

# St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

## December 8, 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***

rjiannone@juno.com

***Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Parish Administrator***

845-679-7696

***Rev. Christopher Berean, Parish Administrator***

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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 8, 2019

## Second Sunday of Advent

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths;  
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” Mark 1:1-8

### Mass Intentions

#### Week of December 7th – December 12th

Sat 12/07 5:00p †Matthew Strank req. by Peggy & Don Kearney  
 Sun 12/08 10:00a Mass of Thanksgiving req. by Helen Morelli  
 Mon 12/09 8:00a  
 Tues 12/10 8:00a  
 Wed 12/11 8:00a  
 Thur 12/12 8:00a

The Second Collection: Fuel/Utility Fund

#### Weekend of December 14th and December 15th

Sat 12/14 5:00p †Sylvia Persons req. by Peggy & Don Kearney  
 Sun 12/15 10:00a †Marian and Howard Umhey req. by the Family

#### Weekend Lectors

Sat 12/07 5:00p Hubbell, Druffner  
 Sun 12/08 10:00a Pavone, McWhinnie



#### Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat 12/07 5:00p DeMaria, Zorn, Fiore, Barrack  
 Sun 12/08 10:00a Ullmann, Basalone, Devoti, Bloodgood



#### Weekend Ushers

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

**Nov. 24 Collections:** \$1,068.00; Catholic Charities: \$209  
 Dec. 1 Collections will be reported in next bulletin

#### Readings for the Week of December 8<sup>th</sup> (Year A)

**Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Lk 1:26-38  
**Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14  
**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30  
**Thursday:** Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:39-47  
**Friday:** Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19  
**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
**Sunday:** Is 35:1-6a, 10; Mt 11:2-11

#### FATHER GEORGE W. HOMMEL, JR

Former Parish Administer of St. Francis de Sales Church passed away on November 29 at the age of 80. Father George faithfully served the Church for fifty-three years in part as regional Vicar of Ulster County and as Pastor of St. John's Church in West Hurley-Woodstock. Father George will be greatly missed by all at St. Francis de Sales. He was a kind and caring administrator often visiting parishioners while either homebound or in the hospital or nursing home.

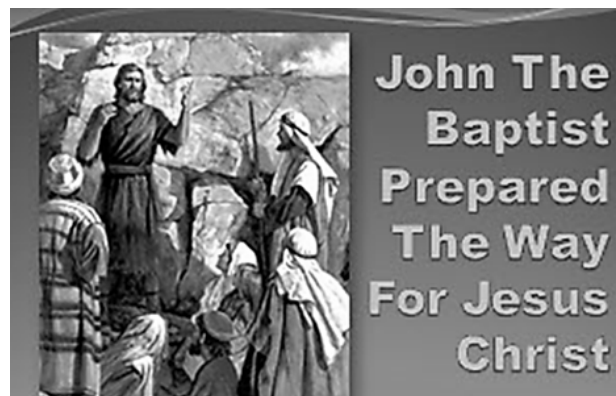
### Scripture Reflection

#### "The baptism of repentance and purification in the Holy Spirit"

John broke the prophetic silence of the previous centuries when he began to speak the word of God to the people of Israel. Among a people unconcerned with the things of God, it was his work to awaken their interest, unsettle them from their complacency, and arouse in them enough good will to recognize and receive Christ when he came.

What the prophets had carefully searched for and angels longed to see, now came to completion as John made the way ready for the coming of the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ. With John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit begins the restoration to the human race of the "divine likeness", prefiguring what would be achieved with and in the Lord Jesus.

