

# St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

## February 2, 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

***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, 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

### **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 Mass 1st Sunday of the month (March – November)

President: Pam Hammond – Vice-President: Patti Payette  
 Secretary: Elizabeth Quinn – Treasurer: Irene Jordan

### **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. See our website for additional parish information.

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## Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word,  
for my eyes have seen your salvation.” – Luke 2:29-30

### Mass Intentions

#### Week of February 1st – February 6th

Sat	2/1	5:00p	
Sun	2/2	10:00a	†Isabelle Wallace req. by Kathleen Tretter & Family
Mon	2/3	9:00a	†Eric Holzer req. by Family/Blessing of the Throats after Mass
Tues	2/4	8:00a	
Wed	2/5	8:00a	
Thur	2/6	8:00a	Burr Hubbell req. by Anne Shea

#### The Second Collection is our Monthly Collection

#### Weekend of February 8th and 9th

Sat	2/8	5:00p	†Carmelo Barrientos req. by Barbara DeMaria
Sun	2/9	10:00a	†Albina (Babe) Bowser (9 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) req. by son Frank Santora

#### Weekend Lectors

Sat	2/1	5:00p	Hubbell, Hammond
Sun	2/2	10:00a	McWhinnie, Pavone



#### Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat	2/1	5:00p	DeMaria, Barrack, Zorn, Fiore
Sun	2/2	10:00a	Devoti, Ullmann, Basalone, Bloodgood

#### Weekend Ushers

Jerry Baltz   Bill Caton   Frank Rauchut   Donna Lamanna  
Ed Zorn   Rick Nace   Andy Napi

January 26 Regular Collection: \$816

#### Readings for the Week of February 2 (Year A)

**Monday:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20  
**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Mk 5:21-43  
**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6  
**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13  
**Friday:** Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29  
**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34  
**Sunday:** Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

#### FEAST DAY OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

**Friday, January 24:** Feast Day of Patron, St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (1567-1622).

*"Faithfully attend to your obligations, but know that you have no greater obligation than that of your salvation and of the saving progress of your soul on the way to true devotion."*

“My eyes have seen your salvation... a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” Luke 2:30-32

### Scripture Reflection

#### The favor of God was upon him

What is the significance of Simeon's encounter with the baby Jesus and his mother in the temple? Simeon was a just and devout man who was very much in tune with the Holy Spirit... When Joseph and Mary presented the baby Jesus in the temple, Simeon immediately recognized this humble child of Bethlehem as the fulfillment of all the messianic prophecies, hopes, and prayers.

Simeon was not alone in recognizing the Lord's presence in the temple. Anna, too, was filled with the Holy Spirit. She was found daily in the temple, attending to the Lord in prayer and speaking prophetically to others about God's promise to send a redeemer... Anna was pre-eminently a woman of great hope and expectation that God would fulfill all his promises. Advancing age and the disappointments of life can easily make us cynical and hopeless if we do not have our hope rightly placed. Anna's hope in God and his promises grew with age. She never ceased to worship God in faith and to pray with hope. Her hope and faith in God's promises fueled her indomitable zeal and fervor in prayer and service of God's people.

Do you know the favor of the Lord? Jesus was born in an ordinary home where there were no luxuries. Like all godly parents, Mary and Joseph raised their son in the fear and wisdom of God. He, in turn, was obedient to them and grew in wisdom and grace. The Lord's favor is with those who listen to his word with trust and obedience. Do you know the joy of submission to God? And do you seek to pass on the faith and to help the young grow in wisdom and maturity? Copyright (c) 2020 Servants of the Word, www.dailyscripture.net, author Don Schwager.



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

### Novena to Our Lady of La Salette:

**Continues next Monday, February 10 after 8:00 am Mass, we pray the 3rd 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 in February are 2, 9, 23. No class on 2/16 (President’s Day.)**

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



### Songs - 10:00 am Mass:

#### 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: “This Little Light of Mine”

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3xs)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!  
Hide it under a basket: NO! I'm gonna let it shine! (3xs)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!  
Nobody's gonna blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine (3xs)  
Let it shine, let it shine let it shine!  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3xs)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

### PARISH OFFICE COVERAGE – FEB & MARCH

Father Raphael is looking for Men and Women to answer phones and keep the Parish Office open on Wednesday mornings (9-noon) during February and March. If you can help on any (or all) Wednesdays, please let him know your availability. **THANK YOU!**



### STILL LOOKING FOR ALTAR ANGELS

We are truly grateful for the volunteers that have come forward to help with tasks in the Church: cleaning altar linens and cloths used during the liturgy and watering plants, among other things. Additional people (men or women) can help reduce the amount of work for everyone who volunteers his or her time. And most tasks can be easily shared on a rotation basis that’s convenient for all. Many hands *do* make light work! Please call the Parish Office or speak to Father Raphael if you can lend a hand. Thank you.



### CANDLEMAS DAY – BLESSING CANDLES SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Father Raphael will bless candles at the **5 pm and 10 am Masses.** February 2 marks Candlemas Day (another name for Presentation of the Lord) which proclaims Christ, Messiah and Priest, Lord and Savior. For this reason, traditionally since the seventh century, candles have been blessed at Mass that will be used throughout the year. *He is the light who came into this world to dispel sin and darkness.*

### BLESSING OF THROATS – MONDAY, FEB 3

**Monday, February 3** marks the Memorial of St. Blaise, martyred in Sebastea, Armenia, in 316 AD. Father Raphael will give the traditional **Blessing of the Throats after 9:00 am Mass** celebrated in the Church. All are welcome!

