

# St. Francis de Sales Catholic Community

## April 26, 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**

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845-679-7696

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### **PARISH COUNCIL**

Meets at the rectory at 7:00 pm every six weeks. 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  
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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.

# April 26, 2020

## Third Sunday of Easter

“Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?” – Luke: 24:32

### Mass Intentions

#### Week of April 25th – May 3rd

|           |        |                                         |
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| Sat 4/25  | 5:00p  | Due to the cancellation of              |
| Sun 4/26  | 10:00a | Masses by the Archdiocese,              |
| Mon 4/27  | 8:00a  | Weekend Mass Intentions will be         |
| Tues 4/28 | 8:00a  | rescheduled. Weekday Mass Intentions    |
|           |        | are being offered by Father Raphael     |
|           |        | during his private celebration of Mass. |
| Wed 4/29  | 8:00a  |                                         |
| Thur 4/30 | 8:00a  | Thank you                               |

*These are extraordinary times and we appreciate your continued support to the best of your ability. Donations can be made through regular Mail or Online Giving at our parish website. Thank you.*

#### Weekend of May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup>

|         |        |                                         |
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| Sat 5/2 | 5:00p  | Mass Intentions will be rescheduled     |
| Sun 5/3 | 10:00a | Please pray for our deceased loved ones |

#### Readings for the Week of April 26 (Year A)

**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29  
**Tuesday:** Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Jn 6:30-35  
**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40  
**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51  
**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59  
**Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69  
**Sunday:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Jn 10:1-10

### Scripture Reflection

**He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them.**

Why was it difficult for the disciples to recognize the risen Lord? Jesus' death scattered his disciples and shattered their hopes and dreams. They *had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel*. They saw the cross as defeat and could not comprehend the empty tomb until the Lord Jesus appeared to them and gave them understanding. Jesus chided the disciples on the road to Emmaus for their *slowness of heart* to believe what the Scriptures had said concerning the Messiah. They did not recognize the risen Jesus until he had broken bread with them. Do you recognize the Lord in his word and in the *breaking of the bread*?

St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) reflects on the dimness of their perception:

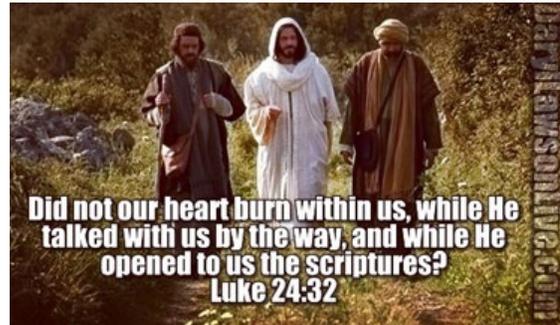
“He said to them, ‘Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.’” – Mark 16:15

“They were so disturbed when they saw him hanging on the cross that they forgot his teaching, did not look for his resurrection, and failed to keep his promises in mind” (Sermon 235.1).

“Their eyes were obstructed, that they should not recognize him until the breaking of the bread. And thus, in accordance with the state of their minds, which was still ignorant of the truth - that the Christ would die and rise again, their eyes were similarly hindered. It was not that the truth himself was misleading them, but rather that they were themselves unable to perceive the truth.” (From *The Harmony of the Gospels*, 3.25.72)

How often do we fail to recognize the Lord when he speaks to our hearts and opens his mind to us? The Risen Lord is ever ready to speak his word to us and to give us understanding of his ways. Do you listen attentively to the Word of God and allow his word to change and transform you?

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#### DAILY QUOTE FOR THE EASTER SEASON:

*The Easter Alleluia*, by Augustine of Hippo (Bishop and Doctor of the Church) 354-430 A.D.

“Now therefore, brethren, we urge you to praise God. That is what we are all telling each other when we say Alleluia. You say to your neighbor, “Praise the Lord!” and he says the same to you. We are all urging one another to praise the Lord, and all thereby doing what each of us urges the other to do. But see that your praise comes from your whole being; in other words, see that you praise God not with your lips and voices alone, but with your minds, your lives and all your actions.” (excerpt from commentary on *Psalms 148*)

## SPECIAL OCCASIONS & CELEBRATIONS

**April Birthdays:** Marge Tiso (4/2), Scarlet, (4/6), Elena McWhinney (4/14), Jim Collins (4/15), Joseph, Stella (4/19) Josie (4/23), Jean Druffner (4/27).



