

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

The Baptism of the Lord



St. Francis of Assisi Parish is a Eucharistic faith community committed to living and sharing the Gospel life.

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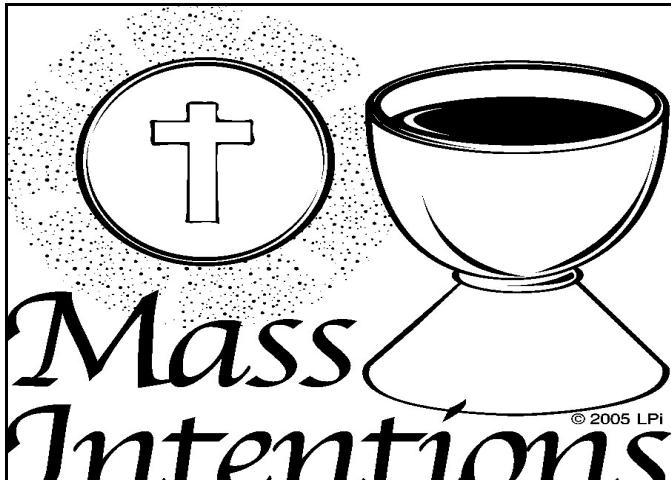
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Saturdays.

Also find the videos on our
Facebook (search
“@stfrancisbing”)
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Binghamton)

**Saturday, January 8, Vigil of Sunday**

4:00 p.m. Joyce Jeuck by Barbara Kocak

Sunday, January 9, Baptism of the Lord

10:30 a.m. Liturgy for the People

Monday, January 10

12:00 p.m. Deceased members of the Corcoran Family by Ed & Kay Corcoran

Tuesday, January 11

8:00 a.m. Carol Kilmer by Dave & Lou Ann Sullivan

Wednesday, January 12

12:00 p.m. Robert Danielson by Ildiko Mitchell

Thursday, January 13

8:00 a.m. Eleanor Taugher by Family

Friday, January 14**NO MASS****Saturday, January 15, Vigil of Sunday**4:00 p.m. 51st Anniv. Michael Pandich by Jan & Mike Pandich**Sunday, January 16, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:30 a.m. Liturgy for the People

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 (12-26-21)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$4,525.00
Loose Collection.....	\$237.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,320.00
Total Collection.....	\$6,082.00

Weekend's Offering (01-02-22)

Regular Envelopes.....	\$4,256.00
Loose Collection.....	\$115.00
Electronic Collection.....	\$1,762.00
Total Collection.....	\$6,133.00

*Thank You for your generous contributions!***Faith Formation**

Faith Formation for Grades K-Confirmation today.

No Faith Formation next weekend January 16, Martin Luther King Holiday. Faith Formation Grades K-9 resumes the following weekend, January 23.

First Eucharist Parent Information meeting Sunday, January 23rd at 9:30 in the parish Hall. At least one parent should attend this very important meeting. Catechetical understanding as well as local and diocesan requirements will be presented.

PLEASE NOTE: The Faith Formation calendar has a date correction. The calendar lists President's Weekend incorrectly as February 13--it is February 20th. Please change activities listed for the 20th to the February 13th date. There **WILL BE classes on February 13th and NO classes on the 20th.** Sorry for the confusion.

Book Club: Spiritual Ecology

Spiritual Ecology Book Club resumes Tuesday January 11th at 2 PM and 7 PM. If you do not receive a link on Monday, please email Maria Kirk at MKirk@syrdio.org

Why Return to the Church?**Question Reflection**

1. Can you think of any time in your life that you returned to something you had given up? How did you feel? What made it easy? What made it hard?
2. Many people find that the church supports a lot of the basic human values they treasure, e.g., family, inner peace, personal dignity, integrity, and hope. What values do you think the church can best support in your life?
3. If you were to name the most important thing you received from your Catholic heritage, what would you say that it was? How do you see that continuing in your present and future life?