John's baptism was for repentance - turning away from sin and taking on a new way of life according to God's word. Our baptism in Jesus Christ by water and the Spirit results in a new birth and entry into God's kingdom as his beloved sons and daughters. The Lord Jesus comes to baptize each one of us in his Holy Spirit so that we may walk in his truth and holiness and radiate the joy of the Gospel to all we meet. God's word has power to change and transform our lives so that we may be lights that point others to Jesus Christ. Like John the Baptist, we too are called to give testimony to the light and truth of Christ. Do you point others to Jesus Christ in the way you live, speak, and treat others? Copyright 2020, Don Schwager: [www.dailyscripture.net](http://www.dailyscripture.net). Reprinted with permission



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## PARISH ACTIVITIES

### Novena to Our Lady of La Salette:

**Monday, December 9 after 8:00 am Mass**, we pray the **5th 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: 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: "The Jesse Stay Awake"

Sitting with my brothers, sitting with my sisters, sitting by the Jesse Tree.

Waiting with my brothers, waiting with my sisters, waiting by the Jesse Tree.

Why are you waiting boys? Why are you waiting girls?  
Who are you waiting for?

Stand up and sing! Here comes the King!

Here comes the Lord of Lords

That's who we're waiting for!

That's who we're waiting for!

### 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.

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

### 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.

## ADVENT GIVING "JESSE" TREE

### Final Phase – Help Needed:

Final phase of the project: Help will be needed for collating, gathering together gifts from the parish and toys (from Classic Car Club of Big Indian) for distribution.

If anyone can lend a hand for a few hours on **Monday, Dec. 16th at 10 AM** in the parish hall that would be a huge help with this project. Please contact Marge Tiso 688-5898 if you are able to lend a hand. Thank You!



**JESSE TREE REMINDER:** All cookies and wrapped gifts should be returned next weekend – no later than Sunday, December 15. Thank you for your generosity!

### Jerry Bender Memorial Thanksgiving Meal A BIG THANK YOU!



Over 125 people gathered in the Parish Hall to enjoy fellowship and a wonderful turkey dinner with all the trimmings on Saturday, November 23rd. Chief cook and organizer **Laurie Brown** masterminded the whole meal,

including the solicitation of donations - 8 turkeys from Hannaford, sweet potatoes from First Student bus company in Accord, milk and butter from Stewart's, and a generous donation from the Phoenicia Rotary. Laurie's son, **Donald Amell**, joined the family legacy of giving by pitching in with kitchen help and set up Friday and Saturday. Rotarians served and helped with clean-up, and parishioners contributed desserts. **THANK YOU TO EVERYONE** who made this meal such a joyful outreach to our community!



### CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

**Tuesday, 12/24:** Christmas Eve Mass at 5 PM

**Tuesday, 12/24:** Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at 10 PM

**Wednesday, 12/25:** Christmas Day Mass at 9 AM

**Tuesday, 12/31:** Mass at 8 AM in the Rectory

**Tuesday, 12/31:** Mass at 5 PM in the Church

**Wednesday, 1/1/2020:** Solemnity of Mary at 10:30 AM in Church (Holy Day of Obligation)

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## 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 ISSUES

Today, on the second Sunday of Advent, the second violet candle is lit on the Advent wreath. The season of Advent marks the beginning of the Church’s liturgical year. It is a time of new beginnings and preparation as we await the coming of Jesus on Christmas. Some ways in which we can prepare are by spending time with God in prayer, attending Confession, or volunteering in your community.



The Advent Calendar can serve as a guide during the weeks of Advent. Both the December issue of Growing in Faith and the Advent Calendar are available in the vestibule. Take home a copy to share with others or those who are homebound. Source: Growing in Faith

## TWO OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOLIDAY GIFT-GIVING THAT SUPPORT OUR PARISH

As you look ahead to the holiday season, and wonder what to get the special people on your list, consider enrolling your loved ones in perpetual prayers and presence in our church. There are two ways you can offer this extraordinary gift.

