

# St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

## December 22, 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**

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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  
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 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 22, 2019

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

“The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel.” Matthew 1:18-24



### Mass Intentions

#### Week of December 21st – December 26th

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  
Mon 12/23 8:00a  
Tues 12/24 5:00p  
Tues 12/24 10:00p †Jodi Locatelli req. by Richard & Lisa Locatelli  
Wed 12/25 9:00a  
Thur 12/26 8:00a

#### Have a Blessed Christmas

#### Weekend of December 28th and December 29th

Sat 12/28 5:00p †Doris Murphy req. by Dolores Harvey  
Sun 12/29 10:00a †Etta Hanigan req. by La Salette Sodality

#### Weekend Lectors

Sat 12/21 5:00p Wolfrom, Druffner  
Sun 12/22 10:00a Brown, Rowe



#### Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat 12/21 5:00p Di Ciervo, Zorn, DeMaria, Barrack  
Sun 12/22 10:00a Devoti, Basalone, Bloodgood, Nilsen



#### Weekend & Christmas Ushers

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

#### Christmas Lectors

Tues 12/24 5:00p Bill Tretter  
Tues 12/24 10:00p Pat & Mike Ruane  
Wed 12/25 9:00a Laurie Brown

#### Christmas Eucharistic Ministers

Tues 12/24 5:00p Gerry Nilsen  
Tues 12/24 10:00p Susan Fiore  
Wed 12/25 9:00a Liz Quinn, Veronica Rowe

Due to Christmas bulletin deadlines, the rest of December's collections will appear at the end of the month.

#### Readings for the Week of December 22nd (Year A)

**Monday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Lk 1:57-66  
**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79  
**Wednesday:** Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27 29;  
Lk 2:1-14; Day: Is 52:7-10; Jn 1:1-5, 9-14  
**Thursday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22  
**Friday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

### Scripture Reflection

#### "He will save his people from their sins"

Joseph, a just and God-fearing man, did not wish to embarrass or punish his espoused wife, Mary when he discovered that she was pregnant. To all appearances she had broken their solemn pledge to be faithful and chaste to one another. Joseph, no doubt took this troubling matter to God in prayer. He was not hasty to judge or to react with hurt and anger. God rewarded him not only with guidance and consolation, but with the divine assurance that he had indeed called Joseph to be the husband of Mary and to assume a mission that would require the utmost faith, confidence, and trust in Almighty God. Joseph believed in the divine message to take Mary as his wife and to accept the child in her womb as the promised Messiah.

Like Mary, Joseph is a model of faith for us. He is a faithful witness and servant of God's unfolding plan of redemption. Are you ready to believe in the promises of God, even when faced with perplexing circumstances and what seems like insurmountable problems? God has not left us alone, but has brought us his only begotten Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let us celebrate Christmas, the feast of the Incarnation, with joyful hearts and let us renew our faith and hope in God and in his redeeming work.

"Lord Jesus, you came to save us from sin and the power of death. May I always rejoice in your salvation and trust in your divine plan for my life." Copyright 2019, Don Schwager: [www.dailyscripture.net](http://www.dailyscripture.net). Reprinted with permission



“She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” – Matt.1:21

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

### Novena to Our Lady of La Salette:

**Monday, December 23 after 8:00 am Mass,** we pray the **6th 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 Class: 22. January Classes: 5, 12, 26;** No class on January 19th (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 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!

Gonna be a great day, gonna take the night away, We'll sing and dance and jump and run.

It could be fun, like playing in the sun, That Great Day when He comes!

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!

### THE JESSE TREE – GIVING TREE PROJECT

The tree is in full bloom now.

The gifts have all been distributed for Christmas.

Thank You! Check next week's bulletin for a glimpse of our helper elves sorting gifts for distribution 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 AM** in Church (Holy Day of Obligation)

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – PEACE

The Fourth Candle lit today represents the **Peace** Jesus brings. As we wrap our gifts and decorate our trees, sign our cards and bake our cookies, let us not forget the most important preparation of all - the preparation of our hearts and minds for the coming of the Prince of Peace. May we be ready to welcome him!



Let us pray: *Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### WHERE DO OUR CHRISTMAS CAROLS COME FROM?

Ancient carols began sometime during the Middle Ages (c.500-1500 A.D.). Churchgoing in those days was not just a Sunday event. During the Middle Ages the church had numerous holy days – holidays – many more than now. A town would drop everything on a holy day and go to Mass, and hear about a particular saint, or a particular holy event being celebrated that day. Many people could not read or afford to own a Bible that took years for monks to copy by hand. Outside of the Mass, little "holy plays" were performed that reenacted Bible stories with songs and forms of dance. "Carols" portrayed many things besides Christmas events and traditions. The ancient carols existed for centuries without being written down, and their origins are impossible to confirm. They usually have simple dancelike music...often with a stanza/refrain structure using language that fit everyday life. A definition of "carol" is to sing especially in a joyful manner." Join the children and parishioners in the tradition of caroling by singing joyfully at all Masses! Source: *Christmas Carols for Friends and Families.*



## **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.

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

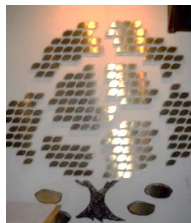
**FIRST**, purchase a half or full pew that is inscribed with the name of your loved one(s) – living or deceased. These plaques represent a donation of \$250 for a half pew and \$500 for a full pew (middle aisle to side aisle).



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.



### **ANGIE VALENTINO DOING WELL!**

Father Raphael and several parishioners visited recently with Angie Valentino and her sister, Fran Belcastro in

New Jersey. The sisters were in good spirits and enjoyed the visitors for Christmas.



## **DRAWING FOR NORWAY SPRUCE!**

There's still time to purchase tickets (\$5 dollars) from Pat Ruane or Marge Tiso this weekend. The drawing for the live Norway Spruce tree donated by Shawn from Migliorelli Farms will be held on **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.

Claire Paultre is sending out the **January-February**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**



Lector / Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Schedule.

Please respond to her request as soon as possible any dates you will not be available in those months. Claire's phone # 688-5155. Thank you for your ministry.

## **SODALITY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

Sodality members and guests enjoyed time together and a delicious meal at The Phoenician a couple of weeks ago. Merry Christmas to all!



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, 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.*

"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." – Matt.1:21

## PARISH CALENDAR

Dec 22	Sun	Norway Spruce Raffle Drawing this weekend
Dec 22	Sun	First Day of Winter...stay warm and drive safe
Dec 24	Tues	Christmas Eve Children's Mass at 5 PM
Dec 24	Tues	Christmas Eve Mass at 10 PM
Dec 25	Wed	Christmas Day Mass at 9 AM
Dec 31	Tues	New Year's Eve Mass at 5 PM
Jan 1	Wed	New Year's Day Mass at 10:00 AM (Holy Day of Obligation)




















### CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS TO ALL!

*We extend our best wishes to all our families, friends and visitors in this Holy Season and throughout the New Year. Thank you for your generous support, prayers and well wishes. God bless you all and your families. Merry Christmas!*

*Fr. Raphael and St. Francis de Sales Parish*

## 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 &amp; 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 &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. – 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 <i>"The measure of love is to love without measure."</i> – 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. -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 &amp; Frances Rauchut, Alfred &amp; Veronica Grace and our deceased brothers and sisters.</p> 	<p><i>Carmelo &amp; 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. &amp; William T. Wallace, Bruce A. Wallace and Eric Kohlroser. – 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> 