

January 01, 2017

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



## HAPPY NEW YEAR

*"Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." (Isaiah 40:30-31)*

### Staff

Rev. Timothy Taucher, Pastor  
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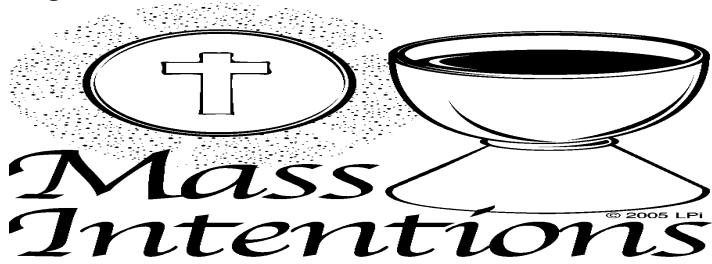
### Mass Schedule

Monday-Thursday  
8:00 am at the Parish Center  
Chapel

Saturday Evening  
4:00 pm

Sunday Morning  
8:00 am & 11:00 am

Confession:  
2nd & 4th Saturday of every  
month at 3:00 pm at the  
Church



<b>Saturday, December 31, Vigil of Sunday</b> 4:00 p.m. Betti & Steve Charsky by Mary Frances	
<b>Sunday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</b> 8:00 a.m. Mannino Vita by Daughter, Fina & Family 11:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People	
<b>Monday, January 2</b> <b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday, January 3</b> 8:00 a.m. Angel Dupuy by Mary Ellen Meskell	
<b>Wednesday, January 4</b> 8:00 a.m. Eleanor Gunter by Inez Gigliotti	
<b>Thursday, January 5</b> 8:00 a.m. Edward Chopay by Mirtie & Nelson Sessler	
<b>Friday, January 6</b> <b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Saturday, January 7, Vigil of Sunday</b> 4:00 p.m. Ken Munney by the Youket Family	
<b>Sunday, January 8, The Epiphany Of The Lord</b> 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People 11:00 a.m. Jean Adagio by The Bible Babes	

### Catherine's Cupboard

Our parish pantry is open to anyone in need of food. We are open on the **1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** No requirements except to show ID showing who you are. A person can come as often as needed. We are here to help, not to judge. So please pass the word to anyone you think may need assistance. Canned or dry goods, plus paper & personal care products (**toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, soap, baby diapers, women's personal items**) are always needed and welcome. Drop off in the barrel at the church foyer or leave the items in the Parish Center.

### **Prayers . . .**

Please remember all of our parishioners who are in hospitals and nursing homes and our home-bound. Also, please pray for our deceased parishioners and loved ones.

### Weekend's Offering (12-18-16)

200 Regular Envelopes.....	\$6,710.00
Loose Collection.....	\$270.00
Electronic Donation.....	\$1,127.00
Total Collection.....	\$8,107.00

**Thank you to everyone for their donations.  
They are greatly appreciated.**

### Faith Formation

**There is NO Faith Formation this weekend.**

**Happy New Year! See you next week!**

### Confirmation Class Collection for Homeless

**NEEDED:** Items for Homeless Coalition Kits  
The Confirmation Class is collecting items for kits for the homeless in Binghamton between now and April 2nd.

**These are the needed items:** Drawstring bags/backpacks, Bottles of Water or Gatorade, Insulated Socks, Thermal Underwear (L/XL), Warm Gloves, Warm Hats, Hand/Feet Warmers, Ponchos, Toothbrushes, Wipes, Bus Pass, Fast Food Gift Card, Clif Bars, Cracker Sandwiches, Oranges, Ziploc Bags.

All clothing should be men's sizes since women can wear them, too. Cash donations are also gratefully accepted.

We will have a box in front of the school on Faith Formation weekends before/after each Mass. It will be at the Parish Center during the week. Flyers to put up in the community will also be available.

**THANK YOU** to all the parishioners who have been contributing items to our collection so far! We have already taken one set of items to the Homeless Coalition and have additional items stored for the next donation. Last Sunday we were able to collect \$317.84; that money will be used to purchase additional items so we can put together some kits during our January retreat! As always, the generosity of our parish is awesome!

