

January 08, 2017

# St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901



## The Epiphany Of The Lord

### **Staff**

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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 (12-25-16)**

Regular Envelopes.....	\$6,252.00
Loose Collection.....	\$1,735.75
Electronic Donation.....	\$640.00
Christmas Envelopes.....	\$7,943.00
Total Collection.....	\$16,570.75

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

**Saturday, January 7, Vigil of Sunday**  
4:00 p.m. Ken Munney by the Youket Family

**Sunday, January 8, The Epiphany of The Lord**  
8:00 a.m. Liturgy for the People  
11:00 a.m. Jean Adagio by The Bible Babes

**Monday, January 9**  
8:00 a.m. Eleanor Taugher by Family

**Tuesday, January 10**  
8:00 a.m. Arlene Johnson by Teresa Mucha

**Wednesday, January 11**  
8:00 a.m. Scott Secaur by Mom & Dad

**Thursday, January 12**  
8:00 a.m. Jerry Keck by Kathleen & Jim Brady

**Friday, January 13**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, January 14, Vigil of Sunday**  
4:00 p.m. Richard Clendening by Chuck & De-  
lores 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

**Weekend's Offering (01-01-17)**

Regular Envelopes.....	\$6,252.00
Loose Collection.....	\$252.00
Electronic Donation.....	\$515.00
Christmas Envelopes.....	\$905.00
Total Collection.....	\$7,947.00

**Thank you to everyone for their donations.  
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**Faith Formation**

**Faith Formation meets today for grades K-9  
9:30 a.m.—10:45a.m. in the school.**

**No Faith Formation next weekend**

**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 one set of items to the Homeless Coalition and have additional items stored for the next donation. Last Sunday we were able to collect \$317.84; that money will be used to purchase additional items so we can put together some kits during our January retreat! As always, the generosity of our parish is awesome!

**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, especially Kevin Link.

**January 8-14 National Migration Week:  
Creating a Culture of Encounter**

For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration Week, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking. The theme for National Migration Week 2017 draws attention to Pope Francis' call to create a culture of encounter, and in doing so to look beyond our own needs and wants to those of others around us. In the homily given at his first Pentecost as pope, he emphasized the importance of encounter in the Christian faith: "For me this word is very important. Encounter with others. Why? Because faith is an encounter with Jesus, and we must do what Jesus does: encounter others."

With respect to migrants, too often in our contemporary culture we fail to encounter them as persons, and instead look at them as others. We do not take the time to engage migrants in a meaningful way, but remain aloof to their presence and suspicious of their intentions. During this National Migration Week, let us all take the opportunity to engage migrants as children of God who are worthy of our attention and support.

**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.

**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.

-Rose Serafini, Chairperson, Special Sunshine Committee

**CYO Boys Basketball Upcoming Games**

**Sunday, January 8th**

Modified @ 5:00 @ Home

JV @ 6:30 @ Home

**Thursday, January 12th**

Modified @ 4:30 @ Home

JV @ 6:00 @ Home

**Sunday, January 15th**

Modified @ 4:30 @ Home

JV @ 6:00 @ Home

**Catherine's Cupboard Thanks YOU!**

THANK YOU to all who supported our food pantry this past year. Over 1200 families were served during the year, 7400 pounds of food donated, and the many hours of volunteering all made this possible. Maybe you donated 1 item a week or many items; monetary or canned goods; it all adds up and is used. Some helped unload truck deliveries, sorted and shelved, hauled turkeys for us, or served our visitors on Tuesday nights. The pantry only operates because of you! Words just do not express true appreciation, but the smiles of the faces on those we serve do. Thank You again!




**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NIGHT**  
**AT THE B-SENS**

BENEFITTING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OF BROOME COUNTY

**SATURDAY JANUARY 21st - 7:05 PM**  
**VS SPRINGFIELD THUNDERBIRDS**

**\$7 STUDENT TICKETS & \$16 ADULT TICKETS**

INCLUDES FREE POST GAME PHOTO ACTIVITY ON ICE AFTER THE GAME  
\*Prices Increase \$2 Day of Game

**CALL 607-722-SENS TO ORDER**  
(Ask for a Group Sales Rep)

All tickets generate \$2 donation towards Catholic School of Broome County

**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!

**Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule**  
**Transportation**

Week of January 8th — Marie Giordano  
Week of January 15th — George & Pat Clark

**Shelving (Mondays)**

January 9th — D. & D. Talbuts  
January 16th — J. & K. Brady

**Distribution**

January 15th — D. Kellet Team #2

**Concert**

On January 15th at 6:00 p.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.

**St. Francis of Assisi Homebound Outreach**

Currently, our parish is ministering to 63 homebound parishioners and 31 nursing home parishioners. Are you aware of any other parishioners who are homebound or in a nursing home that we are not visiting? If so, please call Sister Karen at 722-4388 with their names, addresses and phone numbers, and we will be very glad to visit and bring Communion to them. Also, if you would like to be a part of this beautiful ministry to the sick and/or elderly, please let us know!

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**Thank You From Birthright**

Thank you so much for the generous gifts to Birthright from your giving tree! The baby outfits, toys and books, formula and handmade afghans are so needed by our moms and babies. And the tremendous amount of diapers will help so many babies! As the verse goes "They will know we are Christians by our love" Thank you for your love of others.

Sincerely,  
-Diane Yajko. Birthright

**Knights of Columbus 11403**

Save the Date  
March 11th, 2017  
Hooley in Hillcrest



**New Year's Prayer for Peace**

(posted on their website by a 6th grade class in Australia)

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 2016 become a year of greater peace!**

**Happy New Year!**

**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

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

**January 14th & 15th, 2016**

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

Lector	Mary Ellen Meskell
EM Host	Brenda Artman
EM Host	Debby Carden
EM Host	Dom Lomonaco
EM Cup	Marge Mangan
EM Cup	John Artman
EM Cup	Paulette Scales
EM Cup	Ron Scales
Altar Server	Dominic Lomonaco
Altar Server	Mikey Schultz
Altar Server	Logan Lomonaco

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

Lector	Debbie Davis
EM Host	Maureen Mizzoni
EM Host	Marie Iobst
EM Host	Mike Stricek
EM Cup	Steve Baxter
EM Cup	Denise Baxter
EM Cup	Lou Angelo
EM Cup	Tom Phalen
Altar Server	Andrew Rice
Altar Server	Jonah Rice
Altar Server	Braeden Krisko

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

Lector	Jim Lewis
EM Host	Lyndsey Church
EM Host	Katie Ginalski
EM Host	Jules Furrer
EM Cup	David Hanzes
EM Cup	Steve Guth
EM Cup	David Gill
EM Cup	Chris Gill
Altar Server	John Michael Frissora
Altar Server	Brendan Heaney
Altar Server	Zachary Carr

**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:** Life can sometimes be rough: losing your home, moving, feeling fear or danger. How do you experience God being and staying with you in such times?

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

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