

January 15, 2017

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



St. Francis of Assisi Parish is a Eucharistic faith community committed to living and sharing the Gospel life.

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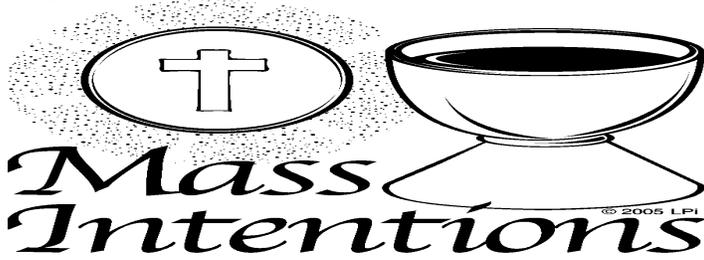
Mass Schedule

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



Weekend's Offering (01-08-17)

173 Regular Envelopes.....	\$6,419.10
Loose Collection.....	\$295.60
Electronic Donation.....	\$1,865.00
Total Collection.....	\$8,579.70

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

Faith Formation

No Faith Formation this weekend due to Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. Faith Formation for Grades K-9 will resume next weekend.

Looking Ahead

There will be a meeting for parents with children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist this May on January 22nd at 9:45a.m. in the Library of the school. Please be sure to attend. We will review the diocesan requirements, as well as discuss the importance of the sacrament in your lives.

Please note...

There is a typo on the Faith Formation Calendar. Faith Formation will meet on **Sunday, February 5th**. February 6th is a Monday. Sorry for any confusion!

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/Foot 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 items to the Homeless Coalition and have additional items stored for the next donation. We were already able to collect \$317.84 and use that money to purchase additional items so that we were able to put together some kits during our January retreat! As always, the generosity of our parish is awesome!

Saturday, January 14, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Richard Clendening by Chuck & Delores Farwell

Sunday, January 15, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
11:00 a.m. Mariana Florec by Mary Ellen Meskell

Monday, January 16
8:00 a.m. Stephen Kulas by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Tuesday, January 17
8:00 a.m. Ed Fredette by the Dotson Family

Wednesday, January 18
8:00 a.m. Robert Coyle by Mirtie & Nelson Sessler

Thursday, January 19
8:00 a.m. Eleanor Taugher by Family

Friday, January 20
NO MASS

Saturday, January 21, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. 46th Anniv. Michael Pandich by Family

Sunday, January 22, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Marie Mazar by Suzanne & Don Carr
11:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

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.

The 58th

PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

January 20th, 2017



Prayer for The Inauguration

God, bless this country as we mark a new administration.
Some are jubilant, some in anguish, and we all seek
direction

And your guidance in restoring the bonds of community
And the will towards the Common Good as we move
forward.

Help us all to commit to peaceful gatherings and
celebrations,

To deep reflection, and to respectful dialogues
During this transition of government in the U.S.,
So our country can begin to heal from division and distrust
And so we may begin to find our way
Toward a truly just and peaceful society.

God, bless all newly elected and newly appointed officials:
Guide them to consider the sacred inalienable rights of
every person

As they deliberate and decide on policies and programs
That will touch so many lives in these states
Which so need to be united once again in common
purpose:

That every person in this land is recognized as created
equal,

And that in order to form a more perfect Union,

We must, as our Constitution directs us,

Establish justice, promote domestic tranquility,
And the general welfare of the entire community,

In order to secure Your blessings

On this land and on all who live here.

Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.

— Jane Deren, Ph.D.

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!

Concert

The night of January 15th at 6:00p.m. there will be a concert at St. Mary of the Assumption featuring organ music, soloists, and the combined choirs of St. Paul and St. Mary of the Assumption.

CYO Boys Basketball Upcoming Games

Sunday, January 15th

Modified @ 4:30 @ Home

JV @ 6:00 @ Home

Thursday, January 19th

Modified @ 6:00 @ Home

JV @ 7:30 @ Home

Sunday, January 22nd

Modified @ 4:30 @ Home

JV @ 6:00 @ Home

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The week of Christian Unity is celebrated from January 18th—25th each year, which covers the days between the feast of St. Peter and the feast of St. Paul. This week of prayer for Christian unity was first observed in January of 1908. It is a time when churches around the world express their longing for and commitment to Christian unity.

The 2017 theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is “Reconciliation— The Love of Christ Compels Us.” In selecting this theme, it is viewed as an opportunity to take steps toward reconciliation. May we both pray and work towards the unity Christ desires for the Church.

Prayer for Christian Unity

In a fractured and fragmented world awaken within
us the deep desire to be made whole again.

Give us the courage to bring Your reconciling presence
to the divisions in our world today.

