

# St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

## December 15, 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***  
845-217-3333

### **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 15, 2019

## Third Sunday of Advent

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.” Matthew 11:2-11

### Mass Intentions

#### Week of December 14<sup>th</sup> – December 19<sup>th</sup>

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  
Mon 12/16 8:00a  
Tues 12/17 8:00a  
Wed 12/18 8:00a  
Thur 12/19 8:00a

The Second Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious

#### Weekend of December 21<sup>st</sup> and December 22<sup>nd</sup>

Sat 12/21 5:00p †Doris Murphy req. by Our Lady of La Salette Sodality  
Sun 12/22 10:00a †Margaret (Peggy) Kingston req. by Peggy & Don Kearney

#### Weekend Lectors

Sat 12/14 5:00p Pat Ruane & Mike Ruane  
Sun 12/15 10:00a McWhinnie, Brown



#### Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat 12/14 5:00p Ryder, Zorn, Fiore, Barrack  
Sun 12/15 10:00a Pavone, Basalone, Devoti, Bloodgood



#### Weekend Ushers

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

Dec 1 Collections: Regular, \$935; Monthly: \$431  
Dec. 8 Collections: Regular, \$1024; Fuel/Utility: \$443  
Immaculate Conception: \$153; Christmas Flowers: \$306

#### Readings for the Week of December 15<sup>th</sup> (Year A)

**Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27  
**Tuesday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17  
**Wednesday:** Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25  
**Thursday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25  
**Friday:** Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38  
**Saturday:** Sg 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45  
**Sunday:** Is 7:10-14; Mt 1:18-24

#### 2020 MASS INTENTIONS BOOK OPEN:

A reminder to all that the Mass Intentions book for 2020 is open. Please see Father Raphael or contact the Rectory for your Mass requests in the coming year.

### Scripture Reflection

"They shall obtain joy and gladness"

John the Baptist paid the ultimate sacrifice of his life for speaking God's word and preparing the way for Jesus the Lord and Savior of the world. John wanted his disciples to hear and see firsthand what Jesus was doing to bring the kingdom of God to those who were receptive and ready to receive his message.

Jesus knew that what the Father in heaven had sent him to accomplish for our sake would supersede all that the prophets had done and foreseen in the past. Jesus' atoning death on the cross cancels the debt of our sins and sets us free to live as citizens of his kingdom. He gives us pardon, healing, and abundant life through his Holy Spirit and the promise of unending joy with him in his everlasting kingdom.

The Lord Jesus offers us the same assurance of faith and the strength to stand against every force that would try to rob us of our conviction and courage to live and proclaim the *good news* (the *Gospel*) of God's kingdom. Do you know the joy, strength, and power which Jesus gives to everyone who puts their trust in him and the power of the Holy Spirit? Ask the Lord Jesus to increase your faith and hope in his promises for you.

"Lord Jesus, strengthen my trust in your word and my hope in the saving power of your kingdom. Free me from everything that would hold me back from pursuing your kingdom and your will for my life." Copyright 2019, Don Schwager: [www.dailyscripture.net](http://www.dailyscripture.net). Reprinted with permission



“Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?” – Matthew 11:3

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

### **Novena to Our Lady of La Salette:**

**Monday, December 16 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: 15, 22. January Classes: 5, 12, 26;** No class on 29 (Martin Luther King holiday).

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 at the 5 PM MASS: "Rejoice in the Lord"**

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice.  
Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice.  
Rejoice, rejoice and again I say rejoice.  
Rejoice, rejoice and again I say rejoice.  
Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice.

### **Recessional at 10 AM MASS: "Jesse Tree Song"**

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?

Little boys will bring Lions to the spring; Little girls will bring Calves there, too.  
The Wolf will live in peace with the Lamb.  
The Cows and the Bears will make friends!  
They will not fight! They will not bite!  
They know He's coming too!

Chorus: 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!

### **RECONCILIATION MONDAY – DEC. 16**

All parishes in the Archdiocese of New York will have priests available to hear confessions on Monday, Dec 16 from 4 PM-8 PM.

**On Monday, December 16, Father Raphael will be available to hear confessions in the Rectory from 4 PM TO 8 PM.**

### **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)

### **THE JESSE TREE – GIVING TREE PROJECT**

Thank you to all who participated in our reach-out to the community this Holy Season. This is the last weekend to leave your gifts under the tree for distribution to the community by our parish.

