

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

December 29, 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

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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

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.

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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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

“Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you.” - Matthew 2:13

Mass Intentions

Week of December 28th – January 2nd

Sat 12/28 5:00p †Doris Murphy req. by Dolores Harvey
Sun 12/29 10:00a †Etta Hanigan req. by La Salette Sodality
Mon 12/30 8:00a
Tues 12/31 8:00a
Tues 12/31 5:00p
Wed 1/01 10:00a
Thur 1/02 8:00a

All God's Blessings in the New Year!

Weekend of January 4th and January 5th

Sat 1/04 5:00p †Theresa A. Strauss req. by Dolores Harvey
Sun 1/05 10:00a †Joseph Reilly req. by Umhey Family

Weekend Lectors

Sat 12/28 5:00p Pavone, Hubbell
Sun 12/29 10:00a Quinn



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat 12/28 5:00p Zorn, Barrack, Fiore, P. Ryan
Sun 12/29 10:00a Devoti, Ullmann, Bloodgood, Basalone



Weekend & New Year's Ushers

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

New Years Eve

Tues 5:00p Lectors: Tretter, Hubbell
Tues 5:00p EMs: DeMaria, Barrack, Zorn, Wilsey

New Years Day

Wed 10:00a Lectors: Brown, Pavone
Wed 10:00a EMs: Wolfrom, Paultre, Bloodgood, Devoti

December 15 Collections: \$1142; Retired Religious, \$369
December 22 Collections will be in the January bulletin

Readings for the Week of December 29th (Year A)

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27; Lk 2:16-21
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Friday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Mt 2:1-12

***The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
(New Year's) is a Holy Day of Obligation***

Scripture Reflection

An Angel of the Lord Appeared to Joseph in a Dream

Like all godly Jewish parents, Joseph and Mary raised the child Jesus in the reverence and wisdom of the Lord. Joseph was given a unique task as the guardian and protector of Mary and of Jesus. What can we learn from the example and witness of Joseph? Joseph is a man of God, a man of unquestioning obedience and willing service. He is a man of prayer and a man of God's word. Through faith he recognized the hand of God in the mystery of the Incarnation - the Son of God taking on flesh as the son of the virgin Mary.

Joseph is a man of action, diligent in the care of his family and ready to do the Lord's bidding. Joseph fearlessly set aside his own plans when God called him to "take to the road" and to leave his familiar surroundings - his home, friends and relatives, and the security of his livelihood in order to pursue a hidden mission God entrusted to him as the guardian of the newborn King.

God has a plan for each one of us. With the plan God gives grace and the assurance of his guiding hand and care. Do you trust your heavenly Father for his plan for your life? Are you willing to sacrifice your own plans for the sake of God's plan? Are you willing to give God unquestioning service and to pursue whatever mission he gives you? "Lord Jesus, make me a faithful servant of your word and guardian of your truth. Help me to obey you willingly, like Joseph and Mary, with unquestioning trust and with joyful hope." Copyright 2019, Don Schwager: www.dailyscripture.net.
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PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette:

Monday, December 30 after 8:00 am Mass, we pray the 7th 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 resume **January Classes: 5, 12, 26**; There will be no class on January 19th (Martin Luther King holiday).

For more information, call Religious Education Coordinator, Gerry Nilsen, 687-9769.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HELPERS:



Father Raphael looks on from the altar as children in Religious Education adorned the Jesse Tree with symbols conveying the meaning of the Jesse Root and Jesus' lineage.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MASSES:

The **January-February Lector / Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Schedule** is posted on the parish website.

Copies of the schedule are also available in the sacristy. If you are unable to attend the Mass for which you are scheduled, please contact another minister to substitute and let Claire know the name of your substitute. Thank you.



COMMUNION SERVICE AT 8:00 AM MASS

A Communion Service will be held at 8 AM Masses from Monday, January 6 through Thursday, January 10. Father Raphael will be enjoying vacation-time until **January 12, 2020**. Enjoy your time away, Father!

