

January 06, 2018

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



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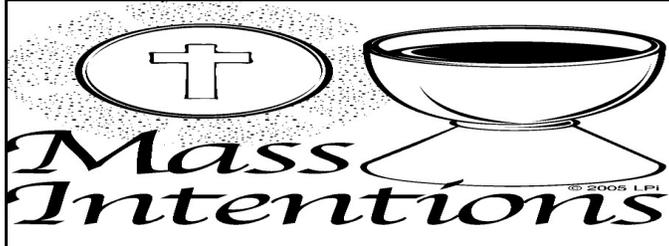
## Mass Schedule

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 5, Vigil of Sunday**  
 4:00 p.m. Samuel Tarreto by Diane Tarreto  
**Sunday, January 6, The Epiphany of The Lord**

8:00 a.m. Rick Vavra by Mary Bonner  
 11:00 a.m. Mary & Bill Merrell by Family  
**Monday, January 7**

8:00 a.m. Eleanor Gunter by Joyce Quain  
**Tuesday, January 8**

8:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory  
**Wednesday, January 9**

8:00 a.m. Lloyd Woodruff by Nick & Rosalie Roth

**Thursday, January 10**

8:00 a.m. Daniel Berry by Bob & Bea Grace

**Friday, January 11**

**NO MASS**

**Saturday, January 12, Vigil of Sunday**

4:00 p.m. Mary O'Neil by St. Francis Choir  
**Sunday, January 13, The Baptism of The Lord**

8:00 a.m. Marion Crane by Charles & Rita Riter & Family

11:00 a.m. Richard Armstrong by The Ling 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 (12-23-18)**

Regular Envelopes.....	\$6,304.00
Christmas Collection.....	\$11,773.00
Loose Collection.....	\$424.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$417.00
Total Collection.....	\$18,918.00

*Thank You for your generous contributions!*

**Faith Formation**

**Faith Formation K-9 will meet today in the church for Opening Prayer**

Congratulations to everyone in our parish! Through your generosity and support we have succeeded in our goal to build a house in Central America through Food for the Poor. And special recognition goes to our Faith Formation classes who helped and continues to raise money for this project. Faith Formation classes will have more projects throughout the year to add to our commitment to serve the poor. Thank you to all! Happy New Year!

**Parish Book Club**

Our Book club will meet again Tuesday, January 8th at 2 PM and 7 PM. Please do the assigned reading.

**Thank You to our Young Musicians!**

Thank you to Greg Santa Croce, Cassie Pinataro, and Nick O'Neil for a beautiful concert. It opened the Christmas season with a wonderful evening of music and song as a memorial concert for Megan Santa Croce. All three have phenomenal talent, and what a gift they gave us days before Christmas. The attendance showed great support to Megan's family, and the very generous donations will be a strong start to a scholarship in Megan's memory. The Christmas spirit was in full display! Thank you!

**Children's Liturgy**

**January 5/6**

**4:00 PM Mass**— Robert Cushing/Catherine Shafer

**8:00 AM Mass**— Shirley McCray/Marie Iobst

**January 12/13**

**4:00 PM Mass**— Maria Kirk/Sue Lee

**8:00 AM Mass**— Ede Blabac/Bridget Vavra

**January 19/20**

**4:00 PM Mass**— Alison & Dan Brennan

**8:00 AM Mass**— 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.

## National Migration Week 2019

**(January 6-12)**

Immigrants who come to the United States, and particularly those who are undocumented, are a particularly vulnerable population who have often fled violence and persecution and are often seeking safety, family reunification, and economic opportunity. Given the trauma many have endured, community efforts to accompany, assist, and stand in solidarity are vital. Our moral tradition calls on all people of faith and goodwill to stand up in defense of life and human dignity—regardless of one's immigration status; it is a fundamental calling for us as Catholics. Scripture speaks repeatedly of the migration experience, from Abraham who was sent out from his homeland in the Old Testament, to the Holy Family who fled Herod and lived their lives for a time as refugees in a foreign land. As Catholics we recognize that our earthly existence is temporary as we look toward with hope our return to the presence of God. In recalling the temporal nature and recognizing the relative character of the goods of the earth, we must also guard against identifying too closely with the artificial divisions that separate one person from another, divisions that become visible too often with respect to things like economic class or national origin. We must always behave towards others in such a way that respects their human dignity and respects their image made in God's likeness. We are called on to follow the path that God laid out for us and heed to the example of Christ, who "endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God. Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart" (Heb 12:1-4).