*Happy Birthday! May God continue to pour his love and warmth on you wherever you go and in all walks of life. Happy Birthday!*

**April Anniversaries:** Gerry & John Nilsen (4/6), Chris & Jerry Baltz (4/11, **50th Anniversary!**), Kathy & Bill Tretter (4/23), Maureen & Gene Gormley (4/25).

May God bestow more blessings today on this important day along with continued health, happiness, and good fortune!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

Gerry Nilsen, our Religious Education Coordinator, has provided the following update:

- First Communion originally scheduled for June 14 has been postponed per the Archdiocese of NY.
- Confirmation scheduled for June 19 (to be held at St. John's Church in Woodstock) will be rescheduled per Bishop Walsh in the fall.

Please check our bulletin for these and other rescheduled parish events. Please call Gerry at 687-9769 if you have any questions about the program.

*"Miss Gerry and all the teachers miss all of our students and their families. We can't wait to be back together for Mass, class and especially our snack and fun time. Stay safe and healthy!"*

## WHEN WE CANNOT RECEIVE COMMUNION:

The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily. Source: Archdiocese of New York

### SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there

And unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. - Amen

## PARISH ACTIVITIES:

Masses have been canceled until further notice by the Archdiocese of New York. Our regular parish activities, meetings and events have also been temporarily suspended. Please check our parish website for updates.

## NEXT MONTH – MAY (THE MONTH OF MARY)

It is a centuries-old custom of Catholics to dedicate the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The month of May is always part of the Easter season, the fifty days we celebrate in the liturgy the Resurrection of Our Lord, a time also of awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The celebration of May as a Marian month fits well with the liturgical celebrations of Easter and Pentecost as we recall Mary's great joy in her Son's victory over death as well as her presence with the apostles in the upper room prayerfully awaiting the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. *Source: todayscatholic.org.*

## TIPS FOR CATHOLIC FAMILIES DURING THE PANDEMIC

*"Families **always** need a **schedule** to feel grounded – to feel stability — to have a rhythm to their day...Schedules help so we don't feel loss of control or to be OUT OF CONTROL. This is for children and adults alike."*  
– Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle

### **Schedule Time For:**

- **Prayer:** (we need it to survive!)
- **Exercise:** Relieves stress, makes you feel good keeps you healthy.
- **Rest:** Reading (together or alone), resting, being quiet, telling stories.
- **Work:** Yes! Chores – it's a good time to start with the kids if you haven't already. Teaches them responsibility.
- **Play:** Enjoy board games and your precious time together!
- **Cook together:** Don't worry about the mess – make memories – reach out to relatives on the phone and Face Time and get family recipes – hand them down–carry on traditions.
- **Check on your elderly neighbors.** Do Works of Mercy! Offer a meal. The kids can make cheery cards.
- **Reach out:** In addition to elderly neighbors, reach out to others who are anxious or alone. It's a very difficult time and remembering others with phone calls, texts, and emails will make a huge difference for those in need of encouragement and will help your own soul too!



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#### **4 REASONS TO BE HOPEFUL RIGHT NOW:**

It's hard not to worry these days with reports of viruses and financial concerns. Yet we in God's family have more reasons to be hopeful no matter how uncertain the world...

**God, our Father, knows what we need.** *"If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him"* (Matthew 7:11). He will take care of us when we trust him.

**He can work miracles when we ask.** *"Know that the Lord works wonders for the faithful; the Lord hears when I call out"* (Psalm 4:4). *"Be strong and of good courage, do not fear ... for it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you"* (Deuteronomy 31:6). Just when life looks bleak, God can surprise us.

**He will never abandon us.** *"You, Lord, are near to all who call upon you ..."* (Psalm 145:18). Know that he is always close.

**Worrying won't do any good.** *"Can any of you by worrying add a moment to your lifespan? If even the smallest things are beyond your control, why are you anxious about the rest?"* (Luke 12:25). Don't waste energy on worrying about what is beyond your control. Enjoy your blessings. Source Growing in Faith, April.