Call us back to that place where all are one in You.
Where pain and misunderstanding foster resentment,
Make us whole again, where distraction and division
destroy the bonds of community.

Make us whole again, where the impulse to label and
judge leads to rejection and violence.

Make us whole again, where silence permits evil to
flourish.

Make us whole again, where we fail to forgive or be
forgiven.

Make us whole again, where borders of compassion
and understanding become impassable.

Make us whole again,
God of Unity, restore the essential bonds of community.
Remove the blindness that distorts our ability to see
Your great love in each human you bring into being.

Draw us together in deeper communion with You
and with each other.

Heal the divisions in our hearts, our families, our
communities, and our world.

Grant us the grace to remove the obstacles that we
place in our own path and in the paths of others, so
that our desire for wholeness may become a reality.

—Sr. Katherine Feely, S.N.D. (2010)

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of January 15th — George & Pat Clark

Week of January 22nd — Michelle Warne

Shelving (Mondays)

January 16th — J. & K. Brady

January 23rd — N. Minch & N.J. Mirabito

Distribution

January 17th — D. Kellet Team #2

Children's Home "Thank You"

Thank you for the church's recent donation of wish list gifts for 50 children to the Children's Home to help brighten the holiday for children and families in our care. At the Children's home we partner with children, families, and communities to inspire hope, develop skills, and cultivate healthy relationships for positive futures. Thank you for joining in this important task. Your support helps ensure that we can continue to provide safety and care for children and families. Our thanks to Bev Krinik and all involved in making this happen every year. We are very grateful! —Margaret Tatich

2017-2018 Le Moyne College C.Y.O. Scholarship

For many years, Le Moyne College and the Catholic Youth Organization have worked together to offer eight \$4,000.00 scholarships (\$1,000/year). The C.Y.O Scholarships will be conferred again this year to eight deserving students in the geographical Diocese of Syracuse. These scholarships will be awarded to prospective Le Moyne students who have demonstrated leadership abilities and have performed outstanding service to their school, community, and parish. Information is available at the Parish Office, if interested. Applications are due **before February 1st**.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

This weekend is a time to reflect on the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a man whose commitment to ridding the world of social sin resulted in discrimination, defamation of character, and ultimately his death. Dr. King is one of the most influential leaders of our times. His life and ministry continue to remind our nation and the world that the acts of injustice we confront daily require the faith-filled and faith-guided engagement of our heads, hearts and hands. Pope Francis highlighted Dr. King in his talk to Congress in September, 2015. He spoke of Dr. King's "dream" of full and political rights for African Americans. "That dream continues to inspire us all." May we work for justice, pray for the end to racial inequality and to see one another as brother and sister.

God of Hope, as we venture forth to be women and men of service, go before us as our Guide.

Renew us with the spirit of service and sacrificial love exemplified in the life of Dr. King.

May we be vessels of hope and justice in a world inundated with countless forms of violence and injustice.

May we never stand on the sidelines as we witness injustice done upon our sisters and brothers,

But walk with eyes open to the needs of our communities, With ears open to the needs of our world,

And with hands open in helpful service to our neighbors. Then we will not only be blessed, but be a blessing to our world.

This is our Prayer. Amen.

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

 **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NIGHT**
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Save the Date

March 11th, 2017
Hooley in Hillcrest



**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**

January 21st & 22nd, 2017

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector	Denise Talbut
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Teresa Creeden
EM Host	Mary Frances Charsky
EM Cup	John Pierce
EM Cup	Carol Danoski
EM Cup	Bob Shields
EM Cup	Betsy Shields
Altar Server	Mary Katherine Doyle
Altar Server	Tyler Norton
Altar Server	Elizabeth Wrighter

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Mike Stricek
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Ed White
EM Host	Shirley McCray
EM Cup	K or K Mohny
EM Cup	Joanne Horoschak
EM Cup	Ede Blabac
EM Cup	Sr. Karen Gaube
Altar Server	Lauren White
Altar Server	Kathryn White
Altar Server	Brigid Birtch

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Brian Sirgany
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Sue Jones
EM Host	Dave Bollinger
EM Cup	Rose O'Neil
EM Cup	Stephanie Stracuzzi
EM Cup	Jim Lewis
EM Cup	Maria Lord
Altar Server	Quinn Sirgany
Altar Server	Nolan Sirgany
Altar Server	Zachary Carr

Question of the Week

Question for Children: If someone were to ask you, "who is Jesus?" how would you answer?

Question for Youth: How are you able to see through all the busyness, the distractions, and the din of today's world to really see Christ as he makes himself present today? Where do you see him or experience his presence?

Question for Adults: In the gospel today, John tells us who Jesus is for him. If someone were to ask you, how would you answer this question: Who Jesus is for you?

END OF BULLETIN

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