### St. Francis of Assisi Homebound Outreach

Currently, our parish is ministering to 63 homebound parishioners and 31 nursing home parishioners. Are you aware of any other parishioners who are homebound or in a nursing home that we are not visiting? If so, please call Sister Karen at 722-4388 with their names, addresses and phone numbers, and we will be very glad to visit and bring Communion to them. Also, if you would like to be a part of this beautiful ministry to the sick and/or elderly, please let us know!

## January 8-14 National Migration Week: Creating a Culture of Encounter

For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration Week, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking. The theme for National Migration Week 2017 draws attention to Pope Francis' call to create a culture of encounter, and in doing so to look beyond our own needs and wants to those of others around us. In the homily given at his first Pentecost as pope, he emphasized the importance of encounter in the Christian faith: "For me this word is very important. Encounter with others. Why? Because faith is an encounter with Jesus, and we must do what Jesus does: encounter others."

With respect to migrants, too often in our contemporary culture we fail to encounter them as persons, and instead look at them as others. We do not take the time to engage migrants in a meaningful way, but remain aloof to their presence and suspicious of their intentions. During this National Migration Week, let us all take the opportunity to engage migrants as children of God who are worthy of our attention and support.

### Prayer for Refugees and Migrants

MERCIFUL AND LOVING FATHER,

We beseech you,

open our hearts so that we may provide hospitality and refuge to migrants who are lonely, afraid, and far from their homes.

Give us the courage to welcome every stranger as Christ in our midst, to invite them into our communities as a demonstration of Christ's love for us.

We pray that when we encounter the other, we see in her the face of your Son, when we meet a stranger, that we take his hand in welcome.

Help us to live in solidarity with one another, to seek justice for those who are persecuted and comfort for those who are suffering.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

### **THANK YOU!**

Sincere thanks to all the volunteers who helped deliver the poinsettias for Christmas to our parishioners who are home-bound and those in nursing homes. Remembering them brightened their days.

-Rose Serafini, Chairperson, Special Sunshine Committee

## CYO Boys Basketball Upcoming Games

**Thursday, January 5th**

Bye\*

**Sunday, January 8th**

Modified @ 5:00 @ Home

JV @ 6:30 @ Home

**Thursday, January 12th**

Modified @ 4:30 @ Home

JV @ 6:00 @ Home

### **A Christmas Thank you...**

to all who were generous with their time in assisting to decorate both inside & outside of the church reflecting the beauty of the season.

To Ed Savo, the choir, and our guest instrumentalists and soloists, your music lifted our spirits with the wonderful sounds of Christmas.

To all of you who were so generous in the gifts of cards, cookies and so many other sweet things that will make the New Year's resolution of losing weight a necessary commitment.

With much appreciation and gratitude,



### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NIGHT AT THE B-SENS**



BENEFITTING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OF BROOME COUNTY



SATURDAY JANUARY 21st - 7:05 PM

VS SPRINGFIELD THUNDERBIRDS



**\$7 STUDENT TICKETS & \$16 ADULT TICKETS**

**INCLUDES FREE POST GAME PHOTO ACTIVITY ON ICE AFTER THE GAME**

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**CALL 607-722-SENS TO ORDER**

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All tickets generate \$2 donation towards Catholic School of Broome County

### **31st Annual World Marriage Day**

The 31st Annual World Marriage Day will be celebrated on Sunday, February 12th, 2017, 2:30p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse. The Most Reverend Robert J. Cunningham will celebrate the Mass. All couples will be invited to renew their commitment to holy marriage. Bishop Cunningham will specifically honor those couples celebrating their 25th (Silver Anniversary), their 50th (Golden Anniversary), and those celebrating beyond their 50th year in 2017. Families of those celebrating are also welcome and encouraged to attend. Please contact the parish office to register for this event!