### ST. BLAISE – BISHOP, PHYSICIAN



St. Blaise was a bishop in 4th century Turkey. Arrested for being a Christian, he was tortured and martyred by local authorities. According to legend he healed a young boy who was choking on a fish bone. By the 15th century, the Western Church began the tradition of the blessing of the throat. Sources: *Growing in Faith & Our Sunday Visitor.*

### FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

**Tuesday, February 11,** marks the 162nd anniversary of the appearance of our Blessed Mother (1858) to Bernadette Soubirous, a poor French girl from Lourdes. **Join us for Mass in the Rectory at 9:00 AM. Coffee and refreshments will be served after Mass. If you would like to bring a cake, cookies, donuts, or muffins, etc., contact Pam (688-2642) or Judy (688-9912).**

### GROWING IN FAITH – FEBRUARY ISSUE

In our daily lives, it may seem like a challenge to dedicate time to prayer, but we can incorporate prayer into the things we do every day. Opportunities to pray to God appear throughout our days, from saying grace before meals or praying during your commute, to asking Him for guidance in making decisions. The February issue of Growing in Faith is available in our Church vestibule. Take a copy home – share your faith with others!

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2020:

Mass Intentions for living or deceased loved ones are available for weekend and all daily Masses (except Friday). Call the Rectory preferably 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.



“My eyes have seen your salvation... a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” Luke 2:30-32

## **SPECIAL OCCASIONS & CELEBRATIONS**

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



**February Birthdays:** Bob Varecha (1/28).

Burr Hubbell (2/6); Helen Morelli (2/9); John Malloy (2/14); Mary Ellen Rury (2/25).

*Remember that we are all special in God's sight. On your birthday, may you be blessed with so many wonderful times in the coming years and many happy returns in your life! Happy Birthday!*

**February Anniversaries: Send us your date!**

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

## **THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR 2020**



Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month.

**February Intention:**

**Listen to the Migrants' Cries**

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered. *Source: USSCB.org*

## **PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION:**

Next weekend, we take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Thank you for your generosity. No gift is too small. For more information, visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).

## **FEAST DAY – ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA:**

**Saturday, February 8** marks the Feast Day of St. Josephine Bakhita born in Sudan, Africa in 1869. As a little girl she was kidnapped by slaver traders who named her “Bakhita” which means “fortunate” in Arabic. She suffered much during her captivity having been bought and sold many times. Eventually Bakhita was sold to an Italian official who took her to Italy. There she was treated kindly for the first time in her life. Given to a prosperous Italian family as a nanny for their daughter, Bakhita and the daughter stayed briefly at the convent of the Canossian Sisters in Venice while the family traveled for business.

Bakhita learned about God at the convent and when the family returned, she asked to stay with the Canossian

Sisters. The superior of the convent advocated on Bakhita's behalf and the case went to court. She was declared free by the court since slavery had been outlawed in Sudan before Bakhita was born. Bakhita remained at the convent and became a Catholic taking the name “Josephine.” She became a Canossian Sister on December 8, 1896. St. Josephine was much loved for her acts of kindness towards others and for her charismatic nature. She was canonized in 1978 in recognition of her lifelong “heroic practice of all virtues.” *Source: Catholic Online & the Vatican.*



## **ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK'S WEBSITE:**

Check out the new look on our NY Archdiocese's website, [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.org). The site is user-friendly in its menus and links providing helpful resources about Liturgy, Scripture and our Catholic faith. Information



about the Archdiocese itself includes links to Ministries and Offices as well as Financial Services Reports going back to 2010. The Office of Liturgy, for example, provides free online training

for the Ministry of Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. *Source: www.archny.org*



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, Dave Franze, Ernest Fudge, Sr., Lois Giambrone, Dorothy Gorman, Trish Graig-Tiso, Brandon Grasso, Chris Hall, Victoria Hall, Catherine Hand, Dolores Harvey, Rosemarie and Erwin Hildenhagen, Laurie Hoy, Don Kearney, Justin Kolb, Josephine Klonfas, Kathy Kretschmer, Amada Lumbaca, Helen Morelli, Gerri Nilsen, Janet Oakes, Florence Palmer, Claire Paultre, 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

Feb 2	Sun	<b>The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day). Bring candles to Mass to be blessed</b>
Feb 3	Mon	<b>Feast Day of St. Blaise – Blessing of Throats at 9 am Mass in the Church</b>
Feb 4	Tues	<b>Tai Chi Practice in Parish Hall (weather-permitting)</b>
Feb 11	Tues	<b>Our Lady of Lourdes Mass, 9 am in the Rectory (Coffee &amp; refreshments afterwards)</b>

### FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

In accordance with Mosaic law, Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the temple Jerusalem forty days after his birth. As prescribed for the poor, they gave a sacrifice offering of a pair of turtle doves or two pigeons. (Luke 2:22-24). The Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, or Candlemas, is being observed today by Christians around the world. On Candlemas, many Christians take their candles to their local church, where they are blessed and then used for the rest of the year. The Feast of the Presentation is one of the oldest feasts of the Christian church, celebrated since the 4th century A.D. in Jerusalem. This ancient tradition reminds us that Christ *is* the light of the world.



**His Holiness Pope Francis will officiate at the Holy Mass in Rome on Feb. 2, 11:30 am.**  
Check cable channel listings for live coverage by EWTN, Global Catholic Network.

### 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>