

January 07, 2018

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



The Epiphany Of The Lord

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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 6, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. William F. Heath by Yvette Heath & Family

Sunday, January 7, The Epiphany of the Lord
 8:00 a.m. Doreen Everett by Judy Adams
 11:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People

Monday, January 8
 8:00 a.m. Patrick Shortell by Jim & Kathleen Brady

Tuesday, January 9
 8:00 a.m. Lloyd Woodruff by Bob & Shirley Parke

Wednesday, January 10
 8:00 a.m. John Duffy by Loretta Personius

Thursday, January 11
 8:00 a.m. Steven Van Dyke by Lilly Kinback

Friday, January 12
NO MASS

Saturday, January 13, Vigil of Sunday
 4:00 p.m. Richard Clendening by The Bartolillo Family

Sunday, January 14, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People
 11:00 a.m. Ann Marie Spenard by Sandra Brick

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 (12-24/25-17)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$5,589.30
Loose Collection.....	\$1,882.00
Christmas Collection.....	\$9,979.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$646.00
Total Collection.....	\$18,096.30

Weekend's Offering (12-31-17)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$5,353.00
Loose Collection.....	\$277.00
Christmas Collection.....	\$1,385.00
Holy Day Collection.....	\$875.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$541.00
Total Collection.....	\$8,431.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Faith Formation

Faith Formation for Grades K-9 today at 9:30 AM in the Church for morning prayer.

Please note: No Faith formation next week January 14th--Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

Looking Ahead:

First Eucharist Parent Meeting January 21st at 10:00A.M. in Room 103. Please be present for this very important Meeting.

First Eucharist Coaching Session is on January 28th in the Parish Hall. Parent and Child meet in the Hall for this week's lesson.

Parish Book Club

"Falling Upward" by Richard Rohr

Book Club will begin Tuesday January 9th at 1:30 PM in the Parish Center, for those who would like to meet in the afternoon before Lent. The Book we will be discussing is Falling Upward by Richard Rohr. Copies of the book are available at the Parish Center for \$15. Or you can order it online at Amazon.com for your Kindle. Please read the Invitation, Introduction and Chapter 1-3 Falling Upward for the first meeting.

World Marriage Day

The 33rd Annual World Marriage Day will be celebrated on Feb 11, 2018 at 2:30pm at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse. The Most Reverend Robert J. Cunningham will celebrate the Mass and witness the renewal of marriage vows of all couples in attendance. He will specially honor those couples celebrating 25th, 50th and beyond 50 years in 2018.

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.



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.*

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.
 -Bea Grace, Chairperson, Special Sunshine Committee

Thank You from Birthright

Dear Fr. Tim and St. Francis of Assisi parish,
 We are so thankful for your huge amount of donations to Birthright from your giving tree. The incredible amount of diapers, wipes, and baby formula will serve so many clients for quite some time. And along with that you also donated lots of toys, outfits, and other baby accessories.
 From past experiences I know how generous this parish is, but this donation was really overwhelming! Sincere thanks. Diane Yajko and all the Birthright volunteers.

“Thank You”, from the Tait and Canniff Families

The Tait and Canniff families would like to give sincere thanks to the Bereavement committee for the luncheon for Teresa Canniff and the Prayer Chain People for all their prayers throughout her illness. Thank you and God Bless!

The Feast of the Epiphany & Migration

Pope Francis wrote for the World Day for Migrants and Refugees: “Migration today is not a phenomenon limited to some areas of the planet. It affects all continents and is growing into a tragic situation of global proportions. Not only does this concern those looking for dignified work or better living conditions, but also men and women, the elderly and children, who are forced to leave their homes in the hope of finding safety, peace and security.”

The celebration of Epiphany reminds us that we are all one family. The magi are not Jews, but they seek the Christ as do the Jewish people. Christ is a light for the whole world. Christ calls together the whole world and all its peoples. Christ calls for a healing of divisions and openness to learn from all people. Christ calls for a just world order – trade policies that respect the economic opportunities of all people especially the poor – environmental policies that respect the world that we all share together – spending policies that respond to human needs – investment in human needs rather than the weapons of war – a world that lives in an environmentally sustainable way -- a greater equality in sharing the fruits of our work and our earth -- a hospitality to refugees and migrants.

The Feast of the Epiphany invites us to celebrate the wonderful reality that Jesus came as a light to all people, not just to some subset of the human race. Thus, the categorical exclusion of anyone contradicts the good news of Jesus Christ. Racism, stereotyping, discrimination, xenophobia, homophobia, Islamophobia, ethnic violence, extreme income & asset inequality are all wrong.

