

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

February 9, 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

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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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You are the salt of the earth...you are the light of the world.
A city set on a mountain, cannot be hidden.” – Matthew 5:13-14

Mass Intentions

Week of February 8th – February 13th

Sat 2/8 5:00p †Carmelo Barrientos req. by Barbara DeMaria
Sun 2/9 10:00a †Albina (Babe) Bowser (9th Anniversary) req. by son Frank Santora
Mon 2/10 8:00a
Tues 2/11 9:00a Our Lady of Lourdes Mass in **Rectory**
Wed 2/12 8:00a †Joseph P. Menkowski req. by Barbara Ahouse
Thur 2/13 8:00a

The Second Collection is the Peter's Pence Collection

Weekend of February 15th and 16th

Sat 2/15 5:00p Walter Fisher & Alex Setchko
Sun 2/16 10:00a †Eleanor Monachelli req. by Family

Weekend Lectors

Sat 2/8 5:00p Hubbell, Wolfrom
Sun 2/9 10:00a Brown, Quinn



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat 2/8 5:00p Wilsey, Zorn, Fiore, Barrack
Sun 2/9 10:00a Ullmann, Bloodgood, Basalone, Nilsen



Weekend Ushers

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

February 2 Regular Collection: \$930.00
Monthly Collection: \$379.00

Readings for the Week of February 9 (Year A)

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Mt 5:17-37

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)

A heart full of love loves the commandments and the more difficult it seems, the more sweet and pleasing they become because it pleases the Beloved and gives Him more honor.”

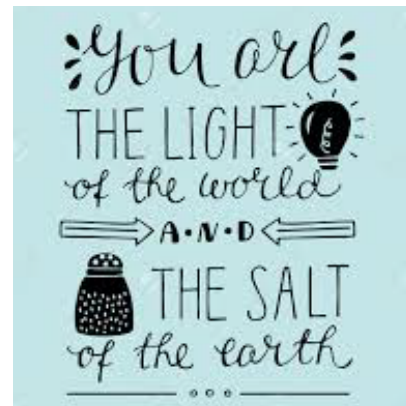
Scripture Reflection

You are the salt of the earth and light of the world

Jesus used ordinary images, such as salt and light, to convey extraordinary truths that transform our minds, hearts, and lives. What does salt and light have to teach us about God and the transforming power of his kingdom? Salt was a valuable commodity in the ancient world. People traded with it, like we trade with valuable goods, such as gold and stock. Salt also served a very useful purpose, especially in warmer climates before the invention of electricity and refrigeration. Salt not only gave rich flavor to food, it also preserved food from going bad and being spoiled.

Jesus used the image of salt to describe the transforming effect of God's work in our lives - and how the Holy Spirit wants to work through us to bring the power and blessing of God's kingdom to others. As salt purifies, preserves, and produces rich flavor for our daily food, we, too, as disciples of Jesus, are "salt" for the world of human society. The Lord wants to work in and through us to purify, preserve, and spread the rich flavor of God's kingdom everywhere - his "kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Romans 14:17).

Jesus used the image of light and a lamp to further his illustration of God's transforming work in and through us. Lamps in the ancient world served a vital function, much like they do today. They enable people to see and work in the dark and to avoid stumbling. The Jews also understood "light" as symbol or expression of the inner beauty, truth, and goodness of God. God's grace not only illumines the darkness in our lives, but it also fills us with spiritual light, joy, and peace. *There is great freedom and joy for those who live in the light of God's truth and goodness. Do you know the joy and freedom of living in God's light?* Copyright (c) 2020 Servants of the Word, www.dailyscripture.net, author Don Schwager.



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PARISH ACTIVITIES

Novena to Our Lady of La Salette:

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 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: "What Does the Lord Require of You?"

What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?

*Justice, Kindness, Walk Humbly with your God!
To Seek Justice, and Love Kindness, and Walk Humbly with your God! (Repeat verse)*

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.

PARISH OFFICE COVERAGE – FEB & MARCH

Father Raphael is looking for men and women to answer phones on **Thursday mornings, 9-12 AM** and help keep the Parish Office open **Monday – Friday mornings**. We have volunteers staffing the office, but additional people are needed to back-up these folks when needed – or better yet, take over a day or two a month. We appreciate their help – can you help too? Thank you.