#### **GET PERSONAL WITH JESUS:**

The Easter season is a perfect time to develop, strengthen and deepen our friendship with Jesus. During this time of celebration, we can set goals that aim to deepen our knowledge and love of our Lord.

##### **The Eucharist is the source.**

The best way to get close to Jesus is in the Holy Mass and by receiving Holy Communion. It is God's way of bringing us into communion with him.

##### **Visit the confessional.**

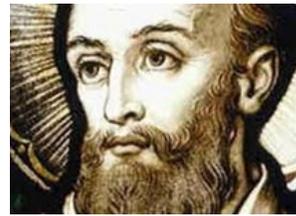
Confession is a Sacrament that encourages us to take an honest look at the way we are living. Even Catholics who have been away from Confession will find that the best way to get a new beginning with Jesus off to a great start is to visit the confessional. Clean that slate! Begin anew. [Call Fr. Raphael for Confessions by appointment]

**Spend time with him.** We can spend time reading inspirational books and blogs, and chatting on Catholic sites, but to develop a relationship with Jesus, we need face time with him. Adoration is one of the best ways to keep him company. Source: Growing in Faith, April.



#### **ST. FRANCIS DE SALES – OUR PATRON:**

"To take up our cross and follow Jesus Christ means nothing other than receiving and accepting



all the troubles, contradictions, afflictions and mortifications that come our way in this life. We should accept them with complete submission and resignation.

We ought not select our own crosses, but we should accept and carry those that are offered to us. In this way we imitate the Savior, Who did not choose His own cross, but humbly took upon Himself the one prepared for Him." – St. Francis de Sales

#### **EASTER REFLECTION:**

"Death, solitude, and fear are not the last word. There is a word that transcends them, a word that only God can speak: it is the word of the Resurrection." – Pope Francis



#### **FATHER RAPHAEL'S VIDEO HOMILY:**

Father Raphael has graciously recorded a new video homily for this Third Sunday of Easter. It can be accessed from the Liturgy/Sacraments menu on our website. God bless you, Father! Thank you.



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, Rosemarie and Erwin Hildenhagen, Laurie Hoy, Jenny Jarrette, Don Kearney, Justin Kolb, Josephine Klonfas, Kathy Kretschmer, Amada Lumbaca, Helen Morelli, Gerri Nilsen, Janet Oakes, Florence Palmer, Claire Paultre, Judy Pavone, Robert Pavone, Nicholas Percoco, Fr. Raphael, Franca Ravetier, Joel Rivera, John Rossett, Mary Ellen Rury, Jon Rowe, Catherine Ryan, Christie Ryan, Michael Ryder, Zoila Santa, Martha Santicola, Ronald 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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## EASTER SEASON IS NOT OVER



“While Easter Time is the most important of all liturgical times, it is not the end of our Easter celebration. Easter is the celebration of **the Lord's resurrection** from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. There are **50 days of Easter from the first Sunday to Pentecost (this year, May 31)**. It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death, expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian: Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the resurrection: ‘If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith.’”



(1 Cor 15:14).

“The Sundays of this time of year are considered to be Sundays of Easter and are called, after Easter Sunday itself, the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Sundays of Easter. This sacred period of fifty days concludes with Pentecost Sunday.” Source: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).

## SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS

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| <p>In Memory of<br/>Jerry Bender<br/>by his<br/>Loving<br/>Daughters</p>                                                                                   | <p>Thank God for the blessings He has bestowed on our parish and may we continue to grow in faith and love.<br/>– The Gormley Family</p>  | <p>In Loving Memory of<br/>Barbara Caton.<br/>By son, William</p>                                                                                 | <p>In Loving Memory of my dear husband, Tony, and beloved son, Anthony.<br/>– Angie Valentino &amp; Family</p>                                 |
|  <p>Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with us.<br/>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.<br/>– 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<br/><i>“The measure of love is to love without measure.”</i><br/>– 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.<br/>-The Howard Umhey Family</p>  | <p>In Loving Memory of my beloved wife, Josie, our parents, and our siblings.<br/>– 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<br/>Two Together<br/>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.<br/>– 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>  |