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY – DEC. 29

Sunday is the feast day of the Holy Family, but also every family's feast day, since the Holy Family is the patron and model of all Christian families. Today should be a huge family feast, since it is devoted entirely to the Holy Family as a model for the Christian family life. Source: Catholic Culture

NEW YEARS MASS SCHEDULE

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (Holy Day of Obligation)

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

Wednesday, 1/1/2020: 10 AM in Church

PARISH CALENDARS FOR 2020

Don't forget to pick up your free 2020 calendar compliments of St. Francis de Sales Parish. Copies are in the back of the Church. **CORRECTION:** Our parish website address should read as follows: www.stfrancisdesalesphoenicia.com.

THE JESSE TREE – GIVING TREE PROJECT

A huge thank you to all who took part in our parish's Christmas outreach this season: We wouldn't have the bare tree and set up if not for the work of Mark Wilsey and then lush Jesse Tree by Jason and son, Stephen, Basalone. Phase 1 of the project: coordinated by Marge Tiso: Kathy Tretter and Pam Hammond, Mary Ellen Rury and Barbara Allison. Phase 2: the generosity of our Parishioners for selecting 81 tags for baking, purchasing and



wrapping gifts. Phase 3: Liz & Richard Quinn, Joe Tiso, Bill Tretter, Chuck Tiso and Tom Buglisi for transporting gifts; the help from Gerry Nilsen, religious education student Esyence and parents setting up gifts in hall for our final phase on Monday the 16th: Finola Ryan, Chris Baltz, Ginger Bernstein and Patti Payette.

DRAWING FOR NORWAY SPRUCE!

Congratulations to the **WINNER** of the Norway Spruce donated by Shawn at Migliorelli Farms! The winner will be announced at Masses this weekend Thank you to all that donated to this fundraiser to benefit Woodstock Meals on Wheels!



MASS INTENTIONS for 2020:



The book for offering Mass Intentions in the New Year is open. 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.

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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); 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.

Have a **January** birthday or anniversary? 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

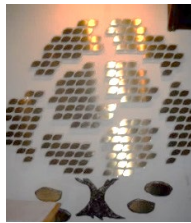
Plaques for our pews may be purchased inscribed with the name of your loved one(s) – living or deceased. These plaques represent a donation of \$250 for a half pew and \$500 for a full pew (middle aisle to side aisle).



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.

The “Tree of Life”

display on the back wall of the church welcomes parishioners and friends of the parish to donate a “leaf” to remember a loved one, or to honor living friends and family members. At Mass each week, 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. Make your check to “St. Francis de Sales,” with the notation “Tree of Life.” All donations go toward the upkeep of our parish buildings.



WANT A FAITH-BASED NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION – TO READ THE BIBLE DAILY?

By making a commitment of twenty to thirty minutes a day, you can prayerfully read through the entire Bible and/or Catechism in one year. A guide that lists daily scripture readings is provided free by the Coming Home Network, a Catholic organization devoted to help Catholics and non-Catholics “discover the truth and beauty of the Catholic Church.” Go to www.chnetwork.org and click Resources/Miscellaneous to “Bible and Catechism in a Year Reading Plan.” Card stock copies of the guide may also be purchased on the website for \$3.00 each (with bulk discounts) or call (740) 450-1175.

NEW YEAR’S BLESSINGS FROM FATHER

As we gather together to greet the New Year, we give thanks for all the graces God has bestowed on us this past year and look forward to His continued graces in 2020. A Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year!” – Fr. Raphael



JANUARY 1 – SOLEMNITY OF MARY:

“The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, falls exactly one week after Christmas....It is fitting to honor Mary as Mother of Jesus, following the birth of Christ. When Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, we are not only honoring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God incarnate, but we are also honoring our Lord, who is fully God and fully human. Calling Mary ‘Mother of God’ is the highest honor we can give Mary. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the ‘Prince of Peace,’ the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God honors Mary as the ‘Queen of Peace.’ Source: Church Year

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY – JANUARY 5

The traditional date of Epiphany is January 6, but in the United States it is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. Source: USCCB



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 31	Tues	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - New Year's Vigil Mass at 5 PM
Jan 1	Wed	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - New Year's Day Mass at 10:00 AM
Jan 5	Sun	The Epiphany of the Lord celebrated today in the United States
Jan 5	Sun	Religious Education after 10:00 am Mass in Parish Hall
Jan 7	Tues	Tai Chi practice in the Parish Hall at 3:00 pm.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. (Collect, Feast of the Holy Family)

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> 