

# St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

## February 16, 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***

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***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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## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. – Matthew 5:17

### Mass Intentions

#### Week of February 15th – February 20th

Sat 2/15 5:00p Walter Fisher & Alex Setchko  
Sun 2/16 10:00a †Eleanor Monachelli req. by Family  
Mon 2/17 8:00a  
Tues 2/18 8:00a  
Wed 2/19 8:00a  
Thur 2/20 8:00a

#### The Second Collection is the Fuel/Utility Fund

#### Weekend of February 22nd and 23rd

Sat 2/22 5:00p Robert and Barbara Benney req. by Family  
Sun 2/23 10:00a †Georgina Chunka req. by Jerry & Chris Baltz

#### Weekend Lectors

Sat 2/15 5:00p Druffner, Hubbell  
Sun 2/16 10:00a McWhinnie, Laub



#### Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat 2/15 5:00p DeMaria, Zorn, Ryan, Barrack  
Sun 2/16 10:00a Ullmann, Bloodgood, Basalone, Nilsen

#### Weekend Ushers

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

February 9 Regular Collection: \$1584  
Peter's Pence Collection: \$237

#### Readings for the Week of February 16 (Year A)

**Monday:** Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13  
**Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21  
**Wednesday:** Jas 1:19-27; Mk 8:22-26  
**Thursday:** Jas 2:1-9; Mk 8:27-33  
**Friday:** Jas 2:14-24, 26; Mk 8:34 — 9:1  
**Saturday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19  
**Sunday:** Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Mt 5:38-48

#### 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)

*Half an hour's meditation each day is essential, except when you are busy. Then a full hour is needed...*

*Great occasions for serving God come seldom, but little ones surround us daily.*

### Scripture Reflection

**Great are those who teach and obey the commandments**

Why do people tend to view the "law of God" negatively rather than positively?

For the people of Israel the "law" could refer to the ten commandments or to the five Books of Moses, called the Pentateuch or Torah, which explain the commandments and ordinances of God for his people. The "law" also referred to the whole teaching or way of life which God gave to his people. Needless to say, the scribes added many more things to the law than God intended. That is why Jesus often condemned the scribal law because it placed burdens on people which God had not intended. Jesus made it very clear that the essence of God's law - his commandments and way of life, must be fulfilled. God's law is true and righteous because it flows from his love, goodness, and holiness. It is a law of grace, love, and freedom for us. That is why God commands us to love him above all else and to follow in the way of his Son, the Lord Jesus who taught us how to love by laying down our lives for one another...

God gives us the grace, help, and strength to love as he loves, to forgive as he forgives, to think and judge as he judges, and to act as he acts with mercy, loving-kindness, and goodness. As his followers we must love his commandments and hate every form of sin and wrongdoing. If we want to live righteously as God desires for us, then we must know and understand the intention of God's commands for us, and decide in our heart to obey the Lord. Do you seek to understand the intention of his law and to grow in wisdom of his ways? *Copyright (c) 2020 Servants of the Word, www.dailyscripture.net, author Don Schwager.*



“Give me understanding to keep your law, to observe it with all my heart.” – Psalms 119:34

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

### Novena to Our Lady of La Salette:

**Monday, February 17 after 8:00 am Mass**, we pray the **4th 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 **next Sunday class is Feb 23. No class on 2/16 (President's Day). March classes are 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29.**

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



### ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26



#### **Marks the First day of Lent**

Ashes from burnt palms are placed on the forehead as a sign of penance.

Ash Wednesday is a day of abstinence from meat and fasting – one regular meal and two smaller

meals that together don't equal a full meal. (**Ashes will be distributed after Mass**) **MASSES ARE IN THE CHURCH: 9:00 AM AND 7:00 PM.**

### LENTEN MEATLESS SOUP SUPPER

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**Friday, February 28 in the Rectory following 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross.**

We are looking for parishioners to make meatless soups and/or to help with this first Lenten supper. Please call Pam (688-2642) or Judy (688-

9912). Let us know how you would like to help. This is a wonderful opportunity for members of our faith community to share a meal together. All are welcome - thank you!