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 especially Alfred Donnini and Peggy Smith.

Baptism of the Lord: Reflection

We might consider ourselves ordinary Christians, but the fact is, through our baptism, we have been anointed by the Spirit. So, we always have with us the intimate presence of God, the foundation of our lives and the driving energy that sends us into the world. After Jesus' baptism he went on a mission. Our baptism impels us to do similarly, in the many and diverse places God has sent us.

So we ask ourselves:

What difference does my baptism make in my everyday world? Do I feel anointed by the Spirit to be more of a witness to my faith? How?

Baptism of the Lord: Creation Care Tips

Water is the central element to the sacrament of baptism because water has the power to give and sustain life. Water also has the power to take life when it is contaminated and when there is not enough for drinking, washing, or farming. According to the United Nations, over 1.2 billion people do not have access to clean water. Diseases caused by polluted water kill one child every eight seconds. Consider reading the book *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park and/or making a donation to an organization like the One Drop Foundation: OneDrop.org to promote clean drinking water for all of the world's population.

Baptism of the Lord: Justice Challenge

Justice Challenge: This is National Migration Week. The observance began over 25 years ago by the U.S. Catholic Bishops as a way for Catholics to appreciate the Church's diversity and become aware of all the ways the Church serves migrants and refugees. Your challenge this week is to pray the prayer which the USCCB wrote for this special time:

Lord Jesus, when you multiplied the loaves and fishes, you provided more than food for the body, you offered us the gift of yourself, the gift which satisfies every hunger and quenches every thirst! Your disciples were filled with fear and doubt, but you poured out your love and compassion on the migrant crowd, welcoming them as brothers and sisters.

Lord Jesus, today you call us to welcome the members of God's family who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence, and war. Like your disciples, we too are filled with fear and doubt and even suspicion. We build barriers in our hearts and in our minds.

*Lord Jesus, help us by your grace,
To banish fear from our hearts, that we may embrace each of
your children as our own brother and sister;
To welcome migrants and refugees with joy and generosity,
while responding to their many needs;
To realize that you call all people to your holy mountain to
learn the ways of peace and justice;
To share of our abundance as you spread a banquet before us;
To give witness to your love for all people, as we celebrate the
many gifts they bring.*

We praise you and give you thanks for the family you have called together from so many people. We see in this human family a reflection of the divine unity of the one Most Holy Trinity in whom we make our prayer: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

As We Pack Away the Tinsel

The Christmas world can be an unreal, flimsy make-believe world. Our tree, our Santa, artificial snow, decorations and lights are so many stage props. When we pack these away, we are likely to put the spirit too, in a box and label it, "For Christmas Only."

Remember, as you pack, worshipping with others, the beauty of the sanctuary, the resounding carols and majestic music. Keep in mind the Christmas spirit of prayer, instead of the strings of tinsel, crepe paper, and holly. The spirit of the Christ Child will not last any longer than your decorations unless you have it anchored in eternal truths.

An Attitude, Not a Resolution

This year let's forego formal resolutions and tune up our instincts for being better people, living better lives. Let's start asking, "Who's in trouble?" "To whom do I owe a letter?" "What sick person would appreciate a visit from me?" "How long since I've called a friend?" In other words, to whom can I be of service? Call it an attitude, not a resolution!

Help For Locals Who Lost Their Home

John and Marsha Leipfert from Hillcrest had a total loss of their home and possessions due to a fire on December 30th. A collection is being taken for the family. If you would like to donate, please make checks out to "John Leipfert" and send them to Marilyn Moyer

12 Boland Road, Binghamton, NY 13905

Thank you for your generosity!

The Story of the Hummingbird

One day a terrible fire broke out in a forest – a huge woodlands was suddenly engulfed by a raging wild fire. Frightened, all the animals fled their homes and ran out of the forest. As they came to the edge of a stream they stopped to watch the fire and they were feeling very discouraged and powerless. They were all bemoaning the destruction of their homes. Every one of them thought there was nothing they could do about the fire, except for one little hummingbird.