Welcoming the migrant and migration more broadly has a central place in the development of the Judeo-Christian tradition. Stories in both the Old and the New Testament highlight the fact that in providing hospitality to the stranger we might also be unknowingly entertaining angels (Heb 13:2; Gen 18:1-15). Abraham provides hospitality to the Lord in Mamre and the Lord helped secure he and Sara a child. Not only did Abraham show such hospitality freely, but he himself was once a migrant. The Letter to the Hebrews, highlights the story of Abraham who, by faith, "obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing exactly where he was called to go. By faith he sojourned in the promised land as in a foreign country." (Heb 11). Too often the media messages that we hear in relation to migrants is distorted and provides a false understanding of who migrants are and why they come. The rhetoric surrounding this issue can easily bias people in ways that do not properly appreciate the benefits that migrants can bring to our communities, so let us "welcome the stranger among us."

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

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

To **Ed Savo, the choir**, and our guest instrumentals for the liturgies. 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 goodies. For all of this and much more, I express much appreciation and gratitude.

May this sacred season of Christmas gift us with the magic power to stop the clock, so as to keep God alive within the world. For if God is love, then God may be found in the mystery of love exchanged. May we be holy messengers of the mystery.

*Fr. Tim*

## **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 2019 become a year of greater peace!**

## **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.

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

### **Transportation**

Week of January 6 — Marie Giordano

Week of January 13 — George & Pat Clark

### **Shelving (Mondays)**

January 7th — E. & K. Corcoran

January 14th — J. & K. Brady

### **Distribution**

January 15th — D Kellet & team #1

## **Cruise: NEW ZEALAND & AUSTRALIA!**

Join Fr. Ryan & Fr. Tim Taugher in February 2020 for a trip of a lifetime! Cruise departs from Sidney on February 1st aboard Holland America's Nordam and arrives in Auckland on February 13th. Call Touraid Travel at 518-563-5605 and ask for Christina King or [cking@touraidtravel.com](mailto:cking@touraidtravel.com). All deposits are fully refundable until Sept. 30, 2019. What a great Christmas present for 2018 and 2019! Reservations are requested by **January 15**.

## **Night to Shine**

First United Methodist Church of Chenango Bridge is proud to be an official host church for the 2019 Night to Shine, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation. Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs, ages 14 and older. The event will be hosted by an estimated 700 churches around the world simultaneously on Friday, **February 8**, 2019. We have rented space at the Chenango Valley High School to hold this event. For more information, refer a guest, volunteer or donate, please email: [night2shinecb@gmail.com](mailto:night2shinecb@gmail.com). To learn more, check out [www.timtebowfoundation.org](http://www.timtebowfoundation.org)

## **Thank You from Birthright!**

Birthright of Binghamton thanks the parishioners of St. Francis for their generosity to Birthright once again with your Giving Tree. The enormous amount of diapers, warm sleepers, onesies, and outfits, along with the toys and books will help our clients so much. This donation has already helped many families to have a nicer Christmas. Thank you very much.

~Diane Yajko and all the Birthright volunteers.

## **Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs)**

Utilizing a QCD is a tax-savvy strategy that allows you to transfer up to \$100,000/year from your IRA directly to a qualified charity. It is only available to IRAs and individuals who have reached RMD age (70.5). Any amount processed as a QCD counts towards your RMD requirement and reduces the taxable amount of your IRA distribution. This lowers both your adjusted gross income and taxable income, resulting in a lower overall tax liability.

## **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

## **2019 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 and on the St. Francis of Assisi website, if interested. Completed application packets must be returned to Broome County CYO (200 Grippon Ave., Endicott, NY 13760 [ATTN: Tom Harley])

**by January 15th.**

## **TEAM TRIVIA**

Saturday January 12th

7-10 pm

St. Thomas Aquinas Gym

\$10/person

Includes beer, wine, soda and munchies

Prizes for the top three teams

Call to register your team: [Sue Miller@343-1040](mailto:SueMiller@343-1040)

## **Happy New Year and Happy Hooley!**

**Save the Date: 03/09/19**

**KOC 11403**



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

**January 12th & 13th, 2018**

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

Lector	Rosemary Rounds
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Catherine Shafer
EM Host	Dom Lomonaco
EM Cup	Terry Hanifin
EM Cup	John Pierce
EM Cup	Peggy Munson
EM Cup	Jan Pandich
Altar Server	Dominic Lomonaco
Altar Server	Logan Lomonaco
Altar Server	Madelyn Strnatka

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

Lector	Joe Carpenter
EM Host	Dc. Steve
EM Host	Tim Vaverchak
EM Host	Mary Ellen Vaverchak
EM Cup	Ed White
EM Cup	Debbie Davis
EM Cup	Joanne Horoschak
EM Cup	Kurt or Kelly Mohney
Altar Server	Sydney Keough
Altar Server	Kathryn White
Altar Server	Lauren White

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

Lector	Brian Sirgany
EM Host	Dc. Steve
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	Noaln Sirgany
Altar Server	Brendan Heaney
Altar Server	

**Question of the Week**

**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?

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