## **Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule Transportation**

Week of January 1st — New Years  
Week of January 8th — Marie Giordano

### **Shelving (Mondays)**

January 2nd — A. Short & S. Vinci  
January 9th — D. & D. Talbut

### **Distribution**

January 3rd — K. Benkowski, A. Smilnak,  
C. Danoski, R. Rounds, M. Quinn, M. Hayes

### **Exciting News: Ourania Brennan Floragraph in 2017 Donate Life Rose Parade Float**

Last Wednesday, Sr. Karen and Fr. Tim had the great opportunity to attend a wonderful reception at Lourdes Hospital to share in the news of Dan and Allison's daughter, Ourania, being part of the Rose Bowl Parade on January 2, 2017.

The Brennan family will be flying to Pasadena, CA on Dec. 28th to help decorate the Donate Life Float and to attend the 2017 Rose Parade on January 2nd to see their daughter Ourania's floragraph as it passes by. One of 60 florographs that will grace the Donate Life float, Ourania's floragraph was present at Lourdes Hospital on November 30th so that family and friends could place the final seeds at the finishing party celebrating her brief, beautiful life. Ourania was selected for this honor by the International Institute for the Advancement of Medicine, the group that helped to place her organ and tissue donations after she passed away in June, 2013. Ourania was only the second neonatal donation the IIAM had been involved with at the time, although now more than 60 such donations have been coordinated. The Brennans are grateful for the opportunity to raise awareness about neonatal donation and the comfort it can bring to grieving families.

### **Thank You From Birthright**

Thank you so much for the generous gifts to Birthright from your giving tree! The baby outfits, toys and books, formula and handmade afghans are so needed by our moms and babies. And the tremendous amount of diapers will help so many babies! As the verse goes "They will know we are Christians by our love" Thank you for your love of others.

Sincerely,  
-Diane Yajko. Birthright

### **Knights of Columbus 11403**

**Save the Date  
March 11th, 2017**

### **New Year's Prayer for Peace**

(posted on their website by a 6th grade class in Australia)

Lord, our God,  
let there be peace in the world,  
no more wars, no more fighting,  
no more killing.

Teach us to trust one another so we can share our problems as well as our joy.

Teach us to care about one another and to understand each other.

Teach world leaders to respect all people, especially their own.

Help us make peace wherever we are and to do our small bit to bring peace to the world.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

**May the New Year of 2016 become a year of greater peace!**

**Happy New Year!**



### **PARISH REGISTRATION**

Our warmest welcome to all! We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here, celebrating with us, whether you're a long-time resident or newly arrived in the Parish. Please check the appropriate box and place in the collection basket or return to the Parish Center. *We thank God that you are with us.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

New Parishioner? Send registration form

Change of address or phone number?

Temporarily away? Stop envelopes

Moving? Please remove from Parish Roster

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,  
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**  
**January 8th & 9th, 2016**

**4:00 P.M. Mass**

Lector	Betsy & Bob Shields
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Bob Grace
EM Host	Barb Brozovic
EM Cup	Kelly Benjamin
EM Cup	Mary Cooney
EM Cup	Terry Hanifin
EM Cup	Bea Grace
Altar Server	Mary Katherine Doyle
Altar Server	Bryan Heller
Altar Server	Sarah Shafer

**8:00 A.M. Mass**

Lector	Shirley McCray
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Suzanne Tierno
EM Host	Joanne Horoschak
EM Cup	Mary Ellen Vaverchak
EM Cup	Tim Vaverchak
EM Cup	Scott Igler
EM Cup	Donna Igler
Altar Server	James Bush
Altar Server	Sarah Bush
Altar Server	Mary Bush

**11:00 A.M. Mass**

Lector	Mary Jo Albee
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Karyn Church
EM Host	Steve Church
EM Cup	Sr. Karen Gaube
EM Cup	Pat Clark
EM Cup	Dave Bollinger
EM Cup	Kerri Hamilton
Altar Server	Nolan Sirgany
Altar Server	Quinn Sirgany
Altar Server	Katelyn Church

**Question of the Week**

**Question for Children:** In your life, who helps you to see Jesus in other people such as a classmate or a friend?

**Question for Youth:** Life can sometimes be rough: losing your home, moving, feeling fear or danger. How do you experience God being and staying with you in such times?

**Question for Adults:** How this past week did you demonstrate God's love at home and at work?

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