This particular hummingbird decided it would do something. It swooped into the stream and picked up a few drops of water and went into the forest and put them on the fire. Then it went back to the stream and did it again, and it kept going back, again and again and again. All the other animals watched in disbelief; some tried to discourage the hummingbird with comments like, "Don't bother, it is too much, you are too little, your wings will burn, your beak is too tiny, it's only a drop, you can't put out this fire."

And as the animals stood around disparaging the little bird's efforts, the bird noticed how hopeless and forlorn they looked. Then one of the animals shouted out and challenged the hummingbird in a mocking voice, "What do you think you are doing?" And the hummingbird, without wasting time or losing a beat, looked back and said, "I am doing what I can."

—By Wangari Maathai

Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

NO TRANSPORTATION

Shelving (Mondays)

NO SHELVING

Distribution

January 18th— P. Covey, G. Thompson, B. Grace

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!

Online Giving

Would you like to save paper and time when giving monetary donations to us? We have the option of online giving for your convenience. Visit our website stfrancisbing.org and click “online giving” in the menu. It’s easy to set up using your checking account, credit, or debit card for automatic or one-time donation options and you can choose where the money goes.

*Ordinary Contribution
Repair, Maint. & Utilities
Catholic School Support
Catherine's Cupboard
Special Sunshine
Capital Campaign*

Check it out!

For Potential Godparents and Sponsors for Baptisms or Confirmation

Anyone looking to be a Godparent or Sponsor to a Confirmation Candidate MUST be a registered member of St. Francis of Assisi to be able to get a letter of certification.

This is the only way that the Church can verify you are a practicing Catholic. Please call Delores at the Parish Center (722-4388) for questions.

Are You Hurting in Your Marriage?

If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving, or uncaring; if your relationship has grown cold and distant; if you are thinking of separation or divorce, or if you are already separated or divorced but want to try again, then the Retrouvaille Program can help you.

**For more information call: 1-800-470-2230
Or visit: <http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com>**

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Would you like to be a fully initiated Catholic, but have yet to complete sacraments? This is just to let you know that on any Sunday that we have Faith Formation, Deacon Steve will be in the Emmaus Room in the school basement available to talk about the RCIA Rite. If you have a desire to join our Parish Community as a full member of the Catholic Church or just learn more about the RCIA, please drop in anytime between **9:15AM and 10:00AM** to talk about what the RCIA is all about.

St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Chain

Our Parish Prayer Chain welcomes requests for prayers for those who are ill or experiencing other important needs. If you have a prayer request or would like to become a part of the Prayer Chain, please call Delores at the Parish Center (607-722-4388). She will provide you with more information about the Prayer Chain.

Tuition Assistance: Catholic Schools of Broome County: Apply Now For The 2022- 2023 School Year

To be considered for any Tuition Assistance, an application must be completed. The deadline to complete the application is February 15th, 2022. For more information and application information, contact The Office of Admissions at 607-231-4149 csbcsaints.org

Hospital Visitation

Please remember, if you or another parishioner gets admitted to either Binghamton General Hospital or UHS Wilson Medical Center and you wish to be visited by Fr. Tim you need to tell someone. You should indicate that you are Catholic and belong to St. Francis of Assisi parish and that you wish to be visited by Fr. Tim or another Clergy member if you wish.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Our warmest welcome to all! We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you, 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’re 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 15th & 16th, 2022

4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Calliope Brennan
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Brendan Kliment
4:00 Mass	Altar Server	Logan Kliment
4:00 Mass	Lector	John Artman
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Barb Brozovic
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Kurt Mohney
4:00 Mass	EM Host	Kelly Mohney

10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Abraham Watkins
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	Alex Watkins
10:30 Mass	Altar Server	William Keough
10:30 Mass	Lector	Anne Wolanski
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Donna Igler
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Scott Igler
10:30 Mass	EM Host	Ed White

Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule

January 16th
Ede Blabac and CeCe Barry

Please go online to
stfrancisbing.org
to view our latest Sunday mass and
Children's Liturgy.

