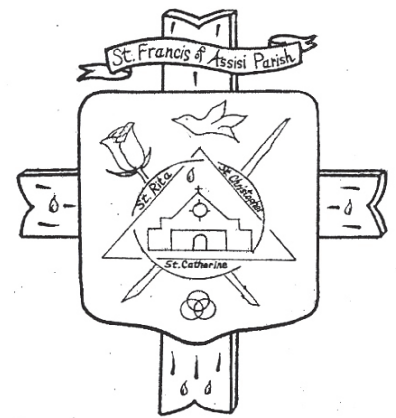


December 27, 2015

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.

Staff

Reverend Timothy Taugher, Pastor
Deacon Stephen Blabac
Sr. Karen Gaube, CSJ,
Pastoral Associate
Delores Farwell
Administrative Assistant
Maria Kirk
Director of Faith Formation
Anthony Mazza
Parish Business Administrator
Edmund Savo
Organist

Office Hours: 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

Monday through Thursday
Friday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Parish Office: 722-4388

Fax: 722-1336

Faith Formation Office: 722-4177

Confession:

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

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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



Saturday, December 26, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Betti & Steve Charsky by Mary Frances Charsky

Sunday, December 27, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
 11:00 a.m. Lorenzo Altadonna by Anna Buffa

Monday, December 28
 8:00 a.m. Teresa Bates by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Tuesday, December 29
 8:00 a.m. Richard Quinlivan by Mr & Mrs Angelo Carbone

Wednesday, December 30
NO MASS

Thursday, December 31, New Year's Eve (Liturgy in Church)
 5:00 p.m. Brigid Waldorf by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Friday, January 1, New Year's Day
 12:00 p.m. Jerry Price by Mary Ellen Meskell

Saturday, January 2, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Liturgy for the People

Sunday, January 3, The Epiphany of the Lord
 8:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. George Wida by Family
 11:00 a.m. William O., William R., & Miriam Albee by Mary Jo Albee & Family

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Binghamton, NY

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve
 Thursday, Dec. 31st
 Liturgy at 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day
 Friday, Jan. 1st
 Liturgy at 12:00 noon

Attention

The Parish Center Business Office will be closed on **Friday, January 1st** in observance of New Year's Day.

Faith Formation

No Faith Formation this weekend--Christmas Break.

Confirmation Retreat will take place next **Sunday January 3rd** at the **Newman House, 400 Murray Hill RD, Vestal**. Please be sure all paper work is completed and turned in at the Retreat. The Retreat will end with Mass to fulfill your Sunday obligation.

Safe Environment Re-certification Training
An Empowered to Protect—Dedicated to Restore mandated diocesan re-certification training will take place at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in the Cebula Room, **Wednesday, January 13th at 6:30 pm**. Please call the Parish Office (722-4388) or Maria Kirk (222-1477) to register. If you received certification in 2011 (or before) you must be re-certified this year.

Thank You from Sr. Karen

A joyous Christmas and a blessed New Year to all of you! **Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, and get well wishes** while I was sick with bronchitis, followed by pneumonia. Also, a special thank-you to all who generously assumed my responsibilities while I was out. I'm feeling much better each day and hope to see you soon.

Gratefully,
 Sr. Karen

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.



Beautiful Music for a Happy New Year

There will be a New Year's Eve Concert with pianist John Covelli at **St. Patrick's Church, 9 Leroy Street, Binghamton, New York** from **7:00 until 8:30 p.m.** The program, which will feature a selection of classical music, will **benefit the Broome County homeless**. A reception will follow. **Donation—\$10.00**. For more information, please call 729-2264.

New Year's Blessing Prayer

Lord, You who live outside of time and reside in the imperishable moment, we ask Your blessing on this New Year's Day upon your gift to us of time.

Bless our clocks and watches, You who kindly direct us to observe the passing of minutes and hours.

May they make us aware of the miracle of each second of life we experience.

May these, our ticking servants, help us not to miss that which is important, while You keep us from machine-like routine.

May we ever be free from being clock watchers and ,instead ,become time lovers.

Bless our calendars, these ordered lists of days, weeks and months, of holidays, holy days, fasts and feasts—all our special days of remembering.

May these servants, our calendars, once reserved for the royal few, for Magi and pyramid priests, now grace our homes and our lives.

May they remind us of birthdays and other gift-days, as they teach us the secret that all life is meant for celebration and contemplation.

Bless, Lord, this new year, each of its 365 days and nights.

Bless us with new moons and full moons.

Bless us with happy seasons and a long life.

Grant to us, Lord, the New Year's gift of a year of love. Amen.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Fr. Tim

Sponsor of the Week

This week, St Francis of Assisi thanks:

Northgate Liquors

1250 Front Street

Binghamton, NY 13905

for sponsoring an ad in our bulletin

My Grown Up Christmas List (Correction)

Last weekend's bulletin contained a very inspiring Christmas "Wish" List prepared by one of our parishioners. The credit for the list should have gone to parishioner **Courtney Carden**. The parish regrets this error and wants to thank Courtney for preparing the list and allowing us the opportunity to share it in our bulletin with all St. Francis of Assisi parishioners.