The story of the magi has implications for many aspects of church ministry. No one is to be excluded from the light of Christ. Whether we are young or old, female or male, gay or straight, rich or poor, black or white, from the south or the north, from the east or the west, from a famous school or a very ordinary one, employed or unemployed, healthy or sick, born in the US or elsewhere, we are all invited to experience the epiphany.

In the United States immigration policies have become a matter of great discussion. Recently there have been many expressions of fear concerning migrants and refugees and especially Muslims. Today is the start of National Migration Week. The Feast of Epiphany invites us to reflect on these issues and translate our faith into an inclusive welcome to all God’s children.

****ATTENTION****

Anyone having knowledge of damage done to a blue Subaru SUV in the large parking lot on the side of church on Saturday, December 16th please call 648-6050. Thank you!

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of January 7th — Marie Giordano

Week of January 14th — George & Pat Clark

Shelving (Mondays)

January 8th — C. & B. Danoski

January 15th — P. Turnbull, A. Hanley

Distribution

January 16th — C. Danoski, R. Serafini, B. Grace, M. Ryder, C. Woodruff, R. Rounds

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.

Collection for Homeless Coalition

Faith Formation will be collecting items for the Homeless Coalition again **from now until April 15th**.

These are the needed items:

Bottles of Water or Gatorade

Insulated Socks

Thermal Underwear (L/XL)

Warm Gloves/Hats

Hand/Feet Warmers

Ponchos

Toothbrushes

Wipes

Fast Food Gift Cards

Clif Bars

Cracker Sandwiches

Raisins (or other dried fruit)

Ziploc Bags

Drawstring Bags

* All clothing must be new and must be men's sizes, since women can wear them too.

There is a box just inside the front door of the school on Sundays during Faith Formation. Another box is at the church and another at the Parish Center.

A Family Perspective

January 1st: Mary, the Holy Mother of God

The gospel tells us "Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart." We would do well to imitate Mary in our New Year's resolution. Instead of criticizing let us "keep it in our hearts." Criticism is not productive or well received anyway!

January 7th: Epiphany Sunday

The Magi in today's gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Do not let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in this New Year to be the guiding star in the life of your children.



Year of The Poor & Our Food Pantry

Pope Francis declared this coming year the "Year of the Poor", but here at St. Francis of Assisi the poor are taken care of year round. The food pantry started in the spring of 2002 serving less than 10 families a month. We now serve 100 to 125 families monthly, and can even rise to 150 during the holidays. This is not including the 145+ families that received Thanksgiving Baskets from us on November 18th and during the week leading up to Thanksgiving Day.

On **December 19th** we opened again, and offered turkey, ham, and/or chicken to our visitors as well as assorted gifts to complete their Christmas. On the 11th our "special elves" delivered over 200 gifts to; The Children's Home, Elizabeth Church Nursing Home, Birthright, and Broome Council of Churches for Jail Ministry.

These are "our neighbor's" living within the parish who may not have anything this holiday without **your help**. Words cannot suffice in explaining how much **you do** for the poor. Your monetary donations, dropping off food items, the food drive done by Chenango Forks Girl Scouts, brought in 800 lbs of food in November and Hillcrest Fire dept is doing another food drive for us this weekend. The volunteers who give up their time to sort, shelve, or give out through out the year are invaluable and extraordinary.

If you wish to join us, please call Delores at the parish center (722-4388). Whatever you do, it is greatly appreciated and all is used to the best of our ability. **Thank you** all for taking time to care for the poor.

Knights of Columbus 11403



Hooley in Hillcrest



Save the Date: 03/10/18

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

January 13th & 14th, 2018

4:00 P.M. Mass

Lector	Rosemary Rounds
EM Host	Barb Brozovic
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	Lou Angelo
EM Host	Tim Vaverchak
EM Host	Mary Ellen Vaverchak
EM Cup	Ed White
EM Cup	Maureen Mizzoni
EM Cup	Joanne Horoschak
EM Cup	Kurt or Kelly Mohney
Altar Server	Sydney Keough
Altar Server	Natalie Broderick
Altar Server	Peyton Broderick

11:00 A.M. Mass

Lector	Charles Linfear
EM Host	Dave Bollinger
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	Abraham Watkins
Altar Server	Alexander Watkins
Altar Server	Brendan Heaney

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: The star guided the Magi to Jesus. What are the people or events who have guided you in your relationship with Jesus?

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

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