We will continue to post new videos for
reflection by 4:00PM on Saturdays.

Also find the videos on our
Facebook (search "@stfrancisbing")
YouTube (St. Francis of Assisi Binghamton)

**You can still view children's liturgy
virtually!**

Question of the Week

Question for Children: What are some things you can do to please God?

Question for Youth: "With you I am well pleased." What are you doing right now that is pleasing to God? How does it feel to live that way?

Question for Adults: Name a time when you felt your actions were pleasing to God.

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Bulletin copy for **January 9th, 2022**

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FLOWER MEMORIALS

Given By -

Mr. Frederick Allabaugh Sr.

Mr.&Mrs. John Artman

Mrs. Carol Botting

Mr. & Mrs. James Brady

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Brozovic

Ms Rosemarie Brislin

Mr. Mrs. Charles Bruet

Suzanne Carr

Mrs. Marilyn Cashman

Mr & Mr Phillip Casiuk

Elsie Ciccone

Carmen Ciullo

Anna Connor

Anna Cooper

Mr. & Mrs..Edward Corcoran

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Danoski

Mrs. Dorothy Davies

Mr. & Mrs. Vincent DeNinis

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Mr. Jules Furrer

Ms Joan Giblin

Mrs. Marie Giordano

Anne Guinane

Jim &Eileen Haley

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Mr &Mrs David Hanzes

In Memory of -

Carol Allabaugh

Frank & Marion Artman, John & Jean Van Horn

Dick Botting, Mark Botting, Sue A. Botting, Susan Mies,
Muldowney Family

Deceased members of Hayes & Brady Families

Brozovic & Tyczkowski Families

Ralph & Elizabeth Skinner, Jerry Brislin,Eugene &
Catherine Brislin, Bea & Bob Skinner

Bob & Louise McGarry, Jim & Joan Bruet, Trish DeCastro

Mike Bruet

Ryan Alexander Carr, Mary & Henry Legos,

Robert & Michael Legos, Lucille Marsilli

Jack Cashman, Sue Botting, Gert & Jim O'Connell,
Mary & Andy Cashman

Griswold Family, Casiuk Family

J. Christopher Ciccone, Amanda Ulmer-Koseldi,
Edmund, Jim & Harold Patten

Philip & Alice Davis, Bernetta &Peter Ciullo

Mary, Dorothy, Alex Sr and Alex Jr Apalovich

Mary & Alice Apalovich, Henry Connor, Joe Felice Sr.
Deceased Members of Corcoran & McDarby Family

Danoski, Patsko, Sullivan,& Johnston Families

Jerry Davies & Baby Joey,Christine Chubb, Mr & Mrs
Francis Caruso, Josephine Hull

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&Emily DeNinis, Rosa Linda DeNinis, M. Giustiniani

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Alex Dombrowski, Patricia Dombrowski, Paul Dombrowski

Edmund Fredette, Edward& Mae Boden

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Dumac, Vickie & Charles Farthing

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All Members of Mucha Family
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Dean Blair
James Pryor
Ellen Pendleton
Peg & Ted Smith, Joseph Peters
Deceased Members Rounds & Torpie Families
Ida Gray, Doris Rinker, Rita Lobacz, Donald Rinker
Jerry Russik, Mildred Hinko, Michael Hinko
Robert Shields, Mary Kenrick, Tom & Reba Shields, Stanley & Beatrice McCormack
Peter & Wilhelmina Susko, Wm & Regina Simmons
Gerald Mullins, Alan Simonis, Mark Simonis - In Honor of Don Foley
Joseph & Marie McHugh, Michael & Mary Smilnak
The Stracuzzi Family & The Scott Family
Gary Thompson, The Hogan Family
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