

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

February 23, 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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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,
that you may be children of your heavenly Father.” – Matthew 5:44-45

Mass Intentions

Week of February 22nd – February 27th

Sat 2/22 5:00p Robert and Barbara Benney req. by Family
Sun 2/23 10:00a †Georgina Chunka req. by Jerry & Chris Baltz
Mon 2/24 8:00a
Tues 2/25 8:00a
Wed 2/26 8:00a
Thur 2/27 8:00a

Weekend of February 29th and March 1st

Sat 2/29 5:00p †Carmello Barrientos req. by Barbara DeMaria
Sun 3/1 10:00a †William Ryan (18th Anniv) req. by Finola Ryan

Weekend Lectors

Sat 2/22 5:00p Hubbell, Wolfrom
Sun 2/23 10:00a Brown, Quinn



Weekend Eucharistic Ministers

Sat 2/22 5:00p DeMaria, Barrack, Zorn, Fiore
Sun 2/23 10:00a McWhinnie Pavone, Paultre, Ullmannn



Weekend Ushers

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

February 16: Regular Collection: \$1112
Fuel/Utility Fund: \$366

Readings for the Week of February 23 (Year A)

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-2
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Mt 4:1-11

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)

“It is love that gives value to all our works; it is not by the greatness or multiplicity of our works that we please God, but by the love with which we do them.”

Scripture Reflection

Do not return evil for evil

If someone insults you or tries to take advantage of you, how do you respond? Do you repay in kind? Jesus approached the question of just retribution with a surprising revelation of God's intention for how we should treat others, especially those who mistreat us. When Jesus spoke about God's law, he did something no one had done before. He gave a new standard based not just on the requirements of justice - giving each their due - but based on the law of grace, love, and freedom.

What makes a disciple of Jesus Christ different from everyone else? What makes Christianity distinct from any other religion? It is *grace* - treating others, not as they deserve, but as God wishes them to be treated - with loving-kindness and mercy. Only the cross of Jesus Christ can free us from the tyranny of malice, hatred, revenge, and resentment and gives us the courage to return evil with good. Such love and grace has power to heal and to save from destruction. The Lord Jesus suffered insult, abuse, injustice, and death on a cross for our sake. Scripture tells us that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin and guilt (Matthew 26:28; Ephesians 1:7, I John 1:7, Revelation 1:5). Since God has been merciful towards us through the offering of his Son, Jesus Christ, we in turn are called to be merciful towards our neighbor, even those who cause us grief and harm.

"Lord Jesus, your love brings freedom and pardon. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and set my heart ablaze with your love that nothing may make me lose my temper, ruffle my peace, take away my joy, nor make me bitter towards anyone." *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 24 after 8:00 am Mass, we pray the **5th 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 class is Feb 23. March classes are 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29.**

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: (The Love Round)

Love, love, love, love Christians this is your call.
Love Your Neighbor as Yourself for God loves us all.

Jesus, Jesus, let me tell you how I feel.
You have given me your riches. I love you so,
I love you so!

LENTEN MEATLESS SOUP SUPPER

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.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Stations begin 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 lasts about 30 minutes. *Never participated in the Stations? Not a problem. A step-by-step prayer guide will be provided to you.*



ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

The ashes used on Ash Wednesday come from the blessed palms from the prior year's Palm Sunday celebration. The ashes are blessed, mixed with holy water, and used to mark the foreheads of the faithful with the words, "**Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel,**" or "**Remember, you are dust, and to dust you shall return.**" Source: NCR online.



**ASHES AFTER FEB. 26 MASSES:
WEDNESDAY 9 AM and 7 PM**

2020 LENTEN REFLECTIONS BOOKLETS:

For the Lenten season, St. Francis de Sales Parish distributed the booklet, "***From Suffering to Salvation***" last weekend. Parishioners are invited to read the booklet and take time to meditate on these readings and reflections. During each Lenten Sunday Mass, we will join these individual prayers and reflections together in community with the Entrance Hymn "Save Your People." Additional booklets are available for each family as you leave today.

GROWING IN FAITH – LENTEN CALENDAR

"Lent is the liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church's liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert in fasting and prayer" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*). ***Pick up a Lenten Calendar in the back of the Church. It contains suggestions for deepening one's devotion during the Lenten Season.***

OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE SODALITY MEETS:

The La Salette Sodality will hold its first monthly meeting of 2020 on **Sunday, March 1** in the Rectory following 10 AM Mass. All women are welcome to attend the meeting to learn about the Sodality and its service to our Church. Call Pam 688-2642 if you have any questions.

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.

PARISH OFFICE COVERAGE – FOR 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 cover a day or two a month to ease their schedules. Please contact Father Raphael.



LENTEN OBSERVANCES – 2020

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are Days of Fasting & Abstinence.

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 from eating meat on Fridays during Lent is obligatory. 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.



LENTEN SEASON – DATES TO REMEMBER

Ash Wednesday: February 26. Masses in Church 9 AM & 7 PM; Ashes distributed after Mass

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday at 6 PM. starting February 28 through Good Friday, April 10.

Meatless Soup Suppers: After Stations of the Cross on February 28 and April 3.

BISHOP BARRON'S LENTEN REFLECTIONS:

Bishop Robert Barron, creator and host of the *Catholicism* series and founder of *Word on Fire* Catholic media is offering free daily Lenten Reflections starting Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26. The Bishop invites us to go deeper into our Lenten devotion. A link to *Word on Fire* and Bishop Barron is available on our parish website. www.stfrancisdesalesphoenicia.com.



GROWING IN FAITH - February 2020 Issue

Find Your New Heart During Lent. There are several suggestions in this month's issue on how to transform the human heart by an act of God's grace. To read more, take a copy home which can be found in the church lobby.



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, 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




















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| 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 |
| Mar 1 | Sun | Our Lady of La Salette Sodality's monthly meeting in Rectory after 10 AM Mass |

ASH WEDNESDAY –FEBRUARY 26

“What do the scars of Christ teach us? They teach us that life is a struggle: that our condition of a final resurrection is exactly the same as his; that unless there is a cross in our lives, there will never be an empty tomb; that unless there is a Good Friday, there will never be an Easter Sunday; that unless there is a crown of thorns, there will never be a halo of light; and that unless we suffer with him, we shall not rise with him.” – Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen
 (Source: National Catholic Register)



SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS

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| 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 Camnardella 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 Two Together Forever  |
| 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 Kohlroser. – The Wallace Family | In Loving Memory of our parents, Jack & Sue Tiso and Anthony & Florence Persichilli by Charles, Joe, Margie, Pam & Susan  |

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

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