strauss, Marie Stutman, John Sylak, Fr. Phil Tran, Sonja Turner, Jaime Umhey, 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*

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PARISH CALENDAR


















Dec 1	Sun	First Sunday of Advent (Sunday Cycle "A") extends through November 22, 2020
Dec 1	Sun	Religious Education after 10:00 am Mass in Parish Hall
Dec 4	Wed	Women's Bible Study starts at 3:00 pm in Fr. Gorman Hall
Dec 7	Sat	Christmas Fair from 9-3 at United Methodist Church in Shandaken (details inside)
Dec 8	Sun	Sodality Annual Christmas Luncheon at 2:00 pm
Dec 8	Sun	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (transferred to Monday, Dec 9—details in bulletin)

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

The four candles of the Advent wreath represent the four weeks of the first season of the liturgical year, Advent. Today we begin the journey of Advent, a time of hope and anticipation of the coming of the Lord at Christmas, but also for Christ's second coming. Take time to reflect how you will prepare spiritually for Christmas this year. By participating in various time-honored traditions, such as making Jesse [Giving] trees or putting on a Christmas play at home, Catholic families can engage more fruitfully in the seasons of Advent and Christmas.



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>Stephen, Your brothers and your mother and father miss you always. – The Chesire Family</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 style="text-align: center;"><i>Carmelo & Barbara Two Together 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, Bruce A. Wallace and 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> 