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

Attention

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers needed for New Year's Eve (5:00 p.m.) and New Year's Day (12:00 p.m.) Masses. Sign-up sheets are now posted on the bulletin board in the Cry Room.

Last Weekend's Offering (12-20-15)

234 Regular Envelopes.....	\$6,937.00
Loose Collection.....	\$412.00
Electronic Donation.....	\$581.56
Total Collection.....	\$7,930.56

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

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of Dec 27th — Nancy Oliver
Jan 3rd — Karen Dotson

Shelving (Mondays)

Dec 28st — M. Munney, J. Julian
Jan 4th — A. Short & S. Vinci

Distribution

Jan 5th — R. O'Neil, K. Dotson, A. Smilnak,
R. Serafini, A. Short, M. Hayes

Recently, some of the "Senior Angels" who stock shelves in the pantry have had to retire. We have openings if you are interested— MONDAYS, any time between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm, once every 5-6 weeks or so. Give Bev a call at 723-2350 for more details. A sincere THANKS to those who have "retired" as many have contributed their time for over 5 years.

Children's Liturgy

Dates

Presiders

Dec 27th: Ed & Kay Corcoran
Jan 3rd: Ede Blabac & Bridget Vavra

World Marriage Day Celebration ...

will be held on **Sunday, February 7th, 2016**. If you are celebrating your 25th, 50th, 60th or beyond, please call the Parish Center (722-4388) so this milestone in your lives can be recognized.

30th Annual Knights for Life Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner

Sunday, January 24, 2016, noon to 5:00pm.

Sauce & Meatballs by Cortese Restaurant.

Adults: \$7.00; Children (under 12) \$3.50

Tickets also available at the door

Includes coffee, tea, milk, bread, spaghetti & meatballs, desert

Takeout orders available (call 771-8303) Benefit of local Right to Life Committee

Lemoyne College CYO Scholarship

In cooperation with Le Moyne College, the CYO will be conferring scholarships to prospective Le Moyne students in the geographical Diocese of Syracuse who have demonstrated leadership abilities and performed outstanding service to their school, community and parish. Information regarding these scholarships is available by calling the CYO office at 584-7800 x431 or emailing cyo@ccbc.net.

World Day of Peace...

is celebrated on January 1st. Pope Francis has entitled this day "Overcome Indifference and Win Peace." Every day, we hear of issues — such as war, poverty or persecution — that affect our brothers and sisters around the world. The problems can seem so large, complex, and remote that they leave us paralyzed, overwhelmed, or even numb. We may ask ourselves "What can we do?" or "What difference can I make?"

In his message for the 49th World Day of Peace, Pope Francis urges us to overcome such challenges by replacing isolation with community, and indifference with solidarity.

In our families, schools, and institutions we must foster awareness about problems such as intolerance, religious persecution, slavery, war and the plight of refugees. We must encounter our neighbors, engage in civil dialogue, cooperate and build skills to together address these problems in meaningful ways.

Working together, we can creatively overcome inaction and indifference, and work toward peace and respect for the lives and dignity of all people.

"Indifference and lack of commitment constitute a grave dereliction of the duty whereby each of us must work in accordance with our abilities and our role in society for the promotion of the common good, and in particular for peace, which is one of mankind's most precious goods."

Pope Francis Message 2016

Thank You...

from St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee to all the volunteers who helped deliver the poinsettia plants and the K of C Auxiliary gifts to our parishioners who are homebound or in nursing homes. It brightened their day! Your participation in this ministry is truly appreciated.

Thank You ...

to all who have contributed to the Christmas Flower collection. Remembrances noted on the back of the envelopes have been placed on the altar and will be remembered at all Christmas Masses.

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

January 2, 2015

4:00 p.m. Mass

Lector	Betsy & Bob Shields
1st Host	Bob Grace
EM Host	Bea Grace
EM Host	Barb Brozovic
EM Cup	Kelly Benjamin
EM Cup	Mary Cooney
EM Cup	Terry Hanifin
EM Cup	Tony Mazza
Altar Server	Mary Katherine Doyle
Altar Server	Bryan Heller
Altar Server	Sarah Shafer

January 3

8:00 a.m. Mass

Lector	Shirley McCray
1st Host	Kurt or Kelly Mohney
EM Host	Suzanne Tierno
EM Host	Joanne Horoschak
EM Cup	Mary Ellen Vaverchak
EM Cup	Tim Vaverchak
EM Cup	Scott Iglar
EM Cup	Donna Iglar
Altar Server	James Bush
Altar Server	Sarah Bush
Altar Server	Kathryn White

11:00 a.m. Mass

Lector	William Bennett
EM Host	Steve Guth
EM Host	Karyn Church
EM Host	Steve Church
EM Cup	Lyndsey Church
EM Cup	Pat Clark
EM Cup	Dave Bollinger
EM Cup	Shirley Casterlin
Altar Server	Katie Saunders
Altar Server	Georgia Novitsky
Altar Server	Katelyn Church

Question of the Week

Theme: Jesus establishes his obedience to and relationship with God the Father.

Question for Children: Why is it important to obey our parents? Why is it important to obey God?

Question for Youth: Jesus was obedient to his parents, even though he was the Son of God. Why is obedience so important? Is it something you struggle with?

Question for Adults: How are you, too, called to our Father's house?