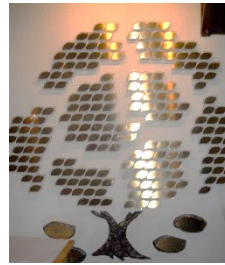
**FIRST**, you can purchase a half or full pew that is inscribed with the name of your loved one(s) – living or deceased. Have a look on the center aisle of the church! These plaques represent a donation of \$250 for a half pew and \$500 for a full pew (middle aisle to side aisle). It’s a great way to honor someone and keep their



memory in God’s house! If you would like to participate in this on-going project, please give your check (made out to St. Francis de Sales Parish, with a notation “half” or “full pew”) to Fr. Raphael, or drop off at the parish office, with the name that you want inscribed. Once the plaque is ready, you can choose a desirable location, and we will install it.

Several donors generously offered extra funds when we initiated this practice. As a result, Fr. Raphael has some discretionary money to help others purchase a pew for a loved one at a very reduced cost. If you are interested, please speak with Father and let him know what you are able to contribute, and he will complete your purchase

as long as these gift monies are available. If you are a new donor who can add to this common fund, that offering will enable him to extend this generosity to more parishioners.



**SECOND**, our Tree of Life, on the back wall of the church, invites parishioners and friends of the parish to donate a “leaf” to remember a loved one, or to honor living friends and family members. The occasion might be a

sacramental celebration, a milestone birthday, a special event, a holiday gift, or simply a chance to support the parish in a unique way. Each week, in our Prayers of the Faithful, we raise up the intentions of those represented on our “Tree of Life,” so the blessings are continuous. Our prayers make it a living tree. You can purchase a “leaf” for a donation of \$250. For \$500, you can have a larger plaque (a “rock”) inscribed with your intention. Again, please make out a check to St. Francis de Sales, with a notation that says “Tree of Life.” All donations go toward the upkeep of our parish buildings.

## FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

**Thursday, December 12:** “Veneration of Our Lady of Guadalupe dates back to the 16th century, when a ‘Lady from Heaven’ who identified herself as the Mother of the True God appeared to St. Juan Diego, a poor Indian from Tepeyac, on a hill northwest of Mexico City.” In his 2016 Mass celebrating the feast, Pope Francis said that “like Juan Diego, we know that here is our Mother. We know that we are under her shadow and her protection, which is the source of our joy, and that we are in the cross of her arms.” Source: National Catholic Register.



Russell Abbrecht, Luisa Armani, Lauren 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 Klonfas, 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; 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 8	Sun	Religious Education after 10:00 am Mass in Parish Hall
Dec 8	Sun	Ladies Sodality Annual Christmas Luncheon at 2:00 pm
Dec 8	Sun	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (transferred to Monday, Dec 9)
Dec 9	Mon	Mass for Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception at 9:00 am in the Church
Dec 12	Thu	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Dec 14-Dec 15		Please return Jesse Tree cookies and wrapped gifts no later than Sunday, Dec 15
Dec 22	Sun	First Day of Winter...stay warm and drive safe!

### SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

The season of Advent is designed to help us prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas. Think of it: God became man, died for our sins, rose from the dead, and now reigns as King of all creation. Every Christmas is a chance to welcome Jesus as an honored guest into our hearts.

We light the second candle to remind us that our Lord Jesus brings **Peace** to all who trust in Him...

**Let us pray:** "Loving God, thank You for the peace You give us through Jesus. May Christ's light shine in our lives, showing us the path of peace between God and all people. Help us to prepare our hearts to receive His peace. We ask in the name of the One born in Bethlehem." Amen. Source: EWTN



### 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 &amp; 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 &amp; Jon Rowe</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of my beloved wife, Harriet, our mom &amp; brother Frank, by Frank Rauchut, John, Veronica &amp; 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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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 &amp; Frances Rauchut, Alfred &amp; Veronica Grace and our deceased brothers and sisters.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Carmelo &amp; 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. &amp; William T. Wallace, Bruce A. Wallace and Eric Kohlroser.</p> <p>– The Wallace Family</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of our parents, Jack &amp; Sue Tiso and Anthony &amp; Florence Persichilli by Charles, Joe, Margie, Pam &amp; Susan</p>