

January 05, 2020

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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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



Saturday, January 4, Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. Sophia & Joseph Patsko by Carol & Bob Danoski

Sunday, January 5, Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
11:00 a.m. Rose Serafini by Shirley De Lucia

Monday, January 6

8:00 a.m. Theresa Fox by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Kimmel

Tuesday, January 7

8:00 a.m. Steve Van Dyke by Friends

Wednesday, January 8

8:00 a.m. Robert Garrett by Neighbors

Thursday, January 9

8:00 a.m. Alexandra Flynn by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Friday, January 10

NO MASS

Saturday, January 11, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. 49th Anniv. Michael Pandich by Mike & Jan Pandich

Sunday, January 12, Baptism of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
11:00 a.m. Armando and Felicia Palmieri by Family

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.

Weekend's Offering (12-22-19)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$6,079.00
Loose Collection.....	\$282.25
Electronic Collection.....	\$679.00
Total Collection.....	\$7,040.25

Thank You for your generous contributions!

Faith Formation

No Faith Formation until January 12th
Happy New Year!

Welcome Fr. Glen P. Baptiste!

Dear Parishioners,
Please join us the weekend of January 11th to hear Rev. Glen P. Baptiste speak at all the services about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Father Baptiste will share personal witness about Food For The Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Fr. Baptiste is incarnated in the Diocese of Montego Bay. Before preaching on behalf of Food For The Poor, Fr. Glen taught at St. Louis University, served as an associate pastor in Missouri and served as Rector of the Cathedral Church in Hamilton, Bermuda.

Please Join in welcoming Father Baptiste to our Parish.

Attention Those Wishing to Become Altar Servers

Deacon Steve will be presenting an Altar Server Training for anyone wishing to become an Altar Server. The date is January 11, 2020 at 9:00am in the Church. At least one parent must be present with Deacon Steve to fulfill our Safe Environment Pledge. Anyone who has received First Communion is eligible to participate. Let's start the new year with a large number of new servers!!

Children's Liturgy

January 4/5

4PM—Kathy Tait/Catherine Shafer
8AM—Shirley McCray/Marie Iobst

January 11/12

4PM—Maria Kirk/Sue Lee
8AM—Ede Blabac/Bridget Vavra

January 18/19

4PM—Alison & Dan Brennan
8AM—Ed & Kay Corcoran

January 25/26

4PM—Catherine Shafer/Kathy Tait
8AM—Cindy & Lauren White

Prayers . . .

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



Promoting a Church and a World for All National Migration Week 2020

In his 2019 World Day of Migrants and Refugees message, the Holy Father reiterates the Gospel command to avoid despising “one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father” (Mt 18:10). It is not just about migrants: it is a question of seeing that no one is excluded. A globalization of indifference has led to many of us to ignore the cries of the poor, turn our backs on the marginalized, and remain indifferent to those struggling to find a better life. We are called to help create the conditions that will lead to a better life for everyone on the planet.

From January 5-11, 2020, the Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate National Migration Week. The theme for this year’s celebration is “Promoting a Church and a World for All,” which reflects the need for Catholics to be inclusive and welcoming to all our brothers and sisters. It is a call for unity to stand in solidarity with and care for those who are excluded and marginalized.

Welcoming the newcomer and promoting a church for all counters what Pope Francis has referred to as “a globalization of indifference,” which has led to many of us to ignore the cries of the poor, turn our backs on the marginalized, and remain indifferent to those struggling to find a better life. We are called to be an active Church in support of all of God’s children, for “the Church which ‘goes forth’... can move forward, boldly take the initiative, go out to others, seek those who have fallen away, stand at the crossroads and welcome the outcast” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 24).

It is with this ideal in mind – that we call for a church that welcomes, protects, promotes, and integrates all, including immigrants and refugees. These four verbs have been used by Pope Francis to frame our obligations toward migrant populations. As he expressed in his message:

Welcoming means, above all, “offering broader options for migrants and refugees to enter destination countries safely and legally.” We must nurture societies that aim as much as possible to include, rather exclude. A culture of encounter that emphasizes humanity and inherent human dignity best counters anti-immigrant sentiment and welcoming is a vital step in that journey.

Protecting migrants “may be understood as a series of steps intended to defend the rights and dignity of migrants, independent of their legal status.” The Catholic Church has long emphasized the importance of protecting the human dignity of migrants, both through the implementation of humane policies and through their accompaniment.

Promoting essentially means a “determined effort to ensure that all migrants and refugees – as well as the communities which welcome them – are empowered to achieve their potential as human beings, in all the dimensions which constitute their humanity.” Of importance here is our obligation to institute practices

and policies that will promote and preserve the integrity of the family, reaffirm family reunification, and make allowances for family members to work following their arrival to new destination countries.

Integrating emphasizes the “opportunities for intercultural enrichment brought about by the presence of migrants and refugees.” Although the initial act of welcoming migrants is an important step, it is imperative that we go further and take the necessary steps that will help them to become active, participating members of our communities.

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,
forever and ever.
Amen.

New Year's Prayer for Peace

*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 2020 become a year of greater
peace!**

Happy New Year!



Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of Jan. 5th — Anne Wilcox

Week of Jan. 12th — George & Pat Clark

Shelving (Mondays)

January 6th — E. & K. Corcoran

January 13th — K. Mohney

Distribution

January 7th — D. Kellett Team #2

Spiritual Highlights of Iberia, Lourdes & Italy - Faith-Based Travel

20 Day Tour from Lisbon to Rome

Date: October 2nd, 2020 - October 21st, 2020

Price: \$3309 per person/Land rate. Airfare is available from your city.

Vacation Overview:

Reaffirm and celebrate your faith on this Portugal, Spain, France, and Italy. Along the way, visit some of the world's most famous shrines, pilgrimage sites, and spiritual places.

Volunteer Opportunity!

The Broome County Council of Churches is an organization that collaborates with many facets of the community to serve people with needs. Through our growing and diverse programs, the Council provides services to the hungry; elderly and lonely; disabled; sick; imprisoned; homeless and poor; and youth of Broome County. We advocate for change and reconciliation, promoting peace, justice, and genuine community across racial, ethnic, gender, socio-economic, and religious lines.

There are many volunteer options available, so go online and sign up to become a volunteer:

<https://broomecouncil.net/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities/>

Help improve our community!

Theology on Tap Upcoming Series

In March 2020, the Office of Young Adult Ministry is launching a four-week speaker series.

A different speaker will present each week in the series entitled, "What does the Church REALLY teach about..."

March 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th

7:00PM

**@ Dillinger's Celtic Pub & Eatery
(77 State St, Binghamton, NY 13901)**

Theology on Tap offers the finest in Speakers, Conversation & Catholic Theology for Young Adults (married and single) in their 20's and 30's.

Please join us!

Catherine's Cupboard Thanks You!

St Francis of Assisi people are the most generous, caring one's I know. Our pantry shelves are overflowing at this time due to very successful food collection from the Hillcrest Fire Dept and CF Girl Scout service unit #321. About 1,400 lbs of food arrived at our pantry this past weekend. One parish family has offered to organize and shelf much of it over the holiday school break. The Giving Tree was overwhelmingly successful also. 150 Tags were placed on the tree and over 185 gifts came in. People throughout our area will enjoy the holidays thanks to all of YOU! Your generosity is overflowing throughout the year but most especially during the holidays each year. THANK YOU and Happy New Year to all!

TEAM TRIVIA

JANUARY 11TH

7-9PM

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS GYM

\$10/person

Prizes for the top three teams

For questions or to register your team
Contact Sue Miller@343-1040

Super 50/50 Raffle Winners

The year's SUPER 50/50 RAFFLE was drawn last Sunday after the Faith Formation Christmas program, which was beautifully done. The big winners this year were our good friend Marge Mangan , Wendy Loitsch & Laura Citrak. The total tickets sold were 245 for a total of \$12,250. The three winners divided \$6,125 and the church received the remaining \$6,125. This will pay the remaining balance on the new boilers for the church. Thanks to all the folks who purchased tickets and a BIG thanks to Margaret and Mary Quinn. These ladies dedicate a lot of time and effort accounting for the tickets, making sure the money is deposited promptly and sending ticket information AND thank you notes to each purchaser. WE COULDN'T DO THIS WITHOUT THEM!!

Why Volunteer?

There are so many reasons to volunteer:

- † Lets you share your knowledge and talents.
- † Provides opportunities for making many new friends.
- † Brings the special fulfillment that comes only from helping others.
- † Helps you "get outside" yourself and put your own problems — even grief — in perspective.
- † Allows you to polish old skills and learn new ones.
- † Lets you "repay" an organization that has helped you or someone you love.

So, go out and give volunteering a try!

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**
January 11th & 12th, 2020

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector	Rosemary Rounds
EM Host	Jan Pandich
EM Host	Catherine Shafer
EM Host	Dom Lomonaco
EM Cup	Terry Hanifin
EM Cup	John Pierce
EM Cup	Peggy Munson
EM Cup	Sue Lee
Altar Server	
Altar Server	Tyler Norton
Altar Server	Madelyn Strnatka

8:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Joe Carpenter
EM Host	Shirley McCray
EM Host	Tim Vaverchak
EM Host	Mary Ellen Vaverchak
EM Cup	Ed White
EM Cup	Debbie Davis
EM Cup	Marie Iobst
EM Cup	Kurt or Kelly Mohney
Altar Server	Sydney Keough
Altar Server	Kathryn White
Altar Server	Lauren White

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Tom Giblin
EM Host	Lyndsey LoPiccolo
EM Host	Sue Jones
EM Host	Jules Furrer
EM Cup	Kerri Hamilton
EM Cup	Maria Lord
EM Cup	Rose O'Neil
EM Cup	David Hanzes
Altar Server	Jessica Wojnar
Altar Server	Brendan Heaney
Altar Server	Josie Wojnar

Question of the Week

Question for Children: When is it the hardest for you to obey your parents?

Question for Youth: In Colossians, St. Paul lays out a way of life for the followers of Christ. As you read through this list, which one of these is most difficult for you to follow? Which one is easiest?

Question for Adults: We are invited to let the word of Christ dwell within us and direct our daily lives. Which one of the lifestyle suggestions in this reading speaks most loudly to you?

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