Also, help is needed for collating, gathering, tagging the gifts for distribution. If you can give a hand for a few hours in the Parish Hall tomorrow (**Monday, 12/16 starting at 10 AM**), please contact Marge Tiso 688-5898. Thank You.



### **LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH**



Advent is a perfect time for families to share the tradition of lighting advent candles at home. For more Advent Resources, visit the Archdiocese of New York website [www.archny.org/advent](http://www.archny.org/advent).

*"Keep us alert, we pray, O Lord our God, as we await the advent of Christ your Son, so that, when he comes and knocks, he may find us watchful in prayer and exultant in his praise."* [www.nyfaithformation.org](http://www.nyfaithformation.org).

### **AN ACT OF CONTRITION PRAYER**

*O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of Thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who art all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin.*

## **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); Barbara VanBlarcum (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.

**THANK YOU!** William Emanuel Utia wants to thank everyone for all the prayers, love and support you sent to Peru. He is growing and thriving now and hoping to make his way to the USA soon. We thank you all so much too - your love and prayers carried us through so much.  
- Kathy and Bill Tretter



## **GROWING IN FAITH NEW ISSUES**

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.



## **HOLIDAY GIFT-GIVING THAT SUPPORTS OUR PARISH**

Here are two ways you can enroll your loved ones in perpetual prayers and presence in our church:

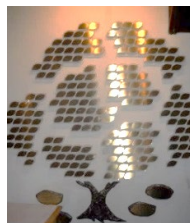
**FIRST**, purchase a half or full pew that is inscribed with the name of your loved one(s) – living or deceased. These plaques represent a donation of \$250 for a half pew and \$500 for a full pew (middle aisle to side aisle).

Make your check payable "St. Francis de Sales Parish" with a notation "half" or "full pew" in the memo line. Give 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 the pew location.



**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. 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. 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 your check to "St. Francis de Sales," with the notation "Tree of Life." All donations go toward the upkeep of our parish buildings.



## **WIN LIVE NORWAY SPRUCE!**

Shawn from Migliorelli Farms in Mt. Tremper has generously donated another tree for us to raffle during this Advent Season.



It's a lovely little Norway Spruce that can be kept in its pot in a sunny but protected space all winter, and planted in the spring.

MONEY THAT WE RAISE WILL BE GIVEN TO FEED THE HUNGRY THROUGH the Woodstock Meals on Wheels Program.

**CHANCES ARE \$5.** Please see Marge Tiso or Pat Ruane to participate. **The drawing will be held Sunday, December 22.**

## **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.



As we approach the new year, Claire Paultre has sent out the **January-February**

Lector / Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Schedule. Please respond to her request, as soon as possible, the dates you will not be available in those months. Claire's phone # 688-5515. Thank you for your ministry.



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 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, 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

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| Dec 15 | Sun | Religious Education after 10:00 am Mass in Parish Hall                                 |
| Dec 15 | Sun | Return Jesse Tree cookies and wrapped gifts no later than Sunday, Dec 15               |
| Dec 16 | Mon | Parish Hall helpers at 10:00 am to collate Jesse Tree gifts for distribution           |
| Dec 16 | Mon | Reconciliation Monday. Father Raphael will hear confessions in the Rectory 4 pm – 8 pm |
| Dec 22 | Sun | Norway Spruce Raffle Drawing   |
| Dec 22 | Sun | First Day of Winter...stay warm and drive safe!  |



















### THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

The Third Sunday of Advent is called **Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday**. On this day we celebrate that our waiting for the birth of Jesus on Christmas day is almost over. Rose is a liturgical color that is used to signify joy, so we light the single pink candle on the third Sunday of Advent.

**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

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| <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.<br/>– 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.<br/>– Angie Valentino &amp; Family</p>                                 |
| <p>Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with us.<br/>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.<br/>– 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<br/><i>“The measure of love is to love without measure.”</i><br/>– 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.<br/>-The Howard Umhey Family</p>  | <p>In Loving Memory of my beloved wife, Josie, our parents, and our siblings.<br/>– 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<br/>Two Together<br/>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.<br/>– 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>  |