

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

January 5, 2020



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, Cathy Felton. Parish Webmaster: Linda Senft

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.

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

PARISH REGISTRATION

We welcome all new members to our Parish family. Help us to better know and serve you. Please fill out this form and drop it in the Offertory Basket or at our Rectory Office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Please check below:

- New Registration
- Change of Address
- Change of Telephone
- Request Yearly Donation Receipt
- Keep this information within the Parish

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The Epiphany of the Lord

“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” - Matthew 2:2

Mass Intentions

Week of January 4th – January 9th

Sat	1/04	5:00p	†Theresa A. Strauss req. by Dolores Harvey
Sun	1/05	10:00a	†Joseph Reilly req. by Umhey Family
Mon	1/06	8:00a	Communion Service
Tues	1/07	8:00a	Communion Service
Wed	1/08	8:00a	Communion Service
Thur	1/09	8:00a	Communion Service

The Second Collection is the Monthly Collection

Weekend of January 11th and January 12th

Sat	1/11	5:00p	
Sun	1/12	10:00a	† Joe & Theresa Strauss req. by Dennis Yerry and Margaret Yerry Jones

Weekend Lectors

Sat	1/04	5:00p	Hubbell, Wolfrom
Sun	1/05	10:00a	DeMaria, Barrack, Zorn, Fiore



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat	1/04	5:00p	McWhinnie, Quinn
Sun	1/05	10:00a	Devoti, Ullmann, Nilsen, Basalone



Weekend & New Year's Ushers

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

December 22 Regular Collection: \$1090

Readings for the Week of January 6 (Year A)

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Mt 3:13-17

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Have no fear for what tomorrow may bring.
The same loving god who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day.
God will either shield you from the suffering or give you unflinching strength to bear it.
Be at peace then, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations. – Prayer of Saint Francis de Sales



Scripture Reflection

They fell down and worshipped Jesus

If Jesus truly is who he claims to be, the eternal Son of God and Savior of the world, then why is he not recognized by everyone who hears his word and sees his works? John the Evangelist states that when Jesus came into the world *the world knew him not and his own people received him not* (John 1:10-11). Jesus was born in obscurity. Only the lowly shepherds recognized him at his birth. Some wise men also found their way to Bethlehem to pay homage to the newborn King of Israel. These men were not Israelites, but foreigners. They likely had read and discussed the Messianic prophecies and were anxious to see when this Messianic King would appear. God led them by means of an extraordinary star across the desert to the little town of Bethlehem where Jesus was born.

To know and to encounter Jesus Christ is to know God personally. In the encounter of the wise men with Jesus we see the plan of God to give his only Son as King and Savior, not just for the Jewish people but for all the nations as well. The Lord Jesus came that both Jew and Gentile might find true and lasting peace with God. Let us pray today that Jew and Gentile alike will find the Lord and Savior on their journey of life. Do you bring the light of Jesus Christ to those you meet through the witness of your life and testimony?

“Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for bringing salvation to all the nations. May the gospel of salvation be proclaimed to every nation today and to every person on the face of the earth. Help me to be a good witness of the joy of the gospel to all I meet.” Copyright 2020, Don Schwager: www.dailyscripture.net. Reprinted with permission



“Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come.” – Isaiah 60:1

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette:

Monday, January 6 after 8:00 am Mass, we pray the 8th 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.



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.*

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.

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.

DRAWING FOR NORWAY SPRUCE!

Congratulations to **Laurie Brown**, WINNER of the Norway Spruce donated by Shawn at Migliorelli Farms! Thank you to all that donated to this fundraiser to benefit Woodstock Meals on Wheels!



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



TO PARISHIONERS:

Fr. Raphael will enjoy a well-deserved vacation week beginning the afternoon of January 5, and continuing through the weekend of Jan. 11/12. There will be Communion Services offered in the rectory at 8 am Monday through Thursday, and we will welcome visiting priests on the weekend: Fr. Sal Cordero on Saturday at the 5 pm Mass, and Fr. John Kearney at the Sunday 10 am Mass. Fr. Raphael will be back for morning Mass on Monday, Jan. 13.

NEED FOR OFFICE SUPPORT DURING FEBRUARY AND MARCH

Throughout the fall we have been able to "staff" the parish office Monday through Friday mornings with volunteers who answer the phone and door for Father Raphael. For February and March, we are down to only two people. If you can commit to several hours each week, please contact Pat Ruane ASAP (688-5357, or pr.meta4@gmail.com) with your availability. You can bring a book or other work with you, since many mornings are quiet. THANK YOU for this special service to Father!



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.

"Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come." – Isaiah 60:1

SPECIAL OCCASIONS & CELEBRATIONS

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



January Birthdays: Jerry Baltz (1/4); Pat Ryder (1/17); Eleanor Barrack (1/19); Judy Pavone (1/20); and Bob Varecha (1/28). *Happy Birthday! May God bless you every day with health, love, and everlasting happiness.*

January Anniversary: Judy & Bob Pavone (1/24). *Happy Anniversary!*

May God bestow His goodness and blessings on you as you celebrate another year of marriage.

Have a **January** birthday or anniversary? Share your good news with the parish; drop info in the collection basket, contact Judy at 688-9912.

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 our parish website homepage.** Click the link for a downloadable free guide, “Read the Bible in a Year.” To purchase a card stock quality guide, visit www.chnetwork.org or call CHN at (740) 450-1175.

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

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY INTENTION

Promotion of World Peace:

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.



COLLECTION OR CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY:

Next weekend, the Archdiocese will be taking it up the annual collection for Communications and the Catholic University of America located in Washington, D.C. The collection helps support more than 6,000 students who are seeking a faith-filled education at a premier Catholic institute of higher learning. Learn more at: <https://engage.catholic.edu/giving/annual-giving/national-collection>. Thank you.

RELIGIOUS ED CHRISTMAS PARTY

In joyful anticipation of the birth of baby Jesus, children in Religious Education enjoy Christmas festivities in the parish hall before Dec. 25th.



TOWN OF SHANDAKEN ALERT SYSTEM:

It's a good time to sign up for the Town's automated alert system if you live in the area. Take advantage of the public service offer to receive weather alerts and warnings. The Town can reach residents via landline telephone, cell phone (call or text) & e-mail. If you or someone you know cannot register online, call the Town Clerk's office at 688-5004 to register for this free emergency service. www.shandaken.us/alerts.



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 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

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.
Jan 12	Sun	The Baptism of the Lord

The Epiphany of the Lord

The Epiphany of Our Lord is the Christian feast observed in the United States on January 5th.



The word “epiphany” comes from the Greek *epiphainen*, a verb that means “to shine upon,” “to manifest,” or “to make known.” Thus, the feast of the Epiphany celebrates the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world, mainly the three events that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ: the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12), the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11), and the miracle at Cana (John 2:1-11). The visit of the Magi is emphasized on Epiphany Day, and Christ's baptism is celebrated the first Sunday that follows. *Source: The Catholic News Agency*

SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS

In Memory of Jerry Bender by his Loving Daughters	Thank God for the blessings He has bestowed on our parish and may we continue to grow in faith and love. – The Gormley Family	In Loving Memory of Barbara Caton. By son, William	In Loving Memory of my dear husband, Tony, and beloved son, Anthony. – Angie Valentino & Family
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with us. The Morelli Family	In Loving Memory of Jack and Virginia Fleming and John Fleming, Jr. by Veronica & Jon Rowe	In Loving Memory of my beloved wife, Harriet, our mom & brother Frank, by Frank Rauchut, John, Veronica & Joseph	In Loving Memory of my dear husband Romeo and my beloved son, Joseph by Saveria “Honey” Fecci
In Loving Memory... James P. Hefferan and daughter Maureen Hefferan Swezey, by Iris D’Agostino and Family.	In Loving Memory of Lawrence Monachelli and Eleanor Monachelli. – Mike & Eileen O’Connor	Stephen, Your brothers and your mother and father miss you always. – The Chesire Family	In Loving Memory of Vic Cammardella by Helen & Family <i>“The measure of love is to love without measure.”</i> – St. Francis de Sales
In Loving Memory of our Parents, Marian & Howard and Grandparents, Callaghan and Umhey, and all our Loved Ones. -The Howard Umhey Family	In Loving Memory of my beloved wife, Josie, our parents, and our siblings. – Dick Morra	In Loving Memory of our beloved parents, John & Frances Rauchut, Alfred & Veronica Grace and our deceased brothers and sisters.	Carmelo & Barbara <i>Two Together</i> <i>Forever</i>
In Loving Memory of Patricia and Terry Buchanan by the Wolfrom Family	In Loving Memory of our beloved parents, Lillian and Henry Miller and Mildred and William DiPasqua, and our deceased brothers.	Pray to the Infant Jesus of Prague. In Memory of George and Mary Wallace, George L. & William T. Wallace, Bruce A. Wallace and Eric Kohlröser. – The Wallace Family	In Loving Memory of our parents, Jack & Sue Tiso and Anthony & Florence Persichilli by Charles, Joe, Margie, Pam & Susan