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). THANK YOU.**

Preparing for Lent Beginning with Ash Wednesday:

The word "Lent" is an old English word which means "springtime." May this Lent really be a new springtime in the lives of each of us. Through prayer, through fasting from food accompanied by forgiving others and not bearing grudges, and through donating from our surplus to help the poor, may we like Jesus in the desert for forty days overcome temptation and thus be well prepared to celebrate Easter. *Source:*



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Ash Wednesday, February 26 is a day which offers us valuable opportunities to set a tone for the season of Lent and to reach out to people, some of whom are not often found in our churches. Aware of the considerable interest of faithful in receiving ashes at the beginning of Lent, every effort must be made through the reading of scripture and the offering of prayer to catechize our people on the penitential character of Lent and the value of their Lenten practice.

Fasting requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige until age 59.

Abstinence prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their entire life. Those not specifically obliged to abstain from eating are encouraged to join in this discipline to the extent that they are able.

Reminder: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence! All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

2020 Lenten Reflections Booklets: For the Lenten season, St. Francis de Sales Parish will distribute booklets, "*From Suffering to Salvation.*" Parishioners are invited to read the booklet daily and to take time to meditate on the readings and reflections. Please take a copy when you leave the church.

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).

Alex (2/4); 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 STORY OF ST. VALENTINE – FEB 14

[Legend] has it that Valentine was a pious young priest imprisoned by the Romans for preaching Christ's love. He cared very deeply for his parishioners and wanted to send them a message expressing his love and concern. Trusting completely in God's providence, Valentine wrote a message and placed it in the beak of a dove which has miraculously landed on his window. His worried parishioners were delighted to receive word that Valentine held them dear in his thoughts and prayers. So began the custom of sending special greetings to those we love on St. Valentine's Day. Source: Fr. Joseph, T.O.R. Third Order Regular of St. Francis. *Happy St. Valentine's Day to all our parishioners and visitors!*

**Your every act should
be done with Love**

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY 2020

St. Francis de Sales Parish would like to wish you, your families and friends a blessed Happy St. Valentine's Day. "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another." (Jn. 13:34)

GROWING IN FAITH – FEBRUARY ISSUE

Find your new heart during Lent: The root of the word "convert" means to "change," or "transform." Think of turning from sin and evil toward grace, virtue, goodness, and God. It is the transformation of the human heart, by an act of God's graces. "A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you, and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh" (Ezekiel 36:26). To expand on this subject, please pick up a copy of February *Growing in Faith* located in the vestibule.

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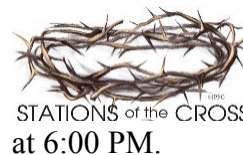
LENT MEATLES SOUP SUPPER – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28



On Friday, February 28 following 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross, you are invited to join us at the rectory for our first Lenten "Meatless Soup Supper."

If you can make meatless soup for our Lenten Soup, please contact Pam (688-2642) or Judy (688-9912). Thank you.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – NEW TIME



Stations to begin the first Friday after Ash Wednesday (2/28) through Good Friday, April 10. Please note the earlier start time

at 6:00 PM.

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.



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, 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, Jenny Jarrette, Don Kearney, Justin Kolb, Josephine Kloufas, Kathy Kretschmer, Amada Lumbaca, Helen Morelli, Gerri Nilsen, Janet Oakes, Florence Palmer, Claire Paultre, Robert 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.*

PARISH CALENDAR

Feb 9	Sun	Religious Education classes after 10 AM Mass in the Parish Hall
Feb 11	Tues	Our Lady of Lourdes Mass, 9 AM in Rectory (Coffee & refreshments afterwards)
Feb 11	Tues	Tai Chi Practice in Parish Hall at 3 PM (weather-permitting)
Feb 26	Wed	Ash Wednesday Masses in Church 9 AM and 7 PM (Ashes distributed after Mass)
Feb 28	Fri	Stations of the Cross (new time at 6 PM)
Feb 28	Fri	First Lenten Soup Supper in Rectory following Stations of the Cross



















OUR LADY OF LOURDES FEAST DAY

On February 11, 1858, a young lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous for the first of 18 visitations. During the March 25 apparition, the lady identified herself with the words: "I am the Immaculate Conception."



During interrogations Bernadette gave an account of what she saw. It was "something white in the shape of a girl." She used the word *aquero*, a dialect term meaning "this thing." It was "a pretty young girl with a rosary over her arm." Her white robe was encircled by a blue girdle. She wore a white veil. There was a yellow rose on each foot. A rosary was in her hand. Bernadette was also impressed by the fact that the lady did not use the informal form of address (*tu*), but the polite form (*vous*). The humble virgin appeared to a humble girl and treated her with dignity. Celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes became worldwide in 1907.

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 Cheshire 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> 

Spiritual Bouquets: Renewals/Changes. Call Claire 688-5155

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