### WHY STATIONS OF THE CROSS?

"The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a **mini pilgrimage** as the individual moves from station to station. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day. Specific prayers are recited, then the individual moves

to the next station until all 14 are complete. The Stations of the Cross are commonly found in churches as a series of 14 small icons or images. They can also appear in church yards arranged along paths. The stations are most commonly prayed during Lent on Wednesdays and Fridays, and especially on Good Friday, the day of the year upon which the events actually occurred." Source: Catholic Online.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Stations begin the first Friday after Ash Wednesday (February 28) through Good Friday, April 10.

Please note the earlier start time at 6:00 PM.



**STATIONS of the CROSS** All are welcome to join this "mini pilgrimage" of the Way of the Cross. The devotion usually takes about 30 minutes. *Never participated in the Stations? Not a problem. A step-by-step prayer guide will be provided to you.*

### 2020 LENTEN REFLECTIONS BOOKLETS:

For the Lenten season, St. Francis de Sales Parish will distribute booklets this weekend, "**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 church.

### WELCOMING A SPECIAL VISITOR!

At last Sunday's Mass, Father Raphael and the parishioners of St. Francis de Sales gave a warm and enthusiastic welcome to baby William, his mother, Emily, and grandparents, Kathy and Bill Tretter. William is doing very well...your prayers were greatly appreciated by the family. *God bless you, William!*



### LENTEN REFLECTION:

"Show me your hands. Do they have scars from giving? Show me your feet. Are they wounded in service? Show me your heart. Have you left a place for divine love?" -Venerable. Fulton J. Sheen

### MASS INTENTIONS:

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.



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## **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.

### **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**

**Do you trust God to make you happy?** *For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe! Plans to give you a future full of hope.*" (Jeremiah 29:11). For more information about our Lenten Season, pick up a copy of February *Growing in Faith* located in the vestibule.

### **THANK YOU, ALTAR ANGELS!**

Thank you to volunteers that are helping with tasks in our Church such as cleaning altar linens and cloths used during the liturgy and watering plants, among other things.



Additional people (men or women) can still help with these tasks...many of them easily shared on a convenient rotation basis. 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 and help keep the Parish Office open Monday – Friday mornings (9-12 am) Thank you to the parishioners currently volunteering to staff the office. Additional people would be most welcome to back-up these folks when needed – or better yet, to take over a day or two a month to ease their schedules. Please contact Father Raphael.



### **MY NAME IS BERNADETTE MOVIE:**

Fifteen-year-old Bernadette Soubirous [St. Bernadette] endures the skepticism of her fellow countrymen while keeping her promise to the "Beautiful Lady" of the Lourdes grotto she encountered in a vision. **Saturday, February 15, 8:00 PM** (2 hrs). EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network). Check local cable channel guide.

### **THE LITTLE SHEPHERDS OF FATIMA:**

Pope John Paul II meets Sister Lucia in this short documentary following the Pontiff's journey to Fatima for the beatification of the little shepherds [Sts. Francisco and Jacinta Marto] to whom the Virgin Mary appeared in 1917. **February 16, 12:00 AM and February 21, 8:00 PM.** (60 minutes). (Eternal Word Television Network). Check local cable channel guide.

**A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY:** *"Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves... What is it that stands between us and God? Between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life, the life of the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out, without a moment's hesitation."* - *Servant of God, Catherine Doherty, (1896-1985), founder of the Madonna House Apostolate.*



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 Hildenhausen, 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.*

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## PARISH CALENDAR

Feb 23	Sun	Religious Education classes after 10 AM Mass in the Parish Hall
Feb 25	Tues	Tai Chi classes in the Parish Hall with instructor, Celeste
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 start time at 6 PM)
Feb 28	Fri	First Lenten Soup Supper in Rectory following Stations of the Cross

### PRESIDENT'S DAY – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16


















President's Day is the popular and commonly used name for the United States federal holiday officially called Washington's Birthday. It is celebrated annually on the third Monday of February.

President's Day honors and celebrates the life and achievements of George Washington, the first President of the United States (1789-1797) and 'The Father of this Country'. The day is, in practice, often used to honor and remember all past US presidents, and in particular Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson.

President's Day was created in 1879, first celebrated the following year. It was originally held on Washington's actual birthday (February 22). In 1971 this was changed to the third Monday of February. It was the first federal holiday to be created in honor of an American citizen. Source: calendarpedia.com



## 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 style="text-align: center;"><i>Carmelo &